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ED Conducts Raids at State Minister Sujit Basu's Salt Lake Office in Kolkata, on Friday.

Police arrests two for job scam

MI News Service, Barrackpore: In a brazen case of fraud, police have busted fake WBCS training centre in the Shiluli area oBarrackpore**, where hundreds of aspirants were allegedly lured with promises of becoming WBCS officers, police personnel, or army recruits within seven days. Two individuals running the centre have been arrested for cheating and extortion.

According to police sources, late-night raid on Thursday by Mohanpur police uncovered the fraudulent operation. The accused, identified as Gopal Das and Nirmal Maiti, had reportedly collected substantial sums of money from job seekers for training that promised guaranteed placement in government services. Nirmal Maiti, a retired army personnel, allegedly opened the training centre with the claim that he could secure administrative, police, or army jobs for participants within a week. Local reports indicate that 250-300 aspirants from surrounding villages had enrolled over the past few days, paying fees in the hope of fast-tracked employment. The victims, however, have reportedly been reluctant to speak out, fearing social embarrassment or repercussions, according to police sources. Local panchayat leader Arun Ghosh expressed concern over the proliferation of such centres, stating, "I knew that army-related training was being conducted there, but only yesterday did I learn about the police arrests."

Chanditala Police Arrests Accused with Illegal Weapons



Nurul Islam Khan: On Thursday, based on a tip-off, Chanditala Police Station conducted a drive in Khanpur Tongtala area and arrested a person with illegal firearms and bullets. The accused has been identified as Santosh Gupta (26 years) resident of Jagadishpur, Biswaspara, Thana, Howrah. A specific case has been registered in this regard under Case No. 768/25 25/27 Arms Act. He was produced before the main court and the police applied for police remand for 7 days to uncover the complete truth and identify the source and network of illegal arms supply. Chanditala Police Station is steadfast in its mission against illegal weapons and anti-social activities, ensuring peace and security for every citizen during the festive season and beyond. The constructive initiatives of Chanditala Police Station Chief Babu Anil Raj and Ayo Officer Shuvo Ghosh were evident.

InstaUlllympics and 'Ullu-Ullu' fun

MI News Service, Kolkata: Instamart enhanced Durga Pujo celebrations with the InstaUlllympics, a live game at Singhi Pandal based on traditional 'ullu-ullu' chants, offering rewards like sweets, sarees, and brass items. Participants chanted to unlock prizes while those unable to attend joined via the app. The platform catered to local tastes with products like Dhunuchi and traditional sarees, reflecting Kolkata's festive demand. Mayur Hala from Swiggy noted that the initiative made Pujo shopping quick and entertaining, blending tradition with convenience.

DVC under fire again: After fresh TMC siege at Panchet Dam over flood fury

MI News Service, Asansol: The ongoing confrontation between the West Bengal government and the Damodar Vally Corpaoration [DVC] has intensified with the TMC announcing a fresh siege at DVS's Panchet Office on Maithon Office earlier this week, as tensions mount over recurring flood allegedly triggered by unregulated water release from DVC dams.

According to reports, water discharge continued on Thursday, with DVC releasing a total of 15,000 cusecs from its two key reservoirs — 9,000 cusecs from Maithon and 6,000 cusecs from Panchet — aggravating flood concerns across Ghatat, Khanakul, Arambagh, and adjoining regions already battered by incessant rain and backflow from rivers. TMC leaders have accused DVC of "indiscriminate water release" without coordination with the state government, alleging that such actions have worsened the flood situation across multiple districts in south Bengal. The upcoming "DVC Abhiyan" at Panchet is expected to mirror the large-scale



siege held at Maithon earlier this week, which saw the participation of thousands of party workers and leaders. Sources said over 100 SB- STC buses were used to ferry nearly 5,000-6,000 protesters from Asansol and adjoining areas to Maithon, led by Minister Malay Ghatak, MLA Naren Chakraborty, and MLA Tapas Banerjee. The leaders had then issued a stern warning that the agitation would be intensified if DVC continued its alleged negligence. "If DVC fails to act responsibly, the movement will be scaled up," Minister Malay Ghatak had said during the Maithon protest. Now, as DVC releases continue amid heavy rainfall, TMC is preparing to extend its agitation

to Panchet — with the West Burdwan and Purulia district units mobilizing workers to lay siege to the DVC office. Party sources confirmed that the Panchet demonstration will be led by Minister Ghatak himself, accompanied by a mass deputation to DVC authorities. Meanwhile, senior officials of the state irrigation department have reiterated that uncoordinated water discharge from DVC reservoirs remains a key cause of recurring floods across low-lying areas of Bengal. With tempers flaring and both sides unwilling to back down, the state-DVC standoff appears headed for another flashpoint — this time on the banks of Panchet Dam.

Son kills father with gas cylinder over property disputes

MI News Service, Hooghly: A shocking act of families violence has rocked Pandua in Hooghly district, where a man allegedly murdered his 64-year-old father by hurling a gas cylinder at his head flowing heated dispute over property ownership.

The deceased, identified as Sheikh Basir, a resident of Satgharia village, lived with his mentally unstable wife. His elder son had passed away earlier, while his younger son, Sheikh Mohsin, had been working as a migrant labourer in another state. Mohsin reportedly returned home on Thursday — the same day the fatal altercation erupted. According to local sources, a long-standing

quarrel over the division of property had been festering within the family. Upon his return, Mohsin is said to have demanded that his father transfer ownership of a house in his name. When Basir refused, the argument turned violent. In a fit of rage, Mohsin allegedly lifted a domestic LPG cylinder and smashed it against his father's head, leaving him bleeding profusely on the floor. Neighbours rushed to the scene after hearing cries from the house and immediately informed the police. A team from Pandua Police Station arrived promptly and rushed the grievously injured Basir to Pandua Rural Hospital, where doctors declared him brought

dead. Police have since arrested the accused, who remains in custody for interrogation. Basir's body has been sent to Chinsurah Imambara District Hospital for post-mortem examination. Investigators are questioning other family members, including Basir's sister-in-law Farida Bibi, who was cooking in a nearby house when the incident occurred. Local residents expressed shock over the brutality of the act. "They often argued about property, but no one imagined it would come to this," said a neighbour. Police sources confirmed that a case of murder under Section 302 of the IPC has been registered. The investigation is ongoing.

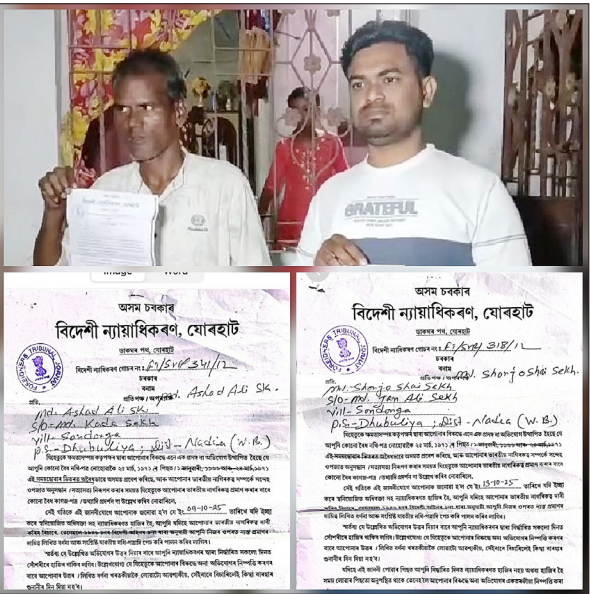
Two Nadia residents get NRC notice from Assam

MI News Service, Krishnagar: A strong political reaction was observed in West Bengal after two Nadia people received the NRC notice from Assam Government.

The two residents of Sondanga village in Nadia's Dhubulia recived the said notice on October 03. The recipients were Md. Sanju Sekh and Md. Asad Ali Sekh.

However, Krishnagar MP Mahua Moitra said, "The Assam government cannot send such notices to citizens of Bengal."

On the other hand Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said "How can the Assam government send the NRC notices to citizens of Bengal, even during the festive season ?"



According to reports, on October 3, the Assam Government issued notices to Asad Ali Sekh and Sanju Sekh, asking them to prove their Indian citizenship. They also were instructed to before the concerned offices on fixed dates given with the letters. In a word, they were told to establish their Indian citizenships.

The notice warns that failure to appear on the specified dates will result in legal proceedings and further action by the concerned tribunal.

Sanju Sekh said he had gone to Assam about 14-15 years ago as a migrant laborer and stayed there for only a month. "I am an Indian citizen. My family has lived here for generations. I have all the necessary documents," he said.

Asad Ali said, "I went to Assam 15 years ago for marble work and stayed only 16 days. I have always been a permanent resident of Sondanga village. I am an Indian citizen with full

proof."

Villagers of Sondanga have confirmed that both men are Indian citizens who have lived in the village for generations.

Despite having all the necessary documents, Asad and Sanju are reportedly living in fear and anxiety after receiving the notices from the Assam government. Their only relief, villagers say, is the support shown by their local MP Mahua Moitra and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Housing fund row sparks bloodshed

MI News Service, Malda: Intense factional tension within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) once again spilled into violence in Rathbari Gram Panchayat of Mothabari Assembly constituency under Kaliachak-II block, Malda district. A meeting called at the panchayat office over alleged irregularities in housing fund distribution turned into a brutal clash between two rival Trinamool factions — leaving three people injured, including close relatives of both the panchayat chief and deputy chief.

According to police sources, Gopal Chowdhury, husband of Sabita Saha Chowdhury, the deputy chief of the Rathbari Gram Panchayat, convened a board meeting at the panchayat office on Wednesday evening to discuss financial discrepancies related to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) housing funds. Tensions escalated after **Nasir Ahmed Sagar, husband of panchayat chief Shamsun Nehar, arrived at the meeting. Witnesses allege that Sagar lost his temper during heated discussions over allegations of misappropriation and "loss of confidence" among members. Soon after, the confrontation turned physical. According to local accounts, Sagar and his associates allegedly attacked members loyal to the deputy chief, forcing them to flee and take refuge in a nearby mango orchard. However, they were reportedly chased and assaulted again. The victims sustained severe injuries and were admitted to Malda Medical College and Hospital. Counter-allegations soon followed. Panchayat chief Shamsun Nehar dismissed the charges against her husband as "politically motivated", claiming that he too was attacked with chairs and iron rods during the altercation. "The accusations are false. My husband was beaten and is undergoing treatment," she told reporters. She further claimed that during the commotion, two panchayat members' husbands fled to the orchard, where villagers mistook them for thieves and assaulted them. Police reached the scene later that night and have launched an investigation into the incident. A senior officer from Kaliachak Police Station confirmed that statements from both sides have been recorded and that the matter is being treated as an intra-party clash.

Tutor arrested for allegedly raping former student

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: In a chilling betrayal and abuse of trust, a private tutor from Baruiapur has been arrested for allegedly calling a former student to his residence, raping her and circulating videos of the assault on social media.

The 22-year-old victim, who once studies under the accused while in Class VII, lodged a detailed complaint at Baruiapur Police Station, leading to the arrest of the tutor. Police have initiated a probe into allegation that the accused not only violated the young woman but also blackmailed and harassed her for months thereafter. According to the complaint, the accused had maintained contact with the survivor even after the stopped taking tuition. In march this year, he allegedly coerced her into visiting his home. When she initially refused he purportedly sent suicide, emotionally manipulating her into compliance. The woman stated that on March 5, she went to his house, where he allegedly raped her recorded videos of the assault. Fearing social stigma, the survivor initially kept silent. However, when explicit videos of the incident reportedly surfaced on social media platforms, she decided to come forward. The victim further alleged that the tutor had similarly assaulted two other girls, and had been harassing her persistently—even appearing at her workplace to threaten her. She also accused him of opening multiple online accounts using her mobile number to further intimidate and defame her. Police have arrested the accused, who, however, has denied all allegations. "I did not rape anyone. My Facebook account was opened in the names of two others. Since I didn't close it, false allegations have been made against me," he told investigators during preliminary questioning. A senior officer from Baruiapur Police Station confirmed that sections pertaining to rape, criminal intimidation, and cybercrime have been invoked in the case. The seized electronic devices are being sent for forensic examination to verify the claims of video circulation. Investigators are also attempting to trace the alleged videos on social media platforms and identify whether any other victims are involved. The accused remains in custody as police continue their inquiry.

Twin threat in Skies: Cyclone stir rain over South Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh spell of weather instability has gripped the state, with two cyclonic circulations forming simultaneously over South Bangladesh and North Odisha, triggering intermittent rains and thunderstorms across large parts of South Bengal. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned that the effects of these twin systems may persist until Saturday, after which rainfall is expected to subside and the southwest monsoon may begin its withdrawal from Bengal within the next three days.

According to the Alipore Meteorological Office, both cyclonic circulations are generating significant moisture influx over southern districts of the state, keeping skies overcast and temperatures marginally below normal. **Scattered rain and thundershowers are expected across Kolkata, Howrah,

Hooghly, Nadia, North and South 24 Parganas, East and West Midnapore, and Jhargram through Friday and Saturday. While no heavy rain warning has been issued for South Bengal, the IMD cautioned that gusty winds** may accompany thundershowers in several districts. "Moisture levels remain high, and convective activity will sustain light to moderate rainfall till Saturday evening. A gradual decrease in rainfall activity is likely thereafter," a senior IMD official said. In Kolkata, the weather office has forecast partly cloudy skies with the possibility of light rain or thunder on Friday. The maximum temperature is likely to hover around 31.5°C, while the minimum may settle near 25.8°C. The city's maximum relative humidity is expected to touch 97%, making conditions humid and uncomfortable. Meteorologists say the withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from southern parts of the state is likely to commence from **Sunday or early next week, marking the beginning of drier days ahead. The gradual reduction in moisture content and the emergence of northerly winds are being closely monitored as indicators of the seasonal retreat. Meanwhile, North Bengal remains largely unaffected. The IMD has ruled out any major rain warning for the region, predicting only isolated light rainfall** with occasional thunder in parts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Alipurdar, North and South Dinajpur, and Malda till Saturday. The weather department has urged residents in South Bengal to remain cautious of short bursts of thunderstorms and lightning during the next 48 hours, even as the monsoon prepares to bid farewell.

Panchayat Member Arrested After Man Beaten to Death Over Bicycle Dispute

MI News Service, Sonarpur: In a chilling incident that has sent shockwaves through South 24 Parganas, a 35-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death in Sonarpur following a petty dispute over a missing bicycle. The police have arrested a Trinamool Congress panchayat member in connection with the fatal assault, while three other accused remain absconding.

The deceased has been identified as Ranjit Mondal, a resident of the Sheetal area under Sonarpur Police Station limits. According to the complaint lodged with police, the altercation began on Wednesday evening when Ranjit reportedly borrowed a bicycle from a local shopkeeper, Santosh Jana, claiming he needed it to fetch medicine for a sick person. Hours later, Ranjit returned — but without the bicycle. When confronted by Jana, Ranjit allegedly denied

having taken it at all. The situation quickly escalated into a heated argument. At that time, Narayan Roy, a member of the Sonarpur-II Gram Panchayat, was present at the scene. Witnesses claim that Ranjit was later dragged away and brutally assaulted by a group of men. He was first taken to Subhashgram Rural Hospital, and later shifted to Chittaranjan Hospital in a critical condition. Doctors there declared him brought dead. Following a preliminary investigation, police registered a case of murder and unlawful assembly against four individuals, including the panchayat member. The accused TMC leader was **taken into custody late on Wednesday night, while efforts are on to trace the remaining suspects. Tension gripped the locality after news of the incident spread. The killing has also sparked a political storm, with opposition parties targeting the

ruling Trinamool Congress. CPI(M) leader and lawyer Sayan Banerjee alleged that the incident reflected a deeper culture of lawlessness. "It is not surprising that a Trinamool panchayat member is involved in a mob lynching. There is impunity for such acts under political protection. The police must act decisively," he said. Reacting to the allegations, Trinamool leaders distanced themselves from the accused, insisting that the law will take its course. Rabin Sardar, head of the Sonarpur-II Gram Panchayat, said, "I've heard about the matter. There was an altercation, and one person died. A panchayat member has been arrested. The administration is handling the case. If anyone is guilty, there will be no protection." Police have deployed additional personnel in the area to prevent any further unrest. The investigation is ongoing.

North Bengal's Tea Industry Suffers Huge Losses; Labourers Fear Job Loss

MI News Service, Siliguri: Amid fears of snake bites and attacks from nocturnal animals, a large number of tea labourers, mostly from tribal communities, are apprehensive about losing their jobs indefinitely. Vast stretches of tea gardens were either heavily damaged or inundated by floods triggered by heavy rains earlier this week.

Industry sources estimate that the deluge may have caused over Rs 100 crore in damage to tea gardens across North Bengal's Terai and Dooars regions of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts, where tea is the main cash crop. Both large, medium, and small planters are likely to face significant losses. Marginal labourers, mostly Adivasi, are also expected to lose work, sources added.

Besides destroying tea plants, sediment deposited on the soil could severely hamper the growth of tea, the highest-producing cash crop in the region. The devastation resulted from incessant rainfall leading to landslides and severe flooding in the Dooars and Terai regions. Over 30 of the region's 276 tea gardens were severely affected on Saturday and Sunday nights in Jalpaiguri, Alipurdur, and Darjeeling districts.

The Nagrakata tea estate in Jalpaiguri suffered an estimated Rs 80 lakh in damages, including a collapsed factory wall and loss of 10,000 kg of processed tea. The Chengmari tea garden, one of Asia's largest, saw 300 hectares submerged, destroying 50,000 tea bushes and 55,000 kg of processed tea.

Small tea growers, contributing 64 percent of Bengal's tea production, were among the hardest hit. Many gardens were submerged by the Jaldhaka river, leaving thick layers of silt after floodwaters receded, which are costly and time-consuming to remove.

Rains and floods also damaged logistics infrastructure, impacting future operations. The Tea Association of India has appealed to the central and state governments for relief and coordinated assessment.

Preliminary estimates suggest over 18,000 hectares of land were affected, including 14,000 in Jalpaiguri district. Over 9,000 flood-hit people are in relief camps: 7,000 in 18 camps in Jalpaiguri, around 2,000 in Nagrakata's Bamandanga, and another 2,000 in eight camps in Alipurdur.

Transportation of raw materials is hindered as vital roads and bridges were washed away, forcing people to cross streams on inflatable boats provided by the NDRF or use ropes, risking their lives. Many villages remain without electricity since Saturday, and potable water is scarce. Residents are also afraid to venture out after sunset due to snakes and wild animals taking shelter on elevated land.

8-days long Dharma Maha Sammelan to be held on the temple premises at Dakshineswar

MI News Service, Kolkata: All India Great Samantan Dharma Maha Sammelan of 8-days long is going to be held on the temple premises at Dakshineswar No. 11 U. N. Mukherjee Road, Ariyadah, near Ferry Ghat, Sri Sri Dhananjay Das Kathia Baba Sadhan Seva Ashram, on occasion of Prana Pratya Mahotsav of the twin idols of Radha Krishna. The main organizer of this festival organized by Kathia Baba Charitable Trust Dakshineswar is Shri Mahant Shri Shri 108 Swami Ras Bihari Das Kathia Babaji Maharaj, the All India Vaishnava Chatush Sampradaya. The event will begin with a colorful procession on October 28th. In addition, various spiritual and cultural programs include 108 Sri Mad Bhagavat Moolpath Gyan Yajna, 108 Kuntiya Sri Sri Gopal Maha Yajna, Nava Divasiya Harinama Sankirtan, Vrindavaniya Maharas Leela,



Sangeet Sammelan and other programs. State Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, MP Abhishek Banerjee and other prominent personalities have been invited as chief guests for the event. World-renowned orator Gaurav Krishna Goswami Ji Maharaj, Yoga Emperor Vishnukanta Shastri Ji, musician Nikunja Kamra, musician Raju Das and other prominent intellectuals will

also participate in the program. This was announced publicly from the temple premises on October 9 by Shri Shri 108 Swami Rasbihari Das Kathia Babaji Maharaj, Secretary of Kathia Baba Charitable Trust Dakshineswar Dilip Pal, who was present in the temple premises. The organization expects thousands of devotees from home and abroad to attend this event.

Five died in powerful explosion in Ayodhya

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said that, at first glance, there was no indication of firecrackers or any other explosive material at the scene. “The explosion may have been caused by the explosion in a domestic pressure cooker or gas cylinder. No remnants of any explosive material were found at the site. Investigation is on,” he said. Forensic teams from BDS and FSL are on site examining the debris to determine the exact cause of the blast. Ayodhya Circle Officer Devesh Chaturvedi said “So far, five deaths have been confirmed. Rescue operations are still underway,” he said. Earlier reports had suggested that illegally stored firecrackers could have triggered the blast, but officials later clarified that the source appeared to be a household LPG cylinder. The blast, which took place just a short distance from the Pura Kalandar police station, caused the entire house to collapse. The sound of the explosion was heard across the village, damaging neighbouring houses and sparking panic among residents. Local police, fire personnel, and NDRF teams are conducting search and rescue operations. One injured person has been shifted to the district hospital for treatment. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the deaths and directed senior officials to reach the spot immediately and expedite rescue efforts. He expressed condolences to the families of the deceased and instructed officials to ensure adequate medical care for the injured. He also prayed for their speedy recovery. Authorities are continuing to clear the debris, while forensic teams have been called in to determine the exact cause of the explosion.

India to upgrade its Kabul technical mission to full-fledged embassy

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commitment towards growth and prosperity. However, these are endangered by the shared threat of cross-border terrorism that both our nations face,” Jaishankar said. He also acknowledged Kabul’s responsiveness to Indian concerns. India reaffirmed its role as a major development partner, offering support for both ongoing and new infrastructure initiatives. “Our longstanding partnership that has seen so many Indian projects in Afghanistan stands renewed”, Jaishankar said, adding India will also initiate six new development projects, whose details are to be finalised after the talks. On health care, Jaishankar announced, “India will provide MRI and CT scan machines to Afghan hospitals and deliver vaccines for immunization and cancer medicines.” He also handed over five ambulances to the Afghan delegation — part of a 20- ambulance donation — and noted the continued supply of drug rehabilitation materials through the UNODC. In light of the recent earthquake, India delivered relief materials within hours and offered assistance in reconstructing homes in the affected regions. Ongoing food aid continues, with another consignment delivered in Kabul on the day of the meeting. The issue of forcibly repatriated Afghan refugees also featured in the dialogue.

"High-loaded virus" made Birla Group postpone the opening of Kharagpur paints factory

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Rs 1,500 crore.Preparations for the inauguration were going on for a while and District Magistrate Khurshid Ali Qadri and Superintendent of Police Dhritiman Sarkar even visited the site Tuesday afternoon for the final preparations. The proposed project is likely to generate over 600 direct and 1,500 indirect jobs. The group had earlier written to the Chief minister expressing its interest in setting up a paint manufacturing unit in the state. Bengal once used to be the paints capital of the country housing the headquarters of Berger Paints, ICI (now Akzo Nobel) and Shalimar Paints



Following heavy rainfall, streets get waterlogged at Central Avenue in Kolkata on Friday.

Mahua Slams NRC Notices to Nadia Residents Calls It BJP’s Pre-Election Conspiracy

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress MP from Krishnanagar, Mahua Moitra, on Friday launched a sharp attack against the Centre and the Assam government over the issuance of alleged illegal NRC notices to two residents of West Bengal’s Nadia district. Moitra accused the BJP of using the issue to create fear and confusion ahead of the upcoming elections. Taking to her X handle, the MP wrote, “NRC notices issued illegally by Assam govt to two bonafide citizens and residents of Bengal’s Nadia. Assam BJP govt has no authority, no jurisdiction to do this. BJP’s pre-election tricks to create panic and fuel fires.” She also tagged Trinamool leader Abhishek Banerjee in the post. The controversy erupted after two residents of Dhubulia in Nadia district — Sanju Sheikh and Arshad Sheikh — received NRC-related notices from Assam authorities earlier this month, just after the Durga Puja festivities. The letters reportedly summoned them for verification under the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process, which is meant to identify il-



legal immigrants. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had also raised the issue on Thursday from Nabanna, questioning the legality and intent behind the move. “Under the name of SIR (Special Summary Revision), why is NRC notice being sent? By what authority is the Assam government sending such notices to people of Bengal? What lies behind this — NRC in disguise?

They cannot impose it by force. This is a conspiracy to manipulate votes under the pretext of SIR,” she said, accusing the Centre of attempting to “saffronise” federal agencies. Echoing her party’s stance, Mahua Moitra alleged that the Assam government had no jurisdiction to send such notices outside its state borders. “This is a deliberate attempt by the BJP to spread fear and polarisation before the elections,” she asserted. According to reports, the two recipients of the notices had briefly worked as migrant labourers in Assam nearly 15 years ago. They returned to their native village in Nadia after a few weeks of work. Their families claim that the sudden NRC summons — after so many years — is politically motivated. “They are targeting us because we belong to the minority community,” said one family member. The Incident has sparked fresh political tension between Bengal and Assam, with the Trinamool Congress terming it yet another instance of “administrative overreach” by the BJP-led government.

State to Introduce Number Plates on All Totos to Curb Chaos

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major step to regulate the rampant movement of electric rickshaws (totos) across the state, Transport Minister Snehashis Chakraborty announced that all totos will now carry number plates. Initially, the registration will be under temporary enrolment numbers, with QR codes displayed on the plates for easy identification. The state plans to bring all existing totos under this registration system, though exact figures of the total fleet remain unavailable, according to the Transport department. The move comes amid persistent complaints from citizens, auto-rickshaw drivers, and bus operators about totos causing traffic congestion. At the same time, the Chief Minister has ruled out banning totos entirely, recognizing them as a vital source of livelihood for millions. Minister Chakraborty explained that once all totos

are registered and marked with QR-coded stickers, designated routes will be assigned. The registration and identification process will run from October 13 to November 13, with support available online and through government facilitation centers. Only registered totos will be allowed on the road after November 30, and non-compliant vehicles will be barred from operating. Additionally, no local vendors or manufacturing companies will be permitted to produce or sell totos without approval in the future. A registration fee of Rs 1,000 will be charged initially, followed by Rs 100 per month for 12 months (Rs 1,200 annually). Totos will also be brought under insurance coverage. Plans are underway to implement alternate day operations based on odd and even registration numbers starting January 2026, supervised by local municipal authorities and police.

World Post Day is celebrated on 9 Oct



MI News Service, Kolkata: World Post Day is celebrated every year on 9 October, commemorating the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 and a reminder of the immense importance of postal services in our lives.The Department of Posts celebrates World Post Day and National Postal Week in recognition of the tireless work of postal workers who connect our communities and uphold the fundamental right to communication. From delivering vital postal and financial services to providing a vital public access point in remote areas, Indian Post remains an indispensable part of our modern infrastructure.

Therefore, to commemorate World Post Day and the transformation of Indian Post over the ages, a special philatelic cover with cancellations was released by Ashok Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, at a function organised at the Kolkata GPO. The special cover reflects the journey of the Indian Postal Department and its evolution over the ages in postal delivery - from the days of carrying letters by pigeons to the modern concept of delivering letters by drones.At the event, prizes were also given away to the circle-level winners of the UPU International Youth Letter Writing Competition-2025.

Second Hooghly Bridge to Remain Closed Temporarily for Maintenance Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Second Hooghly Bridge, one of Kolkata’s busiest connectors between the city and Howrah, is set to remain closed temporarily this weekend due to scheduled maintenance work. According to a notice issued by Kolkata Police, the bridge will remain completely closed to traffic from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, and again from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Authorities have informed that the temporary closure is essential for regular maintenance and repair operations on the Vidyasagar Setu, as the bridge is officially known. During the closure hours, vehicular movement on the route will be diverted through alternate roads. Consequently, traffic congestion is expected to increase significantly on the Howrah Bridge and adjoining



connecting routes. This is not the first time the bridge has been shut for maintenance. On August 24, it was closed from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. for similar work. The Hooghly River Bridge Commissioners (HRBC) had then stated that urgent repairs were needed for the cable bearings and several other structural components.

The upcoming closure, too, is aimed at ensuring the bridge’s continued safety and stability through preventive maintenance. Built over the Hooghly River, the Vidyasagar Setu is not only a lifeline for Kolkata and Howrah but also a crucial link for vehicles traveling to and from adjoining districts. It is the second-largest cable-stayed bridge in India, constructed at a cost of ₹388 crore and inaugurated in 1992. The iconic bridge, known for its impressive architecture and scenic presence, has long been a symbol of modern Kolkata’s skyline, standing alongside the historic Howrah Bridge. Traffic data indicates that over 50,000 vehicles use the Second Hooghly Bridge every day. Even a few hours of closure leads to significant congestion in other parts of the city.

Rains lashed Kolkata and neighbouring districts affecting life

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city and its surrounding neighbourhood on Friday noon experienced heavy rainfall affecting life largely and resulting in a traffic snarl even as the Alipore meteorological office sounded Orange alert and predicted rain in next 24 hours.

According to the Alipore Meteorological Department, a new low-pressure area has formed over southern Bangladesh and adjoining regions, delaying the retreat of the monsoon from the state. The weather office said that under the influence of this system, light to moderate rainfall is likely to continue across several districts of south Bengal over the next few days. The IMD also placed North and South 24 Parganas, Purba and Paschim Medinipur districts of South Bengal under yellow alert for October 11. The rains triggered water logging at Alipur, Central Avenue, New Town and other places in low lying areas. The sky turned dark in the daytime with overcast over Kolkata as heavy clouds rolled in, followed by intense showers and thunder. According to the latest IMD bulletin, intense rainfall and wind speeds reaching 30-40 kmph are likely over parts of South 24 Parganas and Kolkata till late afternoon. The department has cautioned that the weather may lead to waterlogging in low-lying areas and urged people to take necessary precautions. Weatherman Habibur Rahman Biswas said since the monsoon retreating the south Bengal districts and parts of north Bengal will also experience rains in next four/five days from Bengal parts of Sikkim. He said the monsoon retreated from Jharkhand and Bihar. For the next few days, the city and surrounding districts are expected to experience intermittent spells of rain and thundershowers before the weather turns dry from mid-next week. On Saturday, light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at a few places in Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly, and both North and South 24 Parganas. The intensity is expected to reduce from Sunday, with only isolated rainfall predicted. From October 14 onward, dry weather is most likely to prevail across south Bengal, marking a gradual withdrawal of monsoon-like conditions.

Meanwhile, the situation in North Bengal remains relatively stable. As per the latest bulletin, districts including Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, and Cooch Behar are likely to experience only light rain or thundershowers at isolated places, with no weather warnings issued for the region. The Met office has indicated that this rainfall pattern may continue till Wednesday, keeping the monsoon conditions active over most parts of the state.

ED Raids Ahead of Polls; Minister Sujit Bose Hits Out at Centre

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fire Services Minister Sujit Bose on Friday strongly criticised the Centre after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted multiple raids in connection with the ongoing municipal recruitment scam probe. Calling the searches “politically motivated,” the minister alleged that such raids were routinely carried out ahead of elections to create pressure on the ruling party. “Every time elections come, they conduct these searches. But they have never found anything,” Bose said, reacting sharply to the ED action. “There’s no point in doing all this. The people themselves are my certificate,” he added, asserting his innocence and public support.



According to sources, ED officials carried out fresh raids on Friday morning at several locations in Kolkata, including Sujit Bose’s Salt Lake office and his restaurant. The raids were part of the agency’s continuing probe into the municipal recruitment corruption case, in which several individuals — including businessman Ayan Sil — have already been arrested. The central agency claims to be inching closer to uncovering the deeper network involved in the alleged scam, based on interrogation and recovered documents. However, the minister dismissed the operation as a political tactic. “They come before every election. They visit my house, my office,

everywhere. Earlier, too, they conducted raids but found nothing. These are attempts to create pressure ahead of polls,” Bose told reporters. Bose also mentioned that the ED had searched the residence of Nitai, vice-chairman and councillor of the South Dum Dum Municipality. “This is a politically motivated attack,” he alleged, claiming that the actions were intended to tarnish reputations rather than uncover truth. Reiterating his stand, the minister said, “I have done no wrong. Many people make accusations, but they must prove them. The people know everything, and they are my real certificate.” The Enforcement Directorate has been probing the alleged irregularities in municipal appointments for several months, following the trail of money transactions and suspected beneficiaries. While the agency continues to claim new leads, Trinamool Congress leaders have repeatedly accused the Centre of using the ED and CBI as political tools to target opposition leaders ahead of elections.

Mamata to revisit North Bengal on Monday to oversee relief work

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15,000 disaster management kits have been allotted for the affected districts. More than 10,000 displaced people are being sheltered in 35 relief camps, with 45 gruel kitchens providing cooked food. Control rooms are operational round-the-clock at state, district, sub-division and block levels to monitor the situation . Crop damage assessments are also being made and affected farmers are being given financial assistance through Bangla Shasya Bima Yojana and Amar Para Amar Samadhan camps. 29 additional Sufal Bangla outlets have been opened to ensure steady supply of essentials at fair prices. Pradip Mazumdar, minister in-charge, P&RD department, visited Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, distributing high-yield seeds, fertilisers and micronutrients to affected farmers. Special camps have been set up for reissuing lost documents,

while students are being given books and study materials. Restoration of damaged roads and bridges is progressing rapidly. A temporary bamboo bridge has been set up at Kullapara near Dhurguri in the flood affected Cooch Behar district, while reconstruction of the Dudhia Bridge in neighbouring Alipurduar district is underway. The NDRF are continuing search operations for Himadri Purkait (25 years) from South Kamarpole, South 24-Parganas who has gone missing since the night of the deluge while camping on the river banks at Bagar Homestay at Malat near Sonada. Drones are being pressed into service but Purkait still remains untraceable. Special outreach camps were organised in Mirik and Chandramandhura in Jorebungalow-Sukhia block in Darjeeling district to collect applications for issuance of documents lost in the floods and landslides.

PM Modi congratulates Trump for success on Gaza peace plan

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Health Organization said last month that Gaza’s malnutrition rates have reached “alarming levels”. The situation in Gaza also figured in PM Modi’s talks with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Mumbai on Thursday. “On the issues of the Ukraine conflict and Gaza, India supports all efforts to restore peace through dialogue and diplomacy,” the Prime minister

said in his media statement. Under the plan, Gaza will be a “deradicalised terror-free zone that does not pose a threat to its neighbours” and it will be redeveloped for the benefit of the people of the Strip. PM Starmer said the forward movement on the peace plan will bring profound relief, especially for families of hostages taken by Hamas and the civilian population of Gaza.

Centre gets four weeks to respond to pleas on restoration of J-K statehood

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five-judge constitutional bench had said. The plea now seeks the restoration of statehood, terming the delay in restoration a violation of the country’s federal structure. Since August 2019, the Centre has repeatedly assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that statehood will be restored “at an appropriate time.” Recently, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah wrote to leaders of all political parties, including the BJP and Congress, urging them to introduce a bill in Parliament to restore the statehood. Abdullah said that “the restoration of statehood was not a favour but an essential course correction. He cautioned leaders that the precedent of downgrading a state into a union territory will have unsettling consequences for the country, and it should be the red line that must never be crossed”. “The restoration must not be viewed as a concession but as an essential course correction—one that prevents us from sliding down a dangerous and slippery slope where the statehood of our constituent states is no longer regarded as a foundational and sacred constitutional right but reduced instead to a discretionary favour bestowed at the will of the central government,” Abdullah said

EC Conducts Raids Over Bank Fraud Linked to Jewellery Firm

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday launched simultaneous raids across multiple locations in Kolkata in connection with a massive ₹1,200-crore bank fraud case involving alleged fake loan acquisitions by a city-based jewellery company, a senior agency official confirmed.

According to sources, the central agency conducted searches at the residences of key company officials, including the owners and several employees, to collect crucial documents and digital records related to the alleged financial scam. The ED has also been examining the role of intermediaries who may have facilitated the illegal transactions.



Among the premises raided was the residence of a chartered accountant in the Girish Park area of north Kolkata. Investigators believe that the accountant played a significant role in structuring and legitimising the fraudulent loans, helping the company secure funds from various financial institutions through forged paperwork.

"These raids are part of our sustained efforts to root out finan-

cial misconduct and ensure that those who exploit the banking system are held accountable," an ED official said. The official added that the operation was aimed at recovering evidence — including transaction records, company documents, and electronic data — to trace the flow of funds siphoned off from banks.

Preliminary findings suggest that the company had floated several fictitious entities to fraudulently obtain loans from at least 25 different banks and financial institutions. The accused reportedly used forged documents and manipulated audit reports to show inflated business activities and financial statements.

"The jewellery firm's manage-

ment is suspected of orchestrating a complex web of deceit to manipulate the financial system. They allegedly used fake companies to divert vast sums of money as unsecured loans, later routing the funds through multiple shell firms to conceal their origin," the official added. The ED has been coordinating with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and several public sector banks to cross-verify the financial data and identify the end beneficiaries.

Officials said the raids are likely to continue through the weekend as investigators examine seized records and digital evidence. More people connected to the company are expected to be summoned for questioning in the coming days.

College Student from Anandapur Alleges Rape; Police Investigation Underway

MI News Service, Kolkata: A second-year student of a private college in Anandapur has lodged a complaint alleging rape. The victim, a resident of Barrackpore, stays in a rented flat in Kolkata for her studies. According to her statement, on September 26, a friend visited her flat. She alleges that he administered alcohol and drugs, rendering her unconscious, and then sexually assaulted her. The victim filed a written complaint with Anandapur police on October 8, prompting immediate action by law enforcement.



Police sources revealed that the accused is also her classmate. He allegedly entered the flat claiming to have left some items there. Another friend of the accused, who shares the flat, was reportedly absent at the time. The victim informed police that she was given food and substances laced with drugs, which caused her to lose

consciousness before the alleged assault. Based on her complaint, the Anandapur police have registered a rape case and launched a full-scale investigation.

Meanwhile, the victim has undergone a medical examination, and the police have filed a request with the court for a confidential statement, scheduled for October 13 at Alipore Court. The accused remains absconding, reportedly residing in the Santoshpur area. Police are actively tracing him and questioning other friends connected to the case.

The victim has also voiced a strong demand for strict punishment for the accused. Authorities are urging anyone with information to come forward to assist the investigation. The case has once again raised concerns about the safety of female students residing in rented accommoda-

HS Second Semester Exam Advanced Due to Polls

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of the upcoming Assembly elections, the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE) has decided to advance the second semester examinations for Class XII students. According to the semester system, the exams are to be conducted after six months of academic activity. Since the first semester exams concluded on September 22, the second semester should ideally be held from March 16. However, due to the election schedule, the exams are now being planned for February.

This decision has raised apprehensions among teachers, who fear that completing the full syllabus within the shortened timeframe will be extremely difficult. Schools are scheduled to remain closed for most of October, with regular classes resuming officially from October 25. This effectively leaves teachers with barely three months for syllabus completion, which many believe could hamper students' preparation.

Narayandas Bangur School headmaster Sanjay Barua said, "Even if we start regular classes in November, we will have only around 90 days to finish the syllabus. It's an extremely tough task." Similarly, Park Institution headmaster Supriya Panja expressed concern, saying, "Completing both theory and practical lessons under the new syllabus within such a short period is practically impossible. The council should consider reducing the syllabus or postponing the examination."

Teachers further pointed out that from November to February, schools will remain occupied with various activities. The Madhyamik test examinations are scheduled between November 3 and 13 across all schools, fol-

lowed by the summative exams for Classes V to IX in the first two weeks of December. These will further disrupt classes. In addition, the winter vacation at the end of December, and several holidays in January — including Youth Day, Netaji Jayanti, and Republic Day — will cut short teaching days. Annual sports events and Saraswati Puja will also take up time, leaving students with less than 75 effective teaching days. Despite widespread concern, the Higher Secondary Council has ruled out any change in the syllabus or exam schedule. Council secretary Priyadarshini Mallik stated, "Students should focus on their studies without worrying about the syllabus. The Council will ensure that they do not face any difficulties during the examination. However, there is no scope at present to alter the exam dates or reduce the syllabus."

Decomposed Body of Middle-Aged Man Found Inside Vacant House at Golpark

MI News Service, Kolkata: A foul smell emanating from a vacant house on Gariahat Road near Golpark led to a grim discovery late on Thursday night — the decomposed body of a 55-year-old man was recovered from inside the premises. Police later identified the deceased as Manotosh Kundu, a local resident who lived alone in the house.

According to police sources, Kundu owned a small business and ran a shop on the ground floor of the same building from which his body was recovered. Neighbours said he had been living by himself for several years and was known to keep mostly to himself. Local residents became suspicious after noticing that Kundu's shop had remained closed for several consecutive days and he had not been seen in the area. On Saturday night, a strong stench began spreading through the lane, prompting neighbours to alert the Gariahat police station. A team from the Gariahat police arrived shortly afterward and broke open the locked door. Inside, officers discovered the partially decomposed body of the 55-year-old man lying on the floor. Police said the

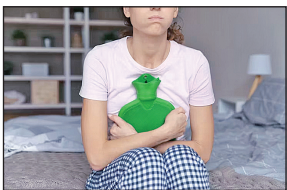
body had begun to decay, with certain parts already decomposed, indicating that he had been dead for several days.

The body was sent to the hospital for post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause and timing of death. "We have not found any external injury marks so far, but we are awaiting the autopsy report for confirmation," a police official said. Preliminary investigation suggests that Kundu may have died of natural causes, though police are not ruling out the possibility of an unnatural or suspicious death. Officers are also examining whether the deceased was suffering from any mental distress or health issues related to isolation, as he had been living alone for a long time. Neighbours described Kundu as a quiet man who rarely interacted with others. "He used to open his shop every morning. When we saw it closed for three days, we knew something was wrong," said a local shopkeeper.

Police have begun questioning nearby residents and shop owners for additional information as part of their investigation.

Women to Get One Day Off per Month Without Salary Deduction

MI News Service, Bengaluru: In a landmark move for women employees, the Karnataka government has announced the introduction of a "Period Leave Policy", allowing women to take one day off per month during menstruation without any deduction in salary. The policy, adopted in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, applies to female employees across government offices, private companies, IT firms, multinational corporations, and industrial sectors.



The decision follows recommendations from an 18-member expert committee, which highlighted the physical and psychological challenges women face during menstruation, emphasizing the need for rest and recuperation.

adjustments will be made if needed in the future." The state has over 60 lakh women workers, including 25-30 lakh employed in corporate and industrial sectors. Prior to implementation, the labour department plans awareness campaigns to ensure employees understand the policy and its provisions. Karnataka joins a growing list of states implementing menstrual leave policies. Bihar grants women two days off per month, while Odisha provides one day off per month for women working in government offices. This initiative marks a significant step toward gender-sensitive workplace policies, recognizing the physiological needs of women employees while promoting their health, productivity, and well-being.

Miscellaneous

Sealdah Division Carried Out “Swachh Ahar” Drive Under Swachhata Pakhwada & Special Campaign 5.0

“Amrit Samvaad” activities were also organised under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata :As part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0, Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway conducted a series of cleanliness and awareness activities under the “Swachh Ahar” drive to promote hygiene and sanitation standards in railway canteens, food stalls, pantry cars, and surrounding premises, ensuring safe and healthy food for passengers and staff.



On October 10, 2025, the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division carried out intensive cleanliness drives at stations, office premises, and on-board trains, focusing on food hygiene and waste management.

Key highlights of the “Swachh Ahar” activities included:

- Inspection of pantry cars by officers and staff, with awareness sessions on hygiene and cleanliness for pantry car personnel.
- Verification of foodstuff, utensils, and store areas,

- Inspection of base kitchens and their store areas to ensure high standards of cleanliness and hygiene.
- Examination of utensil cleaning methods and waste disposal systems.
- Encouragement for the use of compactors or smart bins in pantry cars.
- Collection of passenger feedback on cleanliness and hygiene standards maintained onboard.
- Pantry car and food-stuff inspections were conducted at onboard trains at Sealdah (SDAH) and Kolkata (KOAA) stations.

Additionally, as part of the Special Campaign 5.0, “Amrit Samvaad” ac-

tivities were also carried out by the Chief Health Inspectors, Station Superintendents, and other railway staff interacted with passengers and railway users at Santipur (STB), Krishnanagar (KNJ), Ranaghat (RHA), and Gede (GEDE) stations to spread awareness about cleanliness and hygiene practices. The Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and Amrit Samvaad initiatives under Special Campaign 5.0 reflect Sealdah Division's sustained commitment to cleanliness, passenger welfare, and environmental sustainability — contributing to the vision of a “Swachh Rail, Swasth Bharat.”

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visits under-going works of Bullet Train project in Ahmedabad

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister of Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw visited key construction sites of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (Bullet Train) project in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad today. The Minister reviewed ongoing works at the Sabarmati High Speed Rail (HSR) Station, the HSR Multimodal Transport Hub, and the Rolling Stock Depot.

Sabarmati HSR Station: The terminal station of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train corridor is inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's Charkha at Sabarmati Ashram. The station is being built in 45,000 sq. m. area. Structural work up to the track floor has been completed. Interior and MEP works are in progress. The station will offer world-class passenger facilities—waiting lounges, rest rooms, nursery, retail and commercial spaces—and will be seamlessly connected to existing railway, metro, and BRTS networks. Sabarmati HSR Multimodal Hub: It has been designed as a state-of-the-art facility ensuring smooth connectivity between the HSR station, Sabarmati railway station, Metro, and BRTS. The front wall of the building depicts a stainless-steel mural of the Dandi March, honouring Sabarmati's historic legacy. The hub includes office spaces, hotel facilities, and passenger amenities such as retail outlets and restaurants. It is equipped with parking for about 1,200 vehicles. The hub also features extensive green infrastruc-

ture including solar panels, landscaped terraces, and energy-efficient systems.

Sabarmati HSR Rolling Stock Depot: It is the largest of three depots being constructed under the project. The hub is spread over 84 hectares. The hub will support light and heavy maintenance of train-sets with inspection, stabling, and workshop lines. Construction of the administration building, inspection sheds, and infrastructure for utilities and tracks is progressing rapidly. The depot will follow environmental sustainability norms. It will feature rainwater harvesting, solar provisions and zero liquid discharge treatment systems.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project progress: Out of 508 km, 325 km of viaduct and 400 km of pier works have been completed. 17 river bridges, 5 PSC bridges, and 10 steel bridges have also been completed. 216 km of track bed has been laid. Over 4 lakh noise barriers have been installed along the track bed. Work on all stations in Gujarat is at an advanced stage. Rapid progress is being made at the Mumbai underground section. Railway Minister appreciated the pace of work and emphasized that the project is on track for timely completion. He remarked that the first bullet train project of the country represents PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's vision for world-class infrastructure and a “Viksit Bharat at 2047”.

Swachh Ahar Inspections And Cleanliness Initiatives Under Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 And Special Campaign 5.0 Over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway conducted extensive cleanliness and hygiene inspections under the “Swachh Ahar” initiative. Pantry cars of trains including 12302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express, 13152 Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express, and 12327 Up, managed by private caterers, were closely monitored.

All food handling staff were found to possess valid medical certificates, ensuring full compliance with health and hygiene



standards. Pantry managers maintained excellent cleanliness inside the pantry cars. Freezers and utensils were properly cleaned and maintained, and smart bins were used for effective waste management. EnHM department officers and supervisors oversaw the inspections, while Medical

department staff ensured adherence to health protocols. In addition to pantry car inspections, intensive cleaning of the Electric Loco Shed Asansol canteen was carried out, reflecting Asansol Division's continuous focus on hygiene, cleanliness, and safe food practices for passengers and railway staff. These initiatives highlight Asansol Division's efforts to maintain high standards of cleanliness and safe food handling as part of ongoing Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0 activities across the division.

Drawing Competition And Seminar On Swachhata Organised Under Special Campaign 5.0 And Swachhata Pakhwada

MI News Service, Kolkata: As a part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0 and Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 celebrations, a drawing competition was organized at South Eastern Railway Headquarters, Garden Reach, on 09.10.2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Railway employees, who beautifully portrayed themes of cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental conservation through their artwork. The competition aimed to inspire awareness and responsibility towards maintaining cleanliness and promoting a sustainable environment.

Under this swachhata campaign, a seminar on “Awareness of Railway Staff on Swachhata and Cleanliness at Office Premises” was also organized at South East-



Drawing Competition organized at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach as a part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0 And Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 celebrations.

ern Railway Headquarters, Garden Reach. The seminar aimed to sensitize officers and staff about the importance of maintaining cleanliness, waste segregation, and sustainable workplace practices. Participants were encouraged to adopt a proactive role in keeping their surroundings clean and

to contribute towards building a cleaner and greener railway environment. Various programmes and awareness campaigns are being organized at all the four divisions of SER as a part of ongoing Special Campaign 5.0 and Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 celebrations.

Name Change
I, Santosh Bairagya, s/o.- Shantidas Bairagya (In Aadhar Card), R/o.- Vill& P.O.- Palur, P.S.- Bhatar, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman declare that shall henceforth be known as My Father's name is Shantidas Bairagya to Shantipada Bairagya/Shantimay Bairagya (Voter list in 1961/2002), before the Court of I.d. Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman, vide Affidavit No. 38026, Dtd. 04.09.2025. Shantidas Bairagya & Shantipada Bairagya/Shantimay Bairagya all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Mustafa S/o Osman Gani, residing in I, Khan Pukur, Champdani, P.O.- Angus, P.S.- Bhadravser Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712221, declare that in my son's Passport my name has been wrongly recorded as Mustafa Ali in place of my correct name MD. MUSTAFA as written in my PAN Card. Aadhaar Card and EPIC Card vide affidavit No. 6133 dated 09.10.2025 before Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Chandernagar, Hooghly. Mustafa Ali and Md. Mustafa both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Abdul Gulham (Old Name), S/o.- Ajibar Rahman, residing at Vill.- PO.- Paschim Madhyampur, PS.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743429, do hereby declare that in my Aadhar Card & Epic Card my name has been recorded as Abdul Gulham Sardar (New Name). On 17.02.2022 vide an affidavit (no. 61) before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, North 24 Pgs. I affirm that Abdul Gulham (Old Name) & Abdul Gulham Sardar (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, PRADEEP KUMAR SINGHANIA, PRADIP SINGHANIA F/o Milind Singhania R/o Siddha Eden Lakeville, Lake View Park Road, Block-C, Baranagar, Kolkata-700108 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRADIP KUMAR SINGHANIA as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit dated 07.10.2025. PRADEEP KUMAR SINGHANIA, PRADIP SINGHANIA and PRADIP KUMAR SINGHANIA all are same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashadul Rahaman, S/O.- Abdur Rahoman, residing at Vill-Kadpur, P/O.- Arkhali-Amdanga, P/S-Ashokenagar, Dist- 24pgs (N) Pin No.- 743221. That in the my birth certificate my name has been recorded as Ashadul Hoque, S/O-Abdul Rahaman Mondal which is incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld.1st class J.M.at Barasat dt-24/09/2025(no.-8678) that Ashadul Rahaman, S/O.- Abdur Rahoman & Ashadul Hoque, S/O-Abdul Rahaman Mondal both are same and one identical persons

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mausumi Biswas Datta W/o Manodip Datta of 99/A, Haran Chandra Banerjee Lane, Konnagar, Hooghly, 712235, W.B., Hereby Declare That I Have Changed my name from Dr. Mousumi Datta (Biswas) to Mausumi Biswas Datta and Hereafter be known as Mausumi Biswas Datta, Vide Affidavit No.18136 Dated 08.09.2025 Before The Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Chinsurah, Hooghly (Sadar).

METRO RAILWAY CONDUCTING SPECIAL CAMPAIGN 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Metro Railway organised intensive cleaning drives at different Metro stations today. Commuters were also requested to extend their cooperation in maintaining cleanliness at Metro stations. As part of this campaign, intensive cleaning and sanitization drives are being conducted at stations across all lines, inside Metro trains, tunnels, Carshed areas and other Metro establishments.

Name Change
I Emilda Shreya Biswas D/O, Bhaskar Biswas R/o 14f Dr Lalmoohan Bhat-tacharjee Road Intally Kolkata 700014 have changed my name to Emilda Sreya Biswas.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) TABJUL HAQUE S/O-SAYED DAFADAR Residing at, Vill-Budhia, Post- Budhia, PS- English-bazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732128, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from TABJUL HAQUE To MD TABJUL HAQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD TABJUL HAQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. MD TABJUL HAQUE and TABJUL HAQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SANJAY HAZRA S/O-KANAI HAZRA Residing at, Vill-Khidirpur, Post- Purandarpur, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742171, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SANJAY HAZRA To SANJOY HAZRA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SANJOY HAZRA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. SANJOY HAZRA and SANJAY HAZ both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ARATI HALDAR W/o-LALU BAGDI Residing at, Vill-Kuthir para, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ARATI HALDAR To SARATHI BAGDI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARATHI BAGDI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. SARATHI BAGDI and ARATI HALDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAGANNATH HALDAR S/o- LALU BAGDI Residing at, Vill-Kuthir para, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAGANNATH HALDAR To JAGNATH BAGDI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAGNATH BAGDI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. JAGNATH BAGDI and JAGANNATH HALDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sawkat Ali (old name), S/o. Sekh Sadek Ali, R/o. Balikukhari, Hari, Dadpur, Hooghly-712305, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sawkat Ali to Sekh Shaokat Ali and henceforth I shall be known as Sekh Shaokat Ali in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 9698 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 08/10/2025. Sawkat Ali & Sekh Shaokat Ali S/o. Sekh Sadek Ali both are the same & one identical person. Sakir Ali is my son.

3 senior maoist leaders surrender, join mainstream

MI News Service, Hyderabad: Three senior leaders of the CPI (Maoist) surrendered and joined the mainstream in Telangana on Friday, an official statement from the Telangana Director General of Police's (DGP) Office said.

The surrender took place in the presence of the Director General of Police, Telangana

The leaders who renounced armed struggle include Kunkati Venkataiah, aged 52, Mogilicherla Venkatraju, aged 45 and Thodem Ganga, aged 42.

Kunkati Venkataiah was also known as Ramesh, Raghu, and Vikas and was a State Committee Member and Secretary/In-Charge of South Bastar DVC under the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee. He was underground for 36 years.

Mogilicherla Venkatra-

ju, also known as Raju, Erra Raju, Chandu, Chander, and Punnam Chander Satla Balaraju. He was a State Committee Member was underground for 35 years.

Thodem Ganga, also known as Gangava and Sony, was also a State Committee Member and underground for 21 years.

As part of rehabilitation, each individual received a cash reward of Rs 20 lakh via Demand Draft and will be entitled to further benefits under the Telangana Government's rehabilitation policy for surrendered cadres. The Telangana State Police emphasised that all benefits due under the rehabilitation policy will be extended promptly to help the leaders rebuild their lives with dignity and security.

The surrender is being seen as a moral victory for the comprehensive strategy adopted by the Tel-

angana Police against the CPI (Maoist). Officials noted that the decision to surrender reflects growing ideological rifts and internal conflicts within the CPI (Maoist) leadership, committees, and formations.

Inspired by the efforts of the Telangana Police, a total of 412 underground cadres, including one Central Committee Member, four State Committee Members, two Divisional Committee Secretaries, eight Divisional Committee Members, and 35 Area Committee Members, renounced armed struggle and embraced a peaceful life in 2025 alone. Currently, 72 underground cadres of the CPI (Maoist) are native to Telangana, including eight of the 12 members of the Central Committee.

As of today, a total of 72 underground cadres of the CPI (Maoist) are natives of the state of Telangana.

Out of the 12 CCMS (Central Committee Members) of the CPI (Maoist), eight are natives of Telangana State, the official informed.

The DGP of Telangana appealed to all underground Maoist cadres in the state to return to their native villages and contribute constructively to Telangana's development. The Telangana Police assured that the government will provide all necessary relief and support measures under rehabilitation schemes to enable surrendered Maoists to lead independent and dignified lives.

The Telangana State Police Department reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all benefits due under the rehabilitation policy are extended to them promptly, enabling them to rebuild their lives with dignity and security.

Maharashtra Govt orders to celebrate 'Reading Inspiration Day' on Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary

MI News Service, Mumbai: In an effort to promote a culture of reading and to foster the development, preservation, and propagation of the Marathi language, the government has declared that October 15, the birth anniversary of the late former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, shall be observed as 'Reading Inspiration Day'.

This initiative aims to inspire and encourage reading among the populace.

"Let's take a step forward, let's make Marathi the language of knowledge" is the central theme of this year's initiative.

All ministerial departments of the state government, as well as all government/semi-government offices under their jurisdiction, government institutions/boards, public undertakings, all commissioners and all district collectors' offices will organise various activities to celebrate 'Reading Inspiration Day'. Programs will be organised both online and in person, as stated in the release.

According to the release, on the occasion of Reading Inspiration Day, the program will not be limited to fine literature alone, but will also encompass subjects such as science, technology, management, environment, health, computer science, and space science. Employment-oriented activities will be implemented to attract the maximum number of young people.

In these workshops, topics such as translation writing, professional writing, e-books, self-publishing, online book sales, code writing, and short film/documentary writing will be covered. Along with this, lectures, seminars, readings, group discussions, book exhibitions, and the creation of 'Marathi Vachan Katta' will be organised, as well as Marathi virtual/live literary conferences.

With the aim of maximising the

use of the Marathi language, programs will be organised to increase awareness about the use of the Marathi language in judicial transactions, government administration,

media, etc.

"For organising these programs, help will be taken from literary organisations like Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, Marathwada Sahitya

Parishad, Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Konkarni Sahitya Parishad, Dakshin Maharashtra Sahitya Sabha and Mumbai Marathi Sahitya Sangh. Programs will be organised in libraries, colleges, technical colleges, and diploma institutes. The relevant institutions under the jurisdiction of the School Education Department will also organise various programs to enhance the reading culture. Along with this, institutions under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation/Municipality will also organise various programs," said Dr. Kiran Kulkarni, Secretary, Marathi Language Department.

Jamgram Mondlai Gram Panchayat
Jamgram, Pandua, Hooghly
Notice Inviting e-Tender (2nd Call)
Re e-Tender are invited from bonafied resourceful contractor for execution of 06 nos. development works under **15th CFC (Tied & Untied) Fund** vide **Memo No.: 446/NIT-08**, Date: **08.10.2025**. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): **08.10.2025 at 05.00 PM**. Bid Submission End Date (Online): **28.10.2025 up to 04.00 PM**. Bid Opening Date: **30.10.2025 at 10.00 AM**. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP office.
Sd/-
Pradhan
Jamgram Mondlai Gram Panchayat

E-TENDER
The Executive Officer, Pingla Panchayat Samiti invites Tender for 36 Nos. Scheme under APAS Fund & 1 Nos. Scheme under State Fund.
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NO.

NIT NO.	No. of Published Tender	Last Date of Application
PINGLA/e-NIT/ State Fund/017/2025-26	1	15.10.2025 Up to 4.00 PM
PINGLA/e-NIT/ APAS/018/2025-26	11	15.10.2025 Up to 4.00 PM
PINGLA/e-NIT/ APAS/019/2025-26	3	15.10.2025 Up to 4.00 PM
PINGLA/e-NIT/ APAS/020/2025-26	9	30.10.2025 Up to 4.00 PM
PINGLA/e-NIT/ APAS/021/2025-26	13	31.10.2025 Up to 4.00 PM

Details of the Tender notice is available in website wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Officer,
Pingla Panchayat Samiti

DIVERSION OF TRAINS FOR MAINTENANCE WORK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

For conversion of Point No. 225B/226A, **06 hours Traffic Block** will be necessary on Down/CCR Line at Dum Dum Jn. station limit over Sealdah Division from **23.00 hrs. of 11.10.2025 to 05.00 hrs. of 12.10.2025**. Consequently, following trains will be diverted as under : **(1) 13148 Dn Bamnihat-Sealdah Uttarbanga Express (JCO 11.10.2025)** will be diverted via **Bandel-Naihati-DumDum Jn.** instead of Dankuni-DumDum Jn. and will stop at **Belgharia**. **(2) 12344 Dn Haldibari-Sealdah Darjeeling Mail (JCO 11.10.2025)** will be diverted via **Bandel-Naihati-DumDum Jn.** instead of Dankuni-DumDum Jn. There may be delay in train running during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.
Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR MAINTENANCE WORK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

For tramway type overhead equipment maintenance work, **02 hours 30 minutes (from 00.45 hrs. to 03.15 hrs.) Power & Traffic Block** will be necessary at Sealdah station on the intervening night of **11/12.10.2025 (Saturday/Sunday)**. Consequently, following trains will be regulated as under:

- **Short termination/Short origination : 31542 DN Shantipur-Sealdah Local** will be short terminated at Barrackpore on **Saturday (11.10.2025)** and **31511 UP Sealdah-Shantipur Local** will be short originated from Barrackpore on **Sunday (12.10.2025)**.
- **Controlling on 12.10.2025 (Sunday) : (1) 13106 DN Balia-Sealdah Express (JCO 11.10.2025)** will be controlled enroute for 01 hour 15 minutes. **(2) 03102 DN Malatipatpur-Sealdah Special (JCO 11.10.2025)** will be controlled enroute for 01 hour 30 minutes. There may be delay in train running during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.
Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah



State Minister Aroop Biswas attended the Vijaya Sammilani program organized by the Tollygunge Trinamool Congress, along with all municipal representatives of Tollygunge and members of the Tollygunge Trinamool Congress family, at Niranjana Sadan on Friday.

Air India denies reports of 'electrical failure' after Vienna-Delhi flight diverted to Dubai

MI News Service, New Delhi: Air India on Friday dismissed reports claiming that an "electrical failure" forced its flight AI154 from Vienna to Delhi to divert to Dubai, clarifying that the diversion was due to a technical issue and that the aircraft landed safely.

The airline emphasised that all necessary precautions were taken and operations resumed smoothly after the technical checks.

In an official statement, Air India stated, "AI154 operating from Vienna to Delhi on 09 October was diverted to Dubai due



to a technical issue. The aircraft landed safely at Dubai and underwent necessary checks. All passengers were kept informed of the delay, provided refreshments, and the flight, operated by the same aircraft, departed Dubai at 08:45 hrs IST and landed in Delhi at 12:19 hrs IST. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains top priority."

Earlier in the day, the airline's spokesperson stated that a New Delhi-bound Air India flight from Vienna, Austria, had been diverted to Dubai due to a suspected technical issue.

The aircraft landed safely at Dubai, and the flight departed after a delay as it underwent necessary checks.

Air India Spokesperson stated, "AI154 operating from Vienna to New Delhi on October 9 was diverted to Dubai due to a

suspected technical issue. The aircraft landed safely at Dubai and underwent necessary checks."

"All passengers were kept informed of the delay, provided refreshments, and the flight departed at 08:45 hrs IST," the spokesperson said.

"We regret the inconvenience caused due to the unforeseen delay. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains top priority," Air India Spokesperson added.

In a statement, the airline emphasised that passenger and crew safety remains its top priority

Metro Railway, Kolkata
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Tale, Metro Railway, Kolkata for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tender against Open Tender due to open on 31.10.2025 at 15:30 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work:** Repairing, Deep Cleaning and Overhauling of existing defective ACs in S&T Equipment Rooms along with Annual Maintenance Contract of all AC machines installed at different S&T Equipment Rooms of Blue Line in Metro Railway, Kolkata for a period of Two Years. **Tender Value : ₹ 16,91,406.10, Earnest Money : ₹ 33,800. Completion Period : 28 months.** The tender can be viewed at Website : <https://www.ireps.gov.in> The tender/bidders must have Class-II Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender.
Tender Notice No. : S&T/Work_32-2025
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EASTERN RAILWAY
Auction Catalogue
Admin Unit/Zone : Sealdah Division-Commercial, Eastern Railway. **Auctioning Authority :** Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Room No. 44, Remote Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014. **Auction Catalogue No.:** SDAH-PARCEL-47. **Bidding System :** Normal Auction (Single Stage). **Auction Start (All Lots) :** 24.10.2025, 12.00 hrs. **Auction Close Date/Time:** 24.10.2025, 16.40 hrs. **Auto Extensions Zone :** 120 Seconds. **Auto Extension Duration :** 120 Seconds. **Auction type :** Close Ended. **Initial Cooling Off Period :** 30 Minutes. **Successive Lots Closing Interval:** 10 Minutes. **Maximum Auto Extensions :** 10 Times. **Catalogue Published on :** 08.10.2025, 14.17 hrs. **Decision Mode – Auto, RP Displayed – No, Permit bid below RP – Yes, Standard Conditions of Contract (Version 2) :** View Corrigendum.
• **Lot Details : Seq. No.; Lot No./Category; Trips/Days; Close Date/Time; Turnover Required :** **AA/1;** 12517-SLR-R1-KOAA-GHY-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 12.30 hrs.; 0. **AA/2;** 12377-SLR-R1-SDAH-NOQ-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 12.40 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/3;** 13137-SLR-F1-KOAA-AMH-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 157; 24.10.2025, 12.50 hrs.; 0. **AA/4;** 15047-SLR-F1-KOAA-GKP-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 626; 24.10.2025, 13.00 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/5;** 13175-SLR-F1-SDAH-SCL-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 470; 24.10.2025, 13.10 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/6;** 13167-SLR-F1-KOAA-AGC-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 13.20 hrs.; 0. **AA/7;** 13167-SLR-R1-KOAA-AGC-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 13.30 hrs.; 0. **AA/8;** 12343-SLR-F1-SDAH-HDB-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 13.40 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/9;** 22317-SLR-F1-SDAH-JAT-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 157; 24.10.2025, 13.50 hrs.; 0. **AA/10;** 22197-SLR-F1-KOAA-VGLJ-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 157; 24.10.2025, 14.00 hrs.; 0. **AA/11;** 12379-SLR-F1-SDAH-ASR-25-3 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 14.10 hrs.; 0. **AA/12;** 12377-SLR-F1-SDAH-NOQ-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 14.20 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/13;** 12313-SLR-F1-SDAH-NDLS-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 14.30 hrs.; 5000000. **AA/14;** 12329-SLR-F1-SDAH-ANVT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 157; 24.10.2025, 14.40 hrs.; 0. **AA/15;** 13147-SLR-F1-SDAH-BXT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 14.50 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/16;** 13105-SLR-R1-SDAH-BUI-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 15.00 hrs.; 0. **AA/17;** 13169-SLR-R1-SDAH-SHC-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 313; 24.10.2025, 15.10 hrs.; 0. **AA/18;** 12315-SLR-F1-KOAA-UOZ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 15.20 hrs.; 0. **AA/19;** 12363-SLR-R1-KOAA-HDB-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 469; 24.10.2025, 15.30 hrs.; 0. **AA/20;** 12987-SLR-F1-SDAH-AII-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 1096; 24.10.2025, 15.40 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/21;** 13105-SLR-F2-SDAH-BUI-25-2 (Parcel-SLR); 468; 24.10.2025, 15.50 hrs.; 0. **AA/22;** 13173-SLR-F1-SDAH-SBRM-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 626; 24.10.2025, 16.00 hrs.; 2000000. **AA/23;** 13181-SLR-F1-KOAA-SHTT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 157; 24.10.2025, 16.10 hrs.; 0. **AA/24;** 22201-SLR-R1-SDAH-PURI-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 170; 24.10.2025, 16.20 hrs.; 0. **AA/25;** 13125-SLR-F1-KOAA-SANG-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 470; 24.10.2025, 16.30 hrs.; 0. **AA/26;** 13115-SLR-F1-SDAH-JPE-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); 156; 24.10.2025, 16.40 hrs.; 0. **Description: Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...** (for each Seq. No.). **Rate Unit :** Per Trip Licensing Fee (for each Seq. No.). **Min. Incr. (%) :** 0.2% (for each Seq. No.). **EMD :** 10% (for each Seq. No.). **Whether ROFR Applicable?** : No. (for each Seq. No.). **Lot Status :** RP Pending. (for each Seq. No.). **Actions :** (for each Seq. No.). (SDAH-224/2025-26)
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in & www.ireps.gov.in
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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER
e-Tender Notice No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-91-92-25, Dated: 08.10.2025 and e-Tender Notice No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-93-94-25, Dated: 09.10.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India, DRM(Engg)/Adra, South Eastern Railway invites **04 (Four) nos.** e-tenders for **RCC Tank, Misc. Works, H-Beam and LHS Works** as mentioned hereunder: **Sl.No.-1, Tender No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-91-25. Description of works:** Replacement of old dilapidated and over aged RCC Tank by RCC over head tank at Purulia in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value: ₹ 2,63,34,248.72. Sl.No.-2, Tender No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-92-25. Description of works:** River Bed Mapping of Bridge No. 520 in Madhukunda-Damodar (30.5x22) section under the jurisdiction of DEN/Central/Adra in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value: ₹ 3,32,387.55. Sl.No.-3, Tender No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-93-25. Description of works:** Adra Division-TBSR (H-Beam) 1195 nos. in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. **Tender value: ₹ 32,28,19,941.62. Sl.No.-4, Tender No. : E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-94-25. Description of works:** Construction of Limited Height Subway at locations of JC-26, JC-43, JC-53, JC-56 in between Purulia-Chandil in lieu of ROB by box pushing method and PK-17 at km. 34/3-4.5 between Gourinathdam/Barbenda of ROB by cut and cover method of Adra Division. **Tender value: ₹ 32,28,19,301.83.** The closing date and time of e-tenders are on **03.11.2025 at 15.00 hrs.** (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each) & **11.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs.** (for Sl.No. 3 & 4 each). Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website www.ireps.gov.in. (PR-706)

আমার মক্কেল ১) সেখ সামীর আলি, পিতা 'শেখ শাহজাহান, ২) সেখ সামীর রহমান, পিতা 'শেখ আজিজুর রহমান মহশয়ারদা, গত ইং ২৮/০৮/২০১১ তারিখে হাওড়া ডিঃ সাব রেজিষ্ট্রি অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত বুক নং-৪, পিডি ডান্ডুম নং-১, পাতা নং- ৬৩০৭ ইহতে ৬৬১৬, বিগিং নং- ৮৩৬ নং আদমোক্তারনামা দলিল দ্বারা বাণিজ্যিক মৌজার আর.এস. ১৬ নং খতিয়ানে আর.এস.- ১৯ নং দাগের অংশে কামরেশী ৬০ কাঠা ১৪ হটাক ৩৭ বর্গফুট শালি জমি উক্ত জমির আসল মালিক হেদায়াত শেখ, পিতা 'পার্বতী দাস' বোধ, সাং ২০/১ নং বৈধের সম্পদশ্রী সেন, মহশয়ের নিকট ইহতে উক্ত জমি বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত হইয়াছেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে কারো কোনও অভিযোগ ও আপত্তি থাকিলে তিনি বাণী জগাধা B.L. and L.R.O. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

আমার মক্কেল মণ্ডল মন্ডল, পিতা 'মদন চন্দ্র মন্ডল গুরুস মণ্ডল মহশয়, গত ইং ১৬/০৮/২০০৬ তারিখে হাওড়া এ্যাডিজিঃ ডিঃ সাব রেজিষ্ট্রি অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত বুক নং-৪, ডান্ডুম নং-৫, পাতা নং- ২০৫ ইহতে ২০৯, বিগিং নং-৬০৯, আদমোক্তারনামা দলিল দ্বারা কোনাে মৌজার হাল ৬৫৬ নং খতিয়ানে সাবেক ৮৯ নং হাল ৯৬ নং দাগের অংশে ১ কাঠা ৩ হটাক ১৭ বর্গফুট জমি ও হাল ৫৪৪ ও ৬১৩ নং খতিয়ানে সাবেক ৮৯নং হাল ৯৬ নং দাগের অংশে ৪ হটাক ৬৮ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি সর্ব মোট ১ কাঠা ৮ হটাক ১০ বর্গফুট জমি ১) সাবিত্রী খামার, স্বামী যিহেনো খামার, ২) নিলীপ দাস, পিতা 'শৌর দাস মহশয়দ্বারদে নিকট ইহতে বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত হইয়াছেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে কারো কোনও অভিযোগ ও আপত্তি থাকিলে তিনি বাণী জগাধা B.L. and L.R.O. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

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CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WELFARE HOUSING ORGANISATION
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DEMAND SURVEY FOR HOUSING PROJECT IN VARIOUS CITIES
The Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation (CGEWHO) has successfully completed 34 housing projects across India since its inception in 1990. CGEWHO is committed to providing affordable housing exclusively for employees of the Central Government, Central PSUs, State Governments, Union Territories, Autonomous Bodies, Corporations & Nationalised Banks. CGEWHO have shown expression of interest in the following lands and in order to assess demand a survey is being conducted, so that the organisation may take up the housing project in the referred cities.
Key Details

Sr. No.	Name of the City	Area	Location
1.	Kolkata, West Bengal	11.04 acres	Madhyamgram TE, Mouja-Udayrajpur, J.L.No. 43, PO: Barasat, Distt. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, WB
2.	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	2.2 acres	Vidhan Sabha Road, Near Jack and Jill School, Khamardi, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
3.	Puducherry	2.67 acres	BSNL Staff Quarters Compound, Jaya Nagar, Reddiarpalayam, Puducherry
4.	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2.28 acres	Vikas Nagar, Sector II, Ward Lohia Nagar, Lucknow, U.P. - 226022
5.	Ludhiana, Punjab	2.27 acres	Barewal Road Ludhiana, Punjab 141012

- **Eligibility:** The survey is open only to employees of the Central Government, Central PSUs, State Government, Union Territories, Autonomous Bodies, Corporation & Nationalised Banks.
- **Reservations:** 50% of Dwelling Units (DUs) will be reserved for the respondents of the Demand Survey, allocated based on priority as per CGEWHO rules.

- How to Apply:**
- Visit CGEWHO website www.cgewho.in for details, terms and conditions and to download the application form.
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Tata Punch Becomes the SUV of Choice for Siliguri: The SUV Everyone Wants This Festive Season

Siliguri: Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) has emerged as the No. 2 passenger vehicle manufacturer by sales in September 2025, driven by its robust and diverse product portfolio. Leading this growth is the Tata Punch - ranked among the top five best-selling cars in India during the same period. Available in petrol, CNG, and electric variants, the Punch is a no compromise SUV in a compact footprint. Combined with class-leading features, the Punch has not only become the preferred choice for customers upgrading to an SUV but also stands out as the top pick for



first-time car buyers (69%) contributed 00% of TMPV's over-all sales in West Bengal between

April and September 2025, making it one of the most loved cars in the state. In Siliguri alone, the SUV has recorded a remarkable 2X growth in sales. With its bold, sporty and youthful design, tech-forward features, and segment-best safety (GNCAP 5 star for the ICE version; BNCAP and GNCAP 5 star rated for EV version), the Punch delivers exceptional value, further enhanced by the recent GST reforms. During Navratri 2025, the Punch accounted for 33% of TMPV's national sales, reaffirming its position as one of the most trusted and aspirational vehicles in the country.

Study finds how brain responds to reward

Massachusetts [US] : Neuroscientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology discovered that socioeconomic factors might influence the brain's susceptibility to pleasant events, which is important for motivation and attention.

In a study of 12 to 14-year-olds with considerably varying socioeconomic status (SES), researchers discovered that children from lower SES homes were less sensitive to reward than those from more affluent backgrounds.

Using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), the research team measured brain activity as the children played a guessing game in which they earned extra money for each correct guess. When participants from higher SES backgrounds guessed correctly, a part of the brain called the striatum, which is linked to reward, lit up much more than in children from lower SES backgrounds.

The brain imaging results also coincided with behavioural differences in how participants from lower and higher SES backgrounds responded to correct guesses. The findings suggest that lower SES circumstances may prompt the brain to adapt to the environment by dampening its response to rewards, which are often scarcer in low SES environments.

"If you're in a highly resourced environment, with many rewards available, your brain gets tuned in a certain way. If you're in an environment in which rewards are more scarce, then your brain accommodates the environment in which you live. Instead of being overresponsive to rewards, it seems like these brains, on average, are less responsive, because probably their environment has been less consistent in the availability of rewards," says John Gabrieli, the Grover Hermann Professor of Health Sciences and Technology, a professor of brain and cognitive sciences, and a member of MIT's McGovern Institute for Brain Research.

Gabrieli and Rachel Romeo, a former MIT postdoc who is now an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology at the University of Maryland, are the senior authors of the study. MIT postdoc Alexandra Decker is the lead author of the paper, which appears today in the Journal of Neuroscience. Previous research has shown that children from lower SES backgrounds tend to perform worse on tests of attention and memory, and they are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. However, until now, few studies have looked at the possible association between SES and reward sensitivity.

In the new study, the researchers focused on a



part of the brain called the striatum, which plays a significant role in reward response and decision-making. Studies in people and animal models have shown that this region becomes highly active during rewarding experiences.

To investigate potential links between reward sensitivity, the striatum, and socioeconomic status, the researchers recruited more than 100 adolescents from a range of SES backgrounds, as measured by household income and how much education their parents received.

Each of the participants underwent fMRI scanning while they played a guessing game. The participants were shown a series of numbers between 1 and 9, and before each trial, they were asked to guess whether the next number would be greater than or less than 5. They were told that for each correct guess, they would earn an extra dollar, and for each incorrect guess, they would lose 50 cents.

Unbeknownst to the participants, the game was set up to control whether the guess would be correct or incorrect. This allowed the researchers to ensure that each participant had a similar experience, which included periods of abundant rewards or few rewards. In the end, everyone ended up winning the same amount of money (in addition to a stipend that each participant received for participating in the study). Previous work has shown that the brain appears to track the rate of rewards available. When rewards are abundant, people or animals tend to respond more quickly because they don't want to miss out on the many available rewards. The researchers saw that in this study as well: When participants were in a period when most of their responses were correct, they tended to respond more quickly.

"If your brain is telling you there's a really high chance that you're going to receive a reward in this environment, it's going to motivate you to collect rewards, because if you don't act, you're missing out on a lot of rewards," Decker says.

Brain scans showed that the degree of activation in the striatum appeared to track fluctuations in the rate of rewards across time, which the researchers think could act as a motivational signal that there are many rewards to collect. The striatum lit up more during periods in which rewards were abundant and less during periods in which rewards were scarce. However, this effect was less pronounced in the children from lower SES backgrounds, suggesting their brains were less attuned to fluctuations in the rate of reward over time.

Weight loss surgery is more effective in controlling hypertension rates: Study

Los Angeles [US] : According to a study published today in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, bariatric surgery is more effective at controlling hypertension rates, or high blood pressure, in people with obesity and uncontrolled high blood pressure, than blood pressure medication alone. People who had bariatric surgery had a lower BMI and were on fewer drugs after five years while maintaining normal blood pressure levels than those who solely used antihypertensive medications.

According to the CDC, the U.S. obesity and hypertension rates in adults are 41.9 per cent and 45.4 per cent, respectively.

Obesity is a proven risk factor for cardiovascular disease and a key contributor to high blood pressure, both of which can increase the chance of a heart attack, stroke, and heart failure.

"In clinical practice, obesity is an overlooked condition. As a consequence, there is a frequent failure in approaching obesity as a crucial step for mitigating the risk of important cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension," said Carlos Aurelio

Schiavon, MD, FACS, lead author of the study and a surgeon specializing in bariatric surgery at Heart Hospital and BP Hospital in Sao Paulo. Researchers in this study looked at the impact of treating obesity to lower high blood pressure. While there are new medications to treat obesity, long-term adherence to medication can be challenging. This study looks at bariatric surgery as a better long-term solution to control obesity and, as a result, high blood pressure.

The GATEWAY trial included 100 people (76 per cent of which were female) who had a body mass index (BMI) of around 36.9 kg/m². All participants had hypertension and were using at least two medications. People with previous cardiovascular events and poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes were excluded. Subjects were assigned to either Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with medical therapy or medial therapy alone and the primary outcome was reduction of at least 30 per cent antihypertensive medications while maintaining blood pressure levels less than 140/90 mmHg at five years.

New type of cell therapy shows promise for ARDS patients

Los Angeles [US] : A study suggested that a new type of cell therapy may improve the prognosis of patients critically unwell with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) caused by severe COVID-19.

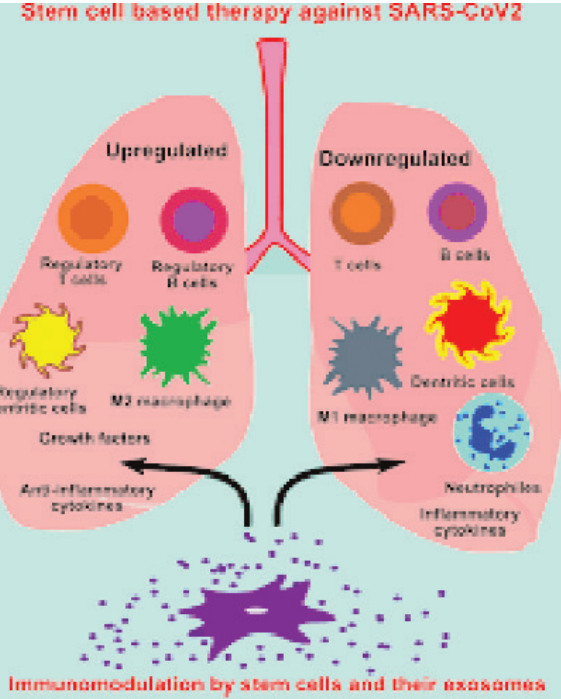
Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a joint senior author of a new study published in the journal Nature Communications that looks into the usage of agent-T-797, MiNKTherapeutic's allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung.

The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agent-T-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care.

The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agent-T-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.

Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO),



known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula. This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type

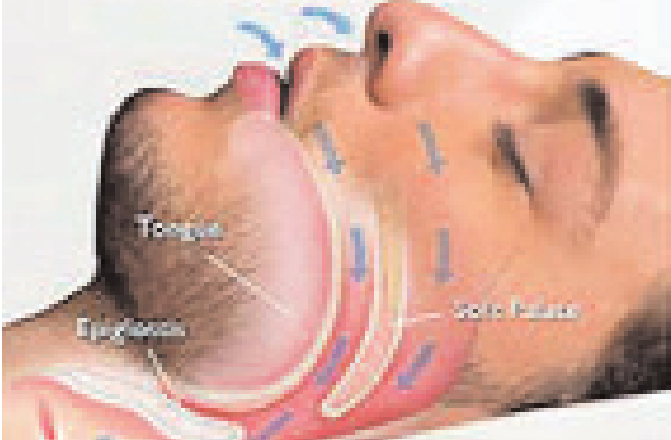
Women's blood lipid metabolism stronger at counteracting consequences of sleep apnea: Study

ONTARIO [CANADA] : Sleep apnea, which causes periodic, brief disruptions in breathing while sleeping, can disrupt blood lipid control, a major factor in the development of cardiovascular disease. A University of Ottawa research team discovered that the effect of sleep apnea on blood lipid metabolism varies by gender, with women controlling their blood lipids more effectively than men.

The study was conducted by Nicholas Goulet, Caroline Marcoux, Renee Morin, Jean-Francois Mauger and Vincent Bourgon, under the supervision of Pascal Imbeault, full professor in the School of Human Kinetics of uOttawa's Faculty of Health Sciences and a member of the Institut du savoir Montfort, in collaboration with DrRuwanAmaratunga, a pneumologist with the Montfort institute.

In a randomized cross-over trial including subjects of both sexes, the research team measured the impact of consuming high-fat meals and intermittent exposure to oxygen-deficient air, leading to low blood oxygen levels (hypoxemia), a key characteristic of sleep apnea. Various physiological measurements were taken during the study, including triglyceride levels, blood pressure and oxygen saturation.

"We achieved our findings by measuring lipids in the bloodstream after a lipid-rich meal,



with men and women in good health exposed to ambient air (normal oxygen levels) or oxygen-deficient air intermittently (the latter simulating sleep apnea)," says Imbeault.

The results suggest that there are significant differences between men and women in triglyceride response after a meal under conditions of intermittent hypoxemia. The study provides detailed information on the interaction among biological sex, intermittent hypoxemia and triglyceride response after a meal, with potential implications for future research and clinical applications in the area of physiology.

"Our work shows that women present a metabolic advantage in managing blood lipids, protecting them from the disruptive effects

of sleep apnea. This could potentially explain why women living with sleep apnea present a lower prevalence of co-morbidities (Type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease) than men," says Imbeault.

The study took place from 2018 to 2023 at the University of Ottawa. "To our knowledge, no study to date has investigated the contribution of biological sex to blood lipids during exposure to intermittent hypoxemia, a condition that simulates sleep apnea," Imbeault says.

The findings therefore add a new dimension to our understanding of the way blood lipids are managed and highlight the importance of considering the difference between the sexes in future research and clinical interventions.

Males born to obese moms more likely to develop health issues as adults: Research

Washington DC [US] : Males born to obese mothers are more likely to be overweight at birth and suffer metabolic issues later in life, such as liver disease or diabetes.

The way that male sex hormones activate pathways in the developing liver is partly to blame.

That's the finding from a new study led by University of South Australia (UniSA) researchers looking at the impact of maternal obesity on fetal liver androgen signalling.

Male fetuses of obese pregnant women have different signals that are activated by male sex hormones in the liver, which encourages them to prioritise growth at the expense of their health.

UniSA researcher Dr Ashley Meakin says androgens give men their male characteristics and are crucial in their development, but if there are too many, male fetuses grow too large, causing not only problems at birth, but impacting liver function as an adult.

Female fetuses exposed to excess testosterone from an obese pregnancy are wired to switch off

the androgen pathway in the liver, restricting their growth and lowering the risks of metabolic disorders in adulthood.

"We know there are sex differences in metabolic disorders in later life in response to maternal obesity," DrMeakin says.

"Men are more prone to non-alcohol fatty liver diseases and diabetes as an adult if their mother is obese during pregnancy and their birth weight is above 4 kg (9 lb 15 oz).

"They are genetically wired to prioritise androgens because it supports the development of male characteristics - including size - but too much androgen is bad."

Study lead author Professor Janna Morrison, Head of the Early Origins of Adult Health Research Group at UniSA, says it's a fine balance for women getting the right nutrition in pregnancy to ensure optimal conditions for their unborn child to flourish.

"There are also risks for offspring being malnourished during pregnancy," she says. "If you are too little, too big, born too early, or a male, you are more vulnera-

ble to negative outcomes later in life. You need the Goldilocks pregnancy: you must be the right size, born at the right time."

Prof Morrison says unless society changes its approach to nutrition, it will be an uphill battle to reduce obesity and associated health issues, from the womb into adulthood.

"As a society, we urgently need to address obesity. If children were taught early on about the importance of healthy eating, it would carry through into adulthood, including during pregnancy, where the right nutrition is so important."

DrMeakin says in the intervening period, supplements that address nutritional imbalances in pregnancy could provide the fetus with the best chance of optimal development.

The liver androgen signalling study, recently published in Life Sciences, is among a series of studies by Prof Morrison and colleagues that investigates the impact of maternal under- and over-nutrition on the placenta, heart, lung, and liver.

Rolls-Royce envisions collaborating with Indian Navy for country's first electric warship



MI News Service, Mumbai: Rolls-Royce expressed its intent to collaborate with the Indian Navy in designing and deploying the country's first electric warship, marking a significant step in India's journey towards sustainable and future-ready naval power. Abhishek Singh, Senior Vice President, India and South East Asia, Defence, Rolls-Royce, said the company was well-positioned to support India's naval modernisation with a portfolio that includes hybrid-electric and full-electric propulsion systems.

"Rolls-Royce is well-positioned to support India's naval modernisation with the right mix of products, expertise and experience in delivering integrated hybrid-electric and full-electric propulsion systems," noted Singh. Rolls Royce's M30 has set new benchmarks in power, density and reliability, the company is supporting a large installed base of engines across the globe.

"We are committed to working closely with the Indian Navy operations to provide next-generation solutions that align with India's vision of building a modern and self-reliant defence force," he noted. According to a press statement, the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (CSG), led by HMS Prince of Wales, arrived in Mumbai as part of its Indo-Pacific deployment.

The HMS Prince of Wales is powered by Rolls-Royce's MT30 marine gas turbine, at the heart of its Integrated Full Electric Propulsion (IFEP) system. Two MT30 gas turbine alternators, each generating 36 MW, together with four medium-speed diesel generators, deliver a combined output of 109 MW, which is enough to power a small town. Alex Zino, Director of Business Development and Future Programmes, UK and International, Rolls-Royce, said the company was proud to play a central role in powering the Carrier Strike Group. "Its visit to India provides a wonderful opportunity to familiarise Indian defence customers with our world-leading naval technologies that can strengthen the Indian Navy's operational reach, resilience and readiness," he said.

He added that Rolls-Royce was expanding its supply chain, advanced manufacturing, and defence engineering capabilities in India, positioning itself as a strong partner in the country's defence modernisation efforts across air, land and sea domains.

The CSG's other vessels, including HMS Richmond and an Astute-class submarine, also feature Rolls-Royce propulsion systems, ranging from the Spey marine gas turbine to nuclear steam raising plants. With a legacy spanning 90 years in India, Rolls-Royce has established strong local partnerships, academic collaborations, and a robust engineering ecosystem. Over 1,400 Rolls-Royce engines currently power platforms of the Indian Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Army, supported by a workforce of more than 4,000 across its Indian operations.

Globally, Rolls-Royce is a leading provider of propulsion solutions for advanced maritime programmes. It says the company's focus on electrification and hybrid technologies could play a crucial role in India's future naval projects, particularly as the nation moves toward developing its first electric warship.

Quraner Alo Foundation's Final Competition



Nurul Islam Khan: Quraner Alo Foundation is determined to make India's name shine in the world. After selecting thousands of Hafiz students from all over India, the final of the All India Hifzul Quran Competition was held on Wednesday after four consecutive rounds. In this year's competition, Nazim Uddin of Assam won the first place, who was given a cash prize of one lakh taka and a completely free Umrah package.

The second place was taken by Mohammad Ali of Uttar Pradesh, and the third place was taken by Ismail Samui of South 24 Parganas. Everyone was given cash prizes and Umrah tickets. It is worth mentioning that Quran lovers from all over the country filled the auditorium of the house. The heart-touching recitations of the little Hafiz were eye-catching. The commitment of this foundation is to illuminate India with the light of the Quran in the court of the world.

Railway Staff Exhibit Exemplary Humanitarian Spirit — Safe Delivery Of Baby Onboard

MI News Service, Kolkata: Demonstrating remarkable presence of mind and compassion, the on-duty Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and station staff of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway extended timely humanitarian assistance to a woman passenger — a resident of Madhya Pradesh, travelling from Howrah Junction to Andal Railway Station — who experienced labour pain onboard Train No. 12339 UP Coalfield Express on 9th October 2025 at Howrah Station.

At around 17:10 hrs, the woman passenger began experiencing labour pain while the train was preparing for departure from Howrah Station at 17:20 hrs. Upon receiving the information, the on-duty female RPF officers and staff responded swiftly, attended to the situation and informed the Deputy Station Superinten-



dent, Howrah. Acting promptly, the Deputy Station Superintendent, along with RPF personnel and the First Aid team, reached the spot and provided necessary assistance. With their coordinated efforts, a healthy baby boy was successfully delivered onboard the train. Both the mother and the newborn were safely debarked, given first aid, and then shifted to District

Maria Corina Machado wins Nobel Peace Prize 2025

MI News Service, Oslo: The 2025 Nobel Peace Prize winner has been announced as Maria Corina Machado "for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy."

Terming her as a "brave and committed champion of peace," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said that the Prize has gone to a "woman who keeps the flame of democracy burning amid a growing darkness." "Democracy is a precondition for lasting peace. However, we live in a world where democracy is in retreat, where more and more authoritarian regimes are challenging norms and resorting to violence."

Machado has spent years working for the freedom of the Venezuelan people, the Committee said. "The Venezuelan regime's rigid hold on power and its repression of the population are not unique in the world. We see the same trends globally: rule of law abused by those in control, free media silenced, critics imprisoned, and societies pushed towards



authoritarian rule and militarisation. In 2024, more elections were held than ever before, but fewer and fewer are free and fair," the Nobel Committee said.

"Peace laureate Maria Corina Machado has shown that the tools of democracy are also the tools of peace. She embodies the hope of a different future, one where the fundamental rights of citizens are protected, and their voices are heard," it said.

TIMES Higher Education World University Rankings 2026

KIIT placed in 501 cohort globally, 5th Best in India

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar : KIIT-DU has made a big impact in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026, securing the 5th position among all the universities in India. Significantly, KIIT is also the only institute from Odisha to feature in the national top 10 list — a matter of immense pride for the state and a reflection of its growing academic excellence.

Globally, KIIT has been placed in the 501-600 band among 2,191 universities and 5th nationally among 128 Indian institutions, marking a notable rise from its previous year's position in the 601-800 band. This upward movement highlights the university's sustained progress in global competitiveness and its emergence as one of India's most dynamic and globally visible institutions. Indian Institute of Science (IISc) topped among Indian Universities, while KIIT is the 5th best University in India.



This year, KIIT has been ranked 259th in the world in the 'Academic Excellence' parameter of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Times Higher Education provides rankings based on five parameters. Remarkably, KIIT University has performed best in India in 'Industry Integration', 'Internationalization of Higher Education' and 'Social Commitment (SDGs)' parameters.

According to the Times Higher Education evaluation, KIIT's performance in THE World University Rankings 2026 reflects a decade of transformation—from local excellence to global recognition. The in-

stitution has demonstrated that a socially inclusive university from Odisha can compete with the world's finest through innovation, compassion, and quality education.

Expressing happiness over this achievement, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS, said, "Every state aspires to have a university ranked among the top 500 globally. I am happy that KIIT, only 28 years since its inception and 22 years as a Deemed to be University, has been placed among the world's top premier universities in the 501 cohort. This accomplishment is a source of pride for Odisha specifically and for India as a whole."

Operation Narcos



MI News Service, Kolkata: Under "Operation Narcos", on 09.10.2025, the RPF officials of Naihati station under Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, in coordination with GRPS/Naihati, successfully apprehended four male persons and seized 77.85 kgs of Ganja valued at about Rs. 11,67,750/- from Naihati Railway Station. The arrested individuals, along with the recovered contraband were handed over to GRPS/Naihati, where a case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act against the apprehended persons.

Muriganga Bridge Project Approved, Construction to Begin Soon

MI News Service, Gangasagar: In a historic move set to transform accessibility to Sagar Island, the West Bengal government has announced that the long-awaited Muriganga Bridge will soon connect Gangasagar directly to the mainland. This project, aimed at easing travel for both residents and pilgrims attending the famed Gangasagar Fair, has finally moved forward after years of delays and tender cancellations. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, during a recent inauguration of the Gangasagar Fair, reaffirmed the government's commitment to constructing the bridge, which will span 4 kilometers across the Muriganga River, linking Kakdwip to Kachuberia. The state has allocated approximately 1,500 crore rupees for the ambitious

project, which is expected to be completed within four years. Soil testing for the bridge has already been conducted, and land for the approach road has been acquired from local residents and businesses. The project had faced setbacks in previous months as no construction company initially participated in the tender, leaving island residents disheartened. However, the government has now successfully awarded the contract to Larsen & Toubro (L&T), one of the world's leading construction firms, marking a major step forward in infrastructure development in the region. Local residents expressed elation at the development. Asim Kumar Das, a resident of Sagar Island, said, "Our dream is finally being realized."

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata : Due to track maintenance & Over Head Equipment (OHE) maintenance work in Sealdah Division following trains will be regulated as under: **Division:**

- 13148 Bamanhat – Sealdah Uttarbanga Express (journey commencing on 11.10.2025) will be diverted via Bandel- Naihati – Dum Dum Jn. instead of Dankuni – Dum Dum Jn. and will stop at Belghoria.
 - 12344 Haldibari – Sealdah Darjeeling Mail (journey commencing on 11.10.2025) will be diverted via Bandel- Naihati – Dum Dum Jn. instead of Dankuni – Dum Dum Jn.
- Short termination/ Short origination:**
- 31542 Shantipur – Sealdah local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 11.10.2025 and 31511 Sealdah – Shantipur local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 12.10.2025. Moreover, 13106 Ballia – Sealdah Express (journey commencing on 11.10.2025) & 03102 Malatipatpur – Sealdah special (journey commencing on 11.10.2025) will be controlled for 75 minutes & 90 minutes respectively enroute.

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata : In connection with DC-AC conversion work in Bandel – Shaktigarh section over Howrah Division, 07 days Traffic & Power block has been planned from 12.10.2025 to 18/19.10.2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under :-

Cancellation of trains on 12.10.2025 & 13.10.2025: From Bardhaman: 37812 From Bandel: 37781

From Howrah: 37243 **Controlling of trains on 14.10.2025:**

- 13186 Jaynagar – Sealdah Express, 37812 Bardhaman – Howrah EMU local & 37786 Bardhaman – Bandel EMU local will be controlled for 20 minutes, 65 minutes & 35 minutes respectively enroute on 14.10.2025.
- Moreover, 37783 Bandel – Bardhaman local will leave Bandel at 04:30 hrs. instead of 04:20 hrs. on 12.10.2025 & 13.10.2025.

Rajnath Singh visits Sydney's BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, lauds India's global progress



MI News Service, Sydney: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Sydney on Friday, where he was warmly welcomed by children singing devotional hymns and chants. Singh also performed aarti at the temple. Later, addressing the Indian diaspora in Sydney, Rajnath Singh said, "I arrived here the day before yesterday, and yesterday I had fruitful meetings with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia. The discussions were very productive and meaningful."

He said he was deeply touched by the community's respect for both India and Australia, noting the children's performance of the national anthems of both countries. "I was deeply moved to see the people gathered here showing respect for both the Indian and Australian national anthems, which were beautifully sung by children. This gesture reflects your large-heartedness and the spirit of mutual respect between our two nations," he said.

Highlighting India's growing global stature, the Defence Minister said that

during his meeting with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, the Australian leader praised India's rapid pace of development. "Yesterday, during my meeting with the Australian Prime Minister, he praised India's rapid pace of development and progress. Today, India holds a special place at international forums, our views are being heard and respected across the world. We have earned this recognition through our consistent growth and achievements," Singh added. Reflecting on India's transformation, Singh added that the nation has overcome past challenges and is now moving forward with confidence. "There was a time when India was considered a poor nation struggling with unemployment. But now, the country is progressing rapidly and moving forward with confidence and positivity," he said. Earlier in the day, Singh also held the India-Australia Defence Industry Round Table in Sydney, co-chaired with Australia's Assistant Minister for Defence, Peter Khalil. Both sides discussed strengthening cooperation in the defence sector and emphasised expanding collaboration between their industries and armed forces. Singh is on an official two-day visit to Sydney.

He arrived in the city on Wednesday and held a series of meetings with senior Australian officials and delegations to advance bilateral cooperation.

"Swachh Aahar" Drive Conducted At Howrah Station Under Swachhata Pakhwada & Special Campaign 5.0



MI News Service, Kolkata : As part of Swachhata Pakhwada and Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division, Eastern Railway organized the "Swachh Aahar" programme at Howrah Station on 10th October 2025 to raise awareness among passengers and railway beneficiaries about the importance of safe and hygienic food within railway premises. The event was inaugurated by Additional Chief Medical Superintendent & Designated Officer/Eastern Railway, who highlighted the significance of maintaining food safety stan-

dards in the Railways. Other officers also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the need for awareness about food adulteration and its detection methods.

As part of the initiative, inspections were conducted in pantry cars and base kitchens to assess cleanliness, utensil hygiene, and waste management practices. The drive reaffirmed Eastern Railway's commitment to ensuring the availability of clean and safe food for passengers. In line with the vision of "Swachh Rail, Swasth Bharat."

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13(2) Notice Date: 26.09.2025 / Mrs. Soma Vidyarthy and Mr. Sandeep Kumar Vidyarthy NPA Date: 25.09.2025	Mrs. Soma Vidyarthy (Borrower) Ideal Enclave, Building – 'Dark Blue', Flat No. D-11, First Floor, Rajarhat Road, Ward No. 5, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700136 Mr. Sandeep Kumar Vidyarthy (Co-Borrower) Ideal Enclave, Building – 'Dark Blue', Flat No. D-11, First Floor, Rajarhat Road, Ward No. 5, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700136	Overdraft A/c. No. 40140600000064 Limit: Rs. 10,00,000/- Rates of Interest: Applicable rate of Interest is 9.75 % (Per annum with monthly rest) Outstanding Amount: as on 26.09.2025 (inc. of int. up to 21.09.2025) Rs.10,12,879.42 Plus interest and other charges thereon w.e.f 22.09.2025	Equitable Mortgage of: (1) All that piece and parcel of a Commercial Shop No. '9' on the 2nd Floor of Block – '1' of the building standing on the premises mentioned in the First Schedule herein above measuring about 276 (Two Hundred and seventy six) Square Feet Super Built-up area be the same a little more or less together with the undivided proportionate share of land in the said Premises being known and identified as 'DVA UPHAR' within the local limits of Ward No. 4 of the Hailsahar Municipality, having Municipal Holding Nos. 12/D and 13/11/A, Mukherjee Para Road, under Police Station-Bijpur, District North 24-Parganas, along with the common parts and/or general common areas, amenities and facilities in the said building. Situated and lying at demarcated plot "Bastur" land measuring 14.94 Decimals be the same a little more or less, appertaining to R.S. Dag No. 675, L.R. Dag No. 2371 (Land area 13.95 Decimals), R.S. Dag No. 675 / 8022, L.R. Dag No. 2379 (Land area 0.01 Decimal), under L.R. Khatian No. 10932 and 9643 of Mouza – Hailsahar, J.L. No. 6, P.S. – Bijpur, Additional District Sub-Registrar Office at Naihati, within the Ambit of Hailsahar Municipality, Ward No. 4, Mukherjee Para Road, Holding No. 12/D in the District North 24 Parganas, which is - Butted and bounded By: On the North: Municipal Road; On the South: Land of Smt. Sukla Das; On the East: Land of Dag No. 675 / 8021, 675 / 8022; On the West: Others Land; (2) All that piece and parcel of a Commercial Shop No. '13' on the 2nd Floor of Block – '1' of the building standing on the premises mentioned in the First Schedule herein above measuring about 185 (One Hundred and Eighty Five) Square Feet Super Built-up Area be the same a little more or less together with the undivided proportionate share of land in the said Premises being known and identified as 'DVA UPHAR' within the local limits of Ward No. 4 of the Hailsahar Municipality, having Municipal Holding Nos. 12/D and 13/11/A, Mukherjee Para Road, under Police Station – Bijpur, District North 24-Parganas, along with the common parts and/or general common areas, amenities and facilities in the said building. Situated and lying at demarcated plot "Bastur" land measuring 14.94 Decimals be the same a little more or less, appertaining to R.S. Dag No. 675, L.R. Dag No. 2371 (Land area 13.95 Decimals), R.S. Dag No. 675 / 8022, L.R. Dag No. 2379 (Land area 0.01 Decimal), under L.R. Khatian No. 10932 and 9643 of Mouza – Hailsahar, J.L. No. 6, P.S. – Bijpur, Additional District Sub-Registrar Office at Naihati, within the Ambit of Hailsahar Municipality, Ward No. 4, Mukherjee Para Road, Holding No. 12/D in the District North 24 Parganas, which is - Butted and bounded By: On the North: Municipal Road; On the South: Land of Smt. Sukla Das; On the East: Land of Dag No. 675 / 8021, 675 / 8022; On the West: Others Land;
You have committed default in repayment of credit facility mentioned above with further interest at the agreed rate availed from our branch as mentioned in the above. The bank has issued notice under the said Act to you to repay the outstanding amount in the above mentioned table. The Demand Notices sent to borrower's address by registered post has been returned unserved. You are called upon to pay the dues together with interest within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which bank will be constrained to exercise right of Enforcement of Security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. This notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the bank including initiation of legal action.			
We invite your attention to Sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in Section 13 (13) of the said Act, is and offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act. 8.			
We further invite your attention to subsection (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.			
Date: 11.10.2025, Place: Kolkata			Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

2nd Test: Jaiswal's unbeaten 173 and Sudharsan's 87 headline India's dominant first day

NEW DELHI : Yashasvi Jaiswal continued his ascent in international cricket arena with a commanding unbeaten 173, while B Sai Sudharsan kept his critics at bay by making a fine 87 as India posted 318/2 in 90 overs at stumps on day one of the second and final Test against West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Friday.

From the time captain Shubman Gill won his first toss as India's Test skipper and chose to bat on a slow pitch on a bright day with 11,000 spectators in attendance, everything went India's way. Jaiswal and KL Rahul put on a steady 58-run stand before the former was involved in a huge 193-run partnership with Sudharsan, who hit his first Test fifty in India.

Jaiswal shifted gears post-lunch to bring up his hundred with flair in a knock where he started watchfully, feasted only on bad balls, and then got runs effortlessly. The final session saw a slowdown in scoring rate, but India remained in control. Jaiswal crossed 150 for the fifth time in his young Test career, and looks set for garnering more runs on day two, with skipper Shubman Gill also looking solid while slogsweeping his way to 20 not out.

The standout aspect of the day, though, was Jaiswal's knock being

as a masterclass in tempo control as an opening batter. He absorbed pressure early, capitalised on loose deliveries in the middle session and tightened up again when West Indies regained discipline late in the day.

West Indies, meanwhile, bowled with discipline in patches, with no extras conceded all day and had an excellent over rate. But that wasn't enough for any other bowler apart from Jomel Warrican to be amongst the wicket-takers.

The chants in the stadium were initially for 'Kohli, Kohli', referring to the veteran batting stalwart and local lad. But it quickly changed to 'Jaiswal, Jaiswal' by lunch. Those chants were made possible thanks to Jaiswal and Rahul negotiating an early swing before opening up with a flurry of boundaries.

Rahul played shots which pleased the shutterbugs in the stadium - a pristine punch and whip off Seales to pick consecutive boundaries. The barrage of boundaries became three in a row when Jaiswal whipped Justin Greaves. There was an element of sheer swagger in Jaiswal - a straight drive off Philip was as fierce as a bullet fired from a rifle.

The straight drive would again come up from Jaiswal's willow -



with its execution impeccable on an overpitched ball from Greaves. After the half-century was raised of the opening stand, Rahul had just lofted Khary Pierre for six and looked to dance down the pitch again - this time to Jomel Warrican, but was undone by a sharp turn going past his outside edge and resulting in the batter being stumped for 38.

Jaiswal continued to be a class apart - rocking back to cut Warrican for four, before lofting and sweeping Roston Chase for boundaries. Sudharsan, walking from Pierre, Sudharsan got his second Test fifty in 87 balls with a drive going through mid-off for four. Jaiswal made full use of

loose balls from Anderson Philip to get boundaries and then a flick from Pierre got him the brace to reach his century, which he celebrated by taking off his helmet, raising his bat and sending a few flying kisses to celebrate a magnificent landmark.

The measured and methodical Sudharsan had a life on 58 when Greaves induced a false shot from him, only for Warrican to spill a straightforward chance at short mid-wicket. The third session then began with a bang as Jaiswal pressed forward to crunch Roston Chase through cover for four, before Sudharsan leant well into a drive to take another boundary off him.

But Sudharsan's knock ended when he was trapped lbw by Warrican, who got the ball to spin back in sharply from over the wicket - where the batter was caught at the crease yet again. Sudharsan reviewed the decision at the flag end, but replays confirmed the dismissal, as he walked back to the pavilion 13 runs short of what could have been his first Test century.

With Gill hitting two glorious slog sweeps off Pierre, Jaiswal continued to be ominous by driving off him and then cutting fiercely off Warrican for picking up two boundaries.



Jitu Ram Bedia from Silli Archery Academy Selected for Indian Para Archery Team

PC JHA

RANCHI : In a proud moment for Jharkhand, Jitu Ram Bedia, a differently-abled archer from Birsra Munda Archery Academy, Silli, has been selected to represent India at the upcoming Asia Youth Para Archery Championship.

To celebrate this achievement, Sudesh Kumar Mahto, former Deputy Chief Minister of Jharkhand and patron of the academy, felicitated Jitu by presenting him with a world-class compound bow on behalf of the academy and extended his best wishes. The felicitation ceremony was attended by Chanchal Bhattacharya, Secretary of the Ranchi District Archery Association, and Babita Devi, Vice Chairperson of Bokaro Zila Parishad. Academy Chairperson Neha Mahto congratulated Jitu on his selection, calling it "a matter of immense pride not just for Silli, but for the entire state of Jharkhand." She added that Jitu, a resident of Jonha, Dimra (Bandhtola), is a living example of how dedication and perseverance can overcome any challenge.

Extending his greetings, Sudesh Kumar Mahto said, "Jitu's determination, hard work, and indomitable spirit are truly inspirational. His success proves that with proper guidance and opportunity, every child-regardless of circumstances-can achieve excellence." He further wished Jitu great success in the upcoming championship, saying, "May you bring glory to Jharkhand and make India proud on the global stage." Chanchal Bhattacharya highlighted the academy's role in nurturing Jitu's talent. "The Birsra Munda Archery Academy identified Jitu's potential early, placed a bow in his hands, and guided him towards success. Today's achievement is the result of consistent training, mentorship, and encouragement provided by the academy," he said.

The event concluded with heartfelt congratulations from Neha Mahto, Sudesh Mahto, and all members of the academy, who expressed joy and pride over Jitu's selection and wished him a bright and successful future.

ROHIT SHARMA HITS THE NETS IN MUMBAI AHEAD OF AUSTRALIA ODI TOUR

MUMBAI : Experienced India batter Rohit Sharma, who was recently relieved of the ODI captaincy, has started preparing for the upcoming Australia tour as he was seen batting in the nets at Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Friday. Rohit has been named in the squad for the upcoming three-match ODI series against Australia beginning October 19. The 38-year-old will feature as a specialist batter under Shubman Gill's leadership. In the lead-up to the series, the former India captain, who last featured in the Champions Trophy title win against New Zealand in March, has commenced his training to keep himself ready for the challenge Down Under.

In the video clip that is going viral on social media, Rohit can be seen facing local pacers at the city's iconic cricketing ground. The right-handed batter was seen playing a few elegant cover drives and crisp sweep shots as hundreds of fans cheered him on. His wife, Ritika Sajdeh, was also in attendance. The Indian star later took a moment to acknowledge the enthusiastic crowd at Shivaji Park. Other than Rohit, another former India captain, Virat Kohli, will don the India jersey after a gap of more than seven months. Both Rohit and Kohli have announced their retirements from the T20I and Test formats and only feature in ODIs. While both Rohit and Kohli were named in India's squad for the ODI series against Australia, uncertainty looms over their future beyond. Some believe the series could mark the final chapter for the iconic duo in international cricket. Speaking ahead of the second Test against the West Indies, the new ODI captain, Shubman Gill, reflected on the invaluable role the two stalwarts continue to play in the dressing room. Amid ongoing speculation about their participation in the 2027 ODI World Cup, Gill highlighted their unmatched experience and impact. "The experience that we both have and the matches that we've won for India. There are very few players who have won so many matches for India. There are very few players in the world who have the same skill, the same quality, and the same experience. So, in that sense, I'm very happy," Gill said in the press conference on Thursday.



BENGALURU OPEN 2025: THANGARAJA CONTINUES HOT STREAK WITH THIRD VICTORY OF THE SEASON

BENGALURU : Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja continued his hot streak by bagging his second title in four weeks and third trophy of the season following his resolute final round card of two-under 69 at the INR 1 crore Bengaluru Open 2025 played at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) course in Bengaluru.

Thangaraja (66-65-66-69) came home the champion by a two-shot margin at a total of 18-under 266 to secure his seventh professional win.

The 44-year-old from Colombo picked up the winning cheque worth INR 15 lakh that took his season's earnings to INR 82,22,088. Thanga, as a result, consolidated himself in third position in the PGTI Order of Merit as he came within INR 6.45 lakh of the merit list leader Yuvraj Sandhu.

Manu Gandas (70-63-69-66)



of Gurugram finished runner-up at 16-under 268 after he posted a 66 on the last day.

Bengaluru-based Rahil Gangjee shot the final day's best score of 64 to claim tied third place at 13-under 271 along with Saptak Talwar, who carded

a 67 on day four.

The 17-year-old rookie Manoj S. (66) of Bengaluru took fifth place at 12-under 272.

Delhi's Arjun Prasad (70) finished tied 15th at seven-under 277. Arjun continued in second place on PGTI's money

each. On the back nine, Manu Gandas began to pose a serious challenge to the leader with four birdies till the 15th.

However, Thangaraja rose to the occasion with three straight birdies from the 11th to the 13th, courtesy of a great approach and an accurate tee shot that kept him ahead of the pack. Thanga's bogey on the 14th couldn't derail his round as the seasoned campaigner closed out the tournament with pars on the last four holes.

Thangaraja, who had recorded a win and a runner-up finish on the PGTI in the past three weeks, said, "I feel my game turned around after I changed the grip on my putter ahead of the Chennai event. Since then, my putting has just taken off. I've been very consistent with my putting over the last four weeks, which in turn

produced the desired results for me. "I was focused and relaxed through the day today despite the likes of Manu making a charge and closing the gap with me on the back-nine. I didn't really feel pressure and just played like I had played in the previous three rounds.

"I'm happy that I have been getting better with every passing week. These are good signs for me in the lead up to the DP World India Championship in Delhi next week, a tournament where I'm very keen to perform well and make a mark." Noida's Kanav Chauhan (72), the only amateur to make the cut, took the trophy for the best-performing amateur. He finished tied 33rd at even-par 284. Panchkula's Brijesh Kumar made a hole-in-one on the 15th during his last round of 76. He finished 49th at 12-over 296.

PKL 12: Playoffs to be held in New Delhi, final on October 31



NEW DELHI : The Pro Kabaddi League season 12 playoffs will be held at the Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi after the conclusion of the Delhi-leg of the tournament, which commences on October 11. While the Playoffs will begin with the Play-ins on October 25, the final will be staged on October 31.

The Delhi leg comes at the end of one of the most competitive seasons of the PKL. With Dabang Delhi K.C. at the top of the points table and already confirmed in the top eight, the fight for the final seven spots will continue to be fiercely contested and thrilling for the fans.

The winners of the Play-ins,

where the 5th to 8th placed teams will fight for survival, will progress to the playoffs.

Post that, the playoffs will run from October 26 to October 29, featuring a sequence of eliminators and qualifiers, eventually culminating in the grand finale on Friday, October 31. The new format - which includes the play-ins - adds an extra edge to the season, ensuring a more challenging, more competitive path for all 12 teams to the PKL Trophy.

The revised structure ensures that more teams stay in contention for longer, raising the intensity of the league stage while offering fans an extended run of

high-stakes matches. While all teams push for qualification, the biggest advantage awaits those who finish in the top two, making the battle for table positions more intense than ever.

Anupam Goswami, business head of Mashal Sports and league chairman, PKL, said, "Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 has truly captivated audiences across the nation - 51% of the matches so far have been decided by five points or fewer, reflecting the remarkable intensity and competitiveness among teams.

"This season has showcased the highest standard, keeping fans engaged throughout. As we now move towards the grand culmination in Delhi, we're thrilled to bring the Playoffs to the capital. The new Playoff format featuring Play-ins which will add a fresh and exciting twist, ensuring the race for the trophy remains alive till the very end. With the Playoffs about to begin, we look forward to witnessing the same passion, energy, and high-quality kabaddi that has defined this season, leading up to a truly fitting finale."

Parth Singh Wins Gold in 100m at 40th National Junior Athletics Championships

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RANCHI : Jharkhand's young sprinter Parth Singh from Ranchi emerged as the fastest athlete in the country, clinching the gold medal in the Boys Under-20 100m event on the opening day of the 40th National Junior Athletics Championships being held at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, from October 10 to 14.

Representing Jharkhand, Parth clocked an impressive 10.52 seconds to secure the top position and bring glory to his state. His remarkable performance marked a strong start for the Jharkhand contingent, with several other athletes qualifying for finals and semifinals across different track and field events.

The championship is being organized jointly by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), New Delhi, and the Odisha Athletics Association.

Congratulatory messages poured in from across the sporting fraternity. Jharkhand Sports Secretary Manoj Kumar, Sports Director Shekhar Jamuar, JAA Planning Committee Chairman Dr. Madhukant Pathak, JAA President C.D. Singh, Secretary S.K. Pandey, and officials including Prabhakar Verma extended their warm wishes to Parth Singh, the team managers, and coaches for this outstanding achievement.

They lauded the athletes for showcasing the growing strength and potential of Jharkhand in national athletics.

BWF WORLD JR C'SHIPS: INDIA GO DOWN AGAINST INDONESIA IN SEMIS, BAG BRONZE MEDAL

GUWAHATI : India's challenge in the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships came to an end with a bronze medal after the hosts' spirited effort was not enough to upset defending champions Indonesia in the semifinals here on Friday.

The Indian team, which had secured a historic first medal in the mixed-team competition on Thursday with a win over former champions Korea, went down 35-45, 21-45 against pre-tournament favourites Indonesia, who will now face the winner of the other semifinals between 14-time champion China and Japan.

India made just one change to the squad that beat Korea on Wednesday by bringing in Vishakha Toppo for Aanya Bisht in the mixed doubles, while once again starting the tie with the boys' doubles category. The top Indian doubles combination of Bhargav Ram Arigela and Viswa Tej Gobburu gave them a perfect start as they beat Indonesia's Muhammad Rizki Mubarrak and Raihan Daffa Pramono 9-5 to raise hopes of an upset. Unnati Hooda wasn't at her best in the girls' singles tie against Thalita Wiryawan in the first set, but did enough to keep India's nose ahead at 18-16. It was Indonesia's world junior no 1 boys singles player Mohd Ubaidillah who turned things around for his team as he beat Rounak Chouhan 11-5 to hand his team a four-point advantage.

The mixed doubles combination of Lalramsanga and Vishakha Toppo did raise hopes of a fightback as they first drew level at 28-28 and even 9-3. But the Indonesian combination of Ikhsan Pramudya and Rinjani Nastine raised their level at the break and closed the match with 10-9 to wrest back the initiative.

Nastine then teamed up with Riska Anggraini to beat Reshika U. and Vennala K. 9-2 to wrap up the set 45-35.

With their confidence on a high, Indonesia then took control of the second set from the very first point with Mubarrak and Pramono beating the Indian boys' combination 9-2.

With Unnati Hooda going down 7-9 against Wiryawan and Rounak losing 7-9 against Ubaidillah, it was too big an ask for the doubles combinations to close the gap.

The Indian players will now prepare for the individual championship that will begin on Monday.



Shardul Thakur to lead Mumbai's charge in Ranji Trophy opener against J&K

MUMBAI : The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has appointed India all-rounder Shardul Thakur as the new captain of Mumbai for the upcoming Ranji Trophy 2025-26 season. The announcement came on Friday, with Sarfaraz Khan and Ajinkya Rahane also included in the 16-member squad for the season opener against Jammu and Kashmir.

Thakur takes over the reins from Rahane, who stepped down from the leadership role ahead of the new season.

The squad features India batter Sarfaraz Khan, who has been out of the national Test setup for some time, along with all-rounder Shivam Dube, a regular in India's T20I side.

Musheer Khan, who missed most of the 2024-25 domestic season following a car accident,

returns to the team, while promising opener Ayush Mhatre - who has represented India's U-19 team on recent tours to England and Australia - also earns a place. However, the squad will be without Shreyas Iyer, who has opted out of red-ball cricket temporarily due to a back issue, and Prithvi Shaw, who has shifted to Maharashtra after losing his place last season.

Another notable absentee is Suryakumar Yadav, who played

Mumbai squad: Shardul Thakur (c), Ayush Mhatre, Akash Anand (wk), Hardik Tamore (wk), Siddhesh Lad, Ajinkya Rahane, Sarfaraz Khan, Shivam Dube, Shams Mulani, Tanush Kotian, Tushar Deshpande, Sylvester D'Souza, Irfan Umar, Musheer Khan, Akhil Herwadkar, Royston Dias.