Shashi Panja Condemns Durgapur Med Student Gang-Rape

West Bengal Minister for Women and Child Development Shashi Panja on Saturday described the alleged gang-rape of a student at a private medical college in Durgapur as a very unfortunate incident, adding that the BJP was politicising the matter. She said the police have received a complaint and the case is being thoroughly investigated. The victim's parents, who arrived from Odisha, expressed faith in the ongoing Investigation. Panja added that the girl has been admitted to the hospital, is being looked after, and is receiving medical counselling. She also emphasised the importance of the girl's deposition in the investigation. Panja said crimes against women should not be politicised, but regrettably, the BJP was doing so. "The BJP always views such incidents through its political lens, which is very unfortunate," she said. PG 3



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PM launches Rs 35,440-cr farm schemes, inaugurates projects worth Rs 5,450 cr

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched two major schemes for the agriculture sector with a combined outlay of Rs 35,440 crore, including a pulses mission aimed at reducing import dependency. The event coincided with the birth anniversary of socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan.

He also inaugurated projects valued at over Rs 5,450 crore in the agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around Rs 815 crore. The 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses', with an outlay of Rs 11,440 crore, aims at increasing pulses production from the current 252.38 lakh tonne to 350 lakh tonne by the 2030-31 crop year and reducing the country's import dependency. The Rs 24,000-crore 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' aims to transform 100 low-performing agri-districts. The scheme will focus on enhancing productivity, promoting crop diversification, improving irrigation and storage, and ensuring credit access in the select 100 districts. The two schemes, already approved by the Cabinet, will be implemented from the upcoming rabi (winter) season till 2030-31. Among the projects inaugurated



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with farmers at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.

are artificial insemination training centres in Bengaluru and Jammu and Kashmir, centres of excellence at Amreli and Banas, an IVF lab in

Mission, milk powder plants at Mehsana, Indore, and Bhilwara, and a fish feed plant under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada

During the programme, PM Modi distributed certificates to farmers certified under the National Mission for Natural Farming, MAITRI technicians, and Primary

cieties (PACS) converted to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) and Common Service Centres (CSCs). The event marked important milestones achieved under government initiatives, including 50 lakh farmer memberships in 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), of which 1,100 FPOs recorded an annual turnover of over Rs 1 crore in 2024-25. Other achievements include the certification of 50,000 farmers under the National Mission for Natural Farming, certification of 38,000 MAITRIs (Multi-Purpose AI Technicians in Rural India), sanction and operationalisation of over 10,000 multipurpose and e-PACS for computerisation, and the formation and strengthening of PACS, dairy, and fishery cooperative soci-

PM Modi also interacted with farmers engaged in pulses cultivation who have benefitted from various government schemes aimed at establishing a value chain-based approach in agriculture, animal husbandry, and fisheries. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, and Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagirath Choudhary were present at the event.



Mamata wishes Amitabh Bachchan on his birthday

MI NewsService, Kolkata :West Bengal Chief minister Ma mata Banerjee extended heartfelt birthday wishes to Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan on his 83rd birthday on Saturday. Shedding light on their close bond and showering him with pure love, Manata Banerjee penned a beautiful birthday post for Amitabh Bachchan. She wrote in her X handle, "Wishing the legendary Amitabh Bachchan Ji a very happy birthday! May you be blessed with continued good health, happiness, and many more inspirational years for us all"

'I cherish the affectionate relationship I share with Amitabh ji since 1984 when we both became first-time Members of the Indian Parliament. It is our honour that he and Jaya Ji have enriched us many times by their graceful presence in the Kolkata International Film Festival They are members of our Festival Parivar. Many Happy Returns of the Day, Amitabh ji," she concluded.Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has turned a year older and wiser today. As the actor is celebrating his 83rd birthday, greetings and wishes are pouring in from all around. Fans have gathered outside Jalsa to catch a glimpse of their beloved star and extend their wishes Amid all this, West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, has also taken to her social media handle to pen a beautiful birthday post for Amitabh Bachchan.

Police detains man with gun near Mamata's residence

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid the heightened security in the special security zone, a man with a "gun" had sneaked close to West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Baneriee's Kalighat residence in South Kolkata on Thursday. Later, it was found that the gun he was carrying was an air gun Police said the 51-year-old man, who had a bag in one hand and a cigarette in another, is a teacher of a reputed English medium school in the city. He had gone to Kalighat supposedly to meet the Chief minister, although without an appointment to seek her intervention in a personal issue. Identifed as one "Debanjan Chatterjee, a resident of Block-CA 79 Salt Lake, the intruder was intercepted near the Chief minister residence by the police, and following a search one air gun was found in his bag. Immediately, he was taken to Kalighat police station. During the interrogation by senior police officials he disclosed that he was attached with Serampore Rifle Club and that he was a schoolteacher," said joint commissioner (crime). Kolkata Police, Rupesh Kumar. Later, police verified his statements and found them to be true. Chatterjee who was later released from the police station in the evening, said he had come in a car and alighted a few hundred metres away from the Chief minster's residence Harish Chatterjee Street, near Kalighat temple. From there he walked straight to the high security zone when the cops spotted him and intercepted him on suspicion. Chatterjee reportedly told the police that his father — a state government em-had recently

passed away. He said he

wanted to meet the Chief

minister to request the

early release of his father's

posthumous pension benefits. In 2023 too, another

man carrying arms and

multiple identity cards was

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Mamata Banerjee condoles death of Army jawans from Bengal, in J-K

Banerjee expressed deep grief on Saturday over the death of two para

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata stated "Salute to our Lance Naik" Sujoy Ghosh from Birbhum and Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh from

Salute to our Lance Naik Sujoy Ghosh from Birbhum and Lance Havildar Palash Ghosh from Murshidabad for their exemplary valour, dedication, and supreme sacrifice to defend our country. --CM Mamata Baneriee

Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district. She also extended condolences to the families of the deceased

"Saddened by the martyrdom of two brave para commandos from our West Bengal, who succumbed while braving extreme weather during an anti-terror mission in Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir,"

commandos hailing from the state Murshidabad for their exemplary valour, dedication, and supreme sacrifice to defend our country. My heartfelt condolences to their families and friends. Our Government will extend all possible support in this hour of grief". Expressing her condolences Mamata Banerjee also praised the bravery of the soldiers who risk their lives to fight terrorism. In a similar message the Chief minister also condoled the martyr-



"Deeply shocked to learn that our Siddhant Chetri, a 25 year young jawan from Bijanbari, Darjeeling, is among the five valiant soldiers of the Indian Army who lost their lives during an encounter with the terrorists in a special operation at Rajouri in J-K yesterday. Our patriotic jawans laid down their lives to neutralise the terrorists and their supreme sacrifice will never be forgotten," Mamata Banerjee tweeted, adding "I offer my sincere condolences to the bereaved families of Siddhant Chetri and the other patriots who have lost their lives yesterday".

Meanwhile, the news of the martyrdom of Rifleman Siddhant Čhhetri, a resident of Kijom Basti in Darjeeling Pulbazar block, has left his family and villagers in grief. Siddhant, who was just 25 years old and got married barely two months ago, was a member of the 9 Para made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting terrorists in a special operation in Rajouri. His family and villagers are mourning the loss of a young man who was loved by all. Siddhant Chhetri had promised his wife that he would return home soon. His death has left his newlywed

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Taliban Minister's news conference sparks row over women journalists' exclusion, MEA says 'not involved'



Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi speaks during a press conference in New Delhi.

MI News Service, New Delhi : A diplomatic visit by Afghanistan acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi to India has sparked a political and gender rights controversy, after women iournalists were allegedly barred from attending a press conference addressed by him in New Delhi.

leader Mahua TMC Moitra,MP, took to X on Saturday to express her shock, questioning how EAM Jaishankar allowed this kind of discrimination to fester on Indian soil. "How dare our government allow Taliban foreign minister Amir Muttagi to exclude women journalists and hold a 'male-only' news conference

tocol? How dare EAM Jaishankar agree to this? and why did our emasculated spineless male journos remain in the room?" she wrote on X. Former union minister

and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram also expressed his dismay, calling the exclusion of female media personnel "shocking" and suggesting that male journalists should walk out in solidarity. "I am shocked that women journalists were excluded from the press conference addressed by Amir Khan Muttagi of Afghanistan. In my personal view, the male journalists should have walked out

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PM's silence exposes emptiness of his Nari Shakti slogans', says Rahul Gandhi on women scribes' absence in Afghan FM's presser MI News Service, New Delhi ing wide-ranging talks with

Congress leader Rahul on Saturday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the absence of female journalists from Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's press conference here, saying by allowing "exclusion" of women scribes from a public forum, the Prime minister is telling every woman in India that he is "too weak to stand up for The Opposition them". leader in the Lok Sabha also said Prime minister Modi's silence in the face of such discrimination exposes the "emptiness" of his slogans on Nari Shakti. In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi said, "Mr. Modi, when you allow the exclusion of women journalists from a public forum, you are telling every woman in India that you are too weak to stand up for them."

"In our country, women have the right to equal participation in every space. Your silence in the face of such discrimination exposes the emptiness of your slogans on Nari Shakti," the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha said. The press conference addressed by Mut-



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--Rahul Gandhi

participation restricted to a handful of reporters, while women journalists were conspicuous by their absence. Muttaqi held the interaction at the Afghan embassy in New Delhi, hours after hold-

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. It is learnt that the decision on inviting journalists to the media interaction was taken by Taliban officials accompanying the foreign minister. People familiar with the matter said the Indian side suggested to the Afghan side that women journalists should be part of the invitees for the event. The Taliban regime in Kabul has faced severe criticism from various countries as well as global bodies like the United Nations for restricting the rights of women in Afghanistan. the Ministry of External Affairs said that the government had no involvement in Friday's press interaction of Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, in Delhi. MEA had no involvement in the press interaction held yesterday by Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, in Delhi," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement today.. The Taliban's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttagi, is on a week-long visit to India, from October 9 to October 16. This is the first high-level

Jaishankar meets US ambassador-designate Sergio Gor



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meets U.S. ambassador-designate Sergio Gor in New Delhi on Saturday

MI News Service, New Delhi US embassy. Foreign secre-Jaishankar on Saturday held talks with US ambassadordesignate Sergio Gor amid continuing strains in the relations over Washington's imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Indian exports. Gor, accompanied by Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources Michael J Rigas, is on a six-day visit to New Delhi, days after the Senate confirmed his appointment as the next US envoy to India. "Pleased to meet Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor of the US today in New Delhi. Discussed the India-US relationship and its global significance," Jaishankar said on social media

The week-long visit till October 14 of Gor comes at a time when India and the US are working to strengthen strategic and trade ties, with both sides exploring ways to finalise a trade deal and boost cooperation in technology and defence sectors. Gor, is, however, set to formally present his credentials at a later date, according to the

tary Vikram Misri also met Gor earlier on Saturday.In a post on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal shared, "Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri met US Ambassadordesignate to India @Sergio-Gor earlier today. They had a productive exchange on the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and its shared priorities. FS wished Amb-designate Gor all success for his assignment." Earlier, Jaishankar had met Gor on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in New York on September 24, where both leaders discussed deepening the India-US strategic partnership.

Following the meeting, the US State Department shared on X, "US Special Envoy for South and Central Asia and Ambassador Nominee to India Sergio Gor met with India's External Affairs Minister Jaishankar on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly. They

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Campus horror returns: Durgapur Medical student allegedly gang raped

Durgapur: West Bengal's health and education administration has been jolted once again by a chilling case of sexual violence at a private medical college in Durgapur. A 23-year-old second-year medical student from Jaleswar, Odisha, was allegedly gang-raped after being abducted outside her college campus on Friday night, sending shockwaves across the state.

According to police and sources, the victim had stepped out around nidentified men intercepted them. The male student fled, while the woman was dragged to a nearby forested area, where she was reportedly assaulted. The perpetrators also allegedly snatched her mobile phone before fleeing the scene. Despite several days passing since the incident, no arrests have been made, prompting outrage among political parties, student groups, and civil society organizations.

and other students demanding immediate justice and enhanced security measures. In response, the West Bengal Health Department took suo moto cognizance of the case. Director of Medical Education Indrajit Saha has sent a notice to the college, seeking a detailed report on campus security measures and the incident by Sunday. The Health Secretary, Narayan Swaroop Nigam, emphasized that the department is reviewing safety protocols and will ensure corrective action. The National Commission for Women (NCW) has also intervened, with member Archana Majumdar expressing deep indignation, drawing parallels to the RG Kar Medical College case, and stating, "Such crimes continue unabated because offenders are not punished swiftly. Justice delayed is justice denied." Political backlash has been swift. BJP and CPM leaders have criticized the state government for failing to ensure Left-affiliated student groups the safety of students, partic-

al institutions. The incident has again exposed glaring lapses in campus security, even after prior assurances following earlier cases of sexual assault in state medical colleges. Police confirmed that they are actively investigating the allegations and have interrogated several suspects, including the male student who fled the scene, and are pursuing all leads to apprehend the perpetrators. Meanwhile, the victim remains admitted to the same private medical college and hospital where she studies. The Durgapur case underscores a pressing need for systemic reforms and stringent safety measures in educational institutions, highlighting the gap between policy assurances and ground realities. As the investigation continues, the health and education authorities face mounting pressure to restore faith in institutional security and ensure justice

Odisha CM condemns incident, urges action; **RG Kar victim's father slams administration**



MI News Service, Durgapur: A second-year student of a private medical college in Durgapur, West Bengal, was allegedly gangraped, police sources reported.

The victim, hailing from Jaleswar, Odisha, is undergoing medical examination, and an investigation is underway.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi strongly condemned the incident, terming it "highly condemnable and painful.

In a post on X, Majhi urged West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to ensure exemplary action against the accused as per the

"The unfortunate incident of gang rape involving an Odia student in Durgapur, West Bengal, is highly condemnable and painful. I am deeply shocked upon hearing this news. I strongly urge the West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to take exemplary action against the accused as per the law... I have instructed senior officials to contact the West Bengal government and take necessary steps. All possi-ble assistance will be provided to the victim's family on behalf of the Odisha government," he

Meanwhile, in North 24 Parganas, the father of the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder victim expressed outrage over the Durgapur incident, criticising the West Bengal administration for failing to ensure the safety

He also questioned the NCRB data, which labelled West Bengal's Kolkata as the safest

"They are doctors, first-class citizens of society, and they (government) cannot ensure their safety... This administration still raises all questions against the victim. Those who lack the ability to protect them should take the responsibility and resign from their posts. But, these people are greedy... This administration is not doing its job properly, that's why all these incidents are happening day in and day out... Despite all that's happening, a national report (NCRB) has come out calling West Bengal the safest. It has been ranked number one, calling it the safest state. We will challenge those who prepare these reports. How do they make these reports?... How does West Bengal come at number one in this report...?" he said.

Massive restoration, relief operations undertaken in flood and landslide-affected North Bengal districts

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In continuation of the massive restoration and reliei operations undertaken over the last few days in the flood and landslide-affected districts of North Bengal, notable progress has been achieved in bringing normalcy back to the affected areas.

All district administrations, in close coordination with various departments, have been working tirelessly to ensure uninterrupted assistance to those in need. Distribution camps, gruel kitchens, and temporary shelters continue to operate round the clock, providing essential supplies, food, and safe shelter to affected families. In addition, special outreach camps are being organised to assist residents who have lost important personal documents in the floods, ensuring prompt re-issuance through the con-



cerned authorities. Special emphasis has been laid on reaching remote and inaccessible areas, such as Tabakoshi in the Sukhiapokhri Block amongst others, with outreach acgaining significant momentum through coordinated efforts involving civil administration and disaster response teams.

The process of clearing debris and rubble from affect- itate appropriate relief and ed sites is being undertaken compensation measures.

on a priority basis, while disinfection of water bodies, ponds, and fishery areas has commenced to prevent any outbreak of waterborne diseases and to restore normal livelihood activities at the earliest. Simultaneously, the assessment of damage to infrastructure, including dwelling houses and crops, is being carried out by the district administration to facil-

Adda Celebrates Rotary Classic Golf Tournament's Role in Empowering HPV Vaccination Drive

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an inspiring confluence of ideas and social commitment, The Adda was conceptualised to acknowledge and appreciate the commendable efforts of The Royal Calcutta Golf Club (RCGČ) and The Tollygunge Club in hosting the Rotary Classic Golf Tournament. The event has not only celebrated sporting excellence but also played a crucial role in generating substantial funds to support the HPV Vaccination Drive for underprivileged girls - a vital initiative aimed at protecting them against Cervical Cancer, one of the most distressing ailments afflicting women and their families across the nation.

The Adda witnessed the presence of several eminent personalities of the city, including Mr. Pradip Sureka, renowned builder; Mr. Subir Basu, architect; Mr. Indrajit Bhalotia, Captain, RCGC; Ms. Saloni Priya, Consultant for Emotional Health; and Mr. Nirmal Agarw-



al, noted educationist.

The gathering turned into a lively exchange of ideas, reflecting on how such prestigious institutions can continue to contribute meaningfully to social causes. The discussions highlighted the multifaceted benefits emerging from these clubs — blending sports, social responsibility, and community

engagement. The Adda further aimed to ignite new ideas for the

design and creation of more community-oriented fostering networks that not only celebrate leisure and sport but also channel their influence toward the greater good of society.

As the participants reflected, initiatives like this showcase how passion, purpose, and partnership can come together to make a tangible difference — one swing, one conversation, and one good cause at a time.

Husband Arrested for Brutal Panihati **Murder**, Son Rescued

Panihati: Three months after a gruesome murder that shocked the quiet lanes of Panihati's Azad Hind Nagar, police have finally arrested Shrikant Nath, accused of brutally killing his wife Priyanka Nath inside their home before fleeing with their young son. The arrest was made from Noida, Uttar Pradesh, where the accused had been hiding and working in a hotel under a false identity. According to investiga-

tors, the murder took place

on July 6, when Shrikant

allegedly attacked his wife with a sharp weapon in a fit of rage. Following the crime, he absconded with the couple's child, leaving the family of the victim in anguish and demanding justice. The Ghola Police Station had initiated a manhunt soon after a complaint was lodged, tracking the accused across states before tracing him to Noida. The missing child was safely rescued during the operation. During interrogation, Shrikant reportedly confessed that suspicions of an extramarital affair between Priyanka and another guardian at their child's school in Khardah had led to repeated domestic disputes. Despite several warnings, police sources said, Shrikant's suspolice picions turned to fury — culminating in the fatal assault that claimed Priyanka's life. The accused is being brought back to West Bengal and will be produced before the Barrackpore Court, where investigators are likely to seek 10 days of police custody for further interrogation. Meanwhile, the victim's family has demanded exemplary punishment for the accused, calling for swift justice. "He destroyed an entire family in one night. My sister deserves justice," said a grieving relative. The Panihati murder case, marked by betrayal, rage, and a long pursuit across states, has once again raised questions about the growing frequency of domestic crimes hidden behind ordinary lives. Police say the investigation is ongoing, and all aspects of the case – including the alleged extramarital link — are being thoroughly verified.

Cyber shock: Pakistani flag on district website

News Alipurduar: In a major cyber security breach that has triggered alarm across administraive circles, the official website of the Alipurduar Zilla Parishad was allegedly hacked on Friday, with the Pakistani national flag and inflammatory anti-India messages appearing on the homepage. The shocking incident comes close on the heels of similar cyberattacks, including the recent defacement of the Alipurduar University website, and a high-profile hack on the Army Nursing College in Jammu and Kashmir, carried out by a Pakistani hacker group identified as 'Team Insane PK'. According to reports, when us-

ers accessed the Alipurduar Zilla Parishad website on Friday, the Pakistani flag was prominently displayed along with provocative text that read, "The dream of building a Digital India will remain elusive." The defacement appeared to be a direct cyber provocation aimed at undermining India's digital infrastructure. District Council President Snigdha Shaib confirmed the breach, stating, "Yes, the website has been hacked. We have reported the matter to the concerned authorities and to the cyber crime department. The technical team has assured us that the site will be restored by Saturday morning. There is nothing serious; all data is safe." Meanwhile, Superintendent of Police Y. Raghuvanshi acknowledged awareness of the situation, saying, "We are looking into it." Cyber experts have been roped in to trace the source of the attack and assess the extent of the breach. The attack has reignited concerns about the vulnerability of government digital platforms in smaller districts, where cybersecurity frameworks remain underdeveloped. Administrative officials expressed shock over the recurring nature of such incidents in recent months, warning that these repeated intrusions could pose a serious national security concern if left unaddressed. The hacking of the Alipurduar Zilla Parishad website has once again underscored the fragility of local e-governance systems — and raised pressing questions about how prepared India truly is to safeguard its digital

borders in an increasingly hostile

cyber environment.

Raina leader's violent remark ignites political tension

Burdwan: Political tensions have escalated in East Burdwan after Trinamool Congress leader and Raina Block 1 president Bamdev Mandal made inflammatory remarks targeting BJP leaders. Speaking at a Vijaya Sammelan in Shyamsunder Bazar, Raina, Mandal threatened to "tie up and beat" BJP members if "spread communal poison" in the region. "If anyone tries to insult a community in the name of religion, I will tie them up and

police arrive," he declared, reiterating previous controversial statements

Bamdev Mandal accused the BJP of trying to divide society along communal lines for political gain, asserting such efforts would not succeed in Raina. His comments have drawn severe backlash, reigniting debates on Bengal's increasingly violent political rhetoric, especially ahead of local elections. BJP leader Mrityunjay Chandra mocked Bamdev Mandal's rally turnout, claiming it was filled with women from

uine supporters. This verbal spat comes amid rising tensions over the 'pushback' issue—allegations of harassment faced by Bengali-speaking workers outside Bengal-further inflaming communal sensitivities. Observers suggest Bamdev Mandal's remarks are a calculated move to consolidate Trinamool's rural base by invoking identity politics and emotional appeal. However, the use of such violent language has alarmed administrative circles, prompting calls for scrutiny from the Election

self-help groups rather than gen- Commission and law enforcement tory of provocative statements including threats to break BJP workers' limbs-has made him a repeat offender in political incitement. His latest speech highlights a disturbing shift in Bengal's political discourse, where intimidation is replacing dialogue and threats overshadow democratic norms. As controversy grows, the remarks serve as a stark reminder of the urgent need to restore civility and accountability in the state's political arena.

Body of young

man found in

mango orchard

MI News Service, Malda:

The quite Majhi Para area of

Samsi College under Chanchi

police jurisdiction was throw

into shock on Friday after

the body of Premchand Ma-

jhi (39) was recovered from

a mongo orchard adjacent to

his home. The circumstances

surrounding his death have

sparks widespread fear and

suspicious of murder among

According of family mem-

bers, Prechand went miss-

ing after 9:30 pm on Friday.

Despite extensive searches,

no trace was found until the

body was discovered later

that night in the nearby or-

chard. Injury marks on his

neck and residents to be-

lieve that the death was not

accidental. Local neighbors

describe Premchand as a

'good boy" with a clam tem-

perature, expressing dis-

belief over the incident. A

resident said "Just by look-

ing at the body, it seems he

was murdered. He was well-

linked and never involved in

disputes. It is unthinkable

that someone like him would

have enemies. Whoever did

this must be punished." The

discovery immediately drew

a large crowd from sur-

rounding areas. Chanchal

local residents.

Conman swindles jeweller with bronze bangle masquerading as gold

of deception, a jeweller in Shantipur, Nadia district, fell victim to an ingenious con after a trickster duped him with a bronze bangle disguised as gold. The fraudster made off with two gold necklaces worth around Rs. 80 thousand from a shop at Bhadra Kalitala, Baigachi Para, under Shantipur police station in Nadia on Friday.

The shop owner, Krishna Gopal Karmakar, recounted that the incident took place around 11 am. on Friday when an unknown man entered his jewellery store. The man initially inquired about a pair of gold earrings priced around Rs. 40 thousand. When told that such an item wasn't available, he

expressed interest in viewing other ornaments and soon selected two gold necklaces. During their conversa-

tion, the man casually mentioned that he ran a grocery shop nearby. Displaying a heavy-looking bangle, claimed it was made of gold and requested the jeweller to keep it temporarily while he took the two necklaces home to show his family before making a final selection.

Trusting the man's claim, and believing the bangle to be genuine, Krishna Gopal handed over the necklaces without verifying the bangle using a touchstone or chemical test. At that moment, another customer had entered the store, leaving him distracted.

Hours passed, but the man

never returned. When Krishna Gopal went to check the so-called grocery shop, he found no such establishment existed. It was only then that he realised he had been conned. Later examination revealed the "gold" bangle was actually bronze, polished to resemble gold.

CCTV footage from the store captured the accused's image, which the jeweller shared with local traders and the police. Following a written complaint, Shantipur police have launched an investigation into the incident, police said.

Local jewellery associations have also been alerted, urging members to stay cautious against such innovative fraud tactics that exploit

BSF Foils Gold Smuggling Attempt Along India-Bangladesh Border in Nadia; 2.3 kg Gold Seized

Krishnanagar: The Border Security Force (BSF) foiled an attempt to smuggle gold from Bangladesh into India and seized 20 gold biscuits weighing around 2.3 kg. along the international border in Nadia's Bhimpur on Saturday. One Indian national has been arrested in connection with the case, the BSF said in a statement.

According to officials, the incident occurred near Maluapara village under Bhimpur police station limits, when Bangladeshi smugglers allegedly handed over gold bars to their Indian counterparts through the border fence. Acting on spe-



of the BSF's 32nd Battalion intercepted the operation and apprehended one of the accused. The Bangladeshi smugglers managed to es-

The seized gold, valued at over Rs.1 crore, has been handed over to the Customs Department for further investigation. Preliminary findings suggest that the consignment was a part of investigating the case.

a larger cross-border smuggling network operating along the India–Bangladesh

A senior BSF officer said the force had intensified surveillance in sensitive stretches of the border following recent intelligence inputs about increased gold trafficking. "Our troops act-ed promptly and preventeed a major smuggling attempt. Efforts are on to identify other members of the network, the officer added.

The incident has drawn attention to the growing trend of gold smuggling amid rising bullion prices. The BSF and Customs are jointly

police, led by the IC, rushed to the scene to secure the site and begin the investigation. **Rabindra Nath Tagore Heart**

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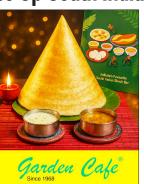


News Kolkata: Kolkata's Rabinaranath Tagore Heart Insti tute has achieved a milestone in cardiac care by implanting two dual-chamber leadless pacemakers using the AVEIR technology on October 8. Dr. Debdatta Bhattacharyya and his team performed the procedures, making the institute the first in Eastern India to utilize this advanced system. Unlike traditional pacemakers, the AVEIR system is wireless and minimally invasive, reducing discomfort and infection risk, with a lifespan of 18-20 years. The dual-chamber models synchronize heart chambers for tailored therapy. International collaboration with Dr. Cyrus Adel Hadadi, an

Garden Café Serves Up South Indian Feast This Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the city decks up in lights and celebration for Durga Puja, Garden café- one for Kolkata's oldest vegetarian culinary landmarks- invites food lovers to take a delectable detour from the conventional festive spread. Established in 1968 and revitalized under the stewardship of Sandip Nowlakha in 1981, the café stands as a testament to tradition remained with innovation and warmth.

Nestled in the heart of Alipore, Garden Café offers a menu that celebrates authentic South Indian cuisine with a refined continental touch. From the ever-popular Crispy Masala Dose, steamed idili, and gold-en-fired Vada served with aromatic sambar and housemade chutneys, to creative twists such as Cheese Mushroom Garlic Dosa, Rava Masala Dosa, and the fiery Podi Dosa, the café continues to uphold its legacy of culinary experimentation. Pa-



trons can also relish unique dishes like Finger-Fried Idli, Thatte Idli, and Dahi Idli Fries, balancing nostalgia with novelty. A pioneer in Kolkata's vegetarian dining culture, Garden Café has been serving 108 varieties of dosa since 1982, and is credited with introducing pizza to the city-crafted from a treasured 1968 family recipe that continues to be a favorite across generations. The experience is incomplete without the café's signature South Indian filter

coffee, brewed strong and aromatic, embodying the soul of southern hospitality. What distinguishes Garden Café is its five-decade-long commitment to Quality, Service, Cleanliness, Hospitality, and Affordability. It remains a welcoming space for all, blending old-world simplicity with modern sensibilities. With five flourishing outlets across Jaipur and Kolkata, the brand remains deeply rooted in community and culture. The café's open kitchen, rotating art exhibitions, and tranquil, minimalist interiors make it an inviting retreat for family gatherings or quiet solo indulgence. Ample parking and thoughtful service further enhance the dining experience. This Puja, Garden Café invites Kolkata's to celebrate the spirit of festivity through timeless flavours, soulful food, and a taste of South Indian warmth — all served with the legacy and heart of a true Kolkata clas-

expert in leadless technology, emphasized the system's potential for precision and improved quality of life.

Scholarships Offered by Joygram Social Welfare Society, Amanat Foundation, and Taj & Zakir Syed Family Charitable Foundation

Scholarships Sunderban: for higher education are provided to poor and talented students by Sundarban's voluntary organization "Joygram Social Welfare Society' and "Amanat Foundation" and Taj and Zakir Syed Family Charitable Foundation.

Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 11:30 am, under the management of Joygram Social Welfare Society and Amanat Foundation and in collaboration with Taj and Zakir Syed Family Charitable Foundation, scholarship checks for higher education were handed over to poor and talented Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students of West Bengal and Bihar at Jibananda Šabhaghar, West Bangla Academy Auditorium, Kolkata.Taj & Zakir Syed Family Charitable Foundation Chairman Syed Taj Uddin, Amanat Foundation Chairman Mohammad

Shah Alam, Joygram Social



Welfare Society Secretary Dr. Pear Ali Gaine and President Kalyan Saha jointly attended the event.

Taj & Zakir Syed Fam-Charitable Foundation Chairman Syed Taj Uddin was present as the chief guest. While delivering his speech, he quoted a verse from the Quran and said, Those who know and those who do not know can never be one." He also said, "Today's generation should not

just think about finding a job, but should develop itself as a job creator."

From this meeting hall, a total of 28 students, including 5 from Bihar and 23 from West Bengal, were handed over checks. On Saturday, October 4, Syed Taj Uddin, Chairman of the Taj & Zakir Syed Family Charitable Foundation, and Mohammad Arif Nasrullah, Representative of the Amanat Foundation, jointly handed over checks to a total of 17 students, including 9 from Karnataka and 8 from Tamil Nadu. Also present at the Kolkata event were Ariful Islam Mandal, Founder Member of the Joygram Social Welfare Society, Jalal Uddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Amanat Foundation, and Khalid Faizullah, Software Engineer. Khaled Faizullah showed the students a new path in building a career. Muhammad Shah Alam said to the students, "This kind of financial assistance is not just help, it is a great step to encourage the future generation." Jaygram Social Welfare Society Secretary Peer Ali Gain said that this organization has always been working for the overall welfare of people. President Kalyan Saha prayed to God that the students who received scholarships today can become people who provide scholarships to poor and talented students in the Kolkata, Sunday 12 October, 2025

Axis Bank and Antara Inaugurate Foundation of Mental Health Institute

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards strengthening healthcare in Eastern India, Axis Bank, in partnership with Antara, laid the foundation stone of the Axis Bank Antara Institute of Health Sciences (AIHS) at Antaragram, Kolkata. The event coincided with World Mental Health Day 2025, highlighting the shared commitment to improving awareness, education, and access to quality mental health services across the country. The ceremony was attended by senior dignitaries, including Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & Samp; CEO of Axis Bank; Reynold D'-Souza, President & Samp; Head - Branch Banking (North & Samp; East) & Samp; TASC Business, Axis Bank; Dr. Matthew P. John, Hon. General Secretary, Antara; and Kamal Prakash, President, Antara, along with other senior representatives. The AIHS is designed to become a premier center for students and professionals aspiring to excel in mental health education and practice. Equipped with modern infrastructure, comprehensive academic programs, and advanced training resources, the Institute aims to address India's shortage of skilled mental health professionals while promoting holistic care and research.

Payal Dance Troupe Presents "SRIJANI"

MI News Service, Kolkata: Payal Dance Troupe presented its annual creative dance evening "SRIJANI" at Bally Rabindra Bhawan under the artistic direction of Mousumi Bhandari. Over a hundred dancers captivated the audience with a stunning fusion of classical, modern, and thematic performances. The programme opened with "Pranavalaya", a devotional piece, followed by vibrant acts like "Kanur Priti" "Nat Khat Banshiwale" "Swadhinota", and "Iswar O Manobi". Children from "Prayas", Bhandari's social initiative, also performed. The spectacular evening celebrated India's artistic spirit and cultural harmony.

Jaishankar meets US ambassador-designate Sergio Gor

From PG 1 look forward to further promoting the success of the US-India relationship." Speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Gor said, "India is a strategic partner whose trajectory will shape the region and beyond. India's geographic position, economic growth, and military capabilities make it a cornerstone of regional stability and a critical part of promoting prosperity and advancing the security interests that our nations share. Gor's appointment underscores Washington's commitment to strengthening ties with New Delhi amid the steep tariffs imposed on India by Donald Trump's administration. In August, Trump nominated Sergio Gor as India's next ambassador and Special Envoy for South and Central

PM's silence exposes emptiness of his Nari Shakti slogans', says Rahul Gandhi on women scribes' absence in Afghan FM's presser

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delegation from Kabul to India since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021. On the first day of his visit, Muttaqi held a bilateral meeting with EAM S Jaishankar and discussed efforts to cooperative strengthen ties between the two nations. India also announced several new projects for Afghanistan as part of its ongoing healthcare co-



State Minister Aroop Biswas during the Vijaya Sammilani of the Sonarpur North Legislative Assembly on Saturday. The event was initiated by local MLA Ferdousi Begum and Rajpur-Sonarpur Municipality Chairman-in-Council Nazrul Ali Mandal

Doctors' Forums Condemn Durgapur Med Student Rape, Seek SC Intervention

MI News Service, Kolkata: Multiple doctors' forums, including the West Bengal Doctors Forum (WBDF), on Saturday condemned the alleged gangrape of a second-year medical student from Odisha outside a private medical college and hospital in Durgapur on Friday night. They sought the intervention of Supreme Court Chief Justice B. R. Gavai regarding the apex courtmandated directive for the formation of a National Task Force to ensure security in medical colleges. The forum demanded a judicial probe into the alleged rape case in Durgapur.

Students at the Durgapur medical college began an indefinite silent sit-in and gheraoed the principal to protest the incident. The BJP and CPI(M) also staged demonstrations outside the campus, demanding the immediate arrest of the culprits. The BJP additionally held a protest at the concerned police station, pressing for action against those involved. Durgapur-Asansol Township Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Gupta said police had detained and interrogated several suspects. A medical student who accompanied the victim outside the campus was also questioned. The crime occurred when the victim, a second-vear student from Jaleswar in Odisha, stepped out of the campus around 8 PM on Friday along with a male student. She was abducted by a group of three men outside the campus and allegedly raped by one of them in a nearby isolated bush under the jurisdiction of the Durgapur-Asansol Township police station. West Bengal Junior Doctors condemned the

parallels with the 2024 rape and murder of a trainee doctor at R. G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. AniketMahato of the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Forum said, "Justice was not done in the R. G. Kar case, and now another incident has occurred." The incident has sparked renewed protests within the medical community, with calls for enhanced security on campuses. Some doctors' groups are demanding a more transparent and speedy investigation, citing slow progress in past cases. The father of the victim and other doctors' organizations criticized the lack of security, particularly in unguarded areas outside the campus. The college principal, other staff, and the student who accompanied the victim are being questioned regarding the security lapses.



Earthen lamps (diyas) freshly molded by potters at their workshop ahead of the festival of lights (Diwali), in Kolkata.

Police and KMC to Launch Surprise Inspections of Rooftop Restaurants

MI News Service, Kolkata: A month has passed since the reopening of rooftop restaurants in the city. Out of Kolkata's 83 rooftop eateries, only 21 resumed operations before Durga Puja after submitting undertakings as mandated by the authorities. But what about the rest? Are some continuing operations discreetly, evading the police and municipal oversight, or have they remained

To find out, the Kolkata Police and the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) have now begun collecting detailed information and will soon conduct surprise inspections. After the tragic fire incident at a hotel in Mechuya that claimed 14 lives, the state government imposed strict regulations on all commercial establishments, including hotels and rooftop restaurants, across West Bengal. However, to prevent business losses during the festive season, those establishments that submitted undertakings and fulfilled fire and safety norms were allowed to reopen for three months. For this purpose, KMC's licence department had set up a special counter to process applications. According to official data from the licence department, only 21 of the 83 rooftop restaurants applied online for permission to reopen before the festival. A senior KMC official stated, "If any rooftop restaurant is found operating without submitting the undertaking or violating safety norms, strict action will be taken." He added that the civic body had shown leniency only for humanitarian reasons so that businesses could recover during the festive period. "But if anyone continues to flout the rules, tough measures inevitable," he warned.

Police Tighten Rules Ahead of Firecracker Market Opening; Non-QR Fireworks to Be Seized

MI News Service, Kolkata: Police have announced strict new measures ahead of this year's festive firecracker markets, warning that any firecrackers without a valid QR code will be immediately seized. Sellers found dealing in unapproved or illegal fireworks will also face arrest, officials said on Wednesday following a coordination meeting with traders. The annual baji bazar (firecracker market) will operate from October 14 to 20 across four designated locations in the city, as in previous years. During the meeting held at the Police Training School auditorium, senior Kolkata Police officials briefed traders on safety rules, pollution control norms, and fire prevention measures. Assistant Commissioner Shekhares Nath chaired the session. According to police directives, only "green fireworks" approved by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)

will be permitted for sale.

Each approved product must carry a scannable QR code verifying its legitimacy. Any firecracker lacking a valid QR code will be confiscated, and violators will face legal action under existing safety and environmental laws. This year's guidelines also stress enhanced safety measures for traders. Every stall must be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher, two buckets of water, and sufficient sand-filled buckets. Stalls must be constructed from fire-resistant materials, with a minimum gap of three metres between two outlets. No stalls may directly face one another, and each cluster will be limited to a maximum of 50 stalls. Electrical safety will also be strictly en-

All wires and connections must be properly insulated, and vendors must submit prior approvals from the Fire Department, CESC, the Electricity Board, and the Land Department before opening stalls.

State Issues Advisory on Children's **Cough Syrups After** Deaths Reported in **Other States**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Health Department has issued a special advisory cautioning against the sale and distribution of children's cough syrups, following reports of child deaths in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan allegedly linked to contaminated medicines. The state government has sent samples of over 150 brands of cough syrups to laboratories for testing and instructed all medical colleges and Chief Health Officers across districts to remain alert. According to sources at Nabanna, the advisory warns both manufacturers and sellers to exercise extreme caution while producing and marketing cough syrups. It specifically directs drug makers to ensure that all raw materials — particularly Propylene Glycol IP, Glycerin IP, and Sorbitol IP are purchased only government-ap vendors. Health Department also noted that substances such as Ethylene Glycol and Diethylene Glycol are sometimes found contaminated, and therefore, mandatory retesting of all raw materials has been ordered be-

The test reports must be submitted to the licensing authority under the Drug Control department. The advisory further instructs drug manufacturers and distributors to verify the quality of medicines during marketing and sale, in accordance with legal norms. Failure to comply with these safety checks will hold them liable.

Additionally, they have been directed to regularly follow updates on drug safety through the official Drug Alert Portal. The government has also instructed all district reserve stores, government medical colleges, and hospital pharmacies to inspect existing medicine stocks and submit test reports confirming their safety.

Police detains man with gun near **Mamata's residence**

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arrested while trying to enter Harish Chatterjee Street with the alleged intention to meet the Chief minister. However, the incident is being viewed as a serious security breach at the high security zone area near Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's residence in Kalighat. The air gun, found found Chatterjee's possession is typically used for sport shooting and training.

Shashi Panja Condemns Durgapur Med Student Gang-Rape

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Minister for Women and Child Development Shashi Panja on Saturday described the alleged gang-rape of a student at a private medical college in Durgapur as a very unfortunate incident, adding that the BJP was politicising the matter. She said the police have received a complaint and the case is being thoroughly investigated. The victim's parents, who arrived from Odisha, expressed faith in the ongoing Investigation. Panja added that the girl has been admitted to the hospital, is being looked after, and is receiving medical counselling. She also emphasised the importance of the girl's deposition in the

investigation. Panja said crimes against women should not be politicised, but regrettably, the BJP was doing so. "The BJP always views such incidents through its political lens, which is very unfortunate," she said. "We don't need to reiterate that Kolkata is one of the safest



metropolises in India, that West Bengal is committed to empowering women, or that the Chief Minister does not compromise on any form of injustice against women, Panja added. She noted that conclusions should only be drawn once the police investigation is complete. Panja further criticised the BJP for trying to take political advantage of the situation. She said, "We also recall the tragic cases of girls who selfimmolated after harassment in Odisha, a BJP-ruled state, which is equally unfortunate. Therefore, the BJP should refrain from politicis-

Rainfall probability predicted to drop by Sunday

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city woke up to a pleasant and comfortable morning on Saturday, October 11, 2025, with temperatures ranging between 24.6°C and 31.6°C and humidity hovering around 68%. The day began with bright sunshine and a gentle breeze, making it an enjoyable start for residents after a week of fluctuating weather conditions. The city's air quality remained moderate on Friday, with an overall AQI-IN (Air Quality Index-India) of 100. Levels of particulate matter stood at PM2.5 — 49 and PM10 — 93, indicating generally tolerable conditions for most residents, though those with respiratory sensitivities have been advised to exercise caution. Weather officials noted that the expected rain and breezy conditions on Sunday could further help improve air quality by dispersing suspended pollutants. "The combination of light showers and steady wind flow is likely to bring temporary relief from pollution levels," an IMD official said. The week ahead, from October 12 to 17, is forecast to remain mostly sunny and stable. Daytime temperatures are expected to hover between 31.4°C and 32.1°C, while nighttime temperatures will range from 21.9°C to 23.3°C, offering a pleasant early autumn climate for the city. Rainfall probability is predicted to drop sharply after Sunday, paving the way for clear skies and gentle breezes through the upcoming week. The weekend of October 14-15 is also expected to remain dry and comfortable, ideal for outdoor activities and festive preparations. Meteorologists added that Kolkata's moderate air quality marks an improvement from earlier this week, when readings fluctuated between satisfactory and poor levels. With drier and windier conditions expected to continue, the overall air quality is likely to remain steady in the moderate range for the next several days

Taliban Minister's news conference sparks row over women journalists' exclusion, MEA says 'not involved'

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when they found that their female colleagues were excluded (or not invited)," he said in another post on X. Taking a harder line, Congress MP Karti P Chidambaram directly accused the Modi government and EAM Jaishankar of enabling gender-based exclusion in the name of diplomacy. "I understand the geopolitical compulsions that force us to engage with the Taliban, but to accede to their discriminatory and plain primitive mores is outright ridiculous. It's very disappointing to note the conduct of the Ministry of External Affairs and S Jaishankar in excluding women journalists from the press briefing of the Taliban Minister," he said. Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs said that the government had no involvement in Friday's interaction press Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, in Delhi. MEA had no involvement in the press interaction

yesterday

statement today.. The Taliban's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi, is on a week-long visit to India, from October 9 to October 16. This is the first high-level delegation from Kabul to India since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021. On the first day of his visit, Muttaqi held a bilateral meeting with EAM S Jaishankar and discussed cooperative efforts to strengthen ties between the two nations. India also announced several new projects for Afghanistan as part of its ongoing healthcare cooperation. In a significant diplomatic step amid the present volatile geo-political scenario, India has announced its decision to upgrade its technical mission in Kabul to the status of an embassy with Jaishankar appreciating the Taliban set-up in Kabul for showing sensitivity towards New Delhi's security concerns.

Afghanistan's Foreign Minis-

ter, Amir Khan Muttaqi, in

Delhi," the Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs (MEA) said in a

Mamata Banerjee condoles death of Army jawans from Bengal, in J-K

wife and family devastated. Siddhant's mortal remains will be flown to Bagdogra, and his family and villagers will receive them with a heavy heart. Siddhant's childhood dream was to join the army, and he worked hard to make that dream come true in 2019. He was commissioned in Para SF in 2021 and had undergone several operations. The loss of Siddhant Chhetri is a reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers who serve our country. At least five soldiers were killed when a group of terrorists ambushed them inside a thickly forested area at Kandi in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Friday when an operation was underway to flush out ultras. The terrorists are believed to be those who were behind the attack on an army truck on April 20 in Poonch which too had left five soldiers dead. An army major was injured in the operation.

Name Change

. Tanveer Raza (Old Name). s/o. Abdul Gaffar, r/s.809, New Line Road, Dr. Mukter School, P.O.- Bansberia, P.S.- Mogra, Dist.-Hooghly-712502, W.B.declare that shall henceforth be known as Tanweer Raza (New Name) in Passport/Aadhar Card/ Voter Id Card/ PAN Card in the Court of Ld. 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate, Hooghly at Chinsurah Affidavit No. 9689. Dtd. 08.10.2025, Tanveer Raza (Old Name) & Tanweer Raza (New Name) both are the same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Smt. Artidevi Gupta w/o Kameshvar Prasad and daughter of Sankar Shaw residing at present 14 K.C Road, P.s. kassipore,Kolkata-700002 declared through Affidavit from Court of the Ld. Judicial Mag istrate 1st Class at sealdah on dated: 22-09-2025 that my name is Artidevi Gupta which is recorded in my Voter identity Card being No.FLG0908441duly issued by Election Commission of India.That my name is Arati Devi which is recorded in my Aadhar Card being No.7751 9354 5011. Smt Artidevi Gupta and Arti Devi is the self same and one identical person

I, Jaynal Abedin, S/o Nabal Sekh, esiding at Vill. Krishnanagar, P.O. Mohurapur, P.S. Mollarpur, Dist Birbhum, W.B. do hereby declare tha in my voter card my father's name has oeen recorded as Sukmahammad Sekh. On 25.08.2025 vide affidavit no 22511 before the Executive Magistrate, Rampurhat, Birbhum, affirm that Nabal Sekh Sukmahammad Sekh is the same &

NAME CHANGE

W/o-PRADIP CHOWDHURI, R/o-Vill, Ganapatipur, PO & PS-Basirhat, Dist. North 24 Pgs., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as DURGARANI CHOWDHURI (New Name) as declared before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit No.- 3975/BC-I/25 dt. 08-10-MOLLIKA CHOWDHURY (Old DURGARAN CHOWDHURI (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I BHOLA ROY son of Hridai Ranjan Roy residing at C-18/15/16 Dakshin Behala Road, Ananda Nagar, Thakurpukur, Kol: 700061. Some share Certificate my name is wrongly written. As BHOLA RAY. As per Alipore 1st class Judicial Magistrate by Court order date of 02/08/2025 that BHOLA ROY and BHOLA RAY is the same and one

Name Change

I, Smt. Nivedita Sukul, W/O Sr. Jayanta Sukul, D/O Niranjan Niranjan Laskar, residing at Flat No. -Vikram Sapphire Panpara Main Road, Barrackpore, P.O - Talpukur, P.S- Titagarh, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700122, W.B, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that due to bonafide mistake my name has been recorded as Nivedita Laskar Sukul in place of actual Name Nivedita Sukul of my said son's Aayushmaan Sukul Admit Card for Secondary Examination 2025 issued by Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi. That I, Nivedita Sukul W/O Jayanta Sukul and Nivedita Laskar Sukul W/O Jayanta Sukul is the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit (SL No. 137) sworn before in the court of Learned Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas data 02/08/2025

Name Change

I, Bubun Mondal, D/O-Abu Siddique Molla & Latiful Nechha, residing at Vill-Choto Jirakpur, P/O-Basirhat R/S, P/S- Basirhat, Dist- 24pgs (N). That my and my Father's name has wrongly been recorded as Bubun Khatun and Mihir Mondal in my Voter Card, Adhar Card and NFSA Ration Card I solemnly affirm and declare by this Affidavit (13739) before the Ld. 1st class J.M Court (Basirhat) dt-31.07.25. That Bubun Mondal and Bubun Khatun is same person as well as Abu Siddique Molla and Mihir Mondal is also same and one identical person everywhere.

Name Change

I, Robiul Hossain, S/O-Kowchhar Ali Molla, residing at Vill-Sondalia. P.S-Čhandaneswar, Dist-24pgs (S). That in my passport my father's & mother's names has been recorded as Kowchhar Ali & Sakila Bibi which are incorrect. By vide Affidavit before the Ld.1st class J.M. at Baruipur dt-18/09/2025 (no.-7917) that Kowchhar Àli Molla & Kowchhar Ali and Sakila Molla & Sakila Bibi both are same and one identical persons.

Name Change

Md.Rafik Ali Khan(Old Name) S/o Md Ali Khan,Resident at Vill+PO+Ps Domjur, Dist-Howrah, Pin 711405,WB,India.have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rafik Ali Khan.(New name) as declared before the executive magistrate 1st class at Howrah dated 09/10/2025.Md Rafik Ali Khan (old name) and Rafik Ali Khan (new name) both are the same and one identical person

Name Change

I. Girish Samtani (old name) S/o Late resident of Binavak Residency, 6/5D. Anil Moitra Road, Ballygunge Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Girish Tarachand Samtani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025, Girish Tarachand Samtani (new name) and Girish Samtani (old name) both are same and one

Name Change

Laxmi Narayan Sarkar (old name) D/o Nitai Chandra Biswas, resident of Ukil Bagan, Bhatpara (M), Shyam-nagar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743127, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lakshmi Sarkar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af-fidavit dated 10/10/2025. Lakshmi Sarkar (new name) and Laxmi Narayan Sarkar (old name) both are ame and one identical person.

Name Change

Nirod Ch Mondal (old name) S/o Late Agni Kumar Mandal, resident of 6 No. Bijoynagar Ashu Biswas Pally, Naihati, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743165, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Narad Chandra Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Narad Chandra Mandal (new name) and Nirod Ch Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Bakibulloah Md (old name) son of Late Md Amir Hossain, residing at Kaikhali Peter Bagan, P.O – Airport, P. S- Baguiati, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Pin: 700052, West Bengal have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Bakibullah (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kolkata vide affidavit No. 24042 dated 08/10/2025. Bakbulloah Md and Mohammad Bakibullah both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Amzad Molla alias Amjad Ali Mol-lah (Old Name) S/o Abdul Hamid Molla Residing at Pandua, District -Hooghly, Pin - 712149 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Amjad Ali Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 28/2025 Dated 10-10-2025. Amzad Molla, Amjad Al Mollah (Old Name) and Amjad Ali Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Suriva Begam Sarkar (Old Name) //o Saidul Islam Sarkar Residing at Metekhal Uttarpara, Vtc - Bhagabatipur, P.o - Bhagabatipur, District-Hooghly, Pin - 712701, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suraiya Begam Sarkar (New Name as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 27/2025 Dated 10-10-2025. Suriva Begam Sarkar (Old Name) and Suraiya Begam Sarkar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Indira Mukhopadhyay (Old Name) W/o Debashis Mukhopadhyay Resid-ing at 15B Bengal Merlin Housing, T-2, Flat No.15B, 4 Mahisbathan, Sector -V, Salt Lake City, P.o - Krishnapur, P.s - Electronic Complex, Dis-trict- North 24 Parganas, Pin -700102, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Indira Debashis Mukhopadhyay (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Mag-istrate (1st Class) at Bidhannagar vide affidavit no 1578 Dated 08-10-2025. Indira Mukhopadhyay (Old Name) and Indira Debashis Mukhopadhyay (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Saba Nishat (Old Name) W/o Pratap Mudi Residing at Udbastu Para, Bhatenda, Rajarhat, District -North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700135 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Babli Mudi (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) vide affidavit no 1745 Dated 01-09-2025. Saba Nishat (Old Name) and Babli Mudi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Sanjib Paul (Old Name) S/o Samji Kumar Paul Residing at 1st FR. FL-B, 9 Nilkanta Chatterjee Street, P.o-Belghori, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700056 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjib Kumar Paul (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-10-2025. Sanjib Paul (Old Name) and Sanjib Kumar Paul (New Name) both

are same and one identical person. Name Change

I, Sk Mussa (Old Name) S/o Late Mushlim Sk Residing at 72/8, Bashiruddin Munshi Lane, P.o Howrah, P.s - Howrah, District Howrah Pin - 711101 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sk Md Musa (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-10-2025. Mussa (Old Name) and Sk Md Musa (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change , Kazi Nurul Haque (Old Name) S/o

Kazi Golam Panjatan Residing at Vill - North Kazipara Dakshin Para Central Road, P.o - Kazipara, P.s -Barasat, District - North 24 Par-ganas, Pin - 700125 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Quazi Nurul Haque (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-10-2025. Kazi Nurul Haque (Old Name) and Quazi Nurul Haque (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

mov Chatterjee(Old Name) S/O Late Hiren Chatterjee, Residing At Chaya Neer,Gouranga Danga,Ram Bagan, A.M.C., Ps-Raniganj, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713358, West engal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manmoy Chatterjee(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 10/10/2025.Monmoy Chatteriee (Old Name) And Manmoy Chatterjee (New Name) Both Are Sam And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Julekha Khatoon (old name) W/o amsuddin, resident of Z-5/195/83/4, Bagdi Para Road, P.O.- Badartala, P.S. Nadial, Kolkata -700044, West Bengal ndia, have changed my name shall henceforth be known as Zulekha Khatoon (new name), as declared Be-fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Zulekha Khatoon (new name) and Julekha Khatoon (old name) both are same and ne identical person.

Name Change

Sikha Adhikary W/O Late Amiya Kumar Adhikary And Daughter Of Late Sachindra Mohan Chakraborty Resident At 66a,Pallisree ,Po-Regent Estate,Ps-Netaji Nagar, Kolkata-700092. Vest Bengal, India, I Declared That In My Educational Certificate My Father's me Inadvertently Entered Šachindra Mohan Chakrabarti Instead Of Sachindra Mohan Chakraborty And My Hus-band's Name Entered In His Death ertificate Amiya Kr. Adhikary Instead f Amiya Kumar Adhikary.

Also Declared That Sikha Chakrabarti And Sikha Adhikary, Amiya Kr.Ad-And Sikha Adhikary, Alinya Kr.Adhikary,Amiya Adhikary And Sachindra Mohan Chakrabarti And Sachindra Mohan Chakraborty.All Are Same And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/205

Name Change

Nasera Khatoon (old name) W/o Amit Derick Francis, resident of 104, Picnic Garden Road, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, India, have hanged my name and shall hence forth be known as Evelyn Nasera Francis (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Evelyn Nasera Francis (new name) and Nasera Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Smt Minara Begam (Old Name) Vife Of Sk Jabir Hossain, Residing at Hattala Para, Vill & Po- Khalis hani, Uluberia, Howrah- 711307 West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Minara Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025.Smt Minara Begam And Sekh Minara Begam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Alfia Khan(Old Name), Daughter Of lasir Khan, Residing At 23, Komedan Bagan Lane, Taltala, Kolkata- 700016, Vest Bengal, Have Changed My Name and Shall Henceforth Be Known As Aalifia Khan (New Name) Vide An Afidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025 Alfia Khan and Aalifia Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change

Md Wasim (Old Name) S/O Md Hus ain, Residing At 7/1/H/4, Gas Street, Raj Ram Mohan Street, Kolkata-700009, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Wasim Hussain New Name) As Declared Before The Notarv Public At Kolkata Dated 10/10/2025. Md Wasim (Old Name) And Md Wasim Hussain(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Ashok Basu (Old Name), Son Of Ramendra Nath Basu, Residing At 22/E, Narkeldanga Main Road, Kolkata-700054, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashok Kumar Basu (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/10/2025. Ashok Basu (Old Name) And Ashok Kumar Basu(New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Susanta Tripathy (Old Name) Son Of Radhakrishna Tripathy, Resid ng At Vill- Santoshpur, Po- Jankapur - Datan, West Medinipur- 721435 West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Susanta Kumar Tripathy New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/10/2025. Susanta Tripathy And Susanta Kumar Tripathy Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Nikhil Chandra Sarkar (old name) S/c Rebati Sarkar, resident of Ukil Bagan, Bhatpara (M), Shyamnagar, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743127, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nikhil Sarkar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Nikhil Sarkar (new name) and Nikhil Chandra Sarkar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Keramat Ali (old name) S/o Late Manik Ali, resident of Vill- Rajapur, P.O.- Mandra, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743438, West Bengal, India, have changed my ame and shall henceforth be known as Karamat Ali (new name), as delared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Karamat Ali (new name) and Keramat Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Binode Mohari (old name) S/o opal Mohari, resident of Khasarn Nichumahal Panskura, Purbo Medinipur, Pin- 721634, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Mohari (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Binod Mohari (new name) and Binode Mohari name) both are same and one iden-

Name Change

I, Phatema Bibi (old name) W/o Golar Kader, resident of Vill- Rajnagar, P.O. Kumarpur, East Medinipur,721654 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Phatema Beoya (new name), as de-clared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Haldia, vide an affidavit 10728, dated 25/09/2025. Phatema Beoya (new name) and Phatema Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Baishakhi Biswas (old name) Da Late Niranjan Biswas, resident of Vill-Bagula Collegepara Dakshin, P.O. Bagula, P.S.- Hanskhali, Ranaghat-741502, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as Baishaki Biswas new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025. Baishaki Biswas (new name) and Baishakhi Biswas (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shamim Aktar Khan (old name) S/o Raja Khan, resident of H.No.697/1, Near HP Gas Godown, Vidyasagarpur, Ward No.3, P.O.- Inda, P.S.- Kharagpur Town, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, Pin-721305, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shamim Akhtar Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kharagpur, vide an affidavit No. N/17, dated 15/09/2025. Shamim Akhtar Khan (new name) and Shamim Aktar Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Shiv Kumar (old name) S/o Purush tam Lal Sultania, resident of ALIPORE EXOTICA, FLAT5B, 37B ALIPORE ROAD KOLKATA -700027 West Ben gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shiv Kumar Sultania (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Shiv Kumar Sultania (new name) and Shiv Kumar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Namrata Chhajlani Kothari (old name) W/o Vishal Chhajlani, resident of 59, KALICHARAN GHOSH ROAD, BLOCK -V. FLAT-403. BINAYAK EN-CLAVE, KOLKATA - 700050, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Namrata Kothari (new name), as declared Be-fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Namrata Kothari (new name) and Namrata Chhailani Kothari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sukhen Mondal S/O Gosto Mondal, Residing At Ramkrishna Pally, Chandiberia, Ps-New Town, Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-700102. My Name Is Wrongly Recorded In My Ra-tion Card Id Rksy-li 0545093759 Sukhan Mondal Instead Of Sukhen Mondal Also My Father's Name Wrongly Entered In My Voter Id Card No.Ihm2229359, Caste Certificate, Educational Certificate And Birth Certifi-cate Gosta Mondal Instead Of Gosto Mondal. I Also Declared That Sukhen Mondal And Sukhan Mondal S/O Gosto Mondal And Gosta Mondal Same And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Vide Affidavit No.10034 Dated 23/09/2025.

Name Change

LGosto Mondal S/O Late Jamin Mon dal,Residing At Ramkrishna Pally, Chandiberia, Ps-New Town, Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-700102. My Father's Name Wrongly Recorded In My Ration Card No.Rsky-Ii 0545093756 Lt Jamini Mondal Instead Of Jamin Mondal.I Also Declared That Jamin Mondal And Jamini Mondal S/O Late Natbar Mondal Same And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Vide Affidavit No.10036 Dated 23/09/2025.

Name Change

I, Sukrity Mondal S/O Gosto Mondal, Residing At Ramkrishna Pally, Chandiberia, Ps-New Town, Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-700102. My Name Is Wrongly Recorded In My Ra-tion Card Id Rksy-li 0545093758 Sukriti Mondal Instead Of Sukrity Mon-dal Also My Father's Name Wrongly Entered In My Voter Id Card No.Ihm2229292 Gosta Mondal Instead Of Gosto Mondal .I Also Declared That Sukrity Mondal And Sukriti Mondal S/O Gosto Mondal And Gosta Mondal Sam And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Vide Affidavit No.10033 Dated 23/09/2025.

Name Change

Kabita Mondal W/O Gosto Mondal. Residing At Ramkrishna Pally, Chandiberia, Ps-New Town, Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-700102. My Husband Name Wrongly Recorded In My Voter Id Card No. Ihm2229367 Gosta Mondal Instead Of Gosto Mondal.I Also Declared That My Husband Gosto Mondal And Gosta Mondal S/O Jamin Mondal Same And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Vide Affidavit No.10035 Dated 23/09/2025.

Name Change Shamsul Haque Molla (old name)

S/o Eishahak Mollah, resident of Vill-Javrampur, P.O.- Pirpur, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my ame and shall henceforth be known as Samsul Hogue Mollah (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Samsul Hoque Mollah (new name) and Shamsul Hague Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rejaul Haque Molla (old name) S/o Samsul Hoque Mollah, resident of Vill- Jayrampur, P.O.- Pirpur, P.S. Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rejaul Hoque Mollah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Rejaul Hoque Mollah (new name) and Reiaul Hague Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

giant 12-foot python, displaced by recent floodwaters, created a stir in the Dangapara area of Banarhat block when local youths discovered it near a pond while drawing water. The massive snake, classified under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, was reportedly handled by villagers, with some taking selfies and wrapping it around their necks, sparking safety and legal concerns. According to local sources, the python was first spotted beneath leaves in the receding pond, causing panic among some youths who initially ran away. Subsequently, a group of braver residents rescued the snake, bringing it to the shore before contacting the Forest Department. Officials took some time to reach the location, prompting villagers to transport the reptile to the Khattimari Beat Office in the Moraghat Range. While the rescue ultimately ensured the python's safety, authorities have expressed alarm over the villagers' handling of a wild, protected species, emphasizing that such interactions pose risks both to humans and wildlife.

12-foot python rescued by vil lagers in Banarhat, wildlife au thorities warn against handling

MI News Service, Banarhat: A

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada (October 1-15, 2025) and Special Campaign 5.0 (October 2-31, 2025), Malda Division of Eastern Railway organized an interactive session titled "Amrit Samvad" at Malda Town Station today. The event was held under the overall guidance of Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, and supervision of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (EnHM), Shri Pradeep Das.

The programme, led by Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Sheo Kumar Prasad, saw active participation from passengers and railway staff. ADRM/Malda addressed the gathering, highlighting Indian Railways' commitment to passenger-centric development, environmental sustainability, and continuous improvement.

World Mental Health Day Celebrated at

Workshop Railway Hospital, Kanchrapara

MI News Service, Kolkata: Workshop Railway Hospital,

Kanchrapara (KPA) observed World Mental Health Day on 10th

October 2025 at its OPD Complex under the supervision of Dr.

S. Kundu, Additional Chief Medical Superintendent (ACMS) Ad-

ministration and the leadership of Dr. S. Chattopadhyay,

ACMS/Health & Family Welfare Kanchrapara. The programme

began with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, graced by Swami Dur-

ganathanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission

Kalyani and Dr. Prodipto Dhar, Psychiatrist, College of Medicine

Speakers including Dr. P. Chatterjee and Dr. P. Dhar empha

sized the importance of mental well-being, discussed various

mental disorders, and highlighted treatment options. Swami

Durganathanandaji Maharaj spoke on achieving mental peace

through meditation. An interactive session was held to promote

awareness and understanding of mental health issues. A large

number of patients, relatives, and hospital staff attended the

Second Tunnelling Work Of Pur-

ple Line Starts At Khidderpore

MI News Service, Kolkata: 2025 for assembling and low-

ering operations. Two TBMs

— Durga and Divya — de-

ployed to construct 2.65 km

long twin tube tunnels from

Khidderpore to Park Street,

break through is expected by

December 2026 and March

2027 respectively. These new

generation TBMs are safe

TBM, measuring 95 m in

length and weighing about

600 tons, is equipped with in-

flatable seals, pressure trans-

ducers, Tail Skin Grease (TSG)

lines, and backup TSG pumps

as additional safety measures

suited to local geological con-

ditions. Precast concrete seg-

ments of M50 grade, with

275 mm thickness, are being

used to construct the finished

tunnel with an inner diame-

Intensive 'Swachh Neer' Ac-

tivities Conducted Under

Swachhata Pakhwada 2025

And Special Campaign 5.0

Over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Under Swachhata Pakhwara

2025 and Special Campaign

5.0, Asansol Division of East-

ern Railway conducted in-

tensive "Swachh Neer"

activities focusing on the

cleanliness and hygiene of drinking water facilities

across various stations and

railway establishments. The

activities included cleaning

of water booths, tap areas,

filtration plants and over-

head tanks along with test-

ing of water quality to ensure

safe and potable water for

passengers and staff. At

Madhupur, intensive clean-

ing of water booths was car-

ried out under the Swachh

Nal Swachh Jal programme

as part of Swachhata Hi

Sewa 2025. Similar drives

were undertaken at Asansol,

Dumka, Jasidih, Sitarampur,

Raniganj, Pandabeswar and

Chittaranjan stations. Chlo-

rination, residual chlorine

and bacteriological tests

were conducted to verify

water quality before and

after filtration.

ter of 5.80 m.

event, which ended on an inspiring and positive note

and JNM Hospital, Kalyani.

The tunnelling work of the

Purple Line from Khidderpore

to Victoria had commenced

earlier on 10.07.2025. Today.

i.e. on 11.10.2025, Shri

Subhransu Mishra, General

Manager, Metro Railway, in-

augurated the tunneling bor-

ing work by the second Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)

Divva at St. Thomas School

premises, Khidderpore. Sen-

ior officials of Metro Railway,

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

(RVNL), and St. Thomas

School were also present on

this occasion. A launching

shaft measuring 37 m in

length, 22 m in width, and 17

m in depth has been con-

structed inside St. Thomas

School for this work. The 6.63

m diameter (outer) TBM was

assembled in Chennai and

moved to Kolkata in March

Name Change

I, Pratima Mandal (old name)D/o

Late Dulal Chandra Karmakar, res

ident of B5, 2nd Floor, 1/26, Rajen

dra Prasad Colony, Tollygunge, P.O.-Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700033, West

Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be

known as Pratima Karmakar (nev

name), as declared Before The Lo

1st class Judicial Magistrate at Ali

pore, vide an affidavit No 63815

dated 10/10/2025. Pratima Kar-

makar (new name) and Pratima

Mandal (old name) both are same

Name Change

Mukunda Mandal (Old Name

Son/Of Kalipada Mandal, Residing

Sahudangi, Dabgram, Jalpaiguri

735135, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mukunda

Das Mandal (New Name) Vide An

Affidavit Sworn Before The Notar

Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025

Mukunda Mandal And Mukunda

Das Mandal Both Are The Same And

Name Change

. Md Mohiuddin (Old Name), Son O

Late Moksed Ali Mandal, Residing At

Vill - Jaypur, Po - Noapara,Ps - Dut-tapukur, North 24 Parganas -

tapukur, North 24 Parganas -700125,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be

Known As Mahiuddin Mandal(Nev

Name) Vide An Affidavit No 527

Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judi

cial Magistrate At Barasat On 09/09/2025. Md Mohiuddin (Old

Name) And Mahiuddin Mandal (New

Name), Both Are The Same And One

One Identical Person

Identical Person.

At Pachim Hatia Danga, Dabgram

and one identical person.

During the session, ADRM Shri Sheo Kumar

"Amrit Samvad" Organised at Malda Town Station under Special Campaign 5.0 — Engaging Passengers for a Smarter, Cleaner, and Passenger-Centric Railway

Prasad and Sr. DME (EnHM) Shri Pradeep Das directly interacted with passengers, listened to their valuable feedback, and discussed their suggesuted to encourage environtions for enhancing facilimentally ties at Malda Town Station. Passengers appreciated the modern amenities and redeveloped infrastructure of the Amrit Bharat Malda

As part of the awareness initiative, passengers were sensitized on reduc-

Town Station, praising its

improved cleanliness, light-

ing, and passenger-friendly

ing the use of single-use plastics and maintaining cleanliness at stations. Cloth bags and informative pamphlets were distrib-

practices. The "Amrit Samvad' served as a meaningful platform for engaging passengers in constructive dialogue, encouraging public participation, and reinforcing the collective responsibility towards creating a cleaner, greener, and smarter railway environ-

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

Khanakul-II Panchayat Samity enhat, Rajhati, Bandar, Hooghl **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The EO Kh-II PS, NIeT No. 51/E.O. Kh-II/2025-26, Date: 09.10.2025. Tender ID 2025_ZPHD_918599_1 to 2 for Road. Last date of bids ends on **04.11.2025 up to** 06:00 PM. For detail visit www.wbtenders. gov.in

EXecutive Officer Khanakul-II Panchayat Samity

This is to inform you that I am the owner of a plot of land at Rajpur, Sonarpur Municipality, South 24-Pgs by a registered deed of conveyance in bengali language dated 25/9/1990 which was registered at the office. District Sub-Registrar, South 24-Pgs in Book no. 1, Volume 355, pages 109 to 119 and 23 to 33, being no. 14285 and 14277 for the year 1990. The said deed of conveyance is misplaced for lost from my custody from my residence no. on 22.02.2025 at about 9.00 pm. G.D.E No. 997/ 996-13/4/2025 of Police station

and efficient and can bore at আমমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি the rate of 80 mm/min.Each এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী শুভঙ্কর দাস পিতা ৺সীতাংশু দাস, সাকিম ওতক্ষ্ম বাল জারুড়া, পোলবা, হুগলী-৭১২১৩৮, মহাশয় বিগত ইং ২৪/১১/২০২১ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চন্দননগর, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত I-04323/2021 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল ববে সম্ভাৱত বিধ্যালয় বিহ্যালয় বিধ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিহ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যালয় বিদ্যাল হুগলী-৭১২১৩৮, মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন এবং উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তারনাম বলে আমার মঞ্চেল, নিম্নোক্ত তুপশীল বর্ণিছ বলে আমার মঞ্জেল, দানোক্ত তপালাল বাণ্ড সম্পত্তির অবস্থ মরিকছন - ১)শ্রীমতা তপতী দাস স্থামী ৺সীতাংগু দাস, ২)শ্রীমতী সুদীপ্তা সাঁতরা (দাস), স্থামী শ্রী সন্ত সাঁতরা, উভয়ের সাহিম জারুড়া, পোলাবা, হণগী-২১১১১৮, মহাশয়াদ্বয়ের সহিত যৌথ ভাবে বিগত ইং ২৭/০২/২০২৩ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, হুগলী চুঁচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত I-01848/2023 ন বঁক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মলে ১)শ্রী সপ্রিয় কমা বিক্রম্ব কোবালা দালল মূলে ১) এটা সুপ্রীয়র কুমার দত্ত পিতা - প্রকাষ কুমার দত্ত ও ২) এটামতী মধুমিতা দত্ত স্থামী প্রী সুপ্রিয় কুমার দত্ত, উভয়ের সাকিম ভুবন চন্দ্র ভঙ্গ রোড, ১৩০৩, বেলতলা, লালবাগান, চন্দ্ননগরে, হুগলী-ব১১১৩৬, মহাশয়/মহাশয়াকে ২ কাঠা ১ ছটাক ৯ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছেন। <u>তপশীল</u> - জেল হুগলী, থানা পোলবা, মৌজা জারুড়া, ৯৩ ন জে.এল ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর. ৬১৬ নং খতিয়ানে আর.এস. তথা হাল এল.আর. ৬১৩/১৩৫৮ ন্ নাগে কলাবাগান জমি ২ কাঠা ১ ছ্টাক ৯ বর্গফু ৷৷ ৩.৪২৩৮ শতক সম্পত্তি অত্ৰ বিক্ৰয় কোবাঁল নিলন মূলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে ও অপর গুরিকদ্বয়ের সহিত যৌথ ভাবে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত হংতে ছে। এওধার। সকলকে অবগত কর্মাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রেতাদ্বয় ১)শ্রী সুপ্রিয় কুমার দত্ত ও ২)শ্রীমতী মধুমিতা দত্ত স্বামী শ্রী সুপ্রিয় কুমার দত্ত, মহাশয়/মহাশয়া তাহাদের স্বামীয় সম্পতি নিজ নজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড ানজ নামে নাম পত্রৰ করেবার জন্য বি.এল এয়াও এল.আর.ও পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন। ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগ আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জুনাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য করা হইবে। ইতি- মীর মহঃ কলিমুদ্দিন (উকিলবাবু)

জেলা জজ আদালত চুঁচুড়া, হুগল

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all concerned persons that two original Deeds of Gift being no. 7017 of 1985 duly registered in the office of S.R. Alipore and Being no. 15156 of 1993 duly registered in the office of D.R. Alipore, in respect of the property situated under Premises no. 347 Survey Park, Ward no. 109 had been lost from the custody of Dipanjar Dasgupta and a G.D.E. No. 635 has also been lodged against such loss of the Said Deed of Sale in the local P.S.

at Survey Park on 09.10.2025. If any person/s having any right interest & claim against the said property as mentioned above, he she/they may lodge such claim to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication else thereafter the same shall be treated as non-claimable and no further claim against the property shall be entertained.

> S.D. Talukdar, Advocate M: 7001276954

আমমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, **শ্রীমতি** ব্যাপ্তি বসাক স্বামী শ্রী শুভেন্দু বসাক, সাকিম বাসুদেবপুর কালিতলা, ত্রিবেনী, মগরা, হুগলী ৭১২৫০৩ মহাশয়া বিগত ইং ১৬/০৮/২০২: তারিখে সম্পাদিত ও ১৭/০৮/২০২২ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., টুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত I-04508/2022 নং আমমোক্তারনাম বলিল মূলে আমার মঞ্চেল শ্রী **আবেশ কুমার সি** পিতা হেম নারায়ন সিং, সাকিম আমোদঘাটা মগরা, হুগলী-৭১২১৪৮, মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিগৃত ইং ১৬/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত I-03971/2024 নং বিক্রয কোবালা[`]দলিল মূলে **শ্রীমতী পূজা সা**উ স্বার্ম উমেস কুমার সাউ, সাকিম জেটিয়া, উত্তর ২৪ পরগুণা-৭৪৩১৩৫, মহাশুয়াকে <u>তপশীল</u>- জেল হুগলী. থানা মগরা, মৌজা দিগসুই, ১২ ন জে.এল ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর. ২২৬২ ন খতিয়ানে, আর.এস. তথা হাল এল.আর. ২৩১: নং দাগে শালি জমি ০৪ কাঠা ০৬ ছটাক ১২ বর্গফাঁ ম্পত্তি অত্র দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলবে অবগত[্] করা যাইতেছে যে, **শ্রীমতী পূজা সা**র্ ম্বামী উমেস কুমার সাউ তাহার উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন কবিবাব জন্য বি এল এগাং এল.আর.ও মগরা-চুঁচুড়া ব্লক অফিসে আবেদ-করিয়াছেন। ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানু আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার আগামী মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে ণারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য কর হইবে।

ইতি- মীর মহঃ কলিমুদ্দিন (উকিলবাবু) জেলা জজ আদালত চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী

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Executive Officer Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti Ramganga, South 24-Parganas.

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"Unfortunate incident", SP MP Dimple Yadav condemns Durgapur Gangrape case; highlights UP crime statistics MI News Service, Mainpuri: ing initiatives like the SP's 1090 government has consistently In a post on X, Majhi urged

Samajwadi Party MP Dimple Yadav on Saturday strongly condemned the alleged gangrape of a medical student within a hospital premise in Durgapur, West Bengal, terming it a horrific incident that reflects the alarming rise in crimes against women across

She further criticised the Uttar Pradesh government for its failure to ensure women's safety, noting that heinous crimes against women in the state have more than doubled in the past decade.

Dimple Yadav further accused the Yogi-led government of neglecting its responsibility

helpline, which provided crucial support to women.

"An unfortunate incident has occurred. What happened in West Bengal isn't just in West Bengal; such incidents against women are constantly increasing. If you look at the statistics for Uttar Pradesh, heinous crimes against women have more than doubled in the last 10 years. The government is responsible for this, as it doesn't take any steps to guide society. The Uttar Pradesh government should work to ensure women's safety. While the Samajwadi Party launched the 1090 helpline, where women were constantly being helped and assis-

tried to weaken such facilities, and in some cases, has acted in a way that has made these services less effective," she told

A second-year student of a private medical college in Durgapur, West Bengal, was allegedly gangraped, police sources reported.

The victim, hailing from Jaleswar, Odisha, is undergoing medical examination, and an investigation is underway. Further details are awaited as authorities probe the case.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi strongly condemned the incident, terming it "highly condemnable and

In a post on X, Majhi urged West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to ensure exemplary action against the accused as per the law.

'The unfortunate incident of gang rape involving an Odia student in Durgapur, West Bengal, is highly condemnable and painful. I am deeply shocked upon hearing this news. I strongly urge the West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to take exemplary action against the accused as per the law... I have instructed senior officials to contact the West Bengal government and take necessary

steps. All possible assistance will be provided to the victim's family on behalf of the Odisha government," he stated.

"Our presence crucial for security, geopolitical interests": Owaisi hails move to upgrade mission in Kabul during Afghanistan Foreign Minister's visit

MI News Service, New Delhi: Pakistan Air Force bombed AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has welcomed the government's decision to upgrade the Technical Mission in Kabul to the status of an Embassy of India during Afghanistan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's visit to the country.

În an interview with ANI, Owaisi said India's diplomatic presence in Afghanistan is crucial for the country's security and geopolitical interests. He said India should establish a full diplomatic relationship.

Owaisi said he had been advocating ties with the Taliban for a long time, and the BJP had earlier slammed him for talking about the Taliban.

"I welcome it. I stood in Parliament in 2016 and said that the Taliban would come. Talk to them. Many media people and BJP members abused me for talking about the Taliban. Chahbhar Port is of great importance to us. We'll go to Afghanistan from that. Now, how will we leave the influence of that area to China and Pakistan?... Their (Afghanistan) Foreign Minister is here, and the Pakistan Air Force bombed that place," he said.

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Former Jahanabad MP Arun

Kumar rejoins JDU, vows to

strengthen Nitish Kumar's development agenda

MI News Service, Patna:

With the Binar Election dates

coming closer, former Jah-

anabad MP Arun Kumar re-

joined the Janata Dal (United)

(JDU) on October 11 after a

period of being a vocal critic

of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish

Kumar. He was re-inducted

into the party in the presence

of JDU working president San-

jay Kumar Jha, Union minister

Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan',

and State unit chief Umesh

announced his joining and

said, "I am happy to announce

that under the leadership of

Nitish Kumar ji, I have re-

ceived the opportunity to serve

the people of Bihar again. The

state of Bihar is on the path of

development, and I assure you

all that we will form our gov-

ernment in Bihar again."

Former MLA Arun Kumar

Kushwaha.

that place. Do you see how it's going?... We should establish a full diplomatic relationship. Our presence there is crucial for the country's security and geopolitical interests. We should have a full-fledged diplomatic relationship," he

tance was being provided, the

Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, who is on a visit to India from October 9 to 16, met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday.

He visited Darul Uloom Deoband in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday and met Jamiat Ulema-President Maulana Arshad Madani.

Muttagi expressed his gratitude for being welcomed to Doband, and hoped that the relations between India and the Taliban continue to im-

"I am thankful to all of you for the warm welcome given to me by everyone in Deoband and the love showered upon me. I will pray to God that India-Afghanistan relations improve further. After the meeting I had in Delhi, I can say that our future is bright. I hope that our visits between Delhi and Kabul increase," he

Delhi: AIMIM chief Asaddu-

din Owaisi has hit out at the

opposition parties, which ac-

cuse AIMIM of being the 'B

team of BJP' and said that

instead of introspecting on

their own weaknesses, they

the AIMIM chief said there is

no perception among people that his party is the 'B' team

of the BJP, but noted that

attempts are made by some

parties in the opposition in

He took a dig at these par-

ties and said if they think

that "bringing Owaisi into

everything will cure the dis-

ease" then he has no prob-

Owaisi stated, "There is

no such perception... If you

(opposition) think that bring-

ing Owaisi into everything

will cure the disease, then I

have no problem with that...

There is no perception like

this. People want to cre-

ate that. But we have said

it many times, and we are

saying it again today, that if

Narendra Modi has become

the Prime Minister of this

country three times, it's not

the fault of Indian Muslims."

this direction.

lem.

In an interview with ANI,

falsely target his party.

In his remarks on Friday, Jaishankar had said that as a contiguous neighbour and a well-wisher of the Afghan people, India has a deep interest in Afghanistan's development

and progress. "We have a common commitment towards growth and prosperity. However, these are endangered by the shared threat of cross-border terrorism that both our nations face. We must coordinate efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We appreciate your sensitivity towards India's security concerns. Your solidarity with us in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist attack was noteworthy," Jaishankar had said.

He said that India is fully committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Afghanistan.

"Closer cooperation between us contributes to your national development, as well as regional stability and resilience. To enhance that, I am pleased to announce today the upgrading of India's Technical Mission in Kabul to the status of Embassy of India," he said.

Answering a query on the Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal,

"Do an introspection and see how weak you are":

Owaisi's dig at allegations of being 'BJP's B-team'

the non-Muslim votes in the

polls. He's getting 37-38%,

so what's my role in that?

If you want to crown me, I'll

accept. I have no objection.

If you think that bringing

Owaisi into everything will

cure the disease, then I have

no problem with that. Do an

introspection and see how

The AIMIM chief further

denied allegations of having

ties with the Bharatiya Ja-

nata Party (BJP), stating that

his meetings with BJP minis-

ters were solely for work-re-

lated purposes. He explained

that once he met with Union

Minister Giriraj Singh to dis-

cuss issues related to the tex-

tiles sector, particularly the

the BJP... Before Operation

Sindoor, I issued a statement

asking why you didn't invite

me to the all-party meeting?

The Home Minister called

me and asked me to come. I

met with Giriraj Singh about

the Malegaon powerlooms.

Giriraj Singh spoke with us

for an hour. He's a minister,

shouldn't I go to him for work

related to textiles? ...I'm po-

litically opposed to you, but I

"I have no connection with

powerlooms in Malegaon.

weak you are," he added.

MI News Service, New ting about fifty per cent of

about the peace plan. He cited media reports and said 65,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military operations and accused Israel of carrying out a genocide.

"But tell me, what will Tony Blair, whose hands are stained with blood, do about it? What will Trump do in the board that will be formed? Where is the Palestinian Authority? There is no clarity on where the Israeli army committing genocide will stop, and what will happen to the Palestinian state? So, we feel they are operating there like a real estate project... But what about the perpetrators of genocide? Will they be punished or not?" he asked.

He criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for praising Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"And most disturbingly, how can the Prime Minister of India praise the leadership of Netanyahu, who has a warrant from the International Criminal Court (ICC) against him? Why is the Prime Minister praising him? This is a completely genocidal regime. The BJP is repeatedly propagating that Israel helps us, but no one helps. We pay them; no one

you're in the government..."

Speaking on bye-elections

in Jubilee Hills assembly

constituency of Telangana,

Owaisi has stated that his

party hasn't made any final

decision yet regarding an al-

liance with the Congress for

the upcoming bye-elections. He said, "No decision has

been made yet on (an alliance

with the Congress) for the Ju-

bilee Hills bye-elections. Yes,

i nave a good relationship

with Revanth Reddy. I've said

this before, and I'm saying it

again. The metro line wasn't

built in a part of my constitu-

ency, so we were supporting

the TRS in the elections...The

people have elected me; I

have to work. We won't com-

promise on ideology. We are

not compromising with the

BJP, nor will we compromise

The bye-elections in Tel-

angana's Jubilee Hills con-

stituency will be conducted

on November and the results

for the same would be an-

Naveen Yadav as the party's

candidate for the ensuing by-

poll to the Telangana legisla-

tive assembly from Jubilee

Congress has announced

nounced on November 14.

with anyone else...

Hills constituency.

Owaisi asserted.

"Arrested seven persons so far..." SIT Chief Munna **Prasad Gupta on Zubeen** Garg death investigation

Guwahati: Special Investiga-tion Team Chief and Special DGP of CID, Munna Prasad Gupta, provided an update on the investigation into the death of singer Zubeen Garg on Saturday.

In a statement to the media, Gupta revealed that approximately seven individuals have been arrested in connection with

"We hope that the others will also join the investigation without any further delay... We have arrested seven persons so far...' said Gupta.

The SIT chief stated that they have issued notices to individuals in Singapore to give statements in person, and the investigation is currently ongoing.

"The investigation is ongoing. We have issued the notices to the people in Singapore to appear physically here and to give their statements. One of them has already appeared, and we have recorded his statement," said

Meanwhile, the Assam Police has received the viscera report of late Zubeen Garg from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi and sent it to the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital

"We have sent the report to the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). The Expert Committee of doctors from GMCH and AIIMS Guwahati will prepare a final report, which we will submit to the court. A copy of the report will also be given to the family members of Zubeen Garg," Munna Prasad Gupta said.

Gupta also stated that the investigating team had already issued notices to 11 NRI Assamese individuals in Singapore, requesting their cooperation in the ongoing investigation process related to the case.

Earlier, the SIT and CID arrested seven people, including the main event organiser, Shyamkanu Mahanta, Zubeen Garg's Manager Siddharth Sharma, bandmate Shekhar Jyoti Goswami, co-singer Amritprava Mahanta, Zubeen's cousin Sandipan Garg (APS officer who was suspended by the State government), two PSOs, Nandeswar Bora and Paresh Baishya.

The celebrated singer passed away in Singapore on September 19, a day before he was supposed to perform at the Northeast India

Vivekananda Medical Trust inaugurates new hospital

Visakhapatnam: As part of the RSS's service initiatives, NGO Vivekananda Medical Trust inlugurated a nospital named Vivekananda Diagnostics & Research Centre, at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on Saturday.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Dattatreya Hosabale, the Chief Guest and RSS Sarkaryavah, along with Dusi Ramakrishna, the Guest of Honour and RSS Sahakshtra Sangchalak. Professor Chilukuri Shanthamma, who donated the land for the hospital, was also present at the event.

During the ceremony, RSS Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale praised the services provided by the medical trust over the past five decades. He emphasised that such services cannot be sustained without a higher purpose.

bly elections.

She also added that "talks

Today, there was a meet-

foundation stones of development projects worth Rs 132.8 crore in Karsog MI News Service, Shimla: Hi- (Library) established at the Support (ALS) ambulances

machal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday dedicated development projects worth Rs 132.8 crore to the people of the Karsog region and laid the foundation stones of several new initiatives aimed at strengthening infrastructure and public amenities in the area, according to an official

During his visit to Karsog, CM Sukhu inaugurated a series of projects, including the Combined Office Building, constructed at a cost of Rs 34.25 crore, the Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture) Office Building, worth Rs 1.67 crore, and the Panchayat Community Centre at Triman, built for Rs 29.51 lakh.

He also inaugurated the beautification work of the Mahunag Temple Complex completed at a cost of Rs 90.11 lakh, developmental works in Maindhi Gram Panchayat worth Rs 71.57 lakh, Health Sub Centre at Bhanthal built for Rs 13 lakh, Gram Panchayat Community Centre at Sui Kufridhar constructed for Rs 32.74 lakh, and 'Apna Pustkaaly'

Combined Office Building at a cost of Rs 13.75 lakh.

Himachal Pradesh CM inaugurates, lays

In addition, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for several key road infrastructure projects. These include the upgradation of the Bhakhrot-Karsog-Sanarli-Sainj road for Rs 31.80 lakh, the Kheel to Bhagelu road for Rs 13.18 crore, the Kheel to Bhagelu (Kelodhar-Garjoob) road for Rs 19.75 crore, the Chhalog to Baghail road for Rs 11.06 crore, and the Kelodhar to Sainj road upgradation worth Rs 18.60 crore.

Earlier, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0" in Shimla on Saturday, reiterating his government's commitment to improving public health and promoting awareness among the youth.

The Chief Minister flagged off an awareness rally from his official residence, Oak Over, urging young people to steer clear of tobacco and adopt a healthy lifestyle. On the occasion, he also flagged off 26 Advanced Life which have been allotted to various Block Medical Officers (BMOs) across the state.

Speaking to mediapersons after the flag-off ceremony, CM Sukhu said, "Health remains one of the top priorities of the state government. We are bringing major reforms in the healthcare sector. Today, advanced ambulances have been handed over to different BMOs, and wherever gaps remain, they will also be addressed soon. "Health Minister Dhani Ram Shandil and MLA Sanjay Awasthi were also present at the event.

Meanwhile, reacting to the arrest of Ramkumar Bindal, brother of Himachal BJP president Rajeev Bindal, the Chief Minister said, "The state government has acted based on the complaint filed by the victim. Appropriate legal action has been taken."

The "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign", now in its third phase, aims to bolster tobacco awareness efforts and promote a healthier, addiction-free lifestyle among the

Special Judge grants 2-day ED custody of Reliance Power CFO in fake bank guarantee case

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Special Judge granted two days' custody of Ashok Kumar Pal, CFO and Executive Director of Reliance Industries, to the ED. He has been arrested in a case involving a fake bank guarantee. He was produced at the residence of the Special Judge by the ED.

Special Judge Kiran Gupta granted 2 days' custody of Ashok Kumar Pal to the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Pal is to be produced in the Patiala House Court on Mon-

day.
The ED had sought a 5-day ED custody of the accused, Ashok Kumar Pal. Advocate Vijay Agarwal appeared for Ashok Kumar Pal.

During the hearing, an application was filed by Advocate Vijay Agarwal, Counsel for the accused, seeking directions declaring the arrest of the accused/applicant as illegal.

The Defence Counsel submitted that the ED arrested the present accused without obtaining prior court permission, contrary to settled law, even after the complaint was filed before the present

After perusing the application, the court stated that the Defence Counsel's submissions--that prior permission of the court was not obtained for further investigation prior to the arrest of the arrestee -- suggest to me that the trial of the case has not yet commenced, and even cognisance has yet to be taken. Without prejudice to the rights and contentions taken by the Defence Counsel during arguments and in the application, ED is granted 2 days' custody of the arrestee till October 13.

The arrestee is to be pro-

The court directed the ED to interrogate the accused at a place where CCTV cameras are installed.

The arrestee shall also be permitted to meet his advocate for half an hour daily between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm during the said period of ED custody in a manner that the ED officials are unable to hear their conversations.

The Enforcement Directorate is also directed to provide the necessary medicines, if any, to the arrestee, as per his medical prescriptions. The court granted the ED time to file a reply to the application before the next date, October 13.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Ashok Kumar Pal, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Reliance Power Limited (RPL), in connection with a fake bank guarantee and forged invoicing case linked to alleged fund diversion.

Officials said Pal was taken into custody late on Friday night after several hours of questioning at the agency's Delhi office.

According to sources, Pal, as the CFO of Reliance Power--a publicly listed company in which more than 75 per cent of the shares are held by the public--played a "crucial role" in the diversion of company funds and the submission of forged financial documents.

The investigation pertains to a fraudulent Bank Guarantee (BG) of over Rs 68 crore submitted to the Solar **Energy Corporation of India** (SECI) for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ten-

Officials said Pal was empowered by a board resolution to finalise, approve, and duced before the court on execute documents on be-

In this capacity, he allegedly conspired to submit a fake bank guarantee with the intention of cheating the PSU.

The ED's probe revealed that the bogus guarantee was issued in the name of "FirstRand Bank, Manila, Philippines"--a where the bank has no operational branch.

"The guarantee was ar ranged through Tradelink Pvt. Ltd (BTPL), a small entity operating from a residential address with no credible record in providing such guarantees. BTPL Partha Sarathi director Biswal, already in judicial custody, is alleged to have assisted in executing the forged document," said the

Investigators further alleged that Pal approved transport invoices worth several crores to facilitate fund diversion. He reportedly cleared payments and managed paperwork through Telegram and WhatsApp -- bypassing Reliance Power's official SAP

and vendor master systems The ED also found that Pal used the services of a fake bank guarantee racket operating through spoofed email domains resembling those of major Indian banks such as "s-bi.co.in" instead of the genuine "sbi.co.in".

Similar lookalike domains were used to impersonate other banks, including Indian Bank, IndusInd Bank, and Punjab National Bank.

Officials said Pal's actions form part of a broader criminal conspiracy involving forged instruments and fraudulent communication channels aimed at deceiving public institutions and misappropriating funds from a

"The reports in the me-

dia about consensus on seat

sharing in the NDA, which

10th steel bridge launched for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project

PM Narendra Modi is get- want to get work done, and

Service, bai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project has successfully completed the launch of its 10th steel bridge in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The bridge, spanning 60 meters in length, was launched over a western railway facility (laundry) situated adjacent to the railway

After months of meticulous planning and preparation, the bridge launching was executed with precision in just seven hours. This marks the first steel bridge launched in the Ahmedabad district as part of the project.

For the transverse launching of the bridge, it was assembled at a height of 16.5 metres above the ground on temporary trestles. Subsequently, the structure was side-slewed into position using two semi-automatic jacks, each with a 200-ton capacity, supported by locking trolleys for enhanced sta-

The bridge, which weighs 485 metric tons, measuring 12 metres in height and 11.4

cated at a dedicated workshop in Wardha (Nagpur, Maharashtra) and transported to Ahmedabad using specially designed trailers. The construction involved approximately 20,360 Tor-Shear Type High Strength (TTHS) bolts, coated with C5 system protective painting and equipped with elastomeric bearings to ensure durability and vibration con-

temporary platform measuring 35 by 60 metres was constructed for assembling the main structure. Additional temporary brackets were installed to strengthen the track beam during the transverse movement, improving its stability. In total, 14 skid arrangements were utilised, four of which were specifically dedicated to the transverse launching pro-

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train viaduct in Ahmedabad will pass through 31 crossings, including railway tracks, flyovers, a canal, a river bridge spanning the Sabarmati River, metres in width, was fabri- and six steel bridges. Across

the entire corridor, a total of 28 steel bridges are planned, with 17 located in Gujarat and 11 in Maharashtra.

Earlier on September 20, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw interacted with workers engaged in the construction of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train tunnels, congratulating them on achieving a breakthrough using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM).

"Today, an important milestone has been achieved in Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project. An undersea tunnel is being constructed beneath the creek between Mumbai and Thane," Minister Vaishnaw

According to the minister, the bullet train project aims to reduce the travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad from two hours to just seven minutes. The project is also expected to boost the economies of other major cities along the route, including Thane, Vapi, Surat, Baroda,

and Anand. Minister Vaishnaw further stated that the plan is to run

trains every half an hour during peak hours in the morning and evening, with eventual plans to have trains available every ten minutes during peak times. 'This means that if you

want to travel from Mumbai to Ahmedabad, the system of pre-reserving tickets will be eliminated. Simply arrive at the station, catch a train in ten minutes, and reach your destination in two hours. This will create a new approach to the entire service," Vaishnaw said.

vember 14. A significant milestone was also achieved for the ambitious undersea tunnel project between BKC and Shillphata, where the NATM successfully completed a breakthrough for its five-kilometre tunnel stretch. tional President will take the This critical section, which final decision on seat sharing.

runs 4.881 km, includes a challenging seven-kilometre are still ongoing". segment beneath the Thane Creek. Tunnelling com-MP said that all MPs and semenced in May 2024, and on nior office-bearers participated in the meeting, which July 9, engineers celebrated the first breakthrough for a she described as "very posicontinuous 2.7 km section tive and good." connecting the ADIT to the ing of our central parliamen-

party meeting underway in Delhi Delhi: The Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) convened a key Parliamentary party meeting in the national capital on Saturday to strategise ahead of the upcoming Bihar Assem-The first phase will take place on November 6, and the second phase will occur on November 11. The counting

Bihar elections: LJP (Ramvilas) Parliamentary

of votes will take place on No-Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) MP Shambhavi Chaudtary board. This meeting was hary said the party held a chaired by the national president, Chirag Paswan. All MPs central parliamentary board meeting, chaired by party and office-bearers of the parchief Chirag Paswan, and ty were present in it. A very added that the party's Napositive and good discussion

took place," Chaudhary said. "We have authorised our national president, Chirag Paswan, to take the final de-Speaking to ANI, LJP (RV) cision. Whatever the final decision regarding the alliance, seat or selection of seats will be, our national president, Chirag Paswan, will take it,"

> Chaudhary added that talks of seat sharing with par-

she added.

ty members are still ongoing. Earlier today, Rashtriya Lok Morcha chief and Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha termed the reports in the media about the "consensus" on seat-sharing in the National Democratic Alliance

for the two-phased Bihar as-

sembly polls as "incorrect",

and talks are still underway

in the NDA. His clarification came as he was heading to New Delhi to participate in the seat-sharing talks, which were scheduled to resume

show some seats being allotted to my party also, are incorrect. Discussions are still ongoing within the NDA. I have been called to Delhi by the BJP leadership, and I am heading to Delhi, and talks will resume there," Upendra Kushwaha clarified. Meanwhile, Lok Janshakti

Party (Ramvilas) Chief Chirag Paswan remained tightlipped about the seat-sharing announcement.

"I have nothing to say now. All seat-sharing-related announcements will be made later," Paswan said in a brief remark as he was on his way from his residence in Delhi to the party office to have a possible discussion on seat-sharing.

This upcoming electoral contest will be between the NDA, led by the BJP, and Janata Dal (United) (JD(U)), and the INDIA bloc, led by Tejashwi Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

India showing remarkable dynamism, resilience amid global uncertainty: Shaktikanta Das

Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said India is showing remarkable dynamism and resilience amid global uncertainty and a fragmented trade order.

Delivering the 85th Kale Memorial Lecture at the Gokhale Institute in Pune, he noted that long-standing globalisation norms and cost-based trade principles have been disrupted by the pandemic, geopolitical conflicts and supply chain vulnerabilities, pushing nations toward self-reliance and regional trade pacts.

He said that India, powered by structural reforms, domestic demand and prudent macro policies under Atmanirbhar Bharat, has weathered global headwinds and is set to contribute nearly one-fifth of global GDP

"India has also been actively reshaping its trade engagements to align with the changing global order. India is a signatory to 14 free trade agreements (FTAs) and six preferential trade agreements (PTAs), with the UK, Australia and the UAE being the recent additions among FTAs," Das told the

Additionally, members of European Free Trade Association - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and India have signed a comprehensive Trade and Economic



Partnership Agreement in March 2024. At present, India is in free trade agree ment negotiations with the US, the EU, Peru, Oman, New Zealand, among several

"The underlying priority of our trade negotiations is to secure fair and balanced agreements in the best interest of our

the ministry urged the general

public to take precautions and fol-

low measures, such as handwash-

known, it recommended vaccina-

tion for vulnerable populations

such as young children, the elder-

ly, and anyone with underlying

really early this year, but in the

changing global environment, this

might become a more common

scenario," Yoko Tsukamoto, a

professor at the Health Sciences

University of Hokkaido, was quoted as saying to South China

Tsukamoto added that global

"We are seeing a greater circulation of people, both in Japan and globally, with people taking

travel and population movement

may be accelerating the virus's ability to adapt to new conditions.

the virus to new places, which is

another factor behind the virus

adapting to new environments,"

sons are also being reported in

a translational unit of in Stem,

Bengaluru, under DBT, is prepar-

ing for the next phase of clinical

development. Several technolo-

gies for hemoglobinopathies are

being transferred to commercial

partners, and CSCR is building a

GMP-compliant haplobank of

iPSCs as part of the Global

Alliance for iPSC Therapies," he

gurated a new 42-bed medium-

cost private ward in the

Department of Psychiatry.

The Union Minister also inau-

across

subsidised low-cost private ward,

and the private ward whose rev-

enues sustain the others. But

many of the private ward rooms,

built in the 1950s, are now struc-

turally outdated. This new ward

responds to that need, adding 42

beds that meet modern safety

standards and provide the highest

quality of psychiatric care," he

the ward balances affordability

ronment that encourages family

participation in the healing

process, this facility will elevate

patient care while also ensuring

subsidised treatment for under-

privileged communities," he

The Minister emphasised that

"By fostering a nurturing envi-

Department

Psychiatry already

wards -- the fully

subsidised Annexe

Ward, the partly

She added that early flu sea-

Tsukamoto told the post.

Affordable, accessible

and quality healthcare key for self-reliant India: Jitendra Singh

The flu season has started

While the virus strain is not yet

ing and wearing masks.

health conditions.

Morning Post.

nation and the people," he mentioned.

Amidst such a changing global order, it would be important to focus on the robust fundamentals that impart strength to the Indian economy and the structural reforms that have strengthened these fundamen-

These factors have enabled India to

navigate through the tumultuous world order," Das added.

India is fast emerging as an economic powerhouse and is projected to become the fourth-largest global economy in 2025 and the third-largest in 2028, driven by domestic reforms and a strong global positioning under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

At the broad sectoral level, India's manufacturing sector has expanded at an average pace of 5.9 per cent over the past decade, said Das.

'Measures like adoption of technology for delivery of services, FDI reforms, opening up sectors like space and mining to private sector participation and consistent emphasis on reduction of compliance burden have led to increase in capacity and efficiency of the economy," he noted.

The higher focus on government capex, infra initiatives like the recently announced 12 industrial cities and 100 industrial parks near urban centres are increasing the efficiency of logistics and costs for the manufacturing sector, according to Das.

"A new sense of confidence is now palpable in the country. India's journey towards becoming an economic powerhouse is a testament to its inherent strength and the policy initiatives of the government," Das mentioned

Rat fever scare in Tirunelveli: TN Health Dept allows bank exam under strict conditions



Chennai : Tamil Nadu Health Department has granted conditional approval for a scheduled bank recruitment examination to be held on October 12 at a private college in Melathediyoor, Tirunelveli, even as the district grapples with a fresh rat fever (leptospirosis) scare among stu-

Earlier this week, several students from the college were hospitalised with high fever, body pain, and other symptoms consistent with leptospirosis.

Medical tests confirmed infection, prompting health officials to close the college and inspect the prem-

ises temporarily.

The affected students are undergoing treatment at a nearby government hospital, and their condition is reported to be stable.

Health Department teams, during inspection of the hostel campus, identified contaminated water as the likely cause of the outbreak. The officials also collected water and food samples for testing.

Food Safety Department authorities subsequently found multiple hygiene lapses in the hostel mess and two campus canteens.

Following the inspection, both canteen licences were

temporarily suspended, and the college was ordered to remain closed until proper sanitation measures were completed. After several days of cleaning and disinfection. a follow-up inspection was conducted.

Health Department officials confirmed that the premises earmarked for the bank recruitment exam had been sanitised and that all classrooms, restrooms, and common areas were disinfected.

The department then granted conditional permission for the exam to proceed as per schedule, warning the management against any lapses in hygiene protocols.

Meanwhile, the recent incident has heightened public concern as Tirunelveli district recorded multiple cases of rat fever in recent weeks, particularly in schools and hostels in rural areas

Health authorities have launched awareness drives, urging residents to maintain clean surroundings, ensure safe drinking water, and immediately report any symptoms of fever or jaundice.

Medical teams have also intensified field inspections and distributed preventive medication in affected areas to curb the spread of the dis-

Japan reports flu outbreak, over 4,000 people affected

New Delhi: Japan has reported a significant outbreak of flu, with more than 4,030 people being affected nationwide, according to local media reports.

The country is experiencing a flu season about a month earlier than last year. It is also the second earliest in 20 years, Japan Today reported, citing the health min-

"About 3,000 hospitals across the country reported a combined 4,030 flu patients", the report said. Okinawa Prefecture reported the most patients per hospital followed by Tokyo and Kagoshima.

The caseload has crossed the epidemic threshold, with an average of 1.04 patients per institution, the country's health ministry stated. More than 100 schools, kindergartens, and childcare centres have been closed due to out-

breaks among children. Flu season in Japan usually spans from December through March. The previous season started in early November and peaked in late December before it was

deemed over in April. In the wake of the rising cases,

New Delhi: Affordable, accessi-

ble, and quality healthcare both

for body and mind is crucial for a

self-reliant India, said Union

Minister of State for Science and

inaugurating the 10th Annual

"Cell and Gene Therapy"

Symposium at the Christian

Medical College (CMC), Vellore,

organised by the Centre for Stem

Cell Research (CSCR), supported

Biotechnology.

"Affordable, accessible, and

first-in-

human gene therapy trial for

Hemophilia A. The inherited

bleeding disorder, caused by the

deficiency of clotting Factor VIII,

has long required costly lifelong treatment. CSCR's approach,

using lentiviral vectors instead of

the commonly used AAV, expand-

ed patient eligibility and showed

sustained Factor VIII expression

milestone -- it is a transformative

step toward affordable, accessible

gene therapy for India and other

low- and middle-income coun-

institutions are driving innovation

to meet the aspirations of

These "exemplify how our

"This is not just a scientific

with no bleeding episodes.

tries," the MoS said.

India@2047," he added

quality healthcare,

whether physical or

mental, is essential

for building a self-reliant India," he

landmark achieve-

ment of CSCR, which

recently completed

Singh lauded the

Department

Singh said this while virtually

Technology Jitendra Singh.

A healthier gut may help improve depression and anxiety, says study

New Delhi : Gut microbiome may hold the key to improving depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions -- one of the world's most pressing health challenges affecting nearly one in seven people globally, according to a study. Researchers from the University of South Australia explored the connections between the gut and the brain to decipher their role in mental health and wellbeing. They examined the growing evidence that the gut and the brain are deeply connected. Their findings, published in the journal Nature Mental Health, found the strongest proof yet that changes in a person's gut microbiome can directly affect their brain

"The gut-brain connection is one of the most exciting frontiers in mental health research," said lead author Srinivas Kamath, a doctoral candidate at the varsity.

already know that the trillions of microbes in our digestive system talk to the brain through chemical and neural pathways, affecting our mood, stress levels, and even cogni-

"But the big question is whether changes in gut bacteria actually drive mental illness or mirror what's happening elsewhere in the body," Kamath said The team's review of studies found strong causal evidence that gut microbes can change brain chemistry, stress responses, and behaviours in animal models, as well as disrupted gut patterns in conditions like depression and schizophrenia. They also found that early trials of probiotics, diet changes, and faecal microbiota transplants help improve mood and anxiety, and psychiatric medications can change the microbiome, demonstrating the gut-brain connection.

affect nearly 970 million people, with depression and anxiety ranking among the leading causes of disability. Yet up to one-third of patients do not respond to current medications or therapies, highlighting the need for new and accessible treatments. "If we can prove that gut bacte-

ria play a direct role in mental illness, it could transform how we diagnose, treat, and even prevent conditions," researcher Dr Paul Joyce.

"Microbiome-based therapies such as probiotics, prebiotics, or tailored diets may offer accessible, safer, low-cost, and culturally adaptable options that complement existing care," Joyce added. The researchers called for future studies to track gut changes over time and include more diverse, larger populations to better understand how diet, environment, and culture shape the

Death toll from Rift Valley Fever outbreak in Senegal rises to 17

Dakar : Seventeen people have died since the outbreak of Rift and Public Hygiene Ibrahima Sy may be fatal Valley Fever (RVF) in Senegal, a senior official from the country's Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene said. Boly Diop, head of epidemiological surveillance at the ministry, told local media that since September 21, a total of 119 confirmed cases have been reported nationwide.

Most of the confirmed cases were living in livestock-raising areas in the north of the country, he said on Thursday.

The ministry said on social media on the same day that hospitals in Saint-Louis, northern Senegal, have recently received modern intensive care equipment, which would significantly enhance its capacity to admit and treat patients, especially severe cases, Xinhua news agency reported.

said that the immediate priority is to strengthen medical infrastructure to ensure timely and effective treatment for patients, particularly those in critical condition, in order to save lives and contain the spread of the epidemic.

Rift Valley Fever is a zoonotic disease caused by the Rift Valley Fever virus. It primarily spreads among animals but can also infect

Human infection is often linked to contact with the blood or organs of infected animals, particduring slaughtering, butchering, assisting with animal births, or handling carcasses.

Common symptoms include fever, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue. While most cases are mild, delayed treatment can lead

Senegalese Minister of Health to hemorrhagic complications that

As most human cases of RVF are relatively mild and of short duration, no specific treatment is required for these patients. For the more severe cases, the predominant treatment is early intensive supportive care, including fluid management and treatment

of specific symptoms. Forecasting can predict climatic conditions that are frequently associated with an increased risk of outbreaks, and may improve disease control. In Africa, Saudi Arabia and Yemen RVF outbreaks are closely associated with periods of above-average rainfall; in East Africa, they are closely associated with the heavy rainfall that occurs during the warm phase of the El Nino-Southern Oscillation phe-

Targeted steroid use shows promise against TB



New Delhi Treating patients with steroids may offer a universal complementary treatment to fight tuberculosis (TB) -- affecting more than 10 million people annually worldwide, according to

The study published in the journal Scientific Reports showed that targeted use of steroids enhances the function of the immune cells called macrophages to kill the mycobacteria, while diminishing pathways of inflammatory damage. While steroids like dex-

amethasone are used in certain TB cases (e.g., TB meningitis), their impact on immune cells is not well understood.

glucocorticoid, reduces glycolysis in human lung and blood-derived macrophages. This reduces the amount of energy available in the cell.

dexamethasone also reduced the production of both proanti-inflammatory cytokines measured in the study. Although helpful for immunity, limiting the production can also limit damage from excessive inflam-

"What's reassuring from this study is that dexamethasone not only tempers inflammation but also appears to support the macrophage's ability to control infection. This study provides new evidence to help us redefine steroid use in TB care -- targeting inflammation without compromising antimicrobial

Dexamethasone, a potent

The study showed that

"In clinical practice, steroids are the most underused adjunctive therapy for TB. We often rely on steroids to manage inflammation in tuberculosis, particularly in severe forms like TB meningitis," said Prof Joseph Keane, Professor of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin in

defense," he added.

The researchers studied macrophages derived from the blood of healthy volunteers or isolated from lung fluid donated by patients undergoing routine broncho-By treating and infecting

these macrophages in the lab with Mtb, the scientists could examine and understand how dexamethasone affects the immune response that protects the lungs during infection.

Mtb-infected macrophages have increased survival when they are treated with dexamethasone. This suggests that dexamethasone may protect macrophages from dying due to the harmful effects of infection or detrimental responses to infection.

Dexamethasone reduces bacterial burden in infected macrophages, and the team identified that this is at least partly mediated by autophagy and phagosomal acidification. Dexamethasone can enhance the macrophages' ability to degrade and clear bacteria, helping to overcome infection

The findings support the use of steroids as an extra therapy in conjunction with existing antimicrobial therapies in TB treatment, especially in cases with excessive

New seaweed-based tablet to transform menstrual cups into health tracking tools

The medium-cost facility has New Delhi: In a breakthrough, been designed to Canadian researchers have enhanced the existing menstrual socioecocup into a safer, easier, and more nomic groups.

" T h environmentally sustainable tool, using seaweed, to track women's

> The new menstrual cup can be leveraged to detect infections, monitor reproductive health, and improve diagnostics for conditions, such as endometriosis and urinary tract infections, said researchers at University in Ontario.

> The new component, described in a paper published in the journal ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces, is a flushable tablet made from highly absorbent seaweed-based materi-

It's designed to hold menstrual blood and minimise spills during removal -- a common barrier to wider adoption of menstrual cups.

"This project opened my eyes to how urgently innovation is needed in menstrual care," said Zeinab Hosseinidoust, Associate Professor of biomedical and chemical engineering from the

"There's been little movement



in the conversation around menstrual care. Some of that is due to stigma and some is lack of interest, but cups have the potential to make a serious difference in the lives of women around the world," Hosseinidoust added.

Beyond convenience and safety, the technology has the potential to significantly reduce the environmental impact of disposable menstrual products and improve access to menstrual care in lower-income communities.

Each cup is designed to last for several years, offering a costeffective and sustainable solution for users who may not have reliable access to tampons or pads. Though menstrual cups have

"This could be a new form of wearable technology that could be even more valuable than a smartwatch," said associate professor of mechanical and bioengineering Tohid Didar, who co-led the

of biological information.

research

has been limited due to usability

challenges. These new cups

address those concerns while

opening the door to future health-

sions of the menstrual products

equipped with sensors to detect

blood-borne illnesses -- using

menstrual blood as a rich source

The team envisions future ver-

signs of infections and

monitoring capabilities.

The Minister noted that CSCR

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North Korea displays new hypersonic, nuclear missiles at military parade on ruling party's **80th anniversary**

MI News Service, Pyongyang: North Korea displayed new hypersonic and long-range nuclear missiles during a large military parade in Pyongyang on Friday night to mark the 80th anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, Yonhap News reported, citing state media.

The parade took place In Kim Il Sung Square and showcased two weapons the Hwasong-11Ma hypersonic missile and the Hwasong-20 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), which North Korean state media described as the country's "most powerful nuclear weapons.'

Speaking at the event, Kim called for the armed forces to continue to develop into an "invincible" entity, as per Yonhap News. "Our army should continue to grow into an invincible entity that destroys all threats approaching our range of self-defence by dint of its political, ideological, military and technical superiority overwhelming the enemy, and it should steadily strengthen itself into elite armed forces which win victory after victory on the strength of morality and discipline," he said.

As per CNN, pictures and videos shared online showed soldiers marching, large missile launchers rolling through the streets, and crowds cheering under bright lights. It was North Korea's first big military parade in two years. The event came a month after leader Kim Jong Un attended a military parade in Beijing, where he stood alongside Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin. That visit strengthened North Korea's ties with China and Russia.

The newly shown Hwasong-11Ma is designed to fly at hypersonic speed, more than five times the speed of sound, and can change direction during flight, making it very difficult for defence systems to stop. CNN reported that North Korea has used he new 11Ma model with a warhead carried in a boost glide vehicle system, meaning it can move unpredictably towards its target. It also uses solid fuel, which allows for faster launch and easier transport than older liquidfuel rockets.

The parade also Introduced the Hwasong-20, North Korea's newest ICBM, which is believed to be capable of carrying nuclear warheads and reaching targets as far as the United States, CNN reported citing KCNA. Earlier this year, North Korea said it had completed final testing of a new high-powered rocket engine made from carbon-fiber materials for the Hwasong-20. The same engine is also expected to be used for the Hwasong-19, another longrange missile that experts believe can reach anywhere

Friday's parade was attended by senior North Korean officials and possibly guests from China, Russia. and Vietnam. While Kim Jong Un was seen at the event, it is not clear if he gave a speech or was joined by his daughter, Kim Ju-ae, who often appears beside him at important military events.

India, Czechia hold 7th Joint Defence Committee meeting in Prague to expand bilateral cooperation

MI News Service, Prague: India and Czechia held the 7th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) Meeting in Prague from October 7 to 9, focusing on strengthening defence industrial collaboration, military training, and expanding overall bilateral cooperation, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) A. Anbarasu, while the Czech side was headed by RadkaKonderlova, Director General of the Industrial Cooperation Division at the Czech Ministry of Defence.

The talks centred on new opportunities for joint defence production, research and development, technology sharing, and capacity-building. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepen cooperation in defence manufacturing and training, in line with their growing strategic partnership. An India-Czechia Defence Industry Seminar was also held alongside the meeting, which saw active participation from defence industries and representatives of both countries. The seminar served as a plat-

MI News Service, Washington: Amid ongoing

efforts to reunite families affected by the on-

going Russia-Ukraine war, US First Lady

Melania Trump announced that eight Ukrain-

ian children have been reunited with their

their families during the past 24 hours," the First Lady said while addressing the media at

the White House. These children had been

displaced during the ongoing conflict with

Russia. Melania Trump said that Russian

President Vladimir Putin has responded posi-

in August, expressing willingness to engage

and cooperate for the benefit of all people in-

Much has unfolded since President Putin re-

ceived my letter last August. He responded in

writing, signalling a willingness to engage

with me directly and outlining details regard-

ing the Ukrainian children residing in Russia.

Since then, President Putin and I have had an

open channel of communication regarding the

welfare of these children," the First Lady said.

been working directly with Putin's team to en-

sure the safe reunification of children with

She added that her representatives have

Trump to visit Israel, Egypt as Gaza

deal secures hostages, peace efforts

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump out-

lined his upcoming visits to Israel and Egypt, following the Israeli

government's approval of phase one of the Gaza peace plan. De-

scribing the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas as a

"great deal" for the world, Trump said that the deal would secure

the release of hostages and the return of approximately 28 bodies.

"It is a great deal for Israel, but it's a great deal for everybody, for

Arabs, for Muslims, everybody, for the world. On Monday, the

hostages come back. They're in some pretty rough places under

Earth. Only a few people know where they are... They're also get-

ting approximately 28 bodies. Some of those bodies are being un-

"A child's soul knows no border, no flags.

"Eight children have been rejoined with

families in the past 24 hours.

volved in the war.



form to explore new avenues for partnership and enhance industrial engagement between Indian and Czech defence companies. India and the Czech Republic share a long-standing defence relationship dating back to the establishment of diplomatic ties with Czechoslovakia in 1947. Following the country's dissolution in 1993, India immediately recognised the Czech Republic, and the two nations have since maintained close cooperation, especially in defence and industrial development, as per Min-

Eight Ukrainian children reunited with families, Melania

Trump says Putin responded positively to peace letter

istry of External Affairs. Bilateral defence cooperation gained renewed momentum with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation in October 2003, leading to the creation of the Joint Defence Committee. Six JDC meetings have been held so far, with the last one taking place in New Delhi in Febru-

ary 2020. Czech defence companies have been regular suppliers of military equipment to the Indian armed forces and continue to explore collaborative projects in line

their families. "For the past 3 months, both

sides have participated in several back-chan-

nel meetings and calls, all in good faith. We

have agreed to cooperate with each other for

the benefit of all people involved in this war.

My representative has been working directly

with President Putin's team to ensure the safe

reunification of children with their families

ter" to Putin in August, urging him to protect

children and future generations worldwide.

US President Donald Trump hand-delivered

the letter to Putin ahead of their summit in

Alaska, as reported by Fox News. Immediately

after receiving it, Putin read the letter in front

of the American and Russian delegations.

"Dear President Putin," the letter began.

"Every child shares the same guiet dreams in

their heart, whether born randomly into a na-

tion's rustic countryside or a magnificent city-

center. They dream of love, possibility, and

next generation's hope. As leaders, the re-

sponsibility to sustain our children extends

beyond the comfort of a few," it read. The

First Lady further wrote, "Undeniably, we

must strive to paint a dignity-filled world for

all—so that every soul may wake to peace,

and so that the future itself is perfectly

guarded. A simple yet profound concept,

Putin, as I am sure you agree, is that each

generation's descendants begin their lives

with a purity—an innocence which stands

above geography, government, and ideol-

world, some children are forced to carry a

quiet laughter, untouched by the darkness

around them—a silent defiance against the

forces that can potentially claim their fu-

ture." "Putin, you can singlehandedly re-

store their melodic laughter," she added.

The letter noted that "In today's

"As parents, it is our duty to nurture the

safety from danger.'

Melania Trump had written a "peace let-

between Russia and Ukraine," she said.

and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives.

The latest JDC meeting builds on the outcomes of Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala's visit to India in January 2024, during which both sides underlined the importance of innovation in defence technology, R&D, and joint production.

Following that visit, a joint statement was issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "Both partners underline the importance of innovations in the defence field and the defence industry. They note with satisfaction the existing connections among their entities in these areas and are committed to further encouraging cooperation, including R&D, training, and innovative production solutions involving Czech and Indian stakeholders.

Both partners also reaffirmed their shared intent to enhance cooperation in cybersecurity, countering hybrid threats, CBRN defence, and space security, as well as to continue coordination in multilateral forums such as the United Nations on cyber and security issues of mutual interest.

UP Dy CM Maurya leads delegation of monks to transport Buddha relics to Russia

MI News Service, Delhi: Uttar October 11 to 18.

Dy CM Maurya offered prayers to the relics at Palam Airport. "This is a very fortunate moment in my life... I thank PM Modi from the bottom of my heart for this... These remains have a very long history... It is a very big day," he said. National Museum Director General Gurmeet Singh Chawla and the delegation of 11 senior Indian monks also offered prayers before departing for Kalmykia for an exposition. International Buddhist Confederation Director General AbhijitHalder said, "... It is certainly going to strengthen the relationship between the two countries because Buddhism has been popular in Russia... Keshay Prasad Maurya is leading the delegation, and upon their return, Manoj Sinha will escort the delegation back. We have 11 monks from the Theravada and Mahayana traditions... We have the good honour that the 43rdSakyaTrizin Rinpoche is accompanying us.'

Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, in the early hours of Saturday, is leading a high-level delegation of 11 senior Indian monks transporting sa-cred Relics of Gautam Buddha to Russia's Kalmykia Republic for an exposition. The exposition will be held In the capital city of Elista, the capital city of Kalmykia, from

Before their departure,

"In protecting the innocence of these children, you will do more than serve Russia alone—you serve humanity itself," as reported by Fox News.

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump reacted to not winning the Nobel Peace Prize this year, claiming that he had extended assistance to the awardee, Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado, on multiple occasions. He said the Venezuelan opposition leader called him and accepted the prize "in honour" of him.

"The person who got the Nobel Prize called me today and said, 'I am accepting this in honour of you because you really deserved it'... I didn't say, 'Give it to me', though. I think she might have... I've been helping her along the way. They needed a lot of help in Venezuela during the disaster. I am happy because I saved millions of lives...' Trump said while speaking to reporters at the White House.

the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy. Trump, who had expected to receive the prize for his efforts to "end seven wars," also linked the conflict in Ukraine to his broader peace-

the seven others? I should get

a Nobel Prize for each one'. So they said, 'but if you stop Russia and Ukraine, sir, you should be able to get the Nobel'. I said I stopped seven wars. That's one war, and that's a big one," he told the gathering, listing conflicts he said were halted under his leadership, including "Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo and Serbia, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, Rwanda and

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday also said that Trump deserves the Nobel Peace Prize. In a post on X, he wrote, "Give @realDonaldTrump the Nobel Peace Prize - he deserves it!" The Norwegian Nobel Committee described Maria Corina Machado as a "brave and committed champion of peace" and stated that the Prize has been awarded to "woman who keeps the flame of democracy burning

"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.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Inspects New, State-of-the-Art Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station, Designed to Accommodate Approximately 7,000 Passengers

 Yatri Suvidha Kendra to Provide Greater Comfort to Passengers Amid Surge in Travel During Festival Season: Union

 Yatri Suvidha Kendra Like This Shall be Developed at Other Stations Across the Country: Ashwini Vaishnaw

 New Yatri Suvidha Kendra Divided into Pre-Ticketing, Ticketing, and Post-Ticketing Zones to Reduce Congestion and Enhance Comfort Yatri Suvidha Kendra Fea-

tures 22 Ticket Counters, 25 ATVMs, Advanced Security Systems, and Comprehensive Passenger Amenities Including Seating, Cooling, Sanitation, and Information Facilities MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant boost to passenger experience at one of the country's busiest terminals, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw today inspected the newly constructed Yatri Suvidha Kendra (Permanent Holding Area) at New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS). The center is designed to accommodate approximately 7,000 passengers at any given time, dramatically enhancing pre-

boarding comfort and flow. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "The newly developed state of the art Yatri Suvidha Kendra will provide comfort to passengers during festival season as there is a surge in the passenger volume. Yatri Suvidha Kendra like this shall be developed at other stations

in the country." The new Yatri Suvidha Kendra is strategically divided into three zones to streamline passenger movement, a Ticketing area spanning 2,860 sqm, a Post Ticketing area of



1,150 sgm, and a Pre Ticketing area covering 1,218 sqm. This spatial separation is designed to reduce congestion and improve passenger comfort across the terminal's main entrance.

Northern Railway has equipped the Kendra with comprehensive, modern amenities to ensure passenger convenience and security.

Key Features: Ticketing: 22 modern ticketing counters and 25 **Automatic Ticket Vending**

Machines (ATVMs). Capacity & Comfort: Seating capacity for 200 passengers and 18 High

Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fans for efficient cooling. Sanitation & Water: A dedicated toilet block built over 652 sqm, along with an RObased drinking water system.

Information & Safety: A robust passenger announcement system with 24 speakers, three LED electronic train information displays, and 7 units of modern fire-fighting system.

Security: State-of-the-art security measures including 18 CCTV cameras, 5 luggage scanners, and 5 Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD).

Northern Railway successfully navigated several complex challenges during the construction, including the necessary demolition and shifting of existing structures such as ATMs, a Delhi Police cabin, and hoarding boards. Furthermore, the sensitive relocation of essential utilities like water lines, drainage systems, and OFC cables was executed without disruption to daily operations.

In parallel, an essential infrastructure upgrade was completed with the extension of Foot Over Bridge 1 (FOB 1). This extension ensures that passengers de-boarding trains at NDLS can now directly exit towards the Metro Station, significantly improving multimodal connectivity and

reducing platform congestion. The Union Minister was accompanied by Shri Satish Kumar, Chairman and CEO Railway Board; Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager Northern Railway, and other senior Railway officials, who provided a detailed briefing on the facility's planning and execution. The inspection underscored the Railway Ministry's commitment to modernizing crucial infrastructure and ensuring world-class facili-

Sonali Ghosh becomes first Indian to win global IUCN Kenton Miller Award

MI News Service, Abu Dhabi: India's conservation efforts received global recognition as Dr Sonali Ghosh, Field Director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, became the first Indian to win the prestigious WCPA-Kenton Miller Award for innovation in National Parks and Protected Area Sustainability at the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Abu Dhabi.

The award, presented by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), honours individuals who have made innovative contributions to the long-term sustainability of national parks and protected areas worldwide. It is named after Dr Kenton R. Miller, a pioneer in conservation and former Director General of IUCN.

Dr Ghosh's recognition highlights India's growing leadership in biodiversity conservation, particularly the sustainable management of Assam's protected ecosystems such as Kaziranga, Manas, and Orang National Parks. Her work focuses on strengthening park management, engaging local communities in conservation efforts, and promoting eco-friendly tourism models that ensure both environmental protection and sustainable livelihood generation.

The award also brings global attention to India's extensive network of protected areas and its innovative conservation strategies led by field officials and scientists. Earlier in the day, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, as well as External Affairs. KirtiVardhan Singh, attended the IUCN



Congress and reaffirmed India's commitment to working with global partners towards a sustainable and green future.

"Enjoyed a constructive discussion with Dr Grethel Aguilar, Director-General, ward for our shared mission of conservation and sustainability," the minister said in a post on X.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), founded in 1948 and headquartered in Switzerland, is the world's largest environmental network, bringing together governments, NGOs, and experts from over 160 countries. Every four years, it holds the World Conservation Congress, where global priorities for protecting nature and biodiversity are set.

In 2023, the Kenton Miller Award was presented to Maria del Carmen Garcia Rivas of Mexico for her pioneering work in advancing marine protected areas through community-led governance and scientific

Enjoy Festivity Of Diwali And Chhath At Your Home By Availing Festive Special Trains From Eastern Railway This Diwali and Chhath

Special Trains starts their

journey from different im-

Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata

stations

portant

MI News Service, Kolkata: Durga Puja season has just passed but the festive season is not over yet. Diwali and Chhath festivals are coming. A lot of people who are working in and around West Bengal or in Eastern Railway network having their native town or village at a distant place might be eager to unite with their family members to enjoy the festivity of Diwali and Chhath. To facilitate easier movement of the persons intending to travel to unite with their family members during Diwali and Chhath festivals, a total of 952 trips of Special trains will be available in Eastern Railnetwork. Among way these, 301 trips will be available on the occasion of Diwali between 05.10.2025 and 20.10.2025, 144 trips of Special Trains will be available between 21.01.2025 and 27.10.2025 for Chhath and in post-Chhath period 507 trips of

Special trains will be avail-

able between 28.10.2025

and 30.11.2025 so that all

the passengers migrated

during Diwali and Chhath

may return to their desired

destination comfortably.

station, Asansol and Malda Town towards different places throughout the country viz Raxaul, Patna, Gorakhpur, New Jalpaiguri, ing, Maltipatpur, Charla-palli, Anand Lucknow, Terminal. Khatipura, Vododara, Udhna. Lakhs of berths and seats are generated by running these special trains for more comfortable accommodation of passengers.

Apart from running of the Special Trains, Eastern railway is also taking crowd control measures during Chhath and Diwali this year so that the intending passengers face no inconvenience for boarding or alighting the trains from different stations. Holding area has been identified at important stations to reduce the rush of passengers at the station platform, Officers and Supervisors are deployed round-the-clock at

stations and Control Rooms for monitoring the situation, Scouts & Guides and Civil

Defence Volunteers are kept ready for helping and assisting the passengers, strict monitoring of punctuality of Special Trains are going on, increased number of security personnel have been deployed at several stations for crowd control and looking after the security aspect, passenger amenities at different stations are being monitored strictly so that the basic amenities like drinking water, food etc are available to the passengers. Eastern Railway is in all

out endeavour for a pleasant journey experience for the passengers during festive season. However, passengers are advised not to indulge in any activities which affect the safety and security of Railway operations as well as of themselves. It is advised please do not carry any inflammable articles during journey, do not lean out from the train compartment, do not pass through Railway track at station and other areas – only use Foot Overbridge (FOB) or other designated places for this purpose and above all, maintain cleanliness at Railway station premises.

earthed right now as we speak. It's a tragedy. I'll be going to Israel. I'll be speaking at the Knesset. Then I'm also going to Egypt.' "Swachh Neer" (Clean Water) Initiative Carried Out Under Swachhata Pakhwada And Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata :As part of Swachhata Pakhwada and Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organized the "Swachh Neer (Clean Water)" initiative to ensure the availability of safe and hygienic drinking water across railway premises.

The campaign focused on the cleaning of water bodies, inspection of water treatment and filtration plants, and cleanliness drives at drinking water tap areas. Staff were sensitized on proper maintenance and hygiene at water filling points in stations and depots. Inspections were also carried out in railway colonies, hospitals, and schools to verify the availability of water testing kits, clean storage tanks, and well-maintained pipelines.

The drive was undertaken across major stations including Howrah, Sheoraphuli, Srirampur, Kamarkundu, Bandel, Barddhaman, Katwa, Konnagar, Pandua, Magra, Bolpur, Rampurhat, and Azimganj.

Efforts were also made to strengthen rainwater harvesting and water recycling



systems to ensure a continuous supply of potable water and prevent water stagnation within railway premises.

Howrah Division remains committed to maintaining clean, safe, and sustainable water facilities for passengers and staff, reaffirming Indian Railways' dedication to environmental sustainability and public health.

Trump reacts to 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, says Venezuelan opposition leader accepted it "in honour" of him

Machado was awarded making claims.

"I said, 'Well, what about

the Congo.

amid a growing darkness.

THEEGALA DROPS DOUBLE BOGEY ON 18TH, LIES EIGHTH AT **BAYCURRENT IN JAPAN**

YOKOHAMA: Sahith Theegala was cruising along at 3-under and was inside the Top-3 when he went into the water and then missed a bogey putt to drop two shots on the 18th on the third day of the Baycurrent Classic in

His round of 1-under 70 gave him a total of 8-under and he was Tied-eighth and four shots behind the leading duo Max Greyserman and Xander Schauffele

Greyserman finished with an even-par 71 with Schauffele carding a 67 at the Yokohama Country Club. Both are on 12-under 201. Theegala is trying to make up for missing a lot of events during the regular season due to a neck injury.

Playing on a rainy day, he birdied the second and the fourth but dropped a shot on the 12th. He got that shot back and another on the 14th. However, a double on the 18th pulled him back.

In his first two rounds Theegala hit 22 of the 30 fairways. His ball-striking has been good but he has been giving some bogeys, which need to be tightened.

The rough at Yokohama Country Club can be penal, but it's hardly U.S. Open-level punishment, which makes the results feel more unlucky than

anything else.
As his second round 67 showed, his form is showing improvement and Theegala could well go low and contend on the final day. Greyserman is seeking his first PGA Tour title after being second in this event a year ago. Schauffele is looking to

add more silverware to his collection of two major championships, a gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and numerous other PGA Tour titles. Add to that, Schauffele's mother was born in Taiwan but grew up in Japan. Winning, of course, would be a dream.

Greyserman, who has shared or held the lead outright since the first round, described just holding on.

Five players were three strokes back going into the final round including defending champion Nico Echavarria (69), Michael Thorbjornsen (66), Byeong Hun An (66), Garrick Higgo (68) and Si Woo Kim (69).

It is the only PGA Tour tournament in Japan. The event was moved this year to Yokohama after being played east of Tokyo. The event was won by Tiger Woods in 2019.

2nd Test: Jadeja, Kuldeep reduce WI to 140/4 after Gill's unbeaten 129 propels India to 518/5

NEW DELHI: Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav took four wickets collectively as India strengthened their position in the second Test by reducing West Indies to 140/4 in 43 overs, trailing by 378 runs at the Arun Jaitley

Shai Hope remained unbeaten on 31 to offer some resistance for the visitors after Jadeja (3-37) and Kuldeep (1-45) struck in tandem to trigger a collapse of the visitors from 87/1 to 107/4. While West Indies showed more grit than they did in Ahmedabad, their innings was punctuated by lapses in concentration - errors that have repeatedly cost them in this series.

India's dominance in front of 15,700 spectators on day two was established by declaring a commanding first-innings total of 518/5. It was led by Shubman Gill's unbeaten 129 - his tenth century in the format and fifth as the Indian captain, featuring 16 fours and two sixes, while Yashasvi Jaiswal scored a majestic 175. As the pitch begins to show signs of wear and tear, the hosts will aim to press home their advantage on day three.

The day began with a heartbreak for India as Jaiswal's attempt at a third Test double hundred was cut short by a strange run-out in the second over. After driving a full ball to mid-off, Jaiswal set off for a quick single, but Gill had already called no. By then, Tagenarine Chanderpaul threw in a direct hit to the keeper's end, and although Jaiswal desperately turned back



after being more than halfway down the pitch, keeper Tevin Imlach quickly disturbed the stumps. Nitish Kumar Reddy, promoted to number five with the aim of getting some game time by the Indian team management, survived a close lbw appeal on the second ball he faced from Jayden Seales, before square driving him

Reddy had some luck again

the 40th National Junior Athletics

Championship-2025, clinching

one gold, one silver, and one

bronze medal at the Kalinga

Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

went just past second slip for four, even as Gill found boundaries easily through flicks, drives, and slashes, before reaching his fifty with a superbly timed flick through mid-wicket for four off Seales. Luck was once again on Reddy's side when, on 20, Anderson Philip dropped his catch at mid-off off Jomel Warrican's bowling. Reddy then launched Warrican for two sixes and a four, even as a calm Gill received huge

cheers from a lively weekend crowd by leaning into a half-volley from Greaves and driving through wide of mid-off for four, before thrashing him through the gap at extra cover for another boundary.

But Reddy fell seven runs short of his fifty when he attempted to clear Warrican with a slog sweep, but he holed out to long-on. With West Indies' bowling being unthreatening, Gill swept Pierre for four, before Dhruv Jurel

to secure quick boundaries.

Gill then effortlessly drove Chase for four, before reaching his fifth Test century as India's captain in 177 balls with a fine cut through cover for three runs, earning warm applause from the eager crowd. After that, Gill shifted gears by smashing Chase for six, then sweeping and cutting to find his boundaries, even as Jurel was given a reprieve at 39.

Jurel, who impressed with his ability to select lengths quickly, went for a pull shot on an overpitched ball from Chase but was bowled for six runs short of his fifty. As he walked off, Gill arrived too, as India declared in the middle of the second session and invited West Indies to bat out the

remaining 43 overs of the day.
West Indies displayed early
composure as John Campbell and Tagenarine Chanderpaul carefully negotiated Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj's initial swing and low bounce under the afternoon sun. Campbell looked promising, collecting two boundaries off Siraj and Jadeja with a leaning drive and a deft paddle sweep respectively. However, he was dismissed in a freak manner for eight runs, courtesy of a sharp take by B Sai Sudharsan at forward short leg - the ball coming off a sweep hit Sudharsan's helmet and ensured it didn't pop out of his

Both Chanderpaul and Alick Athanaze appeared confident in defence, moving confidently either forward or backwards, and did

consecutive maidens were delivered. Athanaze enjoyed facing Kuldeep Yadav's bowling, as he cut, lofted, swept, and reverseswept him for a six and three

wrist-spinner almost trapped Chanderpaul lbw, but an inside edge saved him. With Chanderpaul hitting convincing boundaries off Ravindra Jadeja and Athanaze playing sweep and lap shots off Washington Sundar, the West Indies managed to secure their first fifty-run stand of

But Jadeja ended the 66-run partnership by forcing Chanderpaul to edge to a juggling first slip. Athanaze was the next to go, as he dragged a slower ball from Kuldeep to mid-wicket and fell for 41. Skipper Roston Chase was also dismissed - trying to flick a length ball to the leg side, but offering a simple return catch to Jadeja. Hope kept fighting for the West Indies with his elegant drives to collect five boundaries in his first 38 balls. He and Imlach (14 not out) ensured that West Indies didn't suffer another loss in the wickets' column before curtains came on day two's play, again in India's favour. Brief Scores: India 518/5 in 134.2 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 175, Shubman Gill 129 not out; Jomel Warrican 3-98, Roston Chase 1-83) lead West Indies 140/4 in 43 overs (Shai Hope 31 not out, Tagenarine Chanderpaul 34; Ravindra Jadeia 3-37, Kuldeep Yadav 1-45) by 378 runs

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Parth Singh Sets New National Meet Record in Long Jump at 40th National Junior Athletics Championship The championship, being organized by the Athletics Federation of India, New Delhi, and the Odisha Athletics Association, is being held from October 10 to 14, 2025



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RANCHI: Jharkhand athletes continued their impressive performance on the second day of new National Meet Record with a remarkable jump of 7.82 meters,

surpassing the previous record of 7.79 meters set by S. Lokesh L. Sathyanathan of Karnataka during the 35th National Junior Athletics Championship held in Mangalagiri, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) in 2019. Parth's stellar performance earned him the gold medal and brought pride to

Ranchi's Parth Singh created

history in the Boys Under-20 Long Jump category by setting a

October 10 to 14, 2025.

In the Boys Under-16 80m Hurdles, Latehar's Anit Oraon clocked 10.37 seconds to secure the silver medal. Jamtara's Savita Murmu also bagged a silver in the Girls Under-18 Javelin Throw with a fine effort of 47.97 meters. In the Boys Under-18 110m Hurdles, Bokaro's Sajid claimed the bronze medal with a timing of 14.20 seconds.

these Jharkhand's medal tally now stands at a total of five-two gold, two silver, and one bronzereflecting the athletes' consistent excellence across categories.

Several other Jharkhand athletes also delivered commendable performances and qualified for the final rounds in their

respective events. Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Sports Minister Sudivya Kumar Sonu, Sports Secretary Manoj Kumar, Sports Director Shekhar Jamuar, and officials from the Jharkhand Athletics Association, including Planning Committee Chairman Dr. Madhukant Pathak, President C. D. Singh, Secretary S. K. Pandey, and Prabhakar Verma, congratulated the athletes, team managers, and coaches for bringing laurels to the state through their outstanding achievements

RESCUE COMPETITION **CONCLUDES UNDER DGMS SUPERVISION** PC JHA RANCHI: The 39th Zonal Mine Rescue Competition-2025, organized

39TH ZONAL MINE

by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) under the aegis of the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), concluded with a grand award distribution and closing

ceremony held Headquarters, Ranchi.

The competition was conducted from October 8 to 9, 2025, at the Mine Rescue Station in Ramgarh and the Bhurkunda underground mine.

The closing ceremony was chaired by CCL Chairman-cum-Managing Director Nilendu Kumar Singh, while Dr. S. S. Prasad, Deputy Director General of Mines Safety (South Eastern Zone), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Also present were Director (Finance) Pawan Kumar Mishra, Director (Technical/Operations) C. S. Tiwari, and Chief Vigilance Officer

Pankai Kumar, along with several senior officials of DGMS and CCL. Ajit Kumar, Director of Mine

Safety, served as the Chief Judge from DGMS, supported by a panel of senior officers from DGMS and CCL as judges.

Displaying outstanding per-formance, the NK Area team emerged as the Overall Best Team of the competition. The

Barkasaval Area team secured the Second Best Team award, while the Magadh-Sanghamitra team stood third. Participants who excelled in various categories were also felicitated with awards and certificates. Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Dr. Prasad emphasized the

critical importance of mine safety and lauded the rescue teams for their readiness, discipline, and dedication. He urged all personnel to adopt the highest safety standards and make safety an integral part of their work culture.

CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh congratulated all participating teams for their commendable efforts and appreciated the organizers for the successful conduct of the event. He reiterated that safety remains the topmost priority for CCL.

Adding a cultural touch, the Punjab Regiment Military Band presented a captivating musical performance to welcome the guests. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the rendition of the Coal India corporate anthem.

Students of D.A.V. School, Gandhinagar, Ranchi, enthralled the audience with performances including Ganesh Vandana, instrumental recitals, the Mahishasur Mardini dance, and a thematic play on mine rescue operations.

The ceremony was attended by General Manager (Safety & Rescue) Vinod Kumar, heads of various departments, area General Managers, Superintendent (Rescue Services) Vikas Kumar, officers and employees of CCL, and representatives from JCSC, the Safety Board, and the Welfare Board in large numbers.



Archery Premier League: Learnt a lot from overseas players, says Deepika Kumari

NEW DELHI: The Archery Premier League (APL), the world's first professional archery league. successfully concluded its debut season with a press conference and gathering here at the Yamuna Sports Complex, and India's ace archer Deepika Kumari shared her experienced of playing the league and sharing the stage with some of the top archers from around the world

The event united league stakeholders, prominent archers and dignitaries to celebrate its significant role in raising India's profile in global archery, with APL flagbearer and actor Ram Charan also being a part of it.

Deepika said that the Indian

archers learned a lot from their foreign counterparts, about their style of work, how they train, and a lot about their mentality, adding that all this will help them improve and develop their game. 'We were thrilled when the

league began, as it was happening for the first time. We never expected overseas players to participate if a league was to happen, but the top 20 players in the world are here, and we competed with them. Everyone is happy that the league is finally taking place with a new format and new rules. It's really fun. We've definitely learnt a lot- about their style of work, training, mentality, and how they handle situations. Watching how they handle obstacles as they arise, whether they win or lose, will help us grow further," Deepika told IANS.

The event saw participation from several renowned international and Indian archers, including 2024 Olympic recurve com-Katherine Olympian Brady Ellison - one of America's most decorated recurve archers - World No. 1 Ella Gibson of Great Britain, and World No. 2 Mathias Fullerton of Denmark.

India's distinguished archers and Dhirai Bommadevara, compound world champion Jyothi Vennam, Asian Games medallist Abhishek Verma, and the emerging Indian talent Chikitha Taniparthi were also part of the event, showcasing a diverse mix of global and domestic excellence.



JOHOR BAHRU : The Indian Bauer. Junior Men's Hockey opened their Sultan of Johor Cup 2025 campaign with a well-deserved 3-2 win over Great Britain at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Malaysia, on Saturday.
Captain Rohit (45+', 52') and

> The first quarter saw both sides play an entertaining end-toend brand of hockey, however neither team could break the deadlock. In the 13th minute India received their first penalty corner of the day but they were stopped by the Great Britain rushers. India showed great attacking intent with multiple circle entries and good attempts on goal but Great Britain too were resilient in their

Ravneet Singh (23') were the

goalscorers for India while Michael Royden (26') and Kaden

Draysey (46') scored for Great

Britain.

India received another penalty corner in the 16th minute but the Great Britain goalkeeper protect-

ed his goal with great valour by making two back-to-back crucial saves. India came close to scoring in the 22nd minute but Manmeet Singh's shot on goal was met with a goalline clearance by Great Britain's defence. However, India finally found their opening goal in the very next minute.

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Gurjot Singh made a strong run from the right into the circle and passed it through the Great Britain defence to the far post where Ravneet Singh (23') finished the ball into the net in style. Moments later, in the 26th minute Great Britain levelled the game again with a crucial equaliser.

Captain Max Anderson made a run from right and passed it in the centre for Michael Royden (26') who slotted the ball in the top left corner. By the end of first half, India had made 10 circle entries while Great Britain had made nine, highlighting the close nature of the match.

The third quarter started off slow with both sides exchanging possession looking for an opening

on goal but the defenders were in top form and fended off the attacks.

In the 45th minute, Great Britain received a penalty corner but couldn't make the most of it, thanks to a brilliant save by Indian goalkeeper Prince Deep Singh. Seconds later India too received a penalty corner at the other end of the field.

Captain Rohit (45'+) stepped up on the occasion and scored with a brilliant dragflick right on the buzzer to give India the lead

In the 46th minute Great Britain were fortunate to receive a penalty stroke which was converted by Kaden Draysey (46') to equalise again. India won successive penalty corners in the 50th, 51st and 52nd minute respectively and although they couldn't capitalise on the first two chances. Captain Rohit (52') delivered a spectacular strike in the third attempt to claim the lead and the win for India. India will next face New Zealand on Sunday.