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Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee participated in a review meeting to review various aspects of the affected areas in Alipurduar on Sunday. Discussions were held with all the government officials, district magistrates and public representatives present - on various issues for the welfare of the people of the area.

3 arrested in gang rape of Odisha Medical student, hunt on for 2 others



MI News Service, Durgapur: A major breakthrough has been achieved in the Durgapur medical student gang rape case, which has shaken the state and sent shockwaves across the country. Police have arrested three of the five accused, including a classmate of the victim, in connection with the brutal assault of a medical student from Odisha studying in a private medical college in Durgapur. According to police sources, the arrests were made after investigators traced the accused through mobile tower location data. The accused were allegedly part of a five-member group identified by the police through photographs. While three are now in custody, two others remain absconding, with multiple search operations underway in remote forested areas near the crime scene. The area where the incident occurred, police said, is deep within a forest, inaccessible by car and devoid of CCTV surveillance. "Only bikes and bicycles can reach that spot," a senior officer revealed. Police teams are now combing the area on bicycles, aided by drone surveillance, as the hunt for the remaining suspects intensifies. Sources indicate that the classmate who was with the victim at the time of the incident has also been detained for questioning. The police are investigating whether he had any role in the crime or if he was complicit by omission. "We are examining all angles. The victim's father has raised serious suspicions about his involvement," said a senior investigating officer. Meanwhile, the victim's father, overwhelmed by grief

Left Front Registers Significant Win in Srirambati Cooperative, Signals Grassroots Resurgence

MI News Service, Hooghly: In a noteworthy political development ahead of next year's Assembly elections, the Left Front-backed 'Samabay Bachao' (Save the Cooperative) platform has secured a decisive victory in the Srirambati Samabay (Cooperative) in Pandua, Hooghly, winning 11 of the 12 seats. The result marks a significant shift in local dynamics, as the cooperative had previously been under the control of the ruling party for the past decade. Supporters of the winning alliance celebrated the result with processions and slogans, describing it as a democratic response in favor of transparency and accountability. Former CPIM MLA Amjad Hossain, speaking after the results, said: "This cooperative election had been delayed for several months, and when it was finally held, the people made their voices heard. Agricultural workers, sharecroppers, and small farmers stood up for change. This result reflects a desire for honest and transparent governance." While the cooperative poll was limited in scale, political analysts suggest the outcome carries broader implications. With the state elections approaching, the win is seen as a morale booster for the Left, particularly in areas where it has been striving to rebuild its grassroots presence. A former local leader from the ruling party acknowledged the result, stating: "We take this outcome seriously. Despite many development initiatives in the area, this result indicates the need for introspection. We will engage with the community to understand their concerns and work towards regaining their confidence."

Hill havoc boots Digha: Tourist swap mountain for the sea

MI News Service, East Medinipur: What spells disaster for the hills has turned into a windfall for Bengal's beaches. As landslides, flash floods, and unpredictable weather cripple tourism across popular hill destinations in North Bengal, Sikkim, Himachal, Uttarakhand, and the Northeast, thousands of would-be mountain travelers are now turning their attention — and bookings — toward Digha and other coastal retreats.



Secretary of the Digha-Shankarpur Hoteliers Association. This year's Durga Puja season offered an early glimpse of the surge. Despite heavy rains elsewhere, Digha saw record footfall during the four festive days—a trend that has continued well into October. The inauguration of the Jagannath Temple in Digha last April has also added spiritual significance to the seaside getaway, drawing both leisure and pilgrimage travelers. Hotel owners report an influx of last-minute bookings from tourists who canceled trips to Darjeeling or Sikkim. "Many guests told us they were sup-

posed to visit the hills but changed plans due to road closures and safety concerns," said Dibyendu Dolai, a hotelier from New Digha. "We expect the rush to continue through Bhaiphonta and winter." The unexpected spike, however, is also testing local infrastructure. Experts warn that the coastal region's facilities—from roads to sanitation and security—must be upgraded to accommodate this sudden surge. Acknowledging the challenge, Digha-Shankarpur Development Board Administrator Niranjan Mandal said, "Ahead of the peak tourist season, work is underway to beautify parks and roads. We are monitoring hotel rates and security arrangements to ensure a smooth experience for visitors." For now, as the mountains remain shrouded in disaster, the roar of the sea is replacing the call of the hills. Digha — Bengal's evergreen beach town — has once again become the state's go-to escape, proving that in the world of tourism, one region's crisis can indeed be another's revival.

Indian Army organises Veterans Swabhiman Rally 2025 in Guwahati to honour ex-servicemen and Veer Naris

MI News Service, Guwahati: The Indian Army organised the Veterans Swabhiman Rally 2025 with great enthusiasm and reverence at Narangi Military Station in Guwahati on Sunday under the aegis of Headquarters 51 Sub Area, to honour the selfless service, valour and sacrifices of Armed Forces veterans and to express solidarity with the families of fallen soldiers, according to an official release.

The event was graced by Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya as the Chief Guest and witnessed the presence of senior serving Armed Forces officers, civil dignitaries and a large gathering of over 2,500 veterans from Assam and neighbouring states, making it one of the largest veteran congregations in recent years. In his address, Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya hailed the courage, patriotism and dedication of the soldiers, while reaffirming the nation's gratitude towards its veterans and Veer Naris for their unwavering commitment and contributions to the coun-



try's security and integrity. He also emphasised the importance of ongoing engagement and welfare initiatives to support the Armed Forces community. As part of the rally, special financial assistance was extended to Veer Naris and needy veterans as a gesture of respect and support. Welfare assistance, including motorised wheelchairs, mobility scooters and mechanical medical beds, was distributed among physically challenged veterans. The venue also hosted a series

of stalls providing medical care, pension advisory, financial counselling, and information on employment and skill development schemes to cater to the diverse needs of veterans and their families. Among the distinguished dignitaries present were Lt Gen Sanjay Malik, SM, GOC 101 Area; Maj Gen A K Sharma, VSM, GOC 51 Sub Area; Lt Gen R P Kalita, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd); Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Retd); and several other senior military and

civil officials, the release stated. The rally fostered a spirit of pride, dignity and gratitude, reaffirming the Indian Army's unwavering commitment towards the welfare and well-being of its veterans and their families. The event also highlighted the Army's continued efforts to strengthen the bond between serving personnel, ex-servicemen and their next of kin, celebrating their invaluable contributions to the nation's defence and honour.

Soilder Sujoy Ghosh dies in Kashmir, village mourns hero

MI News Service, Birkhum: The village of Kundira in Rajnagar, Birkhum, was engulfed in grief on Saturday as the coffin of Para Commando Sujoy Ghosh (28) arrived home, draped in the tricolor, following his death in a snowstorm in Anantnag, Kashmir. Sujoy, one of India's elite Para 7 Special Force soldier, lost his life earlier this week during an anti-military operation in the Pir Panjal mountain range, alongside Havildar Palash Ghosh. The soldier's body was recovered from a remote forest area on Friday, and family members were informed the same day. On Saturday, the army brought Sujoy's coffin to Andar Airport, from where it was transported via Panagarh and Siuri to Rajnagar. Officers of the Para 7 Special Force accompanied the coffin, ensuring the soldier received full military honors.

Blind runner's dream fades in darkness of poverty

MI News Service, South Dinajpur : At just 19, Shuvojit Chowdhury from Hili, a border town in South Dinajpur, has already defied more odds than most face in a lifetime. Born with severe visual impairment—completely blind in one eye and partially in the other—Shuvojit has fought his way into the world of athletics, earning medals and recognition. But now, his dreams hang in the balance—not because of his disability, but because of poverty. Despite his visual challenges, Shuvojit began his athletic journey in 2022, driven by grit and an unyielding spirit. In just three years, he has amassed an impressive record: a state-level gold medal in the 1500 meters, second place in two categories at the 2025 National Para Athletics in Chennai, and a fourth-place finish at the 2023 Khelo India Games. Today, he stands as a symbol of resilience and pride for Dakshin Dinajpur. Yet, behind his medals lies a stark reality. His father, who runs a

small roadside eatery, struggles to meet the rising costs of his son's training—equipment, nutrition, and travel—all of which have become unaffordable luxuries. The family's financial crisis now threatens to derail a dream built on courage and perseverance. "Shuvojit never complained," says a neighbor. "Even when people mocked his condition, he kept running. He wants to bring glory to India someday." Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Jadavpur University, Shuvojit continues to train with minimal support, his determination undiminished. His goal: to represent India on the international athletics stage. But time is running out. Without timely assistance, one of Bengal's most inspiring young athletes may be forced to abandon his pursuit. Shuvojit's story is not just one of personal struggle—it is a mirror reflecting how talent and determination often fall silent in the absence of societal support.

CCTV reveals shocking timeline of Durgapur Medical gang rape

MI News Service, West Bardhaman: New CCTV footage has shed critical light on the gang rape of a medical student in Durgapur, an incident that has plunged the city into turmoil. Authorities have arrested four suspects so far, while a few others remain at large.

According to the footage obtained from the private medical college campus, the sequence of events began at 7:58 PM, when the victim left the campus accompanied by a classmate. At 8:42 PM, the classmate returned alone and was captured on CCTV lingering in front of the campus's outer gate for five to six minutes before heading toward the spot where the crime would later unfold. At 9:29 PM, both the classmate and the victim returned to the campus, with the victim re-entering the hostel alone at 9:32 PM. Sudeshna Gangopadhyay, public relations officer of the college, confirmed the timeline: "A male and female student left the campus together. The boy returned alone and later came back with the girl. Initially, nothing was disclosed. Only afterward did the

girl report her phone lost and revealed she had been sexually harassed. The principal-dean was immediately informed, and she was admitted to the hospital." Police sources indicate that five individuals are directly involved in the incident. However, the victim's father insists that six people played a role, suggesting that even a classmate might be implicated. The horrifying assault reportedly occurred when the victim had gone out to eat fuchka with her classmate. At that time, five men allegedly attacked her, dragged her to a secluded location, and gang-raped her. Investigators are now meticulously analyzing 1 hour and 31 minutes of CCTV footage to reconstruct the full sequence of events and identify the absconding suspects. The case has ignited outrage across the state, with authorities under pressure to ensure justice and protect the victim's rights. This incident is yet another grim reminder of vulnerabilities faced by students on private campuses and underscores the urgent need for enhanced security measures.

TMC Calls on Left-Congress Workers to Join Forces Against BJP

MI News Service, Murshidabad: In a strategic political move ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) organized a Vijaya Sammilani in the Beldanga block, urging workers from the Left and Congress to align under the leadership of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to prevent a division of votes that could benefit the BJP. Addressing the gathering, District President and Kandi MLA Apurba Sarkar emphasized the importance of consolidating votes against "communal forces" in the district. "Congress and the Left will never be able to come to power in the state. The two to four percent votes they secure often get divided, which ultimately benefits the BJP."

“Amader Para Amader Samadhan” (APAS) Brings Governance Closer to People

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amader Para Amader Samadhan (APAS), a people-centric and welfare-oriented initiative of the West Bengal government, is designed to empower citizens through active participation and engagement, promoting sustainable, inclusive, and locally relevant development. The program aims to institutionalize participatory governance and reimagine grassroots service delivery by inviting community members to APAS camps, where they deliberate, identify, and prioritize schemes to address small yet crucial infrastructure issues in their localities. Each polling booth has been allocated Rs 10 lakh, with nearly Rs 8,000 crore worth of works planned across the state. APAS camps are scheduled from 2nd August to 3rd November 2025, with over 31,700 camps planned to bring governance closer to the people. As of today, 28,299 camps, covering almost 90% of polling booths, have already been held, attracting over 2.20 crore visitors. North 24 Parganas has conducted the highest number of camps (2,990), followed by South 24 Parganas (2,349) and Murshidabad (2,309). Paschim Medinipur recorded the highest num-

ber of visitors (28.9 lakh), followed by South 24 Parganas (21.5 lakh) and Purba Bardhaman (20.08 lakh). Paschim Medinipur also leads in average visitors per camp (1,931), followed by Purba Bardhaman (1,304) and Malda (1,271). More than 80% of the works prioritized in the APAS camps focus on roads, street lighting, drainage, and water supply. District authorities have received over 3.58 lakh schemes from blocks and urban areas, of which approval has been granted for 2.84 lakh schemes. Tender processes are underway for 1.86 lakh schemes, work orders have been issued for nearly 10,000 schemes, and around 100 schemes have already been completed.

Under the Duare Sarkar initiative, APAS camps have facilitated delivery of government services with more than 94.7 lakh applications received. Of these, 77.4 lakh (81.7%) approvals have been granted, and final services delivered for 56.66 lakh applicants. Some camps have been rescheduled in flood- and landslide-affected areas of North Bengal, where Special Outreach Camps have also been organized to provide relief assistance and re-issue documents to affected residents.

Rain wreaks havoc on Nadia's flower belt ahead of Kali Puja, growers count heavy losses

Dipankar Edbar, Nadia : Around this time every year, the villages of Dhanatla, Nokari, Punnya Nagar and Mathkumra in Nadia district are awash with colour. Acres of farmland glow in shades of orange, white and pink as marigold, tuberose, rose, chrysanthemum and gladiolus bloom in abundance. Trucks line up along the muddy village roads to carry the fragrant cargo to markets across Bengal and beyond.

But this October, the sight is painfully different. Days of relentless rain triggered by a low-pressure system have left vast stretches of farmland under water. Flower plants are rotting, buds have wilted before they could bloom, and harvest-ready flowers lie wasted in flooded fields. For the thousands of farmers who depend solely on floriculture, the damage could not have come at a worse time, just days before Kali Puja and the festive season. "Usually, this is our golden period," said Nirmal Biswas, a flower cultivator from Dhanatla. "In these few weeks before Kali Puja and Diwali, we earn enough to support our families for months. This year, the rain has destroyed everything. The



flowers have either decayed in the field or cannot be taken to market because the roads are under water."

Farmers say even where the crop survived, transport has become the biggest hurdle. "The roads are slushy and half submerged. Truck drivers are refusing to come in. We are forced to watch our flowers rot," said Sanjit Mondal, another cultivator from Nokari. "We've spent thousands on fertiliser and labour, and there's no way to recover the loss now." Local traders echo the same frustration. Rajib Pal, who sends consignments of marigold and tuberose to Kolkata and Siliguri, said, "The entire supply chain has broken down. Farmers can't pluck, we can't collect, and trucks can't move. In a normal year, the price of

marigold before Kali Puja can touch 100 per kg. This time, with the flowers spoiling, prices have crashed instead of rising." The flowers grown in this belt usually travel far beyond Bengal. From wholesale markets in Krishnanagar and Ranaghat, consignments are sent to Delhi, Mumbai, Gujarat and the northeastern states, and even to neighbouring countries like Bhutan and Nepal. The sudden weather disruption has affected these supply lines too. "Export traders have already cancelled some of their bulk orders," said Ankita Das, a flower exporter based in Ranaghat. "They can't risk delayed consignments because the flowers will perish. The impact will be felt not only by growers, but by buyers in other states who de-

pend on Bengal's festive flower supply." Agricultural experts say such losses are becoming increasingly common as weather patterns turn erratic. Prolonged rainfall during harvest season has hurt floriculture repeatedly in recent years.

"In Nadia, floriculture has grown into a full-fledged industry employing thousands of families," said a senior official from the state horticulture department. "But the sector remains extremely vulnerable to climate shocks. A week of unseasonal rain can wipe out an entire season's income." "We'll start again when the sun returns"

For now, farmers can do little but wait. As the skies remain overcast, the stench of decaying flowers hangs heavy over the waterlogged fields. "We've already lost nearly 70% of our crop," said Biswas. "Once the water recedes, we'll clear the fields and start again. We can't afford to stop, this is all we know." Many fear, however, that recovery will take time. The festive flower shortage is expected to push up prices in urban markets, even as growers in rural Nadia struggle to recoup their losses.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a review meeting at Nilpara Forest Area, Alipurduar district, on Sunday.

BSF seize 20 gold biscuits worth Rs2.82 CR on Bangladesh border

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: In a major breakthrough against cross-border smuggling, the Border Security Force (BSF) achieved a significant success near the India-Bangladesh international border in the early hours of Saturday. Acting on precise intelligence, jawans of the 32nd Battalion under the South Bengal Frontier apprehended an Indian smuggler and seized 20 gold biscuits weighing 2.33 kilograms, valued at approximately ₹2.82 crore in the international market.

According to BSF officials, the operation was conducted near the Horandipur Border Outpost (BOP). Acting on a tip-off received late Friday night, an ambush team was deployed in the area. Around 6 a.m. on October 12, the vigilant jawans spotted a man attempting to hide behind a dense bamboo thicket near Muslimpara village. The team immediately surrounded him and conducted a search. Inside a plastic bag carried by the suspect, they discovered 20 gold biscuits concealed within, suspected to have been smuggled from Bangladesh. The man was taken into custody on the spot and subsequently handed over to local author-



ities along with the seized gold for further legal proceedings. A BSF spokesperson from the South Bengal Frontier praised the operation, stating: "The success of this operation is a testament to the alertness of our jawans and the strength of our intelligence network. We remain committed to eliminating smuggling and illegal cross-border activities." The official further appealed to border residents to assist security forces by sharing any information on smuggling activities. "Anyone with credible information can contact the BSF through the 'Seema Saathi' helpline (14419) or WhatsApp at 9903472227. Informants will be suitably rewarded, and their identities will be kept strictly confidential," he added. With this latest seizure, the BSF has once again underscored its role as the first line of defense against cross-border gold trafficking, a persistent challenge along the porous Indo-Bangladesh frontier.

TMC Slams Centre Over ‘Aparajita Bill’ Delay Amid Durgapur Gang-Rape Outrage

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress has renewed its criticism of the Centre, accusing it of deliberately stalling the Aparajita Bill passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly over a year ago. Party insiders allege that the Bill, which seeks harsher punishment for crimes against women, remains “frozen” at the President’s office, with no sign of assent. The issue resurfaced amid public outrage over the alleged gang-rape of a second-year medical student in Durgapur on Friday evening.

The victim, a resident of Jaleswar in Odisha and a second-year MBBS student at a private medical college in Durgapur, was reportedly abducted and gang-raped by a group of men after stepping out with a classmate for dinner. According to the complaint, the classmate allegedly fled the scene when the attackers dragged the woman into a nearby wooded area. Police have detained the classmate for questioning, while the main accused remain absconding. Expressing deep anguish, TMC’s national general secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee took to social media, writing: “For such heinous crimes, strict laws are essential. Yet, the Narendra Modi government has chosen to remain inactive. More than a year has passed since the Aparajita Bill was passed in the Bengal Assembly, but it still hasn’t become law. Is this political indifference or deliberate neglect?” In a statement on social media, the All India Trinamool Congress said: “Heinous crimes like rape demand the harshest condemnation and the toughest laws. Yet, the Modi government has chosen delay over duty. More than a year since the Aparajita Anti-Rape Bill was proposed, the BJP at the Centre has done nothing to turn it into law. This silence empowers predators and exposes the moral bankruptcy of those who claim to champion women’s safety.” Abhishek Banerjee accused the BJP of abandoning true reform and failing to protect women beyond political slogans. Meanwhile, the West Bengal Police, in an official post, condemned the Durgapur incident, assuring that “the culprits shall not go unpunished.” The statement read: “The pain of the victim is as much ours as it is Odisha’s. The victim is recovering well, and all assistance is being provided to her family. We urge everyone to refrain from sharing unverified information.” Police confirmed that an FIR has been registered and the investigation is ongoing, reiterating the state’s “zero-tolerance policy” toward crimes against women.



Series of Thefts Reported in Anandapur and Survey Park; Prime Suspect Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A spate of burglaries in Anandapur and Survey Park during the festive season has prompted multiple complaints and an extensive police investigation. In several incidents, miscreants broke open locks, looted gold ornaments and cash, and fled undetected. Based on CCTV footage, Lalbazar detectives identified the prime suspect — Mohammad Istafir — believed to be the mastermind behind a series of house break-ins. Acting on a tip-off, officers conducted a raid in the Akra-Santoshpur area of South Kolkata and arrested Istafir. He is currently being interrogated as police work to recover the stolen items. Meanwhile, three other accused — Bablu Acharya, Mohammad Karim, and Mohammad Ilyas — were arrested by the Detective Department in connection with two burglary cases in Regent Park and Bansdroni. The police successfully recovered all the stolen gold jewellery. According to sources, the trio had planned to sell the loot outside the city but failed to do so. Investigators recovered the ornaments from the location where the gang had hidden them. Police sources revealed that during the Durga Puja season, miscreants had particularly targeted areas in South and East Kolkata. One resident of Uttar Panchannagram in Anandapur lodged a complaint after discovering his apartment ransacked and the door lock broken.

Most migrant workers from Bihar in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka unlikely to vote

From PG 1 also intensified as parties see the festive homecoming of thousands of migrant workers as an opportunity to boost voter turnout and reconnect with a crucial segment of the electorate. Bihar will go to polls in two phases — Nov 6 and 11 — just after the festive season, which begins with Diwali and ends with Chhath on Oct 28. While data from the state labour department shows some 24,000 registered migrant workers from Bihar, political parties claim the actual number is close to 10 lakh. A huge majority — about 8 lakh — is concentrated in the capital. “Around 80% are blue-collar workers, and the remaining are white-collar professionals and students,” said Nischith KR, Convener, Jan Suraj Party in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. “Blue-collar workers are mostly in construction, transportation, small industries, and food sectors. They live in areas like Sarjapur, Electronics City, Whitefield, Yelahanka, Yeshwantpur, and Peenya.” Jan Suraj Party, led by political strategist-turned-activist Prashant Kishor, has been actively campaigning among Biharis in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for the past five months. The party recently organised a community outreach programme titled ‘Bengaluru Se Bihar Badlav’ at Gandhi Bhavan, Bengaluru. Hundreds of Bihari workers, students, and entrepreneurs attended the programme.

2 held with heroin worth Rs 7.5 crore in Rajasthan

From PG 1 worth over Rs 7.5 crore in international market, officials said here on Sunday. The operation was conducted by Kesrisinghpur Police Station SHO Balwant Ram and his team near the railway crossing on Mirjewala Road on Saturday night. The arrested accused have been identified as Karanjot Singh, 19, and Prabhdeep Singh, 19, both residents of Punjab, officials said. According to a senior officer, in view of the high value of the seized heroin worth more than Rs 7.5 crore in the international market, a case has been registered under the NDPS Act at Kesrisinghpur police station. Initial probe reveals that the contraband heroin was received from two unidentified individuals near Kesrisinghpur bus stand and was intended to be delivered to a handler in Tarn Taran in Punjab, police said. “Further investigation is underway to trace the supply network and identify others involved in the cross-border smuggling,” the officer said.

CM Mamata Heads to North Bengal Again to Review Post-Flood Reconstruction Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday left for North Bengal to personally review the ongoing reconstruction and relief work in the region, which was ravaged by flash floods and landslides last week. Speaking at Dum Dum Airport before boarding her flight, she said, “I am going to see how the work is progressing. I will hold a review meeting. Those who have worked tirelessly during this crisis — from police personnel to local residents — will be honoured and rewarded for their efforts.”

The devastating floods in North Bengal caused widespread damage, destruction of roads and bridges, and significant loss of lives and property. When asked by reporters at the airport whether the Centre had announced any aid for the affected areas, the Chief Minister responded, “We never sit waiting for central assistance. Whatever we can do with our own resources, we are doing for the people. Several reconstruction initiatives are already underway. Many roads and bridges were damaged, and repair work is in full swing. We aim to restore normalcy as soon as possible.” She added that repair work at Rohini has already started and is expected to be completed within five to six days. However, rebuilding the collapsed bridge in Mirik will take about seven to eight days. “Meanwhile, the route to Darjeeling via Pankhabari is open,” she said. This marks Banerjee’s second visit to the disaster-hit region in just four days. She has planned a series of administrative engagements over the



coming week. On Sunday, she will land at Hasimara and hold an administrative meeting there, followed by an overnight stay in Alipurduar. On Monday, she will visit Nagrakata, and on Tuesday, she is scheduled to reach Mirik to review restoration efforts in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts. The Chief Minister will continue her field inspections in various areas of Darjeeling on Wednesday and Thursday before returning to Kolkata on Friday for the inauguration of Kali Puja. Since the onset of the crisis, Mamata Banerjee has been visiting af-

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building the collapsed bridge in Mirik will take about seven to eight days. “Meanwhile, the route to Darjeeling via Pankhabari is open,” she said. This marks Banerjee’s second visit to the disaster-hit region in just four days. She has planned a series of administrative engagements over the

affected areas, reviewing ground-level work, and assuring continuous state support to flood-hit residents. Her proactive presence and engagement in relief operations have drawn praise, with many describing her role as that of a “guardian” for the people of North Bengal.



Laddoo-shaped candles on display bring a creative twist to the festival of lights in Kolkata on Sunday.

State Steps Up Dengue Prevention Measures

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has intensified its dengue control efforts amid rising concerns over mosquito-borne infections across the state. Chief Secretary B.P. Gopalikarecently held a high-level virtual meeting with all district magistrates to review the ongoing preventive measures and issue fresh directives to curb the spread of dengue. During the meeting, special emphasis was placed on ensuring cleanliness in and around public offices, including central government establishments. Officials discussed reports that several central government offices were facing problems of stagnant water accumulation, creating potential mosquito-breeding grounds. The Chief Secretary directed the Secretary of the Urban Development Department to immediately convene meetings with the authorities of various central departments to ensure that all necessary anti-dengue measures are implemented without delay. Sources at Nabanna said the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of close coordination between district administrations and local municipal bodies. District Magistrates were instructed to hold joint meetings with municipal officials to identify vulnerable areas and monitor sanitation work more rigorously. “All clogged drains must be cleaned immediately. District authorities should not only ensure that the work is done but also maintain regular surveillance to confirm the effectiveness of the cleaning drives,” an official quoted the Chief Secretary as saying.

The state administration has also asked civic bodies to intensify public awareness campaigns, urging residents to eliminate stagnant water around their homes and workplaces. Local authorities were told to carry out fogging operations, inspect under-construction sites, and monitor waste disposal practices to prevent mosquito breeding. Officials have been advised to maintain a strict watch on dengue cases reported in government hospitals and submit daily updates to the health department for real-time tracking. Special attention will be given to Kolkata, North 24-Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, and other high-risk districts where dengue cases have seen periodic spikes in recent weeks. The Chief Secretary reiterated the state’s commitment to maintaining a zero-tolerance approach toward negligence in dengue control. He also instructed all departments to work in coordination with civic and health authorities to prevent any escalation of the situation in the coming weeks.

near the Andhra Pradesh and Kerala coasts, and another over southern Bangladesh — though their impact on Bengal is yet to be determined. Meteorologists expect a significant decline in rainfall from Sunday, though humidity levels will remain high across all districts. Isolated areas in North and South 24-Parganas, East and West Midnapore, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata, East Burdwan, and Nadia may experience brief spells of light to moderate rain accompanied by thunder. The forecast for Monday remains similar, with scattered light rain expected in Jhargram, both Midnapores, and the two 24-Parganas districts, while most other regions are likely to remain dry. From Tuesday onward, dry weather will dominate South Bengal, with monsoon withdrawal expected from Bankura, Purulia, West Burdwan, and Birbhum by Wednesday.

Six Bengal Cities to Get Underground Power Lines by 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major infrastructure overhaul, six cities across West Bengal are set to replace their existing overhead power line systems with underground power distribution networks. The cities — Siliguri, Chandannagar, Kharagpur, Asansol, Baruaipur, and Rajarhat — are currently witnessing large-scale work to lay underground cables, with the entire project expected to be completed by March 2026. The initiative, undertaken by the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL), carries an estimated cost of ₹2,800 crore. Around 70 percent of the funding is being provided jointly by the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Officials said the ambitious project aims to make electricity supply more stable, resilient, and disaster-proof. According to a senior state government official, the work in Rajarhat is nearing completion, covering a vast stretch between the airport and Kestopur. In Kharagpur and Chandannagar, nearly 90 percent of the underground cable-laying has been completed, while Baruaipur has reached about 80 percent progress. In Siliguri and Asansol, around half of the total work is done. “The work in all six cities is progressing smoothly. We expect the entire project to be completed by March next year,” the official said. Once operational, the underground power distribution network is expected to ensure uninterrupted power supply and eliminate frequent disruptions caused by snapped overhead wires. During natural calamities such as cyclones Amphan and Yaas, many areas had remained without electricity for days due to extensive damage to power lines. The new system aims to prevent such outages in the future.

Monsoon Retreat Begins as Dry Weather Sets In Across Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: After weeks of incessant rain that drenched large parts of the state, West Bengal is finally seeing the end of the monsoon. The Alipore Meteorological Department has forecast the onset of a prolonged dry spell as the monsoon begins to retreat. Officials said the seasonal withdrawal marks the gradual transition toward winter-like weather conditions in the region. According to the latest updates, the monsoon line currently extends over Raxaul and Jabalpur and is likely to withdraw completely within the next two to three days. Following this, the system will retreat from Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, while withdrawal has already begun from parts of West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, and Telangana. However, a few cyclonic circulations remain active over the sea — including twin systems

near the Andhra Pradesh and Kerala coasts, and another over southern Bangladesh — though their impact on Bengal is yet to be determined. Meteorologists expect a significant decline in rainfall from Sunday, though humidity levels will remain high across all districts. Isolated areas in North and South 24-Parganas, East and West Midnapore, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata, East Burdwan, and Nadia may experience brief spells of light to moderate rain accompanied by thunder. The forecast for Monday remains similar, with scattered light rain expected in Jhargram, both Midnapores, and the two 24-Parganas districts, while most other regions are likely to remain dry. From Tuesday onward, dry weather will dominate South Bengal, with monsoon withdrawal expected from Bankura, Purulia, West Burdwan, and Birbhum by Wednesday.

Neohumanism Should Be Included in University Curriculum: UPRTOU VC Prof. Satyakam



MI News Service, Kolkata: Renaissance universal, The intellectual wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, Kolkata has organized a National Seminar in Collaboration with U.P.Rajarshi Tandon Open University on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji’s Contribution to Indian Knowledge System. Prof. Satyakam, Vice - Chancellor, U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj was the Chairperson. Acharya Divyachetananaada Avadhuta, Central Public Relations Secretary, Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha was the Chief Speaker. Prof. Anil Pratap Giri, Department of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj was the Distinguished Speaker. Col. VinaU. P. Rajarshi Tandon

Open University, Prayagraj in collaboration with Renaissance universal, The intellectual wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, Kolkata organized a National Seminar on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji’s Contribution to Indian Knowledge System on 9 Oct. 2025 at 3.00p.m. Onwards. Prof. Satyakam, Vice - Chancellor, U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj was the Chairperson. Acharya Divyachetananaada Avadhuta, Central Public Relations Secretary, Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha was the Chief Speaker. Prof. Anil Pratap Giri, Department of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj was the Distinguished Speaker.

Mamata describes Durgapurgangrape as “shocking”, saying “no accused would be spared”

From PG 1 campus on Friday night when she went out with a friend for dinner. In her initial reaction, Mamata Banerjee criticised the institution for letting the girls go out at night, saying: “She was studying in a private medical college. Whose responsibility is it? How did she come out at 12.30 at night?... The girls should not be allowed to go outside (college) at night. They have to protect themselves also.” “Students staying in hostels, especially those from outside West Bengal, are expected to follow hostel rules. They should avoid venturing out late at

night, although they have the fundamental right to go wherever they want,” the Chief minister added. “But the police have certain logistical limitations in monitoring the movement of every individual. Officers would not know who is leaving home at night and cannot stand guard outside every home,” she said. The Chief minister also held the college authorities partly responsible. “Private colleges must ensure security within and around their campuses,” she said. Meanwhile, three people have been arrested and another detained on Sunday for their alleged involvement in the gangrape, police said.

Women journalists attend Muttaqi’s second media briefing after ‘exclusion’ row

From PG 1 small list of journalists was finalised. It was more of a technical issue,” he said. Muttaqi said there was no intention to exclude women journalists. “Our colleagues had decided to send invitations to specific journalists and there was no other intention,” he said. The Afghan foreign minister also said that no one’s rights should be violated by it men or women. Several opposition leaders described the absence of women journalists at the first press conference as “unacceptable” and an “insult to women”. A number of press bodies also criticised the Afghan foreign minister. The Ministry of Ex-

ternal Affairs said it had no involvement in the press interaction. Asked about the flag and whether the Afghan embassy in New Delhi belongs to the Taliban setup, as India has not yet recognised it, Muttaqi said the mission belonged to “us”. “This is our flag. This is 100 per cent our embassy. All those working here are with us,” he said. On Friday, an Afghan youth at the embassy stopped attempts to put the large flag of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan at the venue of the media interaction, saying New Delhi is yet to recognise the Taliban government. The embassy’s main flagpole still features the Afghan Republic’s flag.

Bangladesh Army takes into custody 15 serving officers for trial

From PG 1 stitution-acknowledged laws of Bangladesh and measures would be taken against the officers in custody in line with the law”. The ICT-BD issued arrest warrants on October 8 against 30 individuals after accepting charges filed by the prosecution in two cases involving alleged “enforced disappearances or abduction and torture of political dissidents during the Awami League regime”. Deposed Prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who is currently in India, has been named the key suspect in both cases. Of the 30 accused, 25 are serving or retired military officers, including five former Directors General of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI). Several of these officers also served in the elite Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), which draws personnel from the armed forces and police. Prosecutors said 17 of the accused were allegedly involved in torture at RAB’s Taskforce Interrogation Cell, while 13 others are accused of abuses at the Joint Interrogation Cell. Among those named is retired Major General Tarique Ahmed Siddique, the deposed premier’s defence and security adviser, who is reportedly on the run. The army’s announcement came a day after police said they received the ICT-BD’s order to execute arrest warrants against 32 people, including serving and retired military officers. However, Hakimuzzaman said the army headquarters did not receive any such warrants but took the initiative to detain its officers independently. The ICT-BD was established in 2010 during Hasina’s government’s tenure to try hardened collaborators of Pakistani forces in the 1971 Liberation War. The tribunal’s operations were later suspended under the Interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, which amended the ICT-BD law to allow trials of leaders from the past regime. ICT-BD’s Chief Prosecutor, Tajul Islam, named Sheikh Hasina and her former Defence Adviser, Tarique Siddique, as key accused in both the cases.

Name Change
I,Dipangshu Bhownick, Mintu Dipangshu Bhownick(old name) son of Hiren-dra Bhownick, 11/2 Christopher Road ,Gobinda Khatick Road Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mintu Bhownick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit - dated 10/10/2025. Mintu Bhownick (new name) and Dipangshu Bhownick and Mintu Dipangshu Bhownick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pratim Ghose (old name) S/o Amal Chandra Ghose, resident of 4/1, T.N Chatterjee Street, Durga Mandir, Baranagar, Kolkata- 700090, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pratim Kumar Ghose (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit - dated 10/07/2025. Pratim Kumar Ghose (new name) and Pratim Ghose (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Rejaul Sk (old name) S/o Maharam SK, resident of Village -Ha-lailapur,P.O - Madda, P.S- Beldanga , Dist Murshidabad Pin-742133, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rejaul Sk (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Rejaul Sk (new name) and Md Rejaul Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Habib (Old Name) S/o Harun SK Residing at Vill-P.O - Radhanagar, P.S - Namkhana, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743357 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Habib Ali Sk (New Name) as declared before The Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-10-2025. Sk Habib (Old Name) and Habib Ali Sk (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Habib (Old Name) S/o Harun SK Residing at Vill-P.O - Radhanagar, P.S - Namkhana, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743357 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Habib Ali Sk (New Name) as declared before The Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-10-2025. Sk Habib (Old Name) and Habib Ali Sk (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Samir Singh (Old Name) S/o Late Satyendra Nath Singha Residing at 295, K.G.R Patha Bishar Nagar, Kancharapara (M), Po - Kancharapara, P.S - Bipur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743145 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Samir Kumar Singha (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Barrackpore vide affidavit Dated 23-09-2025. Samir Singh (Old Name) and Samir Kumar Singha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjib Paul (Old Name) S/o Samir Kumar Paul Residing at 1st FR, FL-B, 9 Nilkanta Chatterjee Street, Po - Belgoharia, 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.

Change of Name
I, **Shukdeb Jana S/o Rajkrishna Jana**, resident at Vill.- Nayabasan, P.O. - Boicha, P.S.- Debra, Dist- Paschim Medinipur - 721301 shall henceforth be known as **Sukumar Jana S/o Rajkrishna Jana** vide affidavit no. -11889, Dated 18/06/2025 In the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Midnapore. **Shukdeb Jana S/o Rajkrishna Jana** and **Sukumar Jana S/o Rajkrishna Jana** is one & same identical person.

Change of Name
I, **Yekkala Jayasankar**, resident at - Nimrupa, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Nimrupa, P.S.-KG(P,T), Dist- Paschim Medinipur - 721305 & Permanently residing at Door No.- 1/23-121, Kothi Bomma Centre, Holy Cross School Road, Gudivada, Dist.- Krishna, A.P. Hereby solemnly affirm and declared that my son's **HARSHAVARDHAN** henceforth be known as **Y E K K A L A HARSHAVARDHAN S/o Yekkala Jayasankar & Yekkala Sobha** vide affidavit no. - 10583, Dated 21/08/2025 In the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kharagpur. **HARSHAVARDHAN S/o Y. Jayasankar & Y. Sobha** and **Y E K K A L A HARSHAVARDHAN S/o Yekkala Jayasankar & Yekkala Sobha** is one & same identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruksana Khatoun (Old Name), d/o-.L.I. Bashir Ahmad, r/s.28, G.C.R.C. Ghat, P.O. & P.S.-Shibpur, Dist.-Howrah, WB.-711102 declare that shall henceforth be known as Rukhsana Khatun (New Name) before the Notary Public at Howrah, Dtd. 10.10.2025, Ruksana Khatoun (Old Name) & Rukhsana Khatun (New Name) both are the same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MD MAINUDDIN ANSARI (Old Name), s/o-.L.I. Bashir Ahmad, r/s.28, G.C.R.C. Ghat, P.O. & P.S.-Shibpur, Dist.-Howrah, WB.- 711102, declare that shall henceforth be known as MOHAMMAD MAINUDDIN (New Name) before the Notary Public at Howrah, Dtd. 10.10.2025, MD MAINUDDIN ANSARI (Old Name)& MOHAMMAD MAINUDDIN (New Name) both are the same and identical person.

Name Change
I,Goutam Nandi, Residing At Vill-Kultala, Po-Prithiha,North 24 Parganas-743704, West Bengal, Have Changed My Mother Name Usha Nandi (Old Name) To And She Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chhya Nandi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Usha Nandi And Chhya Nandi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Shamsuddin (Old Name), Son Of Gholam Qurdus, Residing At 77/9 Narkeldanga North Road, Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Maimuddin (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025, Md Shamsuddin And Md Maimuddin Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, Sahabuddin (Old Name), Son Of Asiruiddin, Residing At Vill-Mahishamari, Po-Matiharpur, Chanchal, Malda, 732126, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sahabudin (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Sahabuddin And Sahabudin Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Afroja Begum (old name) W/o Mo-hammad Kalam, resident of Vill-Najrul Pally, P.O. & P.S.- Chanchal, Pin- 732123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Afroj Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Afroj Begum (new name) and Afroja Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aajimuddin (Old Name), Son Of Taflia, Residing At Vill-Uttar Asraail, P.-Singha, Chanchal, Malda, 732123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aajimuddin (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Aajimuddin And Aajimuddin Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mahasina (Old Name), Wife Of Aiyub, Residing At Vill-Jahirkhan, Po-Mallikpara, P.S-Chanchal, 732123, West Bengal, Have changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahashila Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Mahasina And Mahashila Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Binode Bihari Patra & Binode Behari Patra (Old Names) Son Of Ld Amrit Charan Patra, Resident Of Alankarpur,P.O-Alankarpur,P.S-Digha Mohana Coastal,Dist-Purba Medinipur-721447, West Bengal, India, have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Binod Bihari Patra (New Name), As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata, Vide An Affidavit Dated 10/10/2025. Binod Bihari Patra (New Name) And Binode Bihari Patra & Binode Behari Patra (Old Names) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sajal Kumar Santra & Sajal Kar Santra (Old Name), son of Late Bhaktaram Santra, residing at Gangadharpur Koley Para, Howrah-711302, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sajal Santra (Old Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 09/10/2025. Sajal Kumar Santra & Sajal Kar Santra and Sajal Santra all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Ghufuran (old name) S/o Mohammad Sagor Uddin, resident of 17/1, M M Ali Road, Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ghufuran (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Md Ghufuran (new name) and Mohammad Ghufuran (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Hafiz Mandal (old name) S/o Baniamin Mondal, resident of Vill-Morabandh, P.O.- Dasghara, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 712402, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hafiz Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Hafiz Mandal (new name) and Sk Hafiz Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Motin Gazi (old name) C/o Khodabaks Gazi, resident of Vill & P.O.- Sanggrampur, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Matin Gazi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Abdul Matin Gazi (new name) and Abdul Motin Gazi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amirul Laskar S/o Late Soyeb Ali Laskar, resident of Vill-Jiulitala, P.O.- Agarhati, P.S.- Sandeshkhali (hal Nazat), Dist.- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, I have changed parents name Angurjan Sekh W/O Soyeb Ali Sekh (Parents old name)to (they shall henceforth be known as) Angurjan Bewa Laskar W/O Soyeb Ali Laskar (Parents new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit dated 28/09/2025. Angurjan Bewa Laskar and Angurjan Sekh both are same and one identical person (mymother). Soyeb Ali Laskar and Soyeb Ali Sekh both are same and one identical person (myfather).

Name Change
I Sudhaker Tiwari S/O, BhulanTiwari R/o 25,atulGhosh Lane Salkia Howrah -711106 West Bengal, have changed my name to SudhakarTiwari.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOZAMMEL HOQUE S/o-JAFAR SK Residing at, Vill- Durluvpur, Post- Kumarsanda, Ps - Kandri, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOZAMMEL HOQUE To MOJAMMEL HAQUE SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MOJAMMEL HAQUE SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. MOJAMMEL HAQUE SK and MOZAMMEL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD GOLAM MOSTAFA S/o-MD CHIHAPATULLA SK Residing at, Vill- Jhunka, Post- Jhunka, Ps- Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742134, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD GOLAM MOSTAFA To MD GOLAM MOSTOFA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD GOLAM MOSTOFA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. MD GOLAM MOSTOFA and MD GOLAM MOSTAFA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOSLEM SHAIKH S/o-RAHAMATULLA SEKH Residing at, Vill- Jyotnagar, Post- Nowpara, Ps-Dhubulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOSLEM HAKHAI To MASLIM SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MASLIM SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. MASLIM SEKH and MOSLEM SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALIMUDDIN SEIKH S/o-TOJEM SEKH Residing at, Vill-Bijoy-nagar, Post- Gokarna, Ps- Kandri, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALIMUDDIN SEIKH To ALAMADDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ALAMADDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. ALAMADDIN SK and ALIMUDDIN SEIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JASIMUDDIN SEKH S/o-AEAL Residing at, Vill-Gangarampur, Post- Margram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742147, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JASIMUDDIN SEKH To SEIKH JASIMUDDIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEIKH JASIMUDDIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. SEIKH JASIMUDDIN and JASIMUDDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JUMMARUL SEIKH S/o-SEIKH JASIMUDDIN Residing at, Vill-Gangarampur, Post- Margram, Ps-Khargram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742147, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JUMMARUL SEIKH To JUMMARUL SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) JUMMARUL SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Sept 2025. JUMMARUL SK and JUMMARUL SEIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Monaf Khan (old name) S/o Karim Khan, resident of Vill & P.O.- Haturia, P.S.- Bagnan, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Munnaf Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Munnaf Khan (new name) and Monaf Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manick Sadhu S/o Late Bijoy Chandra Sadhu, resident of 8 Nilambar Mukherjee Street, 12 Kolkata- 700004, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name Bijoy Sadhu, Bijoy Kumar Sadhu (father old names) to the shall henceforth be known as) Bijoy Chandra Sadhu (father new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/10/2025. Bijoy Chandra Sadhu, Bijoy Sadhu and Bijoy Kumar Sadhu all are same and one identical person (myfather).

Name Change
I, Md Hafizul Hoque (Old Name), Son Of Late Siragudul Hoque Residing At Vill-Uttar Bagurighi, Po-Gotra, Ps-Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, 743422, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Hafizul Haque(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/10/2025. Md Hafizul Hoque And Md Hafizul Haque Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Goutam Nandi, Residing At Vill-Kultala, Po-Prithiha, North 24 Parganas-743704, West Bengal, Have Changed My Father Name Nitali Poda Nandi (Old Name) To And He Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nitali Nandi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Nitali Poda Nandi And Nitali Nandi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Arup Kumar Bag (Old Name), Son Of Chandana Mohan Bag, Residing At Chandpatra Geonkhali Mahishadal, East Medinipur, 721603, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arup Bag (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/10/2025. Arup Kumar Bag And Arup Bag Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Howrah Division Keeps Journeys Spotless under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwara and Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has intensified its efforts to promote cleanliness and environmental sustainability through focused initiatives on Swachh Prasadhan (Clean Toilets) and Swachh Environment. Comprehensive cleaning and renovation drives have been launched across stations, coaching depots, trains, hospitals, workplaces and surrounding areas. Public toilets are being thoroughly cleaned, repaired, and refurbished to ensure hygiene, safety, and convenience for passengers and railway staff. Special emphasis is being laid on improving water availability, repairing leaking pipes, upgrading drainage systems, and replacing damaged fixtures.

To raise public awareness, Nukkad Natak (street plays) are being organized at station premises to sensitize passengers and local communities about maintaining cleanliness and discouraging open defecation



near railway tracks and premises. Accessibility audits are also being conducted to ensure Divyang-friendly facilities in toilets across offices and stations within the Division. Furthermore, the Division is conducting environment protection awareness campaigns encouraging passengers and staff to adopt eco-friendly habits. Exhibitions on the theme "Waste to Wealth" are also being organized to highlight innovative recycling techniques and sustainable waste management practices. Through these concerted efforts, Howrah Division reaffirms its pledge to keep railway journeys spotless and to contribute actively towards building a Swachh Bharat.

Decomposed body wrapped with brown tape found near Hindon Canal; probe underway

MI News Service, Ghazipur: A decomposed human body wrapped with brown tape was found near Hindon Canal. Ghazipur, police said. "Yesterday, dated 11.10.2025, in the evening, information regarding the recovery of a dead body at Hindon Canal, Ghazipur, was received at Police Station Ghazipur. On reaching the spot, i.e., the dry corner of Hindon Canal opposite Mulla Colony, Ghazipur, a decomposed human dead body was found wrapped with brown tape. The body was further packed and kept in a plastic bag," police said. Prima facie, a case under Section 103/238(a) BNS has been registered. Meanwhile, a 34-year-old man was stabbed to death late on Thursday night in the Khadar area near KhajuriChowk in northeast Delhi, police said.

According to the officials, information about the incident was received at around 11:27 PM on October 9 at New Usmanpur Police Station. When police teams reached the spot, they discovered a man lying on the ground with multiple stab injuries. The deceased has been identified as Gajender (34), son of Veerpal, a resident of Dayalpur, who worked as a barber. "The forensic team inspected the scene, collected evidence, and the body was shifted to the hospital for post-mortem examination," the officials said. A case under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) (Punishment for murder) has been registered at PS New Usmanpur.

Earlier, a 24-year-old man succumbed to injuries during treatment at the Hospital in the National Capital's Dilshad Garden, police said. The deceased worked as a salesman, according to the police. An investigation is also being conducted from the robbery point of view, as her friend, who was at the scene of the crime, revealed that they had been robbed by some persons.

4 Killed as car collides with road-roller at Jammu-Katra Expressway in Rohtak

Amার মক্কেল রাশেল সাহা, পিতা- মিহিরলাল সাহা, ২০২৪ সালে ডোমজুড A.D.S.R. অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০৩৪ নং দলিল দ্বারা অসীম কুমার খোয়া মহাপ্রদানের পক্ষে ৪০৪/২০ এবং ১০৪/২০ নং (ডোমজুড A.D.S.R. অফিস) আমোদজার (স্বাক্ষর কুমার দাদা ও অরুণ শানমল) দলিল দ্বারা মৌজা- ভান্ডুত, সারকে-১৬৬, ৪৮ নং, হাল-৪৩৪, ১০৬৬ নং খতিয়ান, সারকে ও হাল-৪১২ নং দাগে ২.৪৮ শতক সম্পত্তি উত্তর করিয়া নাম পরিবর্তনের আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে কারারও কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞ প্রকারে ১ মাসের মধ্যে ডোমজুড B.L.&L.R.O., অফিসে যোগাযোগ করুন।



MI News Service, Sonapat: Four men died in a road accident at Jammu-Katra Expressway in Rohtak after a car collided with a parked road-roller on Saturday night. The four men, including Somveer, son of the rural president BalwanRanga fell victim to a tragic road accident, as they were returning from a business meeting related to the tile industry. They were in a car heading back to the village from the Jammu-Katra side to Rohtak on the Rohtak Road, where the construction work on the road was underway, and a road roller was stationed.

Kuldeep KD, the district president of Sari Rohtak, said, "Somveer, the son of rural president BalwanRanga, along with three other men, were returning from a meeting related to their tiles business when their car collided with a road roller parked on the Rohtak Road." Sub Inspector Devendar said that all four of them died due to the impact of the accident. "The four victims belonged to the same village and were returning from a business meeting. While returning from the Jammu-Katra side towards Rohtak, the car collided with a road roller parked along the roadside on the Rohtak Road, where the roadwork was being done. All four of them succumbed to their injuries," SI Devendar told ANI.

Howrah Division's Engineering Department Undertakes Thematic Painting Drive under Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata: In line with its ongoing mission to enhance and beautify railway premises, the Engineering Department of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, has once again demonstrated its commitment to cleanliness, creativity, and environmental responsibility. As part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0, a Thematic Painting Drive was organized across stations, offices, and railway colonies with the objective of making the surroundings cleaner, healthier, and more visually appealing for passengers and staff alike.

Under this initiative, each Assistant Engineer (AEN) was assigned a specific area to decorate with paintings focused on the themes of cleanliness, hygiene, safety, and disease prevention. Within the stipulated timeframe, all AENs and Inspectors of Works (IOWs) successfully completed their tasks, transforming walls and public spaces into vibrant displays of awareness, positivity, and inspiration.

Key Highlights of the Campaign:
► Beautification of railway premises, creating a more welcoming environment for passengers.



► Promotion of hygiene, health, and environmental consciousness.
► Strengthening collective commitment towards a cleaner and greener railway ecosystem.

Senior officials of Howrah Division appreciated the dedication, teamwork, and creativity demonstrated by all participating AENs, IOWs, and staff members. Their efforts stand as a testament to the proactive spirit and commitment of the Engineering Department towards maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and aesthetics across railway premises.

Sealdah Division Observes Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 with Intensive Cleanliness and Awareness Drives

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the Swachhata Pakhwada Campaign 2025, launched nationwide, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway has been actively observing the campaign with great enthusiasm and participation from railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers. The campaign, which runs from October 1 to October 31, 2025, aims to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental sustainability across the railway network. Under Special Campaign 5.0, the Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department organized a series of intensive cleaning and awareness programmes at various stations and facilities. Highlights of the Day: Intensive cleaning of all toilet blocks at various stations. Intensive cleaning of toilets in Train Nos. 13145 (Radhika Pur Express) and 12131 (Gazipur City Weekly Express) at Chitpur. Intensive cleaning of toilets at B.R. Singh Railway Hospital and Chitpur Health Unit (CP



HU). Presentation of Nukkad Natak at Kolkata Station to discourage open defecation near railway tracks and station areas. Awareness campaigns on environmental protection at Kolkata, Ranaghat, and Naihati stations. Exhibition on "Waste to Wealth" at Kolkata Station to promote innovative recycling and sustainable waste management practices. The day's activities reflected the collective effort of the EnHM Department in close collaboration with other departments of Sealdah Division. Their joint initiatives underscored the Division's unwavering commitment to maintaining cleanliness and contributing towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable railway environment.

World Mental Health Day Observed In Metro Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Medical Department of Metro Railway, Kolkata, observed World Mental Health Day on 10th October, 2025 at Mahanayak Uttam Kumar and Esplanade Metro stations in collaboration with The Hans Foundation (a public charitable trust).. The theme for World Mental Health Day 2025 was "Mental Health in Humanitarian Emergencies", to address the psychological needs of individuals affected by conflicts, natural disasters and public health crises. To spread awareness among passengers, a drama on mental health was performed at both stations. In addition, passengers were randomly selected and interacted individually to enhance understanding about mental well-being. A large number of passengers participated in and benefited from this awareness programme. Senior Medical Officers and staff of Metro Railway were also present.

Cop dies by suicide in Suryapet

MI News Service, Suryapet: A Special Branch police officer of Suryapet died by suicide by hanging himself at his residence, reportedly due to health issues, police said. Satyanarayana, aged 54, died by suicide by hanging himself at his residence, cops said. A case has been registered in the matter. Further investigation is underway. Meanwhile, the body of a 27-year-old techie, identified as Shilpa, was found hanging at her residence in Bengaluru's Suddaguntepalya area on August 29. Her parents have filed a police complaint alleging that she died by suicide due to constant dowry harassment by her husband, Praveen, and his family. A case has been registered in this matter, and the deceased woman's husband, Praveen, has been arrested." A 27-year-old techie, Shilpa, was found hanging at her home in South Bengaluru's Suddaguntepalya. Her parents have filed a police complaint stating that she died by suicide, allegedly because she was constantly harassed for dowry by her in-laws. The deceased woman's husband, Praveen, has been arrested," police said.

Prestigious Ashoka Award 2025

MI News Service, New Delhi: On 12th Oct, Shri Rajeev Roushan, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Freight)/HQ, Eastern Railway, has been awarded with the prestigious Ashoka Award 2025 at Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi for his trailblazing innovation – the Machine Vision Inspection System (MVIS) of Rolling Stock (Jointly developed by the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, DFC, M/s L2M), installation & improvising of Hot Axle Box Detector (HABD) and operation of Truck on Train (TOT) service over DFC network during his Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFCCIL) tenure. This award is given every year by the Charles Walter's Society for Innovation & Research (CWSIR) who is an independent Research & Innovation Society promoting and support Research & Innovation through human resource development including Science & technology, Academics, Literature etc. The Honour of Ashoka Award is a prestigious recognition dedicated exclusively to accomplished bureaucrats who have demonstrated commendable excellence in judiciary, policing, public administration, governance etc. Sh. Roushan was shortlisted among 200 nominees by jury.

Such improvisation of HABDs and development of MVIS in DFC are being followed by Indian Railways. These technologies helped to save many accidents in enroute. It is well known that MVIS is an automated way side equipment inspection system consisting of high speed cameras, servers and software which uses artificial intelligence (AI) to analyse data and generate alert for rolling stock defects while in motion with actual images, position of the rolling stock with number etc. Also improvised web portal of HABD what developed by him during tenure of DFC is used by Indian Railways which helped to analyse the trend of rolling stock failure for future action plan and improvements.

This is not the first feather in his cap. He was earlier honored with the National Award on 30th April 2019 in Mumbai by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways for creating a path-breaking software that made railway operations paperless during Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) tenure. He also received an Annual DFC Award in year 2023 for his commendable work in developing wayside equipments on DFC track.

Railway Protection Force Participates in Vedanta Half Marathon 2025 in New Delhi with a Contingent of 26 Personnel, Including 5 Women Officials

RPF Contingent's Theme "Operation NARCOS: RPF Against Drug Trafficking" Highlights the Force's Sustained Efforts to Raise Awareness Among Youth Against Drug Abuse, Curb Drug Trafficking Through the Railway Network, and Build a Drug-Free Society

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) participated in the Vedanta Half Marathon 2025, held today at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. A contingent comprising 26 personnel of different ranks, including 5 women officials, represented the Force in this prestigious event under the guidance of Ms. Sonali Mishra, IPS, Director General, RPF. The RPF team was led by Smt. Kamaljit Brar, IG/Construction/Northern Railway.

The participation of RPF in such events reflects its commitment to promoting physical fitness, discipline, and social responsibility among its personnel. The theme of the RPF contingent for Vedanta Half Marathon 2025 was "Oper-



ation NARCOS: RPF Against Drug Trafficking." The theme underscores the RPF's sustained efforts to raise awareness among youth against drug abuse, curb drug trafficking through the railway network and contribute towards building a drug-free society. The RPF remains steadfast in its mission to ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of passengers, while continuing to uphold its role as a socially responsible force dedicated to advancing national objectives.

'Pension-Buddy' to fast-track retirees benefits: Centre rolls out new guideline

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a significant move aimed at streamlining post-retirement benefits, the Central Government has announced new guidelines for its employees, introducing the concept of a 'Pension Buddy' to assist retirees and pensioners. The initiative is designed to ensure that pension payments, arrears, and other post-retirement entitlements reach employees and their families efficiently, reducing bureaucratic delays.

According to the newly issued directives by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, each retired employee will be assigned a dedicated officer, termed a Pension Buddy, responsible for guiding them through all post-retirement procedures. These officers will assist in completing forms, submitting documents, and resolving any issues related to arrears or delayed payments. Senior officials in the concerned departments will allocate responsibilities to ensure that all retirees are adequately supported. Crucially, the new guidelines also account for the unfortunate scenario of a pensioner's death. In such cases, the Pension Buddy will oversee the swift processing of pension benefits and ensure that the family receives the dues without unnecessary delay. From document verification to submission, these officers will serve as a single point of contact for families, helping them navigate administrative requirements and reducing procedural hurdles. The government notification emphasized that this initiative has been undertaken to minimize difficulties faced by retired central employees, guaranteeing timely disbursement of pension and lump-sum benefits. By implementing the Pension Buddy system, the government aims to provide a personalized and accountable support mechanism, enhancing transparency and efficiency in pension administration. Officials have indicated that the implementation of this system, referred to internally as 'Nistaar', will commence shortly, with the concerned officers being appointed across departments in the coming weeks. This move reflects the Centre's commitment to addressing retirees' grievances proactively and ensuring a dignified and hassle-free retirement process.

Karwa Chauth Miracle: Wife gives husband new life

MI News Service, Madhya Pradesh: In a remarkable tale of love, faith, and sacrifice, Priya from Rajgarh went above and beyond this Karwa Chauth, donating one of her kidneys to her husband, Purushottam, and saving his life. Purushottam had suffered complete kidney failure following a Covid infection, leaving doctors with no option but a transplant for survival. The family was devastated, but Priya's determination and devotion changed the course of events. "If my kidney can save my husband's life, that will be my real Karwa Chauth," she said, expressing her unwavering commitment. Medical evaluations confirmed that Priya's blood group and tissue type matched her husband's, and preparations for the transplant began immediately. The operation was successful, and today, Purushottam has fully recovered. Expressing his gratitude, Purushottam said emotionally, "My wife is like Goddess Parvati to me. She saved me from death and gave me a new life." Priya, meanwhile, reflected on the experience, stating, "Now, every Karwa Chauth is not just a fast for me, but a celebration of life." This extraordinary act underscores the power of spousal devotion and the life-changing impact of organ donation, setting an inspiring example for communities everywhere.



Former India captain Mithali Raj and wicketkeeper-batter Ravi Kalpana (not pictured) receive stand named, prior to the India's Women's World Cup match against Australia, at the ACA-VDCA International Cricket Stadium, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Chairman of the board of directors of the ICC Jay Shah and other officials were also present.

EC allow 12 alternative IDs for voting if voters card missing

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of upcoming elections in Bengal, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has clarified that eligible voters do not need to worry if their voter ID (EPIC) has not been issued or received. As per the Electoral Registration Rules, 1960, and the Representation of the People Act, 1951, voters whose names are listed in the electoral rolls can cast their vote using any one of 12 alternative photo identity documents. This move is aimed at simplifying the voting process and preventing impersonation or fake voting, while ensuring that all registered voters can exercise their



franchise without hindrance. The notification, issued on October 7, explicitly allows voters to present one of the following documents in

lieu of the voter ID:

1. Aadhaar Card
2. MNREGA Job Card
3. Bank or Post Office Passbook with photo
4. Health Insurance Smart Card (issued by the Ministry of Labour or under Ayushman Bharat Scheme)
5. Driving License
6. PAN Card
7. Smart Card issued under NPR
8. Passport
9. Pictorial Pension Document
10. Pictorial Employee Identity Card (Central/State Government/Public Limited Company)
11. Government Identity Card of MP, MLA, or Legislative Council member
12. Specially Disabled ID (UDID) Card issued by the Ministry of Women & Child Development

Officials emphasized that the voter's name must be included in the electoral rolls for any of these documents to be valid at the polling booth. Additionally, measures have been put in place to facilitate voting for women wearing burqas, with women polling personnel, ASHA, or Anganwadi workers supervising identity verification at the booth. This step highlights the ECI's proactive approach in making elections accessible, inclusive, and secure, while ensuring that every eligible citizen can exercise their democratic right without bureaucratic obstacles.



Youths participate in a voter awareness bicycle rally ahead of the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections, in Patna, Bihar.

Husband burns second wife alive over affair

MI News Service, Patna: In a chilling incident that has sent shockwaves through Nalanda district, a 25-year-old woman, Sunita Devi, was brutally murdered by her husband, Vikas Kumar, after she refused to consent to his desire to marry another woman. The tragic event unfolded late on Saturday night, October 11, leaving the family and local residents in deep shock. According to police sources, Vikas Kumar, who had married Sunita five years ago without divorcing his first wife, developed a relationship with another woman in recent years. When Sunita objected to her husband's proposal to bring his lover into their home, tensions escalated dramatically. Prior to the Durga Puja festival, Vikas attempted to reconcile, assuring Sunita that his actions would not repeat. However, the situation took a deadly turn. At approximately 1 a.m., Sunita called her brother in a terrified voice, reporting that her husband had poured petrol over her and opened a cooking gas cylinder inside their home. She warned that she would not survive the attack before the line went dead. Her family rushed to the location but arrived too late to save her. Eyewitnesses stated that they saw Vikas and his family attempting to bury Sunita on the spot, but they fled when confronted by relatives. The local police later recovered Sunita's body and initiated a forensic investigation. Samples were collected, and an autopsy has been conducted. The body has been handed over to the grieving family. Meanwhile, Vikas Kumar and his family remain absconding, and a manhunt is underway to apprehend the accused. This horrifying incident highlights a deeply disturbing act of domestic violence and premeditated murder, raising urgent questions about safety and protection for women in Bihar.

Devotees cheers as Vrindavan street echo "Radhe-Radhe"

MI News Service, Vrindavan: Devotees of Prem-ananda Maharaj were greeted with joy on Monday morning as the revered saint made a brief appearance outside his ashram in Vrindavan, reviving the beloved tradition of his early morning padayatra. The streets resonated with chants of "Radhe-Radhe" as hundreds of followers gathered to receive Maharaj's darshan after a prolonged hiatus due to his health concerns. Maharaj, who resides at the "Shri Hit Radha Keli Kunj Ashram", had suspended his regular padayatra since October 4 to ensure adequate rest, as his daily routine commencing at 2 a.m. had begun taking a toll on his health. In today's appearance, he walked a short distance up to Parikrama Marg, offering a limited version of the spiritual procession. De-

spite the brevity of the darshan, devotees expressed immense satisfaction and gratitude, witnessing the saint's physical presence and blessings once again. The ashram authorities emphasized that Prem-ananda Maharaj is in good health and continues to provide spiritual guidance to his followers. They appealed to the public to refrain from sharing outdated videos or images that depict the saint in ill health, as these have been circulating on social media and creating unnecessary confusion among devotees. The Mathura Police also issued a statement urging citizens to ignore such rumors and rely on verified updates from the ashram. Devotees hope that the brief darshan marks the beginning of a gradual resumption of Prem-ananda Maharaj's full padayatra, as he regains his strength.

Worker dies amid shop negligence, family demands justice

MI News Service, Agar Malwa: A shocking incident in Agar Malwa district has raised serious questions about human compassion and workplace responsibility. Rafiq Khan, a 45-year-old shop employee, died after suffering a severe heart attack, reportedly exacerbated by negligence from those around him.

CCTV footage from the shop in Sasner captured a horrifying scene. Rafiq is seen clutching his chest in visible distress while sitting on a chair, struggling to breathe and clearly in severe pain for over six minutes. Despite his condition, the shop owner remained seated a few feet away, engrossed in his mobile phone, while other employees appeared indifferent to Rafiq's suffering. After several agonizing minutes, Rafiq was finally taken to a nearby hospital, but doctors declared him dead on arrival. The harrowing footage has since gone viral, sparking outrage across social media and the local community. Rafiq's family has demanded immediate justice, insisting that this was not a mere accident but a case of gross negligence and inhumanity.

Locals, along with around 100 family members, gathered in front of the police station to voice their anger and demand legal action. Family members allege that Rafiq was often forced to lift heavy objects beyond his capacity, which may have contributed to his fatal heart attack. They have filed a formal complaint against the shop owner and his son. The police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding Rafiq's death. Authorities are reviewing the CCTV footage and questioning witnesses to determine whether criminal negligence played a role.

Chilika lake tornado shocks dolphin tourist

MI News Service, Odisha: A rare meteorological phenomenon startled visitors at Chilika Lake when a tornado, locally known as an "Elephant's Trunk," was spotted near the Kalijai Devi Temple, a revered site on the lake. The incident, which has gone viral on social media, occurred while over 100 tourists were on boats for dolphin sightseeing. Eyewitnesses reported that the tornado, forming due to a sudden clash of warm-humid air and cold air, appeared from the northeast and moved southwest toward the boats. Tourists, initially unsure of the phenomenon, soon realized the potential danger and quickly instructed boat operators to return to the shore. Many described the scene

as both thrilling and terrifying, as the swirling waters resembled a funnel descending from the sky. Meteorologists explained that while tornadoes are rare in India, the combination of coastal humidity and monsoon weather pattern can occasionally produce such vortexes over water. The formation lasted only a few minutes before dissipating naturally. Local authorities and boat operators confirmed that no injuries or property damage occurred, but the incident has sparked widespread fascination online. Experts caution tourists to remain alert during sudden weather changes, especially in Odisha's coastal regions, where extreme weather events can occur with little warning.

OBC Youth Humiliated in Caste-Based Incident, FIR Filed

MI News Service, Damoh: In a shocking display of caste-based humiliation, a young man from the OBC community was allegedly forced to wash the feet of a Brahmin and drink the water in Sataria village, Damoh district. The disturbing incident was recorded on video and circulated widely on social media, sparking outrage across the country. The victim, identified as Purushottam Kushwaha, reportedly had to perform the humiliating act in front of villagers. Additionally, he was allegedly fined Rs. 5,100 and coerced into issuing a public apology to the Brahmin community. The incident is said to have originated from a local dispute. Annu Pandey, a Brahmin resident of the village, allegedly continued selling liquor despite a village ban. Purushottam reportedly created a digitally altered image of Annu, which was perceived as insulting. Although Purushottam deleted the image and apologized, tensions escalated, leading to the public humiliation. The local police have registered a case under multiple sections, following

an FIR filed by a member of the Kushwaha community. Authorities are investigating the incident to determine whether caste-based discrimination laws were violated. The FIR highlights serious concerns about social harmony and dignity, noting that the act violates constitutional protections against caste-based atrocities. The video has provoked widespread condemnation from social media users and activists, drawing attention to the persistence of caste-based discrimination in rural India, even in the 21st century. Experts say such incidents highlight the urgent need for stricter enforcement of anti-discrimination laws and community awareness programs to curb caste-related abuses. While investigations continue, the incident has reignited a debate over social justice, equality, and the role of law enforcement in protecting vulnerable communities. Authorities have assured the public that the matter will be addressed with due diligence, sending a strong message against caste-based coercion and humiliation.

Popular YouTuber "Pinky" dies, takes four children in shocking suicide

MI News Service, Rajasthan: In a shocking incident that has left the community reeling, a popular social media creator, Kiran, also known as Pinky, allegedly ended her life along with her four children in Sikar district. The grim discovery was made after neighbors reported a strong stench emanating from the apartment she rented in Aniruddha Residency, Palwas Road. Police confirmed that 10 packets of poison were recovered from the scene, eight of which had been consumed. Authorities said Kiran lived separately from her husband with her four children—three sons, Sumit (18), Ayush (4), Avnish (3), and a daughter, Sneha (13). According to police, the flat had been locked for about a week, complicating access for the investigation team. On entering, officers found the decomposed bodies of all five victims. The bodies were sent for post-mortem, and a detailed probe has been initiated. Kiran, widely followed on social media, ran a channel called "Sikar Wali Pinky," producing comedic and lighthearted content with her children. Her last video was posted on September 29. Sources reveal that Kiran had been married twice—she had two children from her first marriage, which ended in divorce in 2019, and two children from her second marriage. Disputes with her second husband reportedly led her to live independently with her children. This tragedy has shocked the local community, highlighting concerns about mental health and family disputes. The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident, including potential domestic tensions and the influence of social pressures. CO Dhod, Suresh Sharma, said, "This is a deeply distressing case. Our priority is to determine the precise cause of the deaths and ensure a thorough investigation." The incident has raised questions about the pressures faced by social media personalities and underscores the importance of mental health awareness and support mechanisms for families in crisis.



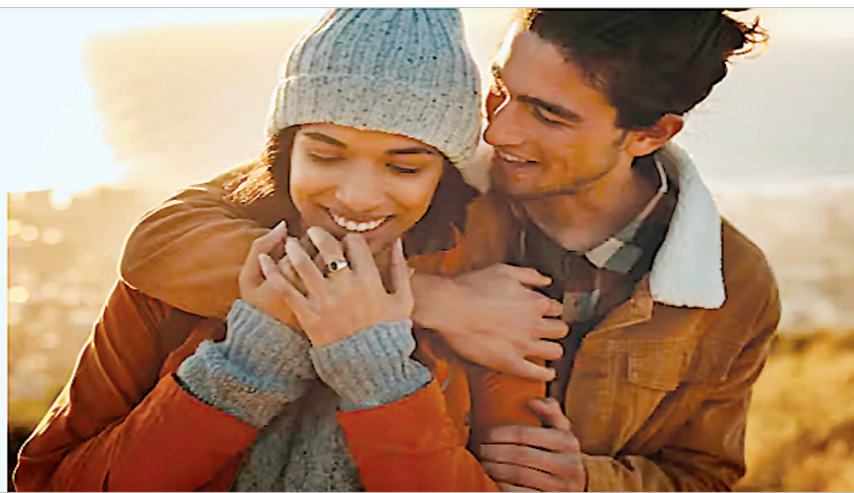
An aspirant undergoes a biometric eye scan outside an examination centre before appearing for the UPPSC Combined State/Upper Subordinate Services (Prelims) 2025 exam, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

Cuffing season: an evolutionary explanation for why people want to settle down for the winter months

Effort you invest in seeking a romantic partner intensify as summer ends? During the colder, darker months, people have been known to engage in “cuffing season”, which means attaching yourself to or having a physical relationship with someone just for the cold winter months.

You know this is not going to be a long-term thing. “Cuffing” is a metaphor for wanting to be attached to someone for a period of time. In the northern hemisphere at least, such behaviour might begin around October and end close to Valentine’s Day. Dating apps such as Bumble and Hinge have reported that October and November often sees a surge in new profiles and messaging activity.

In our evolutionary past, cuffing may have been necessary for survival. The winter months are cold and dark, and it would have been adaptive for our ancestors to seek out the company of others to keep them warm and safe, over a period when they could perish from exposure, or be more vulnerable to attack from predators. The company of others would have provided warmth, and possibly someone to help protect them. Cuffing behaviour might also be explained, at least for men, by a variation in testosterone levels. These tend to be lower in the months with the highest temperatures and most daylight, and higher in the winter months. This increase in men’s testosterone levels during the winter months might cause an increase in effort to seek out the company of a sexual partner.



Understand how AI is changing society
Polish researchers Buguslaw Pawlowski and Piotr Sorokowski have noted that men’s judgements of female attractiveness varied seasonally. In their 2008 study, 114 heterosexual men who were asked to assess the attractiveness of women’s photographs over different seasons. The photographs featured waist-hip ratio variations of women in swimming suits, photos of female breasts and photos of average-looking faces of women. The researchers found changes in male preferences for body shape and breast attractiveness across the seasons, although there was no change in men’s ratings of female faces.

The men gave the highest attractiveness scores in the winter, with the lowest scores being given in the summer, so they were more likely to think of someone as attractive in winter compared to summer. The researchers speculated that this could be because in the summer or warmer months, men habituate to seeing women’s uncovered bodies more than in the winter, and accordingly give lower attractiveness ratings at this time of year. Cuffing could also be associated with a need for touch. Affectionate touching such as hugging or holding hands generally lowers cortisol secretion for both sexes (associated with high blood pressure and irritability) but increases the release of oxytocin (the hormone associated with bonding). When our body releases oxytocin we feel more relaxed, happy, and generally experience a better mood.

In addition, cuffing may quite simply be explained by the fact that during the winter months we are more likely to attend parties and visit friends, for Thanksgiving (if you live in the US), Christmas and New Year, and this increased social interaction increases our chances of meeting others. A subliminal thing People may not be aware that their relationship-seeking behaviour changes over the winter months, and simply follow instinct. It is possible that the popularity of dating apps may have increased the prevalence of cuffing season. A July 2024 paper suggested people tend to “gamify” dating apps, pushing users to make the most number of matches rather than pursue meaningful connections. This in turn may lead to more cuffing behaviour. Remember that if you have decided to pursue a winter romance, consider what happens after the cuffing season. Do you have plans with your cuffing partner after the winter? Did you experience a sense of urgency in getting together with your cuffing partner? There is of course no reason why your cuffing relationship should not develop into a long-term relationship beyond the spring. But it may help protect yourself or your partner from disappointment if you’re upfront about what you want.

Study reveals why family businesses have more women leaders



WASHINGTON DC : Family firms account for more than 70 per cent of the global GDP, and poll statistics reveal that they are significantly more accepting of female leadership: up to 55 per cent have at least one woman on their board, and 70% are considering a woman as their next CEO. Experts attribute the outlier gender parity to a focus on long-term plans or family values.

But a new study, published in the Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal, suggests that women’s success as leaders in family businesses is deeply rooted in how employees interpret their leadership style.

“Family firms tend to focus on being inclusive and supportive of internal stakeholders, extending the sense of ‘family’ and community,” says Remedios Hernandez-Linares of the Universidad de Extremadura in Spain and one of the study’s authors. “This culture creates a moderating effect for women leaders -- their leadership is perceived as relationship-building and values dissemination.”

This leadership style aligns more closely with Western gender norms that characterize women as more empathetic and cooperative and men as more competitive and aggressive. The authors note, however, that women leaders at family businesses are not necessarily more impactful because they conform to gender norms. They thrive because their businesses’ strategies emphasize areas where women are traditionally seen as competent.

“CEOs influence employees’ behaviors via modeling, and leaders who are more credible and legitimate are more effective role models,” says Maria Concepcion Lopez-Fernandez of Universidad de Cantabria in Spain, another of the study’s authors. “Perceived incongruity between female gender roles and leadership roles can lead to prejudice and bias against female leaders.”

The authors specifically dug into how CEOs foster entrepreneurship, a highly masculinized business behavior, within their business culture. They conducted regression analysis on survey

data from 322 Spanish small businesses, 198 classified as family firms and 133 as nonfamily. Women represented 20 percent of the CEOs. CEOs ranked their business’s performance on five entrepreneurial traits: risk-taking, innovation, proactiveness, competitiveness, and autonomy. The survey also measured key aspects of social learning at each business, including commitment to learning, shared vision, and open-mindedness.

The analysis showed no direct effect of CEO sex on entrepreneurial orientation, and all aspects of social learning were positively related to entrepreneurship. However, there were marked differences based on CEO sex and whether the organization was a family business.

“It is not male or female leadership per se that predicts a firm’s entrepreneurial orientation, but rather, whether the male or female CEO is leading a family or nonfamily business,” says Kimberly A Eddleston of Northeastern, the study’s third author. “Women leaders at family firms better leverage their business’s commitment to learning and open-mindedness to support entrepreneurship than women leaders at nonfamily firms.”

“Our study therefore suggests that while women have an advantage leading family businesses, gender biases hamper female leaders’ ability to transform learning into greater entrepreneurial orientation in nonfamily business,” added Franz Kellermanns of UNC Charlotte, the study’s final author.

The study gives greater context to decades of conflicting research that demonstrates a multitude of business benefits associated with female leadership but also slower growth and lower profits. The key may lie in culture -- women can create more impact at businesses that emphasize at least some more traditionally feminine values. The authors also advise that couching their leadership styles in empathy and relationship-building can also help make women business leaders more effective.

Bacterial meningitis may cause neurological impairment in children: Study

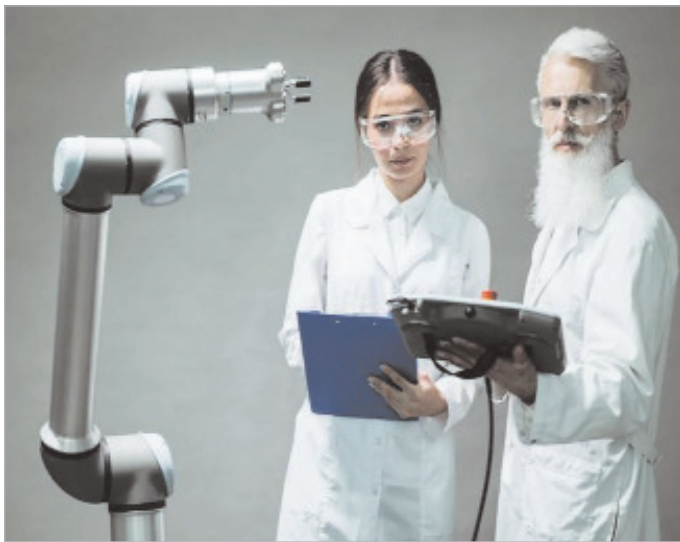
STOCKHOLM [SWEDEN] : One out of every three children who suffer bacterial meningitis has irreversible neurological impairments as a result of the infection.

This is according to a recent epidemiological study done by KarolinskaInstitutet and published in the top medical journal JAMA Network Open.

For the first time, researchers have determined the long-term health consequences of bacterial meningitis. The bacterial infection is currently treatable with medications, although it frequently results in irreversible neurological disability. And since children are frequently affected, the repercussions are severe.

“When children are affected, the whole family is affected. If a three-year-old child has impaired cognition, a motor disability, impaired or lost vision or hearing, it has a major impact. These are lifelong disabilities that become a major burden for both the individual and society, as those affected need health care support for the rest of their lives,” said Federico Iovino, associate professor in Medical Microbiology at the Department of Neuroscience, KarolinskaInstitutet, and one of the authors of the current study.

By analyzing data from the Swedish quality register on bacterial meningitis between 1987 and 2021, the researchers have been able to compare just over 3,500 people who contracted bacterial meningitis as children with just over 32,000 matched controls from the general population. The



average follow-up time is over 23 years.

The results show that those diagnosed with bacterial meningitis consistently have a higher prevalence of neurological disabilities such as cognitive impairment, seizures, visual or hearing impairment, motor impairment, behavioral disorders, or structural damage to the head.

The risk was highest for structural head injuries - 26 times the risk, hearing impairment - almost eight times the risk, and motor impairment - almost five times the risk.

About one in three people affected by bacterial meningitis had at least one neurological impairment compared to one in ten among controls. “This shows

that even if the bacterial infection is cured, many people suffer from neurological impairment afterwards,” said Federico Iovino.

With the long-term effects of bacterial meningitis identified, Federico Iovino and his colleagues will now move forward with their research.

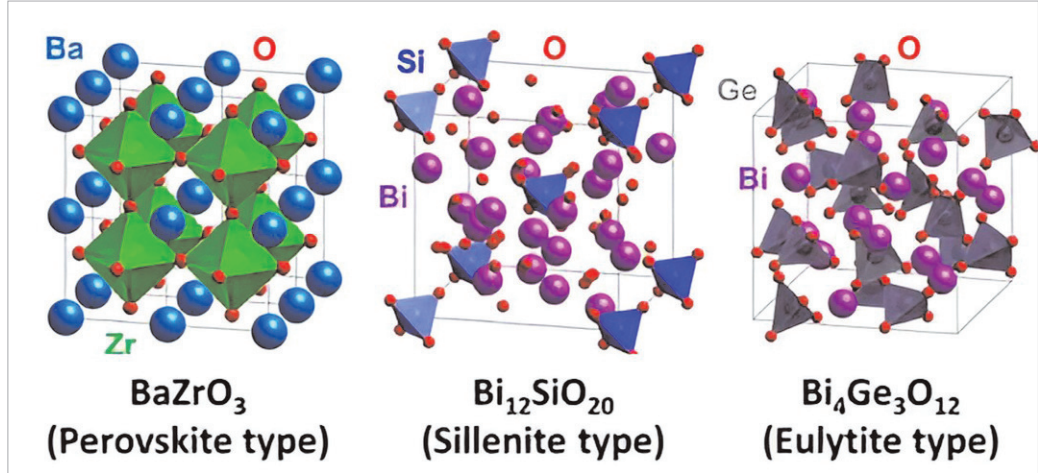
“We are trying to develop treatments that can protect neurons in the brain during the window of a few days it takes for antibiotics to take full effect. We now have very promising data from human neurons and are just entering a preclinical phase with animal models. Eventually, we hope to present this in the clinic within the next few years,” said Federico Iovino.

Machine learning method speeds up discovery of green energy materials: Research

FUKUOKA [JAPAN] : Researchers have created a framework that employs machine learning to accelerate the discovery of materials for green energy technologies. Using the novel technique, they identified and successfully synthesised two new candidate materials for application in solid oxide fuel cells, which are devices that generate electricity from non-carbon-emitting fuels such as hydrogen.

The findings of Researchers at Kyushu University, in partnership with Osaka University and the Fine Ceramics Centre, which were reported in the journal, Advanced Energy Materials, could also be used to accelerate the search for other innovative materials beyond the energy sector.

In response to a warming climate, researchers have been developing new ways to generate energy without using fossil fuels. “One path to carbon neutrality is by creating a hydrogen society. However, as well as optimizing how hydrogen is made, stored and transported, we also need to boost the power-generating efficiency of hydrogen fuel cells,” explains Professor Yoshihiro Yamazaki, of Kyushu University’s Department of Materials Science and Technology, Platform of Inter-



/Transdisciplinary Energy Research (Q-PIT).

To generate an electric current, solid oxide fuel cells need to be able to efficiently conduct hydrogen ions (or protons) through a solid material, known as an electrolyte. Currently, research into new electrolyte materials has focused on oxides with very specific crystal arrangements of atoms, known as a perovskite structure.

“The first proton-conducting oxide discovered was in a perovskite structure, and new high-performing perovskites are con-

tinually being reported,” says Professor Yamazaki. “But we want to expand the discovery of solid electrolytes to non-perovskite oxides, which also have the capability of conducting protons very efficiently.”

However, discovering proton-conducting materials with alternative crystal structures via traditional “trial and error” methods has numerous limitations. For an electrolyte to gain the ability to conduct protons, small traces of another substance, known as a dopant, must be added to the base material. But with many

Loss of cells in pancreas in elderly can cause age-related diabetes : Study



TOKYO [JAPAN] : Researchers at Tokyo Metropolitan University looked at pancreatic islet cell loss (ICL) in people who had no previous

pancreatic disorders. They identified significant trends in the types of cells lost due to islet cell loss across age groups and sexes, suggesting that insulin-producing beta cell loss was the primary cause of ICL in the elderly. This could be the cause of age-related diabetes and could help with the development of new prevention drugs. The pancreas is a critical component of the human digestive system, especially in regulating blood sugar levels by secreting the hormone insulin. While every portion of the pancreas is necessary, not all parts serve the same purpose. A deeper study reveals an intriguing interior structure, with islets of cells known as islets of Langerhans, named after their discoverer, which contain hormone-producing (endocrine) cells.

tions is something that is rarely studied. The degree of cell loss in each sample was found by observing stained sections from the pancreas under the microscope and analyzing the images. They focused on trends by age and sex and kept a close eye on the type of cells left in the pancreas, covering the four most abundant cell types, alpha, beta, delta, and PP (pancreatic polypeptide-producing) cells. The team paid extra attention to the number of beta cells, the cells responsible for producing insulin. While there were no notable trends in the other cell types, it was found that the proportion of beta cells in the pancreas seemed to significantly decrease with ICL. This leads to the conclusion that ICL in the elderly is largely due to beta cell loss in the islets. ICLs also correlated with microscopic lesions in the pancreas known as pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasias (PanIN), while severe ICL seemed less likely at more advanced ages.

Curiously, it was found that women tended to be more likely to show severe ICL. The team’s findings are consistent with data from the International Diabetes Foundation presented in 2021, which showed that women over 70 had a higher incidence of diabetes than men, while the trend reversed for those under 70.

While other mechanisms for beta cell loss need to be considered, these findings also seem to suggest that the phenomenon of islet cell loss may be a key driver of senile diabetes. This makes interventions that might specifically slow the decrease in the number of beta cells in the elderly a potentially effective route for preventative treatments.

A team led by Professor Shuang-Qin Yi of Tokyo Metropolitan University have been studying the phenomenon of pancreatic islet cell loss (ICL), where voids are observed in these islet regions when observed under the microscope. It was possible for such islets to be surrounded by either healthy cells or lesions, and it remained to be seen what they could teach us about a person’s health. This led the team to undertake a thorough survey of pancreatic sections taken from the cadavers of people with no pancreatic diseases before death, aged 65 to 104. Islet cell loss in healthy popula-

two promising materials, each with unique crystal structures, and assessed how well they conducted protons. Remarkably, both materials demonstrated proton conductivity in just a single experiment.

One of the materials, the researchers highlighted, is the first-known proton conductor with a sillenite crystal structure. The other, which has a eulytite structure, has a high-speed proton conduction path that is distinct from the conduction paths seen in perovskites. Currently, the performance of these oxides as electrolytes is low, but with further exploration, the research team believes their conductivity can be improved.

“Our framework has the potential to greatly expand the search space for proton-conducting oxides, and therefore significantly accelerate advancements in solid oxide fuel cells. It’s a promising step forward to realizing a hydrogen society,” concludes Professor Yamazaki. “With minor modifications, this framework could also be adapted to other fields of materials science, and potentially accelerate the development of many innovative materials.”

Afghan forces launch retaliatory strikes on Pakistani posts after airspace violations



MI News Service, Kabul: The Armed Forces of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) conducted retaliatory strikes against Pakistani military positions along the Durand Line late Saturday night, following repeated violations of Afghanistan's sovereignty and recent airstrikes on its territory, the Afghan Ministry of Defence said in a statement. In a post on X, the ministry stated, "Tonight, our armed forces conducted a successful retaliatory operation against the centres of Pakistani forces along the Durand Line in response to the repeated violations of Afghanistan's sovereignty by the Pakistani military and airstrikes on Afghanistan's territory. The operation concluded around midnight."

The ministry warned that Afghan forces remain ready to defend the nation's borders against any further attacks. "If the Pakistani side violates Afghanistan's sovereignty again, our armed forces are prepared to defend the country's borders and will respond decisively," the statement added. Earlier, the Ministry of Defence had condemned Pakistan's airstrikes in Kabul and Paktika provinces, calling them "an unprecedented and violent act" in the history of both countries. The ministry warned that any escalation would "have consequences for the Pakistani military." In a separate statement, the MoD said, "Once again, Pakistan has violated Afghanistan's airspace, bombing a civilian market in the Marghi area of Barmal district in Paktika province near the Durand Line and also breaching the airspace of the capital, Kabul."

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'Humanity and Future' Seminar



Nurul Islam Khan: Hooghly's Dank An educational seminar was held on Sunday. Organized by Anjumane Dank Khankah Sharif, the meeting was attended by teacher leader and Jamiat Ulema-e-Bangla Secretary Syed Sajjad Hossain, Sheikh Ebadur Rahman, Professor Sheikh Shamsul Arefin, Sheikh Jamal Uddin and others.

Chief guest educationist Abedin Haque Adi Saheb delivered a meaningful speech at Kashmira Bhaban. The main topic of the day's discussion was 'Humanity and Future'. Abedin Haque shed light on this topic. He said that if human civilization is to change, we have to change ourselves. He beautifully highlighted the responsibilities and duties of students and guardians regarding the standards of education. He gave many constructive suggestions about the social, human and environmental conditions for education. He also requested the guardians to properly implement the future and ideals of their children. He requested them to educate their sons and daughters in education. If you move forward with dreams and faith as your path, you will be successful. In fact, this Dank Khanqah Sharif was migrated to by the Pir Dada Huzur (may Allah have mercy on him) of Mujaddid-e-Zaman Furfura Sharif. A long hundred years ago, he broke through the dense forests here and brought the light of education to every house. He also played a glorious role in the care of women. It is known that this seminar was held to educate the people of that area in modern education.

I Love Muhammad rally

Nurul Islam Khan: On Sunday, a procession was taken out near Mirgala Madrasa in Hooghly in support of I Love Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). A protest meeting was held after the procession. This meeting was organized by Fidaye Huzoor Pak Sa: Organization. It is said that this protest meeting was organized keeping in mind that the beloved Prophet is the center of our faith. Recently, in Uttar Pradesh, when the banner of I Love Muhammad (PBUH) was put up, the Yogi government opened the poster and the youth who love the Prophet are being arrested and harassed. This shadow has fallen on the entire country. A large number of common people



gathered in this meeting to express their love for the beloved Prophet and to protect the democratic rights of India. Many people present at the meeting, including Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Saferi Siddiqui, and Pirzada Syed Aftab Uddin Hossain, joined the protest and demanded that the FIR

Afghan Foreign Minister says "technical error" on excluding women to earlier press conference

MI News Service, Delhi: Visiting Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Sunday said that not inviting women to a press conference held in New Delhi was not intentional but a result of a "technical issue." Responding to growing backlash from Indian media and politicians, Muttaqi clarified that the decision was not based on gender discrimination. "With regards to the press conference, it was on short notice and a short list of journalists was decided," Muttaqi said. "The participation list that was presented was very specific. It was more a technical issue... Our colleagues had decided to send an invitation to a specific list of journalists and there was no other intention apart from this."

Muttaqi called another press interaction today this time inviting women journalists to attend. Earlier this week, several women journalists and media outlets had expressed outrage after they were not invited to attend the Foreign Minister's press briefing in Delhi after bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. On Saturday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) clarified that it had no involvement in the press interaction held by Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Muttaqi in New Delhi on Friday, which later sparked controversy after reports emerged that women journalists were allegedly barred from attending.

MEA had no involvement in the press interaction held yesterday by the Afghan FM in Delhi," the ministry said in a statement. The press conference was, organised at the Afghanistan Embassy in New Delhi following bilateral talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Muttaqi, drew wide-



spread criticism after women journalists claimed they were denied entry. During the press conference, Muttaqi addressed regional issues, including India-Afghanistan relations, humanitarian assistance, trade routes, and security cooperation. Only selected male journalists and officials of Afghan embassy attended the presser.

The exclusion of women journalists sparked political outrage nationwide. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi clarify his position on the incident, calling it "an insult to India's women journalists." In a post on X, she said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, please clarify your position on the removal of female journalists from the press conference of the representative of the Taliban on his visit to India. If your recognition of women's rights isn't just convenient posturing from one election to the other, then how has this insult to some of India's most competent women been allowed in our country, a country whose women are its backbone and its pride."

Philippines alleges China Coast Guard rammed, damaged its vessel in South China Sea

MI News Service, Manila: The Philippines on Sunday accused China of "deliberately" ramming a Philippine government vessel and causing minor damage near an island in a disputed area of the South China Sea. The Philippine coastguard, in a statement, said a Chinese coastguard ship "fired its water cannon" at the BRP Datu Pagbuaya, a vessel belonging to Manila's fisheries bureau and anchored off Thitu Island, which is known as Pagasa Island in the Philippines, at 01:15 GMT on Sunday, as per a report in the Manila Times.

The news outlet further said, "Three minutes later, the same Chinese vessel reportedly rammed the stern of the Datu Pagbuaya, causing minor damage but no injuries among the crew." According to Al Jazeera, Thitu Island is part of the Spratly Islands, where Beijing has sought to assert its sovereignty claims for years. The island known in China as Zhongye Island is the largest of nine islands, islets and reefs inhabited by Philippine forces in the Spratly Islands and also has a fishing community. The Philippine coastguard chief, Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan, said the latest incident "only strengthens" the resolve of Manila "to not surrender a square inch of



our territory to any foreign power". China dismissed the claims in a statement, blaming the Philippines for the collision. Chinese coastguard spokesman Liu Dejun said the incident occurred when the Philippine ship "ignored repeated stern warnings from the Chinese side, and dangerously approached" the other ship. "Full responsibility lies with the Philippine side," Liu said in an online statement cited by Al Jazeera. Meanwhile, warships of the Philippines, the United States and Canada conducted complex naval manoeuvres under Exercise SAMASAMA (Together) 2025, "showcasing strengthened defence cooperation and seamless interoperability in regional waters," the official news agency of the Philippines reported.

Canadian political commentator calls for balanced action on Khalistan

MI News Service, Ontario: Canadian political commentator and podcaster Josh Udall believes that addressing concerns related to pro-Khalistan extremism in Canada could be a key step toward improving bilateral and trade relations between India and Canada.

Speaking ahead of Foreign Minister Anita Anand's visit to India, Udall said that constructive action on this issue could help build trust, strengthen cooperation, and unlock economic opportunities for both countries. Udall emphasised that the Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Mark Carney, should take India's security and sovereignty concerns seriously to foster a more stable and forward-looking partnership.

"We're seeing not just the issue of Khalistani extremists in our country, but a wide variety of extremists across Canada," Udall said, adding that the Canadian government seems to focus only on specific kinds of hate while overlooking others. He noted that this selective approach has contributed to tension in relations with India, which has repeatedly voiced concern over anti-India activities by extremist elements in Canada.

El-Sisi, Trump to chair Gaza peace summit in Egypt on Monday

MI News Service, Cairo: An international peace summit will be held in Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh on Monday to finalise an agreement aimed at ending the war in Gaza.

US President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi will chair the meeting titled "Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit," according to a statement from the Egyptian presidency. The meeting will see the participation of leaders from more than 20 countries. "The summit aims to end the war in the Gaza Strip, enhance efforts to bring peace and stability to the Middle East, and usher in a new phase of regional security and stability. This summit comes in light of US President Trump's vision for achieving peace in the region and his relentless efforts to end conflicts around the world," the Egyptian presidency said in a statement.

According to Xinhua, the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas entered into effect on Friday, following three days of intensive negotiations in Sharm El Sheikh between the two sides mediated by Egypt, Qatar, Turkey and the United States. The first phase of the plan includes Israeli troop withdrawals from Gaza City, Rafah, Khan Younis, and the north, the opening of five crossings for aid, and the release of hostages and prisoners.

Earlier, a Hamas source on Friday stated the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt is expected to reopen in the middle of next week, allowing for limited movement of people, Xinhua reported. However, details on operations have not been announced. More than two years of Israeli military operations have devastated Gaza, killing over 67,000 people and triggering famine, according to Gaza's health authorities, Xinhua reported.

Meanwhile, a Huge crowd gathered at Tel Aviv's Hostage Square on Saturday as families of captives awaited their return, marking an emotional evening of gratitude and solidarity, CNN reported. Expressing gratitude towards US President Donald Trump, his Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff, described it as a "powerful night," thanking Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for their efforts in achieving the Gaza ceasefire and hostage deal, as reported by The Times of Israel.

Pakistan: Islamabad under lockdown for second day amid fears of TLP protest

MI News Service, Islamabad: The twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi remained under partial lockdown for the second consecutive day on Saturday as authorities tightened security in anticipation of a protest by the hardline Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) group, Dawn reported.

According to reports from Dawn, the government deployed over 1,200 paramilitary personnel across Punjab to prevent the protest march, which began from Lahore via the Grand Trunk (GT) Road, from reaching the capital.

This comes after protestors turned violent Friday night, leading to clashes with police in Lahore. According to Dawn, the march dubbed the "Gaza March" by the group was launched after Friday prayers from the

party's headquarters on Multan Road in Lahore. The procession, led by TLP chief Saad Rizvi, drew thousands of supporters, many chanting religious slogans and carrying sticks, rods, and bricks.

The Islamabad Police said multiple cases had been registered against TLP supporters for holding rallies at different locations in violation of restrictions. Around 90 protesters were arrested from Tarnol and another 54 from Kati Pahari, officials said, as per Dawn. The Tarnol case was filed after about 300 people carrying TLP flags and banners gathered near the Tarnol Railway Crossing, chanting slogans and calling on others to join the protest. When the group refused to disperse, police used force and seized sound systems.



In a separate incident, around 120 TLP supporters reportedly arrived at Kati Pahari from Taxila, armed with batons, salt and slingshots. Police launched a crackdown as the group prepared to march towards Faizabad, leading to more arrests. Officials said around 110 Frontier Corps personnel were sent to Lahore and another contingent was

Dan Scavino will head White House Presidential Personnel Office: Trump



MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump has announced that "great" Dan Scavino will head the White House Presidential Personnel Office, replacing Sergio Gor, who has now been appointed as the US Ambassador-designate to India. Trump had nominated Sergio Gor in August to serve as the next US Ambassador to India. Trump made the announcement on social media. "I am pleased to announce that the great Dan Scavino, in addition to remaining Deputy Chief of Staff of the Trump Administration, will head the White House Presidential Personnel Office, replacing Sergio Gor, who did a wonderful job in that position, and will now become the Ambassador to India," Trump said. "Dan will be responsible for the selection and appointment of almost all positions in government – a very big and important position. Congratulations Dan, you will do a fantastic job!!!"

Dan Scavino currently serving as Deputy chief of staff in Trump's administration. White House Press Sec-

retary Karoline Leavitt had described Scavino as one of Trump's "most trusted and longest-serving advisors." "There is nobody better to ensure the President's Administration is staffed with the most qualified, competent, and America First-driven workers," she said in a statement in August. "There is much still to be done and Dan's leadership will ensure the highest quality, most dedicated workforce ever."

Sergio Gor, the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador-designate to India, arrived in New Delhi on Saturday for a six-day visit and met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also held separate meetings with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misra, and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. The US Embassy in India shared details of Gor's meetings on social media, quoting him as saying that he looked forward to "deepening the strategic partnership" between the two nations. "Met with EAM S Jaishankar today in New Delhi. We had a positive conversation on a range of issues. I look forward to working closely with Jaishankar to deepen our strategic partnership and make our countries more secure and prosperous," the embassy quoted Gor as saying. Later in the day, Gor met NSA Ajit Doval and discussed regional security and Indo-Pacific cooperation.

"Threats of high tariffs not the way to get along": China urges US to resolve differences through dialogue

MI News Service, Beijing: China has strongly condemned the United States' latest tariff threat, calling it a display of "willful intimidation and double standards," after Washington announced plans to impose a 100 per cent tariff on Chinese goods and export controls on all critical software from November 1, Global Times reported. A spokesperson from China's Ministry of Commerce said on Sunday that "willful threats of high tariffs are not the right way to get along with China," stressing that Beijing does not seek a trade war but is "not afraid of it either."

China urged the United States to "correct its wrong practices" and solve the differences through dialogue. "Properly manage differences through dialogues and on the basis of mutual respect and equal-footed consultation, so as to ensure the stable, sound and sustainable development of the China-US economic and trade relationship," the ministry said. The sharp response came after US President Donald Trump announced on Friday that his administration would impose sweeping new trade measures against China. The decision followed Beijing's move a day earlier to tighten export controls on rare earth materials, vital to US industries, in what analysts see as a countermeasure to Washington's escalating trade restrictions.

"In response to China's export control on rare earths and related items, the United States will impose a tariff of 100 per cent on China, over and above any tariff that they are currently paying," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. He added that the US would also impose "export controls on all critical software" starting November 1, accusing China of taking an "unprecedented and hostile" position in trade relations.

In its statement, China's Ministry of Commerce said that the export control measures announced on October 9 were "normal actions taken by the Chinese government in accordance with laws and regulations to refine its export control system." "As a responsible major country, China firmly safeguards national and international security and implements export control measures in a prudent and moderate manner," the spokesperson said, as quoted by Global Times. The ministry criticised Washington's reaction as hypocritical, saying that "the US remarks reflect typical double standards." It noted that the United States has long "overstretched the concept of national security, abused export control, and imposed unilateral long-arm jurisdiction measures" affecting thousands of Chinese entities.



Traders reported that many dairy and poultry shops had run out of stock, while vegetable prices surged due to supply chain blockages. They expressed hope that the government would reopen key routes by Sunday to avoid further shortages. Police officials said some blockades were lifted on Saturday night to ease public inconvenience. Roads leading to the airport, Zero Point, Srinagar Highway, Murree Road (Bara Kahu exit), and Expressway (Koral side) were reopened.

Despite the high alert, no major TLP demonstrations were reported in Rawalpindi or Islamabad through Saturday, and the situation remained largely peaceful. However, residents continued to face difficulties due to restricted movement and supply shortages.

Preparations Intensify for India-South Africa ODI in Ranchi



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RANCHI: In preparation for the upcoming One-Day International between India and South Africa, scheduled for November 30, 2025, at the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) Stadium, a high-level coordination meeting was held today. The meeting was chaired by Ranchi Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Manjunath Bhajantri at his office.

The primary focus of the meeting was to ensure robust arrangements for law and order, security, and traffic management during the high-profile cricket fixture. Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Ranjan, Superintendent of Police Paras Rana, Traffic Superintendent of Police, Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer Utkarsh Kumar, JSCA President Ajay Nath Shahdeo, Secretary Saurabh Tiwari, and several senior officials attended the review session.

Deputy Commissioner Bhajantri highlighted that a massive turnout of spectators is expected at the stadium and emphasized the need for meticulous planning to manage both crowd and traffic flow efficiently. Detailed discussions were held on deployment of security personnel, entry and exit protocols, parking arrangements, and emergency response mechanisms.

Bhajantri directed all departments to ensure that every aspect of organization-from public convenience to player security-meets the highest standards. He assured full administrative support to the JSCA to make the international match in Ranchi a seamless and memorable event.

"Our goal is to make this match not only a thrilling experience for cricket fans but also an opportunity to reinforce Ranchi's image as a capable and welcoming host city," Bhajantri stated.

JSCA President Ajay Nath Shahdeo lauded the district administration's proactive cooperation, noting that such joint efforts would guarantee the success of the event. Secretary Saurabh Tiwari also briefed officials on the stadium's preparedness and the ongoing logistical arrangements for the ODI.

Women's World Cup: Smriti, Pratika's fifties help India post 330 v Australia



VISAKHAPATNAM : Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal struck superb fifties and raised the highest-ever opening partnership against Australia in the Women's World Cup, as India posted 330 all out at the Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam, on Sunday.

India's 330/10 is the biggest total ever scored against seven-time champions Australia in World Cups, surpassing the 298 by England.

The two openers came good at the right time as India were putting their campaign back on rails after the defeat to South Africa. They cut, drove, and thrashed anything short, laying the foundation for a big score.

Mandhana, who has managed only 54 runs in the first three matches of the ongoing Women's World Cup and has faced questions about whether she has gone off the boil after a sensational season so far, hammered a 66-ball 80 (9x4, 3x6), while Rawal compiled a 96-ball 75 (10x4, 1x6) as they shared a 155-run partnerships for the opening wicket. This is the highest opening partnership by any team against Australia in World Cups.

In scoring her first fifty of the 2025 World Cup, her 33rd overall, Mandhana also became the fastest and youngest player to reach 5000 runs in women's ODIs, crossing the milestone in 112 matches to break the record of Stafanie Taylor (WI), who reached 5,000 runs in 129 matches. She reached the mark with a six off Kim Garth in the 21st over. She now has 5,022 runs, which includes 13 hundreds.

Alyssa Healy's decision to bowl first backfired as Mandhana and Rawal made merry, starting cautiously before executing an array of shots. The Australian bowlers, seven of whom were pressed into action, also helped by bowling fast and short, gave Mandhana and Rawal a chance to get set. The Indian batters were lucky at times as catches either fell just short of the fielders or out of reach, making the most of their opportunities.

However, the Aussies salvaged things a bit, thanks to a fifer by Annabel Sutherland (5-40), and what looked like a 400-run course was restricted to 330.

But things looked very difficult for Australia at one time as Mandhana and Rawal were going strong.

Mandhana completed her fifty off 46 balls, hitting some exquisite shots, including back-to-back fours off Sophie Molineux, who was brought in to exploit India's weakness against left-arm spin bowling, in the eighth over, a cheeky lap-shot off Ashleigh Gardner in the 14th. She switched gears after her fifty and blasted a six over extra cover off Kim Garth and flayed Tahlia McGrath over the boundary in the 24th over.

Just when she was looking good for her third century against the Aussies in a month, the 29-year-old left-hander departed, caught by Phoebe Litchfield at deep midwicket off Molineux, after scoring her runs at a strike rate of 121.21.

Rawal led the scoring initially before Mandhana overtook her, racing to her maiden World Cup half-century in 69 balls, hitting some top-shots, including a fine short-arm jab for four off Annabel Sutherland and a superb straight drive down the ground off Gardner for a six in the ninth over. She was out trying to force the pace of scoring, caught by Ellyse Perry off Sutherland. Australia pulled things back a bit, sending back Harleen Deol (38 off 42) and Harmanpreet Kaur (22 off 17) in quick succession. But Jamimah Rodrigues (33 from 21 balls, 5x4) and Richa Ghosh (32 in 22, 3x4, 2x6) raised 54 runs for the fifth wicket partnership as they added some quick runs. But the Indians failed to capitalise on the sound platform in the last 10 overs. They looked on course for 400 at one time, but failed to reach 350 as the Australians made a fine comeback. The defending champions had conceded 192/1 in the first 30 overs but claimed 138/9 in the next 20.

Brief scores: India 330 all out in 48.5 overs (Smriti Mandhana 80, Pratika Rawal 75, Jemimah Rodrigues 33, Richa Ghosh 32; Annabel Sutherland 5-40, Sophie Molineux 3-75) against Australia.

2nd Test: Campbell, Hope fifties help WI fight back after Kuldeep five-for brings in follow-on (Ld)

NEW DELHI : John Campbell and Shai Hope smashed unbeaten fifties as West Indies produced their most resolute session of the ongoing Test series by reaching 173/2 in 49 overs and trailing India by 97 runs at stumps on day three of the second and final game at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Sunday.

From 35/2 at tea, the final session going wicketless and in the visitors' favour was down to a spirited response from a side that had been under pressure for much of the tour due to their lack of fight in all departments. Campbell, who hit a career-best unbeaten 87, and Hope, who broke his drought of fifties by hitting 66 not out, stitched an unbeaten 138-run stand - the first hundred-plus stand by West Indies in Tests this year.

It helped steer the West Indies to near-safety after being asked to surprisingly follow on by India, who had bowled them out for 248 in the first innings, thanks to Kuldeep Yadav's 5-82. From 35/2 at tea, Campbell and Hope rallied with grit and discipline to ensure this was the first session of the series that decisively went their way, while showing composure and application against spin and pace.

Campbell was particularly assured, mixing solid defence with timely strokes, and being proficient on the sweep, fetching him 35 runs. Hope, meanwhile, anchored the innings with calm authority and easily got his runs through cover and mid-wicket regions. Their counter-attacking partnership not only frustrated India, but also injected belief into a dressing room that has endured a tough few days.

With the deficit under 100 and two set batters at the crease, West Indies will look to build on this momentum and force India to bat again in the match. On the day eight wickets fell in front of 15,500 fans, Kuldeep was in supreme control with his guile, variations, and drift to bowl mainly at the



stumps and pick his fifth five-wicket haul in Tests on a slow pitch not offering much bounce.

The day began with Hope and Tevin Imlach looking comfortable before Kuldeep's spell took flight. From the North End, his show began when he got drift on a flighted delivery to beat Hope's forward defence and hit the off-stump. Kuldeep ended Imlach's resistance when he got one to turn in a lot and trap the wicketkeeper-batter plumb lbw.

Justin Greaves was dismissed in a bid to reverse-sweep off Kuldeep, who got sharp drift and turn on a peach of a legbreak to trap him lbw. Mohammed Siraj became the first pacer to pick a

wicket in the match when Jomel Warrican reached for a full ball outside off-stump, but chopped onto his stumps.

At 175/8, a swift end to the West Indies' innings was in sight, till Khary Pierre and Anderson Phillip put up a solid resistance by a 46-run stand. With the ball getting softer, the duo applied themselves to defend solidly and used their feet well to get the odd boundary for 15.3 overs before lunch break arrived. But a lethal Bumrah drew first blood post-lunch by sending Pierre's off-stump on a cartwheel ride.

Jayden Seales had some fun being astute in his defence and getting boundaries with a mix of

luck and rollicking shots. Shortly after the new ball was taken, Kuldeep beat the inside edge of Seales and trapped him lbw to get his five-for. West Indies' last two stands fetched them 73 runs, though it wasn't sufficient to avoid the follow-on. With the follow-on enforced, Campbell began with two boundaries off Ravindra Jadeja, before Siraj drew first blood with a well-directed cross-seam short ball that cramped Tagenarine Chanderpaul for room on a pull, and skipper Shubman Gill ran from mid-wicket to mid-on to complete a stunning catch.

Though Campbell continued to get boundaries off Jadeja, Washington Sundar produced a

moment of magic by deceiving Alick Athanaze with a rip-roaring off-break which drifted in and went past the outside edge to hit the off-stump at the stroke of tea.

Campbell began the final session by lofting Jadeja for six, before sweeping Sundar for four, even as Hope slog-swept the latter for a maximum. Campbell managed to narrowly escape thrice when he was undone by a drift from Sundar for lbw, but he managed to survive.

The sweep became Campbell's go-to shot - bringing it out to take boundaries off Sundar and Kuldeep, before lofting off the latter to bring up his fifty in 69 balls, also the first half-century by a West Indies batter in this series. With the pitch still not having much demons, Hope was able to shuffle and rock back to comfortably get boundaries off Washington and Kuldeep - with the punch through covers off the wrist-spinner being the standout shot.

Immediately after the final drinks break of the day was over, India brought in Bumrah with the hope of getting a breakthrough. But he was rendered ineffective by Hope, who flicked through mid-wicket and steered through covers for consecutive boundaries.

After Hope brought up the century of his partnership with Campbell, the right-handed batter got his fifty off 80 balls - a landmark he reached after 30 innings in the format. By the time the duo walked off as stumps arrived, the Campbell-Hope partnership was a reminder of the resolve that still burns bright in the West Indies' line-up.

Brief Scores: India 518/5 in 134.2 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 175; Jomel Warrican 3-98) lead West Indies 248 in 81.5 overs (Alick Athanaze 41, Shai Hope 36; Kuldeep Yadav 5-82, Ravindra Jadeja 3-46) and 173/2 (f/o) in 49 overs (John Campbell 87 not out, Shai Hope 66 not out; Washington Sundar 1-44, Mohammed Siraj 1-10) by 97 runs.

Mandaviya leads 'Sundays on Cycle' in New Delhi with doctors and health professionals

NEW DELHI : Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, led the latest edition of 'Sundays on Cycle' (SOC), a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting fitness and healthy living among citizens, in New Delhi on Sunday.

This week's special partners were doctors and health professionals, underscoring the critical role of preventive health and the importance of physical activity in combating lifestyle diseases such as obesity.

Lauding their contribution to the nation, Mandaviya said, "As Health Minister during Covid, I have closely seen the dedication of doctors and health staff; their contribution to the nation is unparalleled, and I take this opportunity to thank you all for joining Sundays on Cycle to spread the message of fitness."

"I also urge you to guide citizens towards a healthier life because when a doctor says something related to health, people fol-

low it. Whether it is the fight against obesity, which is the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, or the merits of cycling, which we propagate through Sundays on Cycle, your message will reach every Indian," he added.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from people of all ages, along with World Para Athletics Championship (WPAC) medalists Praveen Kumar, Soman Rana and Sailesh Kumar, who joined to inspire the public towards an active lifestyle.

Pointing to how Sundays on Cycle has firmly become one of India's leading fitness movements, Mandaviya further added, "Today, 'Sundays on Cycle' has been organised in more than 10,000 places across India where doctors have joined this initiative to fight obesity. SOC is held even in the most remote corners of India every Sunday to propagate the vision of the Prime Minister to build a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

"Citizens have to be fit first. A

healthy body and a healthy mind are the foundation of a strong nation. Cycling is the easiest form of exercise, and anyone can take it up. I also urge everyone to buy Swadeshi products for their sports and fitness activities," he added.

Echoing the Minister's sentiments, Praveen said, "Exercise helps in maintaining focus, which is key to achieving anything in life. Cycling is a great form of exercise, and I am elated to be part of this event that motivates people to take charge of their health."

Appreciating the SOC initiative, Sailesh Kumar added, "This endeavour of the government to promote fitness among citizens is commendable. Every person should dedicate at least one hour every day to fitness for both physical and mental wellness. I am elated to have joined this event today. The enthusiasm of the participants is an indication that Indians are taking up fitness seriously."

Football: Germany burdened by striker shortage ahead of duel in Northern Ireland

BERLIN (GERMAN) : Ahead of their 2026 World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland on Monday, Germany face a striker shortage that is testing the depth of the 2014 FIFA World Cup champion. While Newcastle's Nick Woltemade, Frankfurt's Jonathan Burkardt, and Dortmund's Maximilian Beier continue to search for their first national team goals, a series of injuries and set-backs have limited coach Julian Nagelsmann's options.

"We don't always have a top squad to our disposal," the German coach said, as Niclas Fullkrug, Kai Havertz, Jamal Musiala, Tim Kleindienst, and Deniz Undav remain sidelined ahead of the trip to Belfast.

Twenty-eight of the 51 goals Germany have scored in Nagelsmann's 25 games in charge came from the missing forwards. That three of the four goals in the recent win over Luxembourg came from set pieces tells its own story, as Germany's golden era of



box-striker dominance appears to be fading. All three goals were scored by defenders, reports

Germany, finding the net in a 3-3 draw with Italy in March 2025.

Once known as a country of prolific strikers -- from Miroslav Klose, Rudi Voller and Jurgen Klinsmann to Gerd Muller and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge -- Germany now appear caught in a rare drought.

Woltemade has been in form for Newcastle with four goals in six club matches, but the 23-year-old has yet to score in five appearances for the national team. Burkardt (three) and Beier (four) have also been productive at the club level but remain goalless internationally.

"Germany is meeting its limits," newspaper Welt wrote, while tabloid Bild called the situation a fatal shortage of a "goal puncher."

Nagelsmann hopes now rest on the shoulders of available options such as Serge Gnabry -- the only forward currently in form -- Brentford's Kevin Schade and Dortmund's Karim Adeyemi, alongside Woltemade, Burkardt,

and Beier.

Despite scoring a free-kick goal against Northern Ireland in September, Liverpool forward Florian Wirtz has yet to rediscover his rhythm following his move from Bayer Leverkusen.

Nagelsmann urged patience with both Wirtz and Woltemade. "I am sure it will happen soon; he will score," the German coach said of the Newcastle striker.

German record international Lothar Matthaus commented, "he is not Messi, he is not Ronaldo, he is a 23-year-old Woltemade, still a young player without extensive experience." Former Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp also backed Wirtz, saying he had "exceptional quality and that soon will be visible in all his games for the Reds." Ahead of the 2026 World Cup, Nagelsmann remains cautious but optimistic, saying he will continue to rely on the "goal hunger" of his entire squad.