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Twelve Families of Electrocution Victims in Kolkata to Receive Government Jobs, Announces CM

In a major relief move for the families affected by the recent electrocution tragedy in Kolkata, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced government jobs and financial assistance for one member from each of the 12 bereaved families. The announcement was made during an administrative meeting held in Darjeeling on Wednesday. Banerjee stated that on October 17, appointment letters and financial aid will be formally handed over to the victims' family members at a venue near Shakespeare Sarani in Kolkata. The tragic incident occurred following a spell of heavy rainfall that lashed Kolkata earlier this month. Continuous downpour lasting over five hours led to severe waterlogging across several areas, including Mominpur, Netajinagar, Thakurpukur, and parts of South 24 Parganas. PG 3



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‘Stand by the people in distress without criticism’ says Mamata

MI News Service, Darjeeling : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee feels that instead of merely criticising the state's relief and rehabilitation efforts, "everybody should stand by those in distress who are greatly affected by natural calamities in North Bengal". Addressing an administrative meeting in Darjeeling Hills on Wednesday afternoon, the Chief minister said her government has already undertaken reconstruction work in the affected areas on a war footing after several houses, health centres and administrative buildings in Mirik, parts of Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and other areas were severely damaged in rush of waters and landslides a few days ago. "Mere criticism (of the state's relief and rescue measures) won't help in mitigating the miseries of people. One should stand by the affected physically and extend help," she said without naming or pointing her gun to anyone. Requesting the government of Bhutan to closely monitor" the discharge of water after heavy rains, from its reservoirs and dams to prevent flooding in the downstream areas in Bengal, Mamata Banerjee also said the Centre should take up the issue with the neighbouring country for a permanent solution.

"I am not ready to put our monetary resources into water in this way to cope with flooding every time. I urge the Centre to request Bhutan to initiate steps so that rivers originating from there



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in presence of Siliguri Mayor Gautam Deb, addresses an administrative review meeting in Darjeeling, North Bengal, on Wednesday.

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said the situation was aggravated by water discharge from DVC reservoirs, but the state managed

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way out has to be found and explored involving experts," she said. The Chief minister also pointed out that "large volume of water" is being discharged from reservoirs like Panchet and Maithon following heavy rain in the catchment areas of Bihar and

issue of recurrent flooding in both north and south Bengal and never takes initiatives to dredge rivers such as in the Bhagirathi, Torsha and Teesta," she said. Referring to the floods that had occurred just before the festivities of Durga Puja, Mamata Banerjee

to control it. "We must stay alert during Diwali, Kali Puja and Chhath," she said. Turning to reports of alleged atrocities on Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-ruled states, Mamata Banerjee said, "Our people should not be attacked for visiting other

CM paid heartfelt tributes to former President APJ Abdul Kalam on his birthday

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid rich tributes to former President APJ Abdul Kalam on his birthday on Wednesday describing him as a visionary leader for his valued contributions to the nation. "Solemnly remembering former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary. He was a great scientist and visionary leader, whose dedication and humility continue to motivate people to dream big and work for the nation's progress," Mamata Banerjee posted on X. President Kalam was the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was widely recognised as a scientist for his work in the fields of aerospace engineering and his pivotal role in the nation's nuclear programme.

states or for speaking in their mother tongue." The migrants, having returned to their native places, have been enrolled in the Karmashree social welfare project for labourers," she said, alleging that seven migrant workers from the state had died in a recent fire in Bengaluru. "We don't see any initiative from the

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Demography of Bhowanipore assembly constituency is being deliberately changed : Mamata



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MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has alleged that the demography of Bhowanipore assembly constituency in south Kolkata is being deliberately changed through the settlement of outsiders there. Bhowanipore in the assembly seat of the Chief minister, from where she had won the last assembly elections with handsome margin. She is also likely to contest from the same seat in the next year's state assembly poll. "Bhowanipore is being gradually filled up by bringing in outsiders and this is being done in a well-planned manner. By mentioning outsiders, I am not referring to those who are residents of West Bengal. People (from outside) are coming here and purchasing land and constructing houses. They are giving money to locals

and then leaving," she said without naming anyone. The Bhowanipore assembly constituency is a stronghold of the ruling-Trinamool Congress (TMC) from where party supremo Mamata Banerjee has been winning since 2011. Her residence in Kalighat also falls within the Bhowanipore constituency.

"In many areas, the slums of the poor are being demolished to give way to high-rises. I don't support this. As a result, our voters are being driven away. We can build houses for them (slum dwellers) under the state-funding housing scheme," she added. The Chief minister was addressing a public gathering via phone in Bhowanipore from North Bengal on Tuesday night. She is presently touring the flood and landslide affected North Bengal districts to take stock of the situation and coordinate the relief operations. "Why can't we understand that the party and the poor people are our foremost priorities. The citizens are our treasure," she added. In 2021, Mamata Banerjee swept the Bhowanipore bye-election beating Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) nominee Priyanka Tibrewal by a margin of 58,835 votes.

In 2011 also, when Mamata Banerjee led the TMC to end the Left Front's 34-year-long regime, she won the Bhawanipore seat by poll by 54,213 votes in spite of a voter turnout of less than 45% recorded in that election. In 2016, when the voter turnout was 66.83%, the Chief minister defeated Congress candidate Deepa Dasmuni by 25,301 votes. "We would ensure that she wins by a margin of at least one lakh votes from Bhowanipore in the 2026 assembly polls," Firhad Hakim, state minister and Mayor of Kolkata said while addressing the gathering. The BJP, however, ruling out the Chief minister's claim has said high-rises are coming up all over the city and in other cities too. We haven't heard of any complaints being lodged against forceful eviction in her constituency so far.

Farooq Abdullah welcomes Gaza ceasefire, hopes for a lasting peace

MI News Service, Srinagar : Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief minister and National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah has heartily welcomed the recent ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas, and expressed hope that it would pave the way for a permanent peace in the Middle East after two years of "heart breaking" conflict in Gaza. "This is an important and much-needed development. I sincerely hope it will lead to immediate and sustained humanitarian relief for the people of Gaza who have suffered immensely," Abdullah said in a statement on Wednesday. He stressed the need for all parties to uphold and fully implement the terms of the ceasefire, emphasising that only through commitment and compassion can true peace be achieved. "It is imperative that this truce evolves into a permanent ceasefire. Let this be the beginning of a just, comprehensive, and lasting resolution to the Palestinian issue, one that upholds human dignity, justice, and international law," the senior Abdullah said. Calling for urgent action to scale up humanitarian assistance, Abdullah reiterated the global responsibility to support the war-ravaged population in Gaza rebuilding their lives and restoring hope. "Now is the time to show solidarity and humanity. The world must unite to deliver aid, rebuild communities, and work towards a peaceful and dignified future for all in the region," he said. The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir prayed for peace and healing in the region, expressing hope that the ceasefire would be a turning point towards a brighter and more peaceful Middle East.

Prashant Kishor announces he will not contest Bihar assembly polls

MI News Service, Patna : Ending all speculations about his decision, Jan Suraj Party founder Prashant Kishor has formally announced that he will not contest the next month's Bihar assembly polls, as it is for the better future of the newly founded party. About the possible number of seats he was looking for, the former political strategist turned politician said "less than 150 seats for Jan Suraj party will be considered a defeat". "If Jan Suraj Party wins the Bihar polls, it will have a nationwide impact. The compass of national politics will point in a different direction," asserted Prashant Kishor.

"The party at its meetings has unanimously decided that I should not contest the assembly polls this time. And therefore, we have an-



nounced a new candidate from Raghupur, against Tejashwi Yadav. It was a decision we took in the larger interest of the party. If I were to con-

test, it would have distracted me from the necessary organisational work", the Jan Suraj party chief said. Asked what he thought of his party's prospects in the elections, the

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48-year-old leader said, "I can say with certainty that we will either win handsomely or receive a drubbing. I have been stating on record that I

expect a tally of either fewer than 10 seats or more than 150 seats. There is no possibility of anything in between". He, however, refused give a direct reply when asked whether his party would like to support the NDA or the INDIA bloc if the elections threw a hung assembly, terming a fractured mandate as an impossibility. But said "A tally of less than 150, even if it is 120 or 130, shall be a defeat for me. If we do well, we will have the mandate to transform Bihar and make it count among the 10 most advanced states of the country. If we do not do well enough, it would mean the people have not shown enough confidence in us, and we must continue to carry on with

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JD(U) announces first list of 51 candidates for Bihar Assembly polls

MI News Service , Patna : The ruling Janata Dal (United) under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, announced its first list of 51 candidates here on Wednesday for the upcoming assembly polls in Bihar, with several ministers like Vijay Kumar Choudhary, Sharwan Kumar, and Madan Sahni featuring among nominees. Ministers Ratnesh Sada and Maheshwar Hazari also featured on the list. The list also includes turncoats like Shyam Rajak, who returned to the party, quitting RJD about a year ago, and don-turned politician Anant Kumar Singh, who had filed nomination papers from the Mokama assembly seat on Tuesday. Two days after the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) declared its seat-sharing arrangement for the 243 member state Assembly, cracks have begun to appear within the JD(U) party. On Tuesday party MP Ajay Kumar Man-

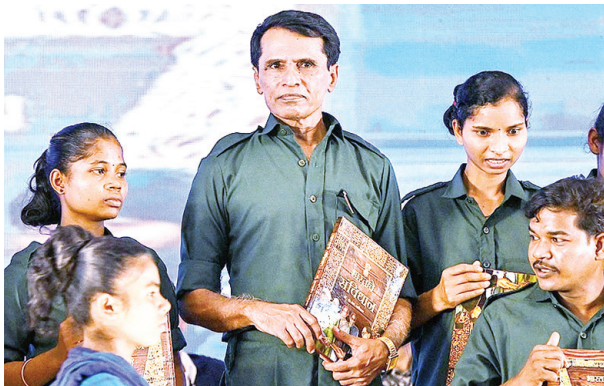
dal offered to resign, alleging that party leadership had denied him access to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Meanwhile, senior BJP leaders including Samrat Choudhary, Nityanand Rai, Nitin Nabin and others met RLM Chief Upendra Kushwaha at his Patna residence on Tuesday night after reports of him being displeased with seat-sharing arrangement. After a closed-door meeting, Kushwaha expressed his disappointment and said, "This time nothing is well in NDA." With just three days remaining to the deadline for filing nominations for the first phase of elections to the Bihar Assembly, the Mahagathbandhan is yet to declare the allocation of seats among its allies. Amidst the confusion, each party is finalising its list of candidates and intense negotiations are on between the allies to swap seats. Amid raging confusion

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61 Naxals surrender in Gadchiroli with arms

MI News Service, Gadchiroli (Maharashtra): Top Naxalite leader and spokesperson of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) apart from its Central Committee member, Mallojula Venugopal Rao (69), alias Bhupati or Sonu, surrendered to the state authorities in presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis here on Wednesday along with 60 other members of the banned organisation. A reward of Rs 25 lakh was announced on Rao's head by the Karimnagar Police in 2014. Rao and others carried a total bounty of about Rs 6 crore before their surrender.

According to the police, all 61 Maoists will join the mainstream of development on Thursday as Chief minister Fadnavis handed over a copy of the Constitution to each of the 61 surrendered Maoist cadres who laid down their arms before the Gadchiroli district police today. Rao's wife, Tarakka alias Vimala Seedam, also a member of the Maoist Zonal Committee, had recently surrendered to the police. In recent months, Gadchiroli district has witnessed a steady stream of Maoists surrendering before the police after they had realised their mistakes of resorting to un-



Senior Naxal leader Mallojula Venugopal Rao alias Bhupati holds a copy of the Constitution of India as he along with 60 other cadres surrendered before Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Gadchiroli.

necessary violence. Rao's surrender has brought Peddapalli, his native town, back into the national spotlight more than a decade after the death of his brother Mallojula Koteswar Rao, alias Kishanji, in an encounter in West Bengal in 2011. The family members expressed happiness over his decision to join the social mainstream. However, his mother, Madhuramma, who had long awaited his return, passed away in 2022. He became chief of the Maoist Dan-dakaranya Special Zonal Committee and was tasked with creating a new guerrilla zone stretching from Goa to After the death of Cherukuri

Raj Kumar (Azad), Venugopal was appointed the Maoist party's official spokesperson. He is suspected of being one of the masterminds behind the April 2010 Dantewada attack in Chhattisgarh, in which at least 76 CRPF personnel were killed. Mallojula Dileep, son of Venugopal Rao's brother Anjaneyulu, said the family was overjoyed by his uncle's decision. "He stayed away from us for a very long time, working for his ideology. My grandmother Madhuramma waited years for his return but passed away in 2022. His surrender is a

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Trump criticises BRICS 'attack' on US dollar



BRICS was an attack on the dollar, and I said, you want to play that game, I'm going to put tariffs on all of your products coming into the US. They said, like I said, we're dropping out of BRICS...They don't even talk about it anymore.

--Donald Trump

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : In a renewed attack, this time on the BRICS nations, US President Donald Trump has charged the BRICS grouping with "attacking" the US dollar. In his un-

precedented attack, President Trump claimed on Wednesday that he threatened the nations seeking to join the (BRICS) bloc with tariffs following which "everybody dropped out".

BRICS, comprising - Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates- are being threatened by President Trump to impose additional tariffs on the bloc for what he calls its "anti-American" policies. The BRICS nations have voiced serious concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures which distort trade. Speaking to reporters during a luncheon meeting with visiting Argentine President Javier Milei here today, Trump was asked a question about the US dollar. The President said that anybody who wants to deal in the dollar is at a greater advantage than those who do not. Trump said that there wouldn't be a world domination by the dollar if he hadn't won the 2024 Presidential election. In reference to the domination, he mentioned "I told anybody who wants to be in BRICS, that's fine, but we're

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Elderly woman
duped by fake 'cyber
police', bank staff's
alertness saves
Rs 25 lakh

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A major cyber fraud was averted in North 24 Parganas' Gobardanga area by a bank employee's alertness saved a 72-year-old woman from losing ₹25 lakh to scammers posing as Delhi Cyber Police officials. Bharati Nandi, a resident of Khatura under Gobardanga Police Station, visited her local bank on Tuesday to withdraw ₹25 lakh for transfer to an unknown account. Her unusual request raised red flags, prompting a bank employee to discreetly inform the police.

Son-in-law brutally attacks in-laws,
area tense after blood-soaked night

MI News Service, Kultali: Shock and outrage gripped Shyamnagar village in Kultali on Tuesday night after a man allegedly stormed into his in-laws' home and brutally attacked his father-in-law and mother-in-law with a knife. The accused, identified as Kalidas Naskar of Deulbari village, was later caught by locals after attempting to flee and has been taken into police custody. According to police sources, Kalidas had married Sushmita Das, daughter of Jagadish Das, around seven months ago. The couple's relationship had reportedly been strained since marriage,

marked by frequent quarrels and mounting tension. Recently, Sushmita left her husband and returned to her parents' residence, further deepening the rift between the two families. On Tuesday night, Kalidas arrived unannounced at his in-laws' home, demanding that Sushmita return with him. When she refused, the confrontation escalated into violence. As Sushmita's parents intervened to protect their daughter, Kalidas allegedly grabbed a knife and launched a frenzied attack, leaving the couple grievously injured. Hearing their cries for help, neighbours rushed in to find the victims

lying in pools of blood. They managed to overpower Kalidas and allegedly thrashed him before handing him over to the police. Officers from Kultali Police Station quickly reached the scene and arrested the accused. The injured victims were taken to Kultali Block Rural Hospital, where they remain under treatment. Police are interrogating Kalidas as well as the victim's family members to uncover the motive behind the assault. The shocking episode has left the Kultali area tense and residents horrified at the scale of the violence. Authorities have stepped up patrols in the locality to prevent any further unrest.

A woman and a
man killed in a
truck-auto head-on
collision in Haldia

MI News Service, Haldia: Two people, including a woman, were killed and five other injured seriously when an auto in which they were travelling was involved in a head-on collision with a truck in East Medinipur industrial port city of Haldia on Wednesday. The injured five, three of them critically, have been admitted to a local hospital in Haldia. The deceased have been identified as Suresh Mondal (59), the resident of Bishnuram Chak of Halida and Ranjana Pramanik (45) of Nandigram. The accident happened at Chiranjibpur when the goods laden truck was descending from a flyover hit the three-wheeler killing the two occupants on the spot and critically injured five others. Among the injured three persons received wounds on their head. They have been admitted to the Tamul Medical College hospital.

Four Bangladesh
nationals arrested
after entering Indian
territory illegally

MI News Service, Murshidabad: Four Bangladeshi nationals and an Indian have been arrested from West Bengal's border district of Murshidabad during a special raid, official sources said. The infiltration of the four foreigners happened on Monday from the porous border of Lalgaola of the Murshidabad district on Monday and since then they were hiding in a shelter provided by the arrested Indian.

However, the Murshidabad Police following inputs raided the hideout on Tuesday and arrested the four Bangladeshi infiltrators and the Indian from Lalgaola. Police are also investigating the motive of the intruders into Indian territory. Police said they were also looking for two more Indians for aiding the Bangladeshi nationals for sheltering the foreigners, who have illegally entered Murshidabad.

All the arrested five would be produced before a district court in Murshidabad and Police would seek their custody for further interrogation. Recently, a group of four Bangladeshi nationals were arrested for illegal entry at Ratinagar in Murshidabad. Acting on a tip-off, a joint operation by the Border Security Force and local police from Ratinagar had arrested four Bangladeshi infiltrators in the Harudanga area near the India-Bangladesh border.

Two ASI suspended for
taking money from truck
driver in Birbhum

MI News Service, Birbhum: Two ASI (Assistant Sub-Inspectors) of Mohammad Bazar Police Station in Birbhum district have been placed under suspension and a departmental inquiry was initiated following allegations that the two policemen were taking money from truck owners. The punitive action on the two junior police officials was taken after the truck owners' association released a video of policemen "taking money" from the truck drivers at Md Bazar, district Superintendent of police Amadeep said.

Birbhum District Truck Owners Association President Anas Ahmed alleged that the truck owners were facing police "extortion and oppression" and for this they were forced to release a video clipping of the police officer collecting money and another counting the same.

On Tuesday evening the video clip went viral showing the two Assistant Sub-Inspectors, identified as Shafiqul Alam and Kiran Mondal, were seen in police uniform taking money from trucks. SP Amadeep said the two ASI have been suspended and departmental and legal inquiry has been initiated against them.

The Birbhum district police also condemned the act of the two ASI and said they never support such an act.



The West Bengal unit of the BJP held a protest rally condemning the attack on party MP Khagen Murmu in Nagrakata area of Jalpaiguri district last week. The rally was held at College Square in Kolkata, on Wednesday.

SUD Life Rolls Out Data-Driven NIFTY
Alpha 50 ULIP Fund Amid 0% GST Boost

MI News Service, Kolkata: SUD Life Insurance has unveiled its latest investment offering, the SUD Life NIFTY Alpha 50 Index Fund, designed to track the NIFTY Alpha 50 Index—a smart beta benchmark that identifies India's most consistently outperforming stocks. The New Fund Offer (NFO) is open from October 6 to October 24, 2025, providing investors a unique opportunity to access a performance-driven equity portfolio. The NIFTY Alpha 50 Index comprises the top 50 stocks from India's largest and most liquid companies, selected based on their alpha—an indicator of each stock's ability to outperform the broader market after adjusting for risk.

Weightings within the index are allocated according to each stock's alpha score, ensuring a portfolio focused on superior returns driven by quantitative analysis. The index undergoes quarterly rebalancing to maintain responsiveness to changing market conditions. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Prashant Sharma, Chief Investment Officer at SUD Life, stated, "This fund offers investors a thoughtful approach to equity investing by emphasizing companies with a proven track record of outperforming the market. Our strategy is systematic and data-driven, encouraging investors to stay invested while benefiting from efficiency and potential growth. With the recent 0% GST on ULIP charges,

policyholders gain enhanced cost efficiency and improved net returns." The fund's sector-agnostic composition and mid-cap bias are well-suited for policyholders seeking sustained alpha generation and participation in India's economic growth. The fund will be available through SUD Life's unit-linked insurance products, including the Wealth Builder Plan, e-Wealth Royale, and Star TULIP Plan. This launch reinforces SUD Life's commitment to delivering research-backed, market-linked life insurance solutions that enable policyholders to build wealth intelligently while securing life cover, capitalizing on the recent GST exemption for ULIP charges.

CSIR-CMERI Celebrates 84th CSIR Foundation Day



MI News Service, Durgapur: CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI) celebrated the 84th CSIR Foundation Day on 15th October 2025 at the Institute Auditorium in the august presence of Prof. Partha Pratim Chattopadhyay, Former Director, NIAMT Ranchi & Professor, IIST Shibpur, Shri Sumit Chakraborty, Executive Director, Rashmi Group of Industries & Former Director, Shyam Metals and Dr. Naresh Chandra Murmu, Director, CSIR-CMERI.

Dr. Murmu in his Welcome Address talked on the major research activities performed during the last year and the contribution of the Institute in various sectors, like agriculture mechanization (e-Tractor, e-Tiller, Multi Utility e-Platform), cleaner & greener India (Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Disposal System, Electric Drain Cleaning system, transition to Low GWP Refrigerants, etc), CSIR Smart Village Mission, etc. Dr. Murmu also deliberated

on the new initiatives of the Institute, like H2 ICE (Internal Combustion Engine), High Power Density Axial Flux Motor for aviation sector, Mini UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) for landmine detection, UAV launcher, Robotic Saffron Harvesting in Kashmir, Sub-sea BLDCThrusters, AUV Homing & Docking, etc. He apprised the audience about the Centre of Excellence in Sanitation sector being established at CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur under the patronage of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. Dr. Murmu stressed upon the networking between industries & academia towards the goal of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Shri Chakraborty as the Guest of Honour of the event congratulated the whole CSIR family on its 84th Foundation Day and acknowledged the contribution of CSIR-CMERI in the agricultural, manufacturing, strategic and other sectors. He presented an overview of the current status of steel industries in India and urged

the CSIR scientists to come forward in enhancing the steel production in the country and indigenous development of the sectoral equipments and consumables.

Prof. Chattopadhyay, the Chief Guest of the ceremony, enlightened the audience with his talk on "Translational Research towards Self-reliance". He reminded the gathering about the genesis of CSIR during the 2nd World War with the aim of translation of research into industrial application. He lauded different fast track research schemes of CSIR for translation and commercialization of developed technologies. With the sixty percent of our population in working ages, Prof. Chattopadhyay underlined that this is the high time to utilize the demographic dividend to fast-track our progress and cited the instances of different countries in this regard.

The dignitaries felicitated the superannuated employees of the year, also the employees who have completed 25 years of service and wards of employees with excellent academic achievements. Awards were presented to the winners of the Essay and Art competition, organized among the wards of the employees on the occasion of the 84th CSIR Foundation Day.

Dr. Amit Ganguly, Chief Scientist and Chairperson, 84th CSIR FD Celebration Committee delivered the Vote of Thanks and the programme ended with the rendering of the National Anthem.

Doctor friend arrested, gets 7 days police
remand in Durgapur gang-rape case

MI News Service, Durgapur: Durgapur Mahakuma court on Wednesday ordered medical student Wasef Ali, arrested in connection with the alleged gang-rape of Durgapur medical college's gang-rape, for seven days police custody after he was produced for the judicial process.

Wasef Ali, a resident of Malda district of West Bengal, is also the class mate of the rape survivor, arrested on Tuesday evening after a marathon interrogation and in-camera magisterial statement from the victim.

A free-legal cell lawyer appeared on behalf of the accused after the Durgapur bar association decided not to defend any accused persons in this case.

The Durgapur Mahakuma court after hearing ordered seven days police custody for Wasef Ali and the next hearing to be held on October 22. The other five accused persons, who were already arrested and in police custody by the same court order, would also be produced on October 22.

Wasef Ali, who had been under the scanner since the crime on the 23-year-old girl came to light on Friday night, was finally arrested after marathon interrogation on Tuesday evening. Ali was arrested after the police reconstructed the crime scene at Parangunj forest near privately owned IQ City Medical College and an in-camera magisterial statement from the survivor.

So far six suspects have been arrested since Saturday, Durgapur-Asansol Police Commissioner Sunil Chowdhary said.

"He (Wasef Ali) is not beyond our scanner and his clothes would also be examined in this case and we would take lawful action against him as evidence we gather against him in the investigation," Chowdhury told reporters.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Asansol-Durgapur North) Abhishek Gupta led the crime scene reconstruction taking along with Wasef Ali, SK Nasiruddin and Sk Riazuddin where the 2nd year MBBS student was taken

and was gang-rape. Earlier, Police seized the clothings of Nasiruddin and Riazuddin from their Bijra village homes.

Wasef Ali was arrested after the survivor confessed to a judicial magistrate, in an in-camera statement, that he had molested her when she stepped out of the campus with him around 9 PM on Friday.

Sources said special arrangements were made to record the survivor's in-camera statement in the hospital cabin where she was undergoing treatment. The deposition continued for over two hours.

Asansol Durgapur Police Commissioner Sunil Chowdhury said that on the basis of the survivor's statement and other technical evidence, "only one person had committed the sexual physical assault" and specific roles of the other four present at the spot were "being investigated".

Meanwhile, the father of the survivor demanded a CBI probe into the incident and expressed dissatisfaction with the state police investigation. He claimed the crime

against her daughter was pre-planned.

"I request to Didi (Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee) for the CBI probe and we believe more things to come up clearly," the survivor father said adding "So far we did not get the investigation report regarding the crime committed on our daughter."

Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissioner Sunil Chowdhury claimed police have always been with the parents and if they asked for the state police would provide them round the clock security. The medical legal report, forensic (blood samples and DNA), and technical (call details) were still awaited. Police have the accused in custody.

"We are investigating to unearth their specific roles in this heinous crime," Chowdhury said. The survivor, in her earlier statement to police, had said that while one person had raped her, two others watched the act; and two others later joined them and snatched her cellphone and demanded money. The stolen cellphone was recovered.

'Hazar Prkalpa, Nadiar Sankalpa', Nadia's
pioneering scheme in West Bengal : Mahua Moitra

Dipankar Edbar
Krishnagar

Keeping the middle layer aside, we intend contact the people directly to solve their various problems during the unique district-wide development initiative titled 'Hazar Prkalpa, Nadiar Sankalpa' (Thousand projects, Nadia Promises)', said Mahua Maitra, MP, Krishnagar, on Wednesday. She was delivering her speech at a Press Meet called by new Nadia DM Aneesh Dasgupta. It took place at DM office. She more said, "The said project is first ever in West Bengal. Nadia is always ahead in various Government projects." Among other DM, Nadia Aneesh Dasgupta, Sabhadhipati, Nadia Zilla Parishad, Tarannum Sultana Mir, ADM, (ZP) Anup Kumar Dutta, Nadia DICO Subhamoy Mitra attended the press meet.

Nadia district Administration is set to launch a unique district-wide development initiative titled, 'Hazar Prkalpa, Nadiar Sankalpa' on October 17, this year, as part of the ongoing 'Amader Para, Amader Samadhan' campaign.

DM said, "This special drive aims to kickstart work on one thousand develop-



ment schemes in a single day across all 18 blocks and 11 Municipalities of the district, with active participation of people's representatives, local citizen and implementing agencies, said Sabhadhipati, Tarannum Sultana Mir.

Under the Amader Para Amader Samadhan Campaign, 1587 campus have already been organised out of the planned 1785 campus, covering 4169 booths across the district. These camps have received enthusiastic public participation, registering a cumulative footprint of over 15.45 lakh citizens with

an impressive average footfall of 371 persons per booth, said DM Aneesh Dasgupta.

So far, 5277 schemes have been approved at the district level under various rural and urban development programmes. Rigorous follow-up and close monitoring have ensured that more than 1000 work orders has been issued, paving the way for immediate commencement of works.

The said project initiative has been conceived to give a strong momentum to this campaign by simultaneously launching works across

Gram Panchayat and wards. This unprecedented drive will bring together community members and elected representatives to showcase the Government's commitment to speed, scale and citizen-centric development.

This initiative is expected to make a visible and participatory impact at the grassroots level, highlighting the transformative potential of the 'Amader Para Amader Samadhan' programme in improving local infrastructure, amenities, and quality of life across Nadia District, Mahua Maitra said.



AIIMS Kalyani observes CPR
Awareness Week to raise public awareness

MI News Service, Kalyani: AIIMS Kalyani is observing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Awareness Week from October 13 to 17 as part of a nationwide initiative by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to improve community preparedness for cardiac emergencies.

Sudden cardiac arrest remains a leading cause of preventable mortality globally. Experts say that timely CPR can significantly improve survival rates, as brain damage can occur within minutes of cardiac arrest, and each minute's delay in starting chest compressions reduces survival chances by nearly 10%. Despite this, India's bystander CPR rate remains low, between 1.3% and 9.8%, compared to almost 50% in high-income countries.

The week-long observance at AIIMS Kalyani began with a mass CPR pledge ceremony, in which over 700 students, faculty members, and staff participated in it. To create wider public awareness, street plays were staged by students and faculty, highlighting the importance of

immediate response during cardiac arrest.

Daily demonstrations on compression-only CPR, use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), and calling emergency helpline numbers 112/108 are being conducted throughout the week. Volunteers are also being provided hands-on CPR training using mannequins to enhance their confidence in performing life-saving compressions during emergencies.

Dedicated information booths have been set up at various points in the insti-

tute to distribute educational pamphlets and guide visitors on recognising cardiac arrest and responding effectively. Visitors are also being encouraged to take an online CPR preparedness pledge to reaffirm their commitment to help in emergencies.

Through these initiatives, AIIMS Kalyani seeks to strengthen public awareness and build capacity for emergency response, contributing to the government's mission of developing a well-prepared, responsible community capable of saving lives.

Inspiring
Heroes
Honoured
at CCC
AGM

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce (CCC) celebrated two remarkable young achievers who pushed the boundaries of human endurance and courage — mountaineer Kaamya Karthikeyan and open-water swimmer Sayani Das — at its Annual General Meeting in Kolkata. The event was graced by Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor of West Bengal, who presented the CCC Sports Excellence Awards to the two athletes, commending them for their extraordinary accomplishments that brought pride to the nation. Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old student from Navy Children School, Mumbai, created history by becoming the youngest female in the world to conquer the Seven Summits, scaling the highest peaks on all seven continents. Her achievement was completed with her ascent of Mount Vinson in Antarctica on December 24, 2024, marking the culmination of a journey driven by passion and perseverance. Sayani Das, from Kalna in West Bengal, is an elite open-water swimmer who has successfully completed six of the world's Seven Oceans Challenge swims. A former competitive pool swimmer, Sayani transitioned into long-distance channel swimming, battling extreme waters and marine life. She is also a recipient of India's highest adventure sports honour, conferred by the President of India. In her speech, Sayani said, "Swimming across six seas taught me the true meaning of courage and perseverance. I hope my journey inspires the younger generation, especially girls, to chase their dreams fearlessly." Outgoing CCC President Shri Hari Shankar Halwasiya welcomed the gathering, while Shri Anant Saharia, the incoming President, proposed the vote of thanks. The event was attended by eminent industrialists, diplomats, and members of Kolkata's business community.

JD(U) announces first
list of 51 candidates for
Bihar Assembly polls

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among Bihar ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Opposition mahagathbandhan (grand alliance) blocs over constituencies to contest the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is all geared up to kick-off his poll campaign from October 16 from Samastipur district. Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav, who is also Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, to file his nomination papers from Raghopur constituency in Vaishali district. He will file the nomination at the District headquarters later today and has left his home in Patna to file his nomination papers. The Party chief and his father, Lalu Prasad Yadav, too is likely to be present on the occasion. The Congress on Tuesday cleared names of 18 candidates and formed a sub-committee to finalise names for the remaining seats. The decisions were made at a Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting that lasted more than three hours. The meeting at the Congress office on Akbar Road was chaired by party President Mallikarjun Kharge, with senior leader K C Venugopal in attendance. The last date for filing nomination for the first phase of elections is October 17. Meanwhile the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released its first list of 71 candidates for the upcoming election on Tuesday. Former Union Minister from the RJD and Rajya Sabha MP Ram Kripal Yadav has been fielded from Danapur.



West Bengal Governor Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose presented Kaamya Karthikeyan, Mountaineer and Skier, and Sayani Das, Open-Water Swimmer, with the CCC Sports Excellence Awards during the inaugural session of the 194th Annual General Meeting organised by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on Wednesday.



Twelve Families of Electrocution Victims in Kolkata
to Receive Government Jobs, Announces CM Mamata

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major relief move for the families affected by the recent electrocution tragedy in Kolkata, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced government jobs and financial assistance for one member from each of the 12 bereaved families. The announcement was made during an administrative meeting held in Darjeeling on Wednesday. Banerjee stated that on October 17, appointment letters and financial aid will be formally handed over to the victims' family members at a venue near Shakespeare Sarani in Kolkata. The tragic Incident occurred following a spell of heavy rainfall that lashed Kolkata earlier this month. Continuous downpour lasting over five hours led to severe



waterlogging across several areas, including Mominpur, Netajinagar, Thakurpukur, and parts of South 24 Parganas. Twelve residents lost their lives after being electrocuted

by live electric wires submerged in floodwater. Following the incident, the Chief Minister had publicly blamed the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation (CESC) for negligence and demanded that each affected family receive ₹5 lakh in compensation and a job opportunity within the power company. However, with no such initiative forthcoming from the private utility provider, the state government has now taken the responsibility of providing employment through Special Home Guard positions. Reiterating her commitment to stand by the victims' families, Banerjee said, "An unfortunate accident had occurred in Kolkata, where 12 people—including 10 from the city—lost their lives after being electrocuted in

stagnant rainwater. On the 17th, the families will be invited to a venue near Shakespeare Sarani, where they will be given appointment letters and financial assistance." The Chief Minister also directed officials to ensure that compensation procedures are completed swiftly and that similar incidents are prevented in the future. Meanwhile, civic engineers have begun reviewing the city's underground drainage system and faulty electric wiring in waterlogged areas to prevent recurrence. The Kolkata municipal Corporation has been asked to coordinate with CESC and other civic bodies to strengthen monsoon preparedness, amid growing public concern over urban flooding and infrastructure safety in the city.

KMC to Revamp British-Era
Underground Drain Network



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has initiated a major project to restore and strengthen the century-old underground brick drainage system that runs through the heart of the city — from Lenin Sarani near K.C. Das crossing at Dharamtala, along Chowringhee, up to Exide crossing. The ₹57.5 crore project aims to remove decades of silt deposits and reinforce the ageing network with GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) liners for long-term durability. Built during the British era, the egg-shaped underground brick drains run nearly 5.5 to 6 kilometres, covering major stretches such as Lenin Sarani, Bentinck Street, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, and Chowringhee Road up to A.J.C. Bose Road. Despite regular desilting over the years, officials admit that the system has never been fully cleared of accumulated silt, leading to a significant reduction in its water-carrying capacity. In several sections, the drains have also weakened and partially collapsed due to age and erosion. According to senior officials from the Planning

and Development Department of the KMC, the desilting will be followed by encasing the entire drainage channel in GRP liners. This modern reinforcement technique will prevent further structural damage or erosion, significantly extending the life span of the drainage system. "Once the drain is lined, the risk of collapse will be eliminated, and its water-carrying capacity will increase substantially," an official said. The initiative comes in response to frequent waterlogging in central Kolkata, especially around Dharamtala, Park Street crossing, and adjoining areas. Even moderate rainfall often leaves these busy intersections submerged in knee-deep water, disrupting traffic and commercial activity. Officials explained that similar GRP lining work has already been successfully implemented in several other parts of the city where British-era drains remain operational. The liners are resistant to the acidic impact of toxic gases present in sewage, preventing corrosion and ensuring greater durability.

Cal HC Reiterates Ban on Mass
Animal Sacrifice During Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court reaffirmed its earlier order prohibiting mass animal sacrifices during religious festivals in West Bengal. The Division Bench comprising Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Smita Das De directed that the restrictions outlined in its November 21, 2024, order would apply to the upcoming Puja celebrations as well. The Court was hearing an application filed by the Reforms Social Welfare Foundation in connection with WPA (P/592/2023), and another matter filed by Akhil Bharat Krishi Go Seva Sangh (WPA (P/433/2024)). In its directive, the Bench emphasized that no mass animal sacrifice should take place outside licensed premises and instructed authorities to ensure that Puja Committees refrain from promoting or facilitating such acts. The order also mandated police monitoring and penal action against any violations. The move aims to ensure adherence to legal and ethical norms concerning animal welfare during public festivities.

Engineering Student Drugged
and Raped by Classmate in
Kolkata, Accused Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A second-year engineering student has accused her classmate of drugging and raping her inside her rented apartment in the Anandapur area. Police have arrested the accused youth after a brief manhunt. According to police sources, the incident came to light when the 20-year-old student, originally from another state, lodged a complaint at the Anandapur police station. She alleged that her classmate and friend, identified as Rajdeep, visited her flat one evening. During the visit, he allegedly mixed drugs into her drink, rendering her semi-conscious, and then raped her. The survivor later approached the police and filed a formal complaint. Following the complaint, the accused reportedly fled the area to evade arrest. However, after a few days, he returned to Anandapur and was swiftly apprehended by police officers. The accused was produced before the Alipore court, which remanded him in police custody till October 22. Police have started an

investigation into the incident, collecting forensic evidence from the apartment and examining CCTV footage from the vicinity. Officers confirmed that the survivor's medical examination has been completed, and the report is awaited. The police also suspect that the accused had been attempting to contact the victim repeatedly after the incident, possibly to dissuade her from filing a case. A senior investigating officer stated, "We are verifying all digital and physical evidence. The accused has confessed to meeting the complainant but denies the charge of rape. A detailed probe is underway." The survivor has demanded the strictest punishment for the accused, expressing faith that justice will be served. This incident has sparked fresh debate on student safety and drug misuse among youths in Kolkata's educational institutions. Women's rights groups have urged colleges to strengthen internal safety mechanisms and provide counselling support to survivors of sexual assault.

Kolkata Police Bust Online Dating Fraud
Racket, 17 Arrested Including 16 Women

MI News Service, Kolkata: A gang that had been running a large-scale online dating scam from the city's upscale Minto Park area has finally been busted by the Kolkata Police. The racket, which operated under the guise of a legitimate dating service, had been duping unsuspecting men for months by promising companionship and later extorting money from them. According to police sources, the group had set up a fully functional office at Minto Park, where they managed operations for a fake dating app. Women associated with the racket allegedly lured men into online relationships and later demanded large sums of money under various pretexts. Acting on several complaints, the Kolkata Police Detective Department conducted a raid and arrested 17 individuals, in-

cluding 16 women, from the spot. During the operation, the police recovered several electronic gadgets, registers, and bank-related documents believed to be linked to the fraudulent activities. Preliminary investigation suggests that the accused would establish contact through the dating app, gain the trust of victims, and then extort money by manipulating emotional or personal situations. Officials said that the racket was operating systematically and had managed to deceive numerous individuals across the city. Some victims had already lodged complaints of financial fraud, which led investigators to trace the network back to the Minto Park office. Police further suspect that the gang may have extended its operations to other parts of Kolkata and its adjoining suburban areas.

Trump criticises BRICS
'attack' on US dollar

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going to put tariffs on your nation. Everybody dropped out. They're all dropping out of BRICS". The US President further said, "BRICS was an attack on the dollar, and I said, you want to play that game, I'm going to put tariffs on all of your products coming into the US. They said, like I said, we're dropping out of BRICS...They don't even talk about it anymore." BRIC, with Brazil, Russia, India and China as the founding members, was established as an informal club in 2009. It became BRICS with South Africa joining the bloc in 2010. Egypt, Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates and Iran joined the BRICS in 2023, and Indonesia became a part of the group earlier this year. The bloc has discussed reducing its dependence on the dollar as the preferred currency for international trade, and instead creating a 'common currency' or 'BRICS currency' for trade and investment among its members. This de-dollarisation attempt has not sat right with Trump since before he won the race to the White House last year. From the beginning, the US President was warning of imposing 100 per cent tariffs on BRICS member countries if they considered replacing the dollar as a reserve currency. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva floated the idea of a BRICS currency as a means of reducing the group's vulnerability to dollar exchange rate fluctuations back in 2023, during the bloc's summit in Johannesburg. He did not believe that nations that don't use the dollar should be forced to trade in the currency. He had told the bloc that a BRICS currency "increases our payment options and reduces our vulnerabilities". This initiative, termed 'de-dollarisation', came as the dollar strengthened sharply in 2022 due to the Federal Reserve's move to increase interest rates, and Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, making dollar debts and other imports more expensive. Experts had said that building a BRICS currency would be a "political project".

Days after his presidential inauguration in January this year, Trump repeated his threat to impose 100 per cent tariff. He demanded a commitment from BRICS that they would neither create a new BRICS currency nor back any other currency to replace the US dollar.

Abhishek Banerjee
Donates Rs 1 Lakh to State
Disaster Relief Fund

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the devastating floods, landslides, and flash floods that have ravaged large parts of North Bengal, Trinamool Congress (TMC) National General Secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee has donated ₹1 lakh to the state government's disaster relief fund. The contribution aims to support rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts in the affected hill districts. Continuous heavy rainfall triggered by a low-pressure system has caused widespread destruction across Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Alipurdwar, and Cooch Behar. As the region struggles to recover, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been camping in North Bengal, visiting disaster-hit zones and meeting administrative officials to coordinate relief measures. Families of the deceased have been provided immediate financial assistance, and several temporary shelters have been set up for displaced residents. In a post shared on his official X (formerly Twitter) handle, Abhishek Banerjee wrote, "Unforeseen floods and landslides have devastated parts of the northern districts of West Bengal, bringing immense suffering and causing severe loss to lives, livelihoods, and property. In light of this tragedy, the Government of West Bengal has appealed to everyone to contribute to the West Bengal



State Disaster Management Authority (WBSDMA) Fund to support immediate rescue, relief, and long-term rehabilitation efforts for the affected communities. In solidarity with the people of my state, I have contributed ₹1,00,000 to the WBSDMA Fund. In these testing times, every act of kindness matters. I appeal to all to come forward and generously contribute to stand beside those who have lost so much in this man-made tragedy." The TMC leader described the disaster as "man-made" and urged citizens to stand in unity with those affected. "Every step of compassion counts in such difficult times," Banerjee added, calling on the people of Bengal to donate to the state's relief efforts through the official WBSDMA channels. Meanwhile, the state government continues large-scale rescue operations in the flood-affected districts, providing food, medical aid, and temporary shelter.

61 Naxals surrender in Gadchiroli with arms

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deeply emotional moment for our family." Dileep told reporters in Peddapalli. The surrender of Rao and 60 others comes when the Maoist movement has weakened due to sustained operations by central and state forces, resulting in the deaths of several senior Maoist leaders this year. The police sources said the surrender of 61 Maoists in one go is a major victory for security forces and a significant step towards eliminating Maoist influence in line with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that "Naxalism" (Left Wing Extremism) would be completely eradicated from

the country by March 2026. Earlier, CM Fadnavis said that in the past four years, no youth or girl from the area had joined the movement and credited this progress to the efforts of C-60 commandos and increasing trust in constitutional governance. He emphasised the government's commitment to development and peace and expressed confidence in Gadchiroli's transformation into a 'Steel City', ensuring a brighter future for the region. Meanwhile, only earlier this week two women Naxalite cadres were killed in an encounter with police in Gadchiroli district, officials said.

'Stand by the people in distress
without criticism' says Mamata

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respective state governments when incidents involving people from Bengal take place. On the contrary, whenever a single tragedy occurs here involving a migrant from other states, we take every responsibility. "Ours is a human approach," she said. The Chief Minister also raised the issue of a Bengali-speaking woman being wrongly pushed back to Bangladesh by Delhi Police, saying, "The Bangladesh court has confirmed that she is an Indian citizen." "In Bengal, people speak in their respective mother tongues — Nepali, Rajbanshi, Santhali, Urdu, Hindi and Bengali.

There is no discrimination for speaking one's language. We protect everyone, as India exemplifies unity in diversity," she said. Mamata Banerjee also urged people to contribute to the newly formed West Bengal State Disaster Management Authority's relief fund and asked Power Minister Aroop Biswas to read out its account detail "We are not begging for money, we will manage," she said in an apparent dig at the BJP-led Centre. She announced Rs 5 lakh to the SDMA relief fund "from the royalty of my books", while all ministers in the state cabinet are also donating Rs 1 lakh each.

Prashant Kishor announces he will
not contest Bihar assembly polls

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our politics of the street and society (samaj aur sadak ki rajneeti)". The Bihar polls will be held in two phases, on November 6 and November 11, and the counting will take place on November 14. Replying to a query about the future of NDA government in the state after the poll, Prashant Kishor opined that "NDA definitely on its way out, and Nitish Kumar not to return as CM". Kishor, who recently said the JD(U) would struggle to win even "25 seats" in the 243-strong assembly, claimed that the picture has only grown bleaker for the party headed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The NDA is definitely on its way out and Nitish Kumar will not return as Chief minister, Kishor reiterated speaking from his previous experience as he worked closely with the JD(U) supremo, both as a poll analyst and later, for a brief period, as a party colleague. "You do not need to be a psephologist to fathom what is in store for the JD(U). In the last assembly polls, Chirag Paswan staged a revolt just a few days ahead of the announcement of elections and fielded candidates, many of whom were inconsequential against nominees of Kumar's party, causing its tally to crash to 43", recalled Kishor. He also claimed that there was "complete chaos" in NDA, and it was still unclear which seats the BJP would contest and where the JD(U) wants to field its candidates. "The situation is no better in the INDIA bloc either. There is a never-ending tiff between RJD and the Congress. And nobody knows if former state minister Mukesh Sahani's Vikassheel Insaan Party is still by their side", claimed Kishor.

Name Change
I, Shahanawaj molla on behalf of my minor son Sahil mollah (old name) resident at Gurguripota (dudhkalmi), P.O.-Krishnarampur, P.S.-Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712705, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahil molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Sahil molla (new name) and Sahil mollah (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I Abdul Khayer (Old Name) S/O - Ahammad Ali, Residing At - Baromallika, Golabari Bazar, Shasan, North 24 Parganas-743423, W.B, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hen Ce-forth Be Known As Abul Khayer (New Name) As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Court, (Dist), Vide Affidavite No-5720 Dated 15/10/2025 Abdul Khayer (Old Name) And Abul Khayer (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I Mamtaz Bibi (Old Name) W/O - Abul Khayer, Residing At - Baromallika, Golabari Bazar, Shasan, North 24 Parganas-743423, W.B, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hen Ce-forth Be Known As Mamtaz Bibi (New Name) As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Court, (Dist), Vide Affidavite No-5725 Dated 15/10/2025 Mamtaz Bibi (Old Name) And Mamtaz Bibi (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I Khalicha Bibi (Old Name) W/O - Md Bakihillah, Residing At - Baromallika, Golabari Bazar, Shasan, North 24 Parganas-743423, W.B, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hen Ce-forth Be Known As Khalesa Bibi (New Name) As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Court, (Dist), Vide Affidavite No-5726 Dated 15/10/2025 Khalicha Bibi (Old Name) And Khalesa Bibi (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shakaee Zulfikar Ali (old name) son of Sk Fazlul Haque, residing at Vill & P.O - Dabra, PS - Pandua, Hooghly - 712152, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Zulfikar Ali (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 14/10/2025. Shakaee Zulfikar Ali and Sk Zulfikar Ali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rawसनara Begum (old name) wife of Sk Fazlul Haque, residing at Vill & P.O - Dabra, PS - Pandua, Hooghly - 712152, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rousonarara Begum (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 14/10/2025. Rawसनara Begum and Rousonarara Begum both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tapan Kumar Saha (Old Name) S/O Late Madan Mohan Saha Residing at Rabindra Pally, Durga Nagar, Ra-bindra Nagar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700065, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall hence-forth be Know as Kanai Lal Saha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit no. 31 Dated 15-10-2025. Tapan Kumar Saha (Old Name) and Kanai Lal Saha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Babor Ali (Old Name) S/o Sk Sazed Ali Residing at Baggoria, Shashinara, Memari - I, District-Bardhaman, Pin - 713146, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Babar Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 32 Dated 15-10-2025. Sk Babor Ali (Old Name) and Sk Babar Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Harsh Harendra Rana, s/o.- Harendra Mahadev Rana, R/s, 3rd Floor, Flat-303, Tanvir Height Apartment, Podrah, Podra, P.O.-Podhra, Howrah-711109, declare that My Father's name is Harendra Rana in PAN & Voter Card. Harendra M. Rana in Aadhar Card(wrongly mentioned), so, shall henceforth be known as Harendra Mahadev Rana before the Notary Public at Howrah, Dist. 13.10.2025. Harendra Mahadev Rana & Harendra Rana/Harendra M. Rana all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Smt Smita Chattopadhyay, W/O Arup Kumar Chattopadhyay, D/O Dilip Bhattacharya, residing at 184/1, Sethbagan Road, Dumdum, PS- Ghughudanga, Kolkata-700030, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my name has been Changed from Smita Bhattacharya to Smita Chattopadhyay. I, Smita Chattopadhyay, and Smita Bhattacharya are the same and one identical person. vide an Affidavit (No. 161225) sworn before in the court of Learned Executive Magistrate (1st class) at Howrah Sadar date 10/04/2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sanchita Chakraborty (in Voter Card) (Mariyam Khatoun), w/o.- Shekh Irshad Ali, R/O, R.K. Mission Bye Lane, Asansol, P.O.- Ushagram, P.S.- Asansol (S) Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, declare that shall henceforth be known in everywhere as Mariyam Khatoun (after marriage in Aadhar Card) before the Court of Ld. 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate at Asansol Court, vide Affidavit No.-11589/25, Dtd. 15.09.2025, Sanchita Chakraborty & Mariyam Khatoun both are the same and one identical lady.

Name Change
I'm Shaidha Khanam (Mother), w/o.- Lt. Md Liakat Khan r/o. Pathumpera Nurpur, Manikchak, Malda-732203, WB, India, declare that, Zeonat Khan w/o. Md. Abul Husnat (s/o. Md. Abul Khair & Mrs. Sateera Khanam- live in Bangladesh) is my daughter and is a Indian Citizen, Passport Number Z8046946, issued on 05/12/2024, Till on 04/12/2034 at Kolkata, India, Aadhar Number 57683389 3736, 01/10/2027 before the Notary Public at Malda, WB, India, dated 04.09.2025.No Objection certificate issue for the Purpose of Marriage abroad.

Name Change
I, Zeba Sanjida (old name) W/o Abdul Ahamed Sardar, resident of V-185/2, Karbala Road, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Raja Bagun, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jeba Sanjida Khatoun (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Jeba Sanjida Khatoun (new name) and Zeba Sanjida (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jamir Shah (old name) S/o Jamal Shah Ahmad Shah, resident of 1504, Tower 10, Chak Garia, Upohar Con-doville Panchasayar, Pin-700094, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jamir Jamal Shah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Jamir Jamal Shah (new name) and Jamir Shah (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Uzma Tabassum (old name) W/o Jamir Jamal Shah, resident of 1504, Tower 10, Chak Garia, Upohar Con-doville Panchasayar, Pin-700094, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Uzma Tabassum Jamir Shah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Uzma Tabassum Jamir Shah (new name) and Uzma Tabassum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Uttam Saha (Old Name), Son Of Adhir Chandra Saha,Residing At Hd/19, Ramkrishna Sarani, Bayen, Aswini Nagar, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700159, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Uttam Kumar Saha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Uttam Saha And Uttam Kumar Saha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sekh nasiruddin mandal (old name) S/o Sekh abdul hamid, resident at vill-Anantapur uttarpara, P.O.- Iliahipur, PS.- Haripal, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712707, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Sk nasiruddin mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Sk nasirud-din mandal (new name) and Sekh nasiruddin mandal (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Feroz Alam (Old Name), Son Of Md Ali Jan,Residing At Z-3133, Dr A K Road,Badartala, Kolkata-700044, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Firoz Alam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Feroz Alam And Firoz Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Partha Nath Bandopadhyay (Old Name) S/O Late Gouri Nath Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit no. 31 Dated 15-10-2025. Partha Nath Banerjee (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025.Partha Nath Bandopadhyay (Old Name) And Partha Nath Banerjee (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mousumi Panday (Old Name), Wife Of Koushik Panday, Residing At Vill & Po- Mayurhat, Hanskhali, Nadia- 741502, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mousumi Pandey (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Mousumi Panday And Mousumi Pandey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bijay Kumar Mehta (Old Name), Son Of Ramchandra Mehta,Residing At Bardahi Road, Raniganj, Paschim, Bardhaman-713347, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bijay Kumar Mehta (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025.Bijay Kumar Mehta And Bijay Kumar Mehta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Safululla molla (old name) S/o molla md nurulla, resident at Akuni, P.O.-Akuni, P.S.-Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712701, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Molla md safululla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Molla md safululla (new name) and Safululla molla (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahnavaj mollah (old name) S/o Soharab molla, resident at Gurguripota (dudhkalmi), P.O.-Krishnarampur, P.S.-Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712705, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shahanawaj molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Shahanawaj molla (new name) and Sahnavaj mollah (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aktikari begum (old name) D/O Sk abdul haque, and W/o Shajahan all mollah resident at Vill- Monoharpur mollahpara, P.O.-Dankuni, P.S.-Dankuni, Dist.-Hooghly, Pin-712311, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aktari begam mollah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Aktari begam mollah (new name) and Aktikari begum (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sahir Sk (old name) S/o Late Abdul Jabbar Sk, resident of Vill- Mi-rapara, P.O.- Ilisara, P.S.- Jamalpur, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713166, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Sk Mohammad Sahir (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Siurba Bardhaman, vide an affidavit SI No-4988, dated 09/10/2025. Sk Mohammad Sahir (new name) and Md Sahir Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Joyati Nag (old name) W/o Sougat Paul, resident of Apanalay, Dvitiie-A-101, P.O.- Gangangar, P.S.- Madhyamgram, Dist.- North 24Pgs, Pin-700132, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Jayati Nag (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Jayati Nag (new name) and Joyati Nag (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SHAMSUZZAMAN (old name) S/o JALALUDDIN AHMAD, resident of: Vill - DAKSHIN RAJARAMCHIAK, PO- MAHAALBONA, PS- GAZOLE, DT- MALDA WEST BENGAL-732102, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD SHAM-SUZZAMAN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. SHAMSUZZAMAN (new name) and SHAMSUZZAMAN (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MD NUH (old name) S/o Md SID-DIQUE MIA, resident of Vill- UTTAR RAJARAMCHIAK, PO-MAHAALBONA, PS- GAZOLE, DT-MALDA WEST BEN-GAL-732102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD NOOH (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. MD NOOH (new name) and MD NUH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mijarul Hoque (old name) s/o Golam Murtaza residing at Bharatpur, P.S. - Bharatpur, Dist Murshidabad, Pin-742301, West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Seikh Mijarul Hoque (new name) as declared before the Notary Public vide an affidavit dated 15th day of October, 2025. Mijarul Hoque (old name) and Seikh Mijarul Hoque (new name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shiv Kumar Jhunjhunwala (Old Name), Son Of Radha Kisan Jhunjhunwala, Residing At 13 Armenian Street, Po- G P O, Kolkata-700001, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shew Kumar Jhunjhunwala (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Shiv Kumar Jhunjhunwala And Shew Kumar Jhunjhunwala Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sarfaraz Nawaz (Old Name), Son Of Mohammad Yahya, Residing At Jafar Mohalla, Railpar, K T Road Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman, 713302, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Sarfaraz Nawaz (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Sarfaraz Nawaz And Md Sarfaraz Nawaz Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pusan Kar (old name) S/o Ajit Kumar Kar, resident of 71/1A, Maharani Indira Debi Road, Parnasree Pally, Kolkata-700060, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pushan Kar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Pushan Kar (new name) and Pusan Kar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Pradip Kumar Payra(Old Name),Son Of Prankrishna Payra,Residing At Vill-Po-Bolkushda,Ps-Egra,Purba Medinipur-721446,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence-forth Be Known As Pradip Payra(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Pradip Kumar Payra And Pradip Payra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Kumar Mondal, S/O Kungal Chandra Mondal, R/O- Vill-Baneswarpur, Po-Hasimnagar, PS- Falta, Baneshwarpur(C), South 24 Parganas - 743513, West Bengal, India, Shall Henceforth Be Know As Ashok Mondal (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public Kolkata Vide Affidavit Dated 13/10/2025. Ashok Kumar Mondal(Old Name) And Ashok Mondal(New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person

Name Change
I, Parabhina Bibi Gazi (old name) W/O Abdar Rahaman Gazi & D/O Mafujar Rahaman Mandal, residing at Vill-Akharpur, P.O - Iinda, PS - Basirhat, District- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Parvin Bibi Gazi (new name), and I also changed father name Mafjar Rahaman (father old name) to (he shall hence-forth be known as) Mafujar Rahaman Mandal (father new name), as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 22404, dated 09/10/2025. Parvin Bibi Gazi and Parabhina Bibi Gazi both are same and one identical person (myself), Mafjar Rahaman Mandal and Mafjar Rahaman both are same and one identical person (my father).

Name Change
I, Md Jasimuddin & Md Jasim (old names) S/o Malik Abdul Bari, resident of 4 Janagar 2nd Lane, P.O.- Entally, P.S.- Boniapukur, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Jasim (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Mohammad Jasim (new name) and Md Jasimuddin & Md Jasim (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Siuri Gold Heist: ₹50 Lakh Robbery in Broad Daylight Shocks Traders

MI News Service, Siuri: A shocking daylight robbery has jolted Birbhum's Siuri town after a gold merchant was knocked down by two motorcycle-borne assailants who fled with jewellery worth nearly ₹50 lakh and ₹1.5 lakh in cash. The audacious heist, which took place around 7 a.m. on Wednesday, has sparked widespread outrage among local traders and residents, raising questions about security lapses in the area. The victim, identified as Krishna Patra of Karidhya village in Siuri, was on his way to his shop carrying the valuables in a bag as part of his daily routine. According to his statement, he was walking past a local club when two young men on a speeding motorcycle approached from the opposite direction and rammed into

Name Change
I, Paritosh Kumar Sinha (Old Name), Son Of Late Surendra Nath Sinha, Residing At 29a Ballygunge Park, Po-Karaya, PS- Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Paritosh Sinha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/10/2025. Paritosh Kumar Sinha And Paritosh Sinha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, V Karishma Choubey & V Karishma (old names) W/o Abhijit Kumar Shukla, resident of Shukla Nivas Krishna Kunj Colony, Sarkarpool, Near Vishal Marbel,B.B.T Road, Mahesh-tala (M), S 24 Pgs, Pin- 700143, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Karishma Shukla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Karishma Shukla (new name) and V Karishma Choubey & V Karishma (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sajeda Begum (old name) D/o Sk Mo-boruddin, resident of Mainan, P.O.-Khorop, P.S.-Joypur, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manija Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/10/2025. Manija Begum (new name) and Sajeda Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nasima Khatun Bibi (old name) W/o Razzak Sekh, resident of Vill & P.O.-Dakshin Bhebia, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nasima Khatun (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit No. 22556/25 dated 10/10/2025. Nasima Khatun (new name) and Nasima Khatun Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abeda Bibi (old name) W/o Julfikar Mondal, resident of Vill & P.O.- Bhabanipur, PS.- Haroa, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abeda Khatun (new name), and Also I have changed my daughter name Mst. Afrina Khatun (daughter old name) to (she shall henceforth be known as) Afrina Khatun (daughter new name), as declared Before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit No. 22558/25 dated 10/10/2025. Abeda Khatun and Abeda Bibi both are same and one identical person (myself), Afrina Khatun and Mst. Afrina Khatun both are same and one identical person (my daughter).

Name Change
I, Prasanta Sardar (Old Name) S/O Ji-tendra Nath Sardar, Resident Of Dakhin Nagartala,Ps-Jibantala,South 24 Pgs-743376, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Prasanta Kumar Sardar (New Name), As De-clared Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore, Vide An Affidavit Dated 08/10/2025. Prasanta Kumar Sardar (New Name) And Pras-anta Sardar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pradip Chatterjee & Pradip Kumar Chatterjee (old names) S/O Late Nilmani Chatterjee, resident of Dharsa Brahmin Para, Near Pally Mangal Samity, P.O.-GIP Colony, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711112, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Chattopadhyay (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Pradip Kumar Chattopadhyay (new name) and Pradip Chatterjee & Pradip Kumar Chatterjee (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Maquefur Ali Shaikh (old name), Son Of Late Mahatab Ali, Residing At 55/AH/8, Tiljala Road, Po-Gobinda Khatik Road, Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Maquefur Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore, On 15/09/2025. Mohammed Maquefur Ali Shaikh And Md Maquefur Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mst. Sakila Khatun (old name) W/o Late Janab Ali Laskar, resident of Dap-tola, Sarengabad, P.O.- Jibantala, Sarengabad, P.S.- Jibantala, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743376, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sakila Laskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Sakila Laskar (new name) and Mst. Sakila Khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

him deliberately. "The bike hit me head-on, and I fell onto the road. My hand was injured. When I got up, my bag was gone," Krishna Patra told police. The bag—containing the gold jewellery and cash—had been snatched by the attackers, who immediately sped away before anyone could react. Krishna Patra filed a written complaint with Siuri Police Station. Police have since obtained CCTV footage from the area that captured images of the two suspects fleeing on a motorcycle. Birbhum Superintendent of Police Amandeep said, "A special team has been formed at both the station and district level. Every effort is being made to trace the culprits and recover the stolen gold." Preliminary investigation indicates that the assailants had been tracking Krishna Patra's daily movements between his home and shop, suggesting a planned and targeted robbery. The merchant's routine of carrying large quantities of gold each morning may have provided vital information to the criminals. The incident has sent shockwaves through Siuri's business community. Several local traders expressed anger over what they called a failure of policing and inadequate early-morning patrols. "If the attackers could strike at seven in the morning on a main road, none of us are safe," said one trader who operates nearby.

600-Year-Old Terracotta Temple Crumbles in South Dinajpur, Locals Plead for Restoration

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: Hidden deep within the rural expanse of South Dinajpur stands a centuries-old architectural marvel—a towering terracotta temple believed to be over 600 years old. Once a vibrant center of worship and community devotion, the temple now stands weathered and crumbling, its intricate terracotta panels worn away by time and neglect. Locals fear this irreplaceable piece of Bengal's heritage may soon vanish without urgent restoration.

Situated in the Vikahar area, the ancient shrine—established by King Pranath Roy in the late 17th century—is regarded as one of the tallest terracotta structures in the district. Its dome-shaped structure rises atop a base of ornate arches, bearing a striking resemblance to the famed terracotta temples of Bishnupur. Villagers differ on whom the shrine is dedicated to; some believe it honors Bhairavi,

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) and International Rail Conference (IRC) 2025 in New Delhi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, inaugurated the 16th International Rail Equipment Exhibition (IREE) 2025 and the International Rail Conference (IRC) 2025 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Ministry of Railways at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. IREE is Asia's largest and the world's second-largest exhibition in the railways and transportation sector, bringing together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from across the globe.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister stated that in the last 11 years, our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has placed a strong focus on the modernisation of Railways, and the results are clearly visible. He highlighted that around 35,000 km of new tracks have been built and 46,000 km of railway lines have been electrified during this period. He further mentioned that we now have 156 Vande Bharat Express, 30 Amrit Bharat, and 4 Nammo Bharat services,



which are immensely popular across the country. Our production levels have also increased significantly, with 7,000 coaches being manufactured every year.

Speaking about the exhibition, the Hon'ble Minister said that it serves as a major platform to showcase India's progress in railway technology, manufacturing, and innovation, while simultaneously opening new avenues for partnerships, investments, and growth. The occasion also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Gati Shakti Vishwaavidyalaya, thereby further strengthening industry-academia collaboration. The exhibition and conference will run for three days, featuring industry discussions, international participation, business meetings and technology showcases,

further strengthening India's role in shaping the future of rail transportation.

IREE 2025 is bringing together over 20,000 industry professionals and more than 450 exhibitors from 14+ countries, including Austria, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, South Korea, United Kingdom, United States and others. Indian Railways is presenting its largest-ever pavilion, highlighting modernization, digital initiatives and future requirements. IRC 2025 is hosting around 500 delegates to discuss the theme "Future Ready Railway: Innovation, Integration and Global Partnerships," focusing on technological advancement, collaboration and global connectivity. The conference is supported by buyer-seller and industry-government interactions to encourage new partnerships and business opportunities.

Successful Conclusion of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 in Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada 2025, observed from 1st October to 15th October 2025, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organized various awareness activities across the division to promote cleanliness and environmental responsibility. On 15th October 2025, a Plogging Drive (Pick-up & Run) was held from New DRM Building to Cab Road, combining fitness with cleanliness. Other major activities included signature campaigns with the participation of railway passengers at Shrirampur and Bandel stations, and awareness rallies at several stations and railway colonies, such as Bandel station and colony, Katwa colony, Ram-purhat colony, Shrirampur station, Bardhaman colony, Bamangachi colony, and Colvin Court Railway colony. During the 15-day Swachhata Pakhwada Campaign, Howrah Division conducted multiple activities that drew enthusiastic participation



from railway staff, passengers, locals, and NGOs—reflecting a united commitment to cleanliness and public awareness. Wide publicity and awareness efforts were made through social media posts, press releases, and involvement of media representatives, which helped spread the message of hygiene, sanitation, and environmental care. With the conclusion of Swachhata Pakhwada today, Howrah Division thanks all stakeholders for their enthusiastic support and participation. Meanwhile, the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, which began on 2nd October 2025, will continue until 31st October 2025, focusing on sustained cleanliness, awareness, and public engagement across the Division.

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY ORGANISES ZRUC MEETING

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 105 th Meeting of Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUC) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway at Kolkata on 15.10.2025. The ZRUC Meeting was attended by Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble MP, Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato, Hon'ble MP, Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato, Hon'ble MP, Shri Khiru Mahato, Hon'ble MP, Shri Kalipada Saren Kherwal, Hon'ble MP, Shri Shyamal Mondal Hon'ble MLA and other Hon'ble Members. Altogether 25 Hon'ble Members of ZRUC attended the meeting. Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway apprised the Hon'ble Members of the recent achievements and developmental activities of SER. He mentioned about the initiatives in passenger amenities, progress of construction work,



improvement of safety measures, growth in freight loading, Station Re-development under Amrit Station Scheme etc. The Hon'ble Members while appreciating the developmental measures taken by South Eastern Railway, offered their valuable suggestions for further improvement of train services, passenger amenities and better connectivity. Suggestions and demands of the members included punctuality in train services, extension of train routes, additional stoppages of trains, increase in frequency of trains, construction of New Halt Stations, etc. They also mentioned about the need of more passenger amenities at stations like lift,

escalator, toilets, platform shed, ramp for passengers etc. General Manager, Shri Anil Kumar Mishra in his address said that all due importance would be given to the suggestions and demands of the Hon'ble Members. General Manager also spoke about the need of co-operation of the Hon'ble Members for speedy implementation of railway projects. They have also offered their valuable suggestions for development of Railway infrastructure over South Eastern Railway. Shri Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager and other Principal Head of Departments of South Eastern Railway were present in the meeting.

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The Importance
of Early Detection
in Sexual and
Reproductive
Health

Kolkata : Dr. Sugata Misra, Early detection in sexual and reproductive health is essential in ensuring a healthier future for individuals and couples alike. Timely intervention can dramatically improve outcomes for conditions that affect fertility and reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections (STIs), polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), endometriosis, and more.

Regular health check-ups, combined with self-awareness, play a crucial role in catching potential issues before they escalate into more serious conditions. Dr. Sugata Misra, a leading expert at Birla Fertility & IVF, Kolkata, emphasizes the importance of early detection in preventing long-term complications. "The earlier we detect any issues in sexual and reproductive health, the easier it is to manage and treat them. It allows us to offer the best possible care and improve outcomes," she says.

Screening for STIs is one of the most effective ways to detect issues early. Many STIs, if left untreated, can lead to infertility, chronic pain, and other long-term complications. Early detection ensures that individuals can undergo proper treatment before these conditions cause permanent damage. Dr. Misra highlights that early testing for conditions like PCOS or endometriosis can also provide crucial insight into potential fertility challenges. "These conditions can often go undiagnosed for years, but with regular screenings, we can identify and manage them before they affect fertility," she explains.

Understanding one's body and regularly monitoring changes is vital in maintaining reproductive health. Women, in particular, should pay attention to their menstrual cycles, the severity of menstrual pain, or any irregularities that could signal a reproductive health issue. "When we educate individuals about the importance of regular health checks, we see better outcomes in terms of fertility preservation and general health," Dr. Misra adds.

Empowering individuals with knowledge is another critical aspect of early detection. Patients who understand the importance of regular visits to a healthcare provider and who are proactive in seeking medical advice are more likely to detect problems early, thereby ensuring their fertility and overall well-being. Adopting a proactive approach to sexual and reproductive health not only safeguards one's current well-being but also ensures a more successful path to conception in the future. By prioritizing regular check-ups, awareness, and early diagnosis, individuals can significantly improve their chances of overcoming reproductive health challenges.

Fertility Challenges in the
Modern Age: How Lifestyle
Factors Play a Major Role

Kolkata : Dr. Misra In today's modern world, fertility is no longer solely influenced by biological factors but is increasingly impacted by lifestyle choices. Stress, diet, exercise, and environmental toxins all play significant roles in determining one's reproductive health.

According to Dr. Sugata Misra of Birla Fertility & IVF in Kolkata, lifestyle choices can have a profound effect on fertility. "Fertility is not just about age and genetics; it is also deeply affected by lifestyle. Factors such as stress, poor diet, and lack of physical activity are often overlooked when it comes to reproductive health," Dr. Misra explains. "A combination of these factors can interfere with hormonal balance, which is crucial for both male and female fertility."

The modern lifestyle, with its long working hours, irregular sleep patterns, and increased stress levels, significantly affects reproductive health. Smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, both prevalent in today's society, disrupt hormonal balance and decrease fertility. Dr. Misra notes, "Lifestyle factors such as smoking or heavy drinking contribute to a

Study finds how new type of
cell therapy help ARDS patients

LOS ANGELES : A novel form of cell therapy may help patients who are critically ill with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) brought on by severe COVID-19, according to a study.

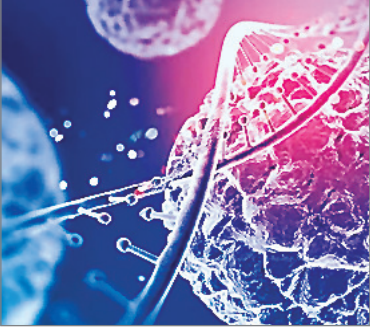
Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a co-senior author of a recent study that examines the application of agentT-797, an allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell treatment developed by MiNK Therapeutics.

The work was published in the journal Nature Communications.

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

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

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



who received the highest dosage of agentT-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.

Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula.

This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same insti-

tution, during the same timeframe. Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, "During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients.

"Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agentT-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly.

"AgentT-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials."

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress.

"The data demonstrate agentT-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support."

Study finds new source
of cardiac inflammation

CALIFORNIA [US] : Globally, ischemic heart disease is the leading cause of death. A myocardial infarction (MI), commonly referred to as a "heart attack," is the first event in which insufficient coronary blood flow results in the death of a portion of the heart. Heart failure, heart wall remodelling, and severe inflammation result from this.

Surprisingly, anti-inflammatory medications have not been able to stop heart failure. They are therefore not a standard component of post-MI care. The most effective cellular and molecular targets for inflammation, however, might still be unidentified.

In the Aug. 28, 2024 issue of Nature, researchers from University of California San Diego in the laboratory of Dr. Kevin King, associate professor of bioengineering and medicine, and a cardiologist at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, report the discovery of a novel mechanism of cardiac inflammation that may expand therapeutic opportunities to prevent heart attacks from becoming heart failure.

Inflammation after MI is classically credited to professional immune cells like neutrophils and macrophages that infiltrate the infarcted heart and respond to molecules in the debris of dying cells. So the team was surprised when they discovered that the proinflammatory "type I interferon (IFN) response" was activated, not in the infarct where immune cells were concentrated, but instead in the borderzone, surrounding the infarct. The borderzone has been a fascinating yet understudied area of the infarcted heart. It is where surviving heart muscle cells attempt to stabilize and even proliferate after being disconnected from their dying neighbor cells.

"In the hospital, we care for patients with heart attacks and heart failure every day. New therapeutic targets for MI with the potential to prevent development of heart failure are incredibly important, said Dr. King, senior author of the study on on the faculty in the Shu Chien Gene Lay Department of Bioengineering and the Division of Cardiology at UC San Diego.



Unfortunately, the borderzone has proven a challenging region to study because it is not easily isolated from the rest of the heart. Researchers overcame this obstacle using methods they recently reported based on single cell RNAseq and spatial transcriptomics where cells of the borderzone are recognized based on their patterns of gene expression. To determine which cell type initiates borderzone inflammation, the team created a library of conditional knockout mice, each unable to initiate IFN signaling in a different cell type. To their surprise, heart muscle cells called cardiomyocytes emerged as the dominant initiators of borderzone IFN signaling. They found that mechanically stressed cardiomyocytes in the borderzone frequently suffered nuclear envelope rupture, which allowed escape of nuclear DNA and sensing by cytosolic DNA sensors, leading to activation of IFN signaling.

This in turn caused mechanical weakening of the heart wall and made it vulnerable to dilation, thinning, and rupture, providing a mechanistic explanation for the team's previous reported observation that mice lacking IFN responses exhibited improved survival after MI.

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Many questions remain, however the newly reported findings suggest that limiting mechanical stress at the borderzone, inhibiting DNA sensing, and preventing type I IFN signaling may represent new opportunities for patients to avoid development of heart failure after MI.

Study finds how weight loss could reduce
chances of severe infections in diabetic people

Washington [US] : According to new research, weight loss therapies may lower the risk of severe flu cases and other infections in patients suffering from diabetes.

The research will be presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Madrid, Spain (9-13 September).

The study by Rhian Hopkins and Ethan de Villiers, of the University of Exeter Medical School, University of Exeter, Exeter, in the United Kingdom, there is evidence to support the link between severe illnesses and a higher BMI.

In contrast, there was no evidence that mild hyperglycaemia contributes to the likelihood of a severe infection.

Hopkins says: "Up to one in three hospitalisations in people with diabetes are for infections and people with diabetes are twice as likely to be hospitalised with infections than the general population. They are also at high risk of readmission."

"Previous studies have found that a higher BMI and poor blood sugar control are associated with severe infections. However, these studies have been observational and so haven't been able to prove that the links are causal."

"If one or both of these factors can be shown to be causal, it may be possible to design interventions to lower the risk of severe infections in those at high risk, such as people with diabetes."

The new study used data from the UK



Biobank, which holds medical and genetic data on around 500,000 people in the UK, to explore the effect of higher BMI and poor blood sugar control on hospitalisation for bacterial and viral infections.

The 486,924 participants were classified into three groups: those with a record of hospitalisation for a bacterial infection, such as pneumonia or a urinary tract infection, (n=64,005) or a viral infection, such as flu, (n=14,562) and an infection-free control group (n=408,357).

A higher BMI was found to be associated with hospitalisation with infections. The

GENES AFFECT BLOOD
PRESSURE FROM EARLY
CHILDHOOD: RESEARCH

WASHINGTON DC [US] : Certain hypertension-related genes influence blood pressure from an early age and raise the risk of cardiovascular disease as you become older. However, there is something you can do about it.

"We are talking about really small differences, so small that they may fall within what is considered normal blood pressure. The problem is that they tend to last your whole life," says PhD Candidate Karsten Ovreteit at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology's (NTNU) Department of Public Health and Nursing. He is one of the researchers behind a new study that has looked at the relationship between gene variants and blood pressure in the population.

The study shows that high blood pressure occurs in all age groups and that it is related to hereditary factors.

"We found that genetic factors affect blood pressure from the first years of childhood and throughout your entire life," says Ovreteit.

Genetic data from large population studies

High blood pressure is the main cause of heart attacks and strokes, and cardiovascular disease is the second most common cause of death in Norway, accounting for 23 per cent of all deaths in 2022.

The direct medical cause of high blood pressure is unknown in many cases, but research shows that our genes play a significant role.

"Lifestyle diseases are often caused by a combination of heredity and environment. Diseases are often the result of not only one, but very many genetic variants," says Ovreteit.

In order to find out how much a person is at risk of high blood pressure, researchers have used genetic data from large population studies. This has helped them develop a genetic risk score, which indicates how much your exact genetic makeup puts you at risk.

Developing genetic risk scores
Put very simply, a certain value is placed on each gene variant, which reflects the extent to which it can affect blood pressure. The variants are then "weighted", i.e. some genes weigh more heavily than others, and the genetic risk score is then the sum of the genetic effects.

"This is how people who are particularly at risk can be identified, and measures can be taken at an early stage before the condition is expressed.

By keeping their blood pressure at a low level, people with a high genetic risk score can achieve a lower risk of disease than people diagnosed with high blood pressure who we consider genetically protected," says Ovreteit.

To study the significance of the genetic risk, the researchers have used health data from participants in the HUNT Study from Trøndelag and from the British 'Children of the 90s' study. The latter includes health data from nearly 14,000 children from the time they were born until they were in their twenties. The Health Survey in Trøndelag (HUNT) is a large, Norwegian population-based health survey that includes health information and biological material from the inhabitants of Trøndelag. Since the first collection round in 1984, 250,000 people from Trondheim have participated.

By comparing the blood pressure of the children who had the highest genetic risk with the children who were lowest on the scale, the researchers were able to see how the average blood pressure in the first

group was higher from as early as the age of three. The difference lasted throughout their childhood and became more pronounced in adulthood.

Difference increases with age
"Although the differences in blood pressure are not very large, the time component is important. If your blood pressure is slightly elevated over many years, it will affect how prone you are to cardiovascular disease and kidney disease," says Ovreteit.

When the researchers compared the risk scores and health data of the HUNT Study participants, they saw that the differences in blood pressure between the participants with the highest and those with the lowest risk persisted throughout their whole lives.

"We have been able to follow the same people from when they were around 37 until they were approximately 70 years old. We found that the differences persisted and resulted in various disease risks, where the differences in disease were quite large."

The researchers also found more positive results: if measures are taken, such as lifestyle changes and medications, the risk of disease can be significantly reduced.

"By keeping their blood pressure at a low level, people with a high genetic risk score can achieve a lower risk of disease than people diagnosed with high blood pressure who we consider genetically protected. It seems that controlling your blood pressure matters more than genetics," says Ovreteit.

Large population studies provide good data

As a basis for the study, Ovreteit and colleagues have used findings from the largest genetic study on blood pressure currently available, which includes data from over a million people. Ovreteit believes the study shows the possibilities that lie in genetic data from large population studies.

"I don't think you should start measuring blood pressure in every single child, but the type of data we have used in this study can be used in the future not only to prevent disease, but also to address the risk factors associated with a disease," says Ovreteit. Is it a problem that Europeans are overrepresented in population studies?

"Yes, it is, but we are now actively working on developing genetic risk scores that are adapted to other populations, and that can be used across many different populations," says Ovreteit.

To date, the researchers have identified around 1500 gene variants that have a clear connection with blood pressure, but the biological effect that many of these genes have on blood pressure is not known. In order to find a reliable method, the researchers had to identify high-risk combinations of gene variants and combinations that posed a lower risk through a process of trial and error.

"A common method for creating a risk score for genetic disease is to include only those gene variants that are known to have a strong connection with the disease," says Ovreteit.

But there are other methods such as including gene variants that produce effects we are more uncertain about. As a result, we get a lot more data in the calculation.

"Complex blood pressure traits may be affected by far more gene variants than we have identified so far. The methods we have developed allow this to be taken into account, but we also have to keep in mind that the individual effects of these variants are small," says Ovreteit.

Similarly, every 10mmol/mol increase in HbA1c was associated with a 29 per cent increase in the likelihood of a severe viral infection.

The team then used Mendelian randomisation, a technique that uses genetic information to establish whether a factor actually causes ill health, to determine if the relationships were causal.

This suggested that a higher BMI is one of the causes of severe bacterial and viral infections.

However, mild hyperglycaemia did not appear to be a cause of severe infections.

The study didn't focus on individuals with diabetes. However, given how vulnerable they are to infections, the results may be of particular relevance to them, says Hopkins.

She adds: "Infections are a major cause of death and ill health, particularly in people with diabetes. Anyone admitted to hospital with a severe infection is also at high risk of being admitted again with another. However, we currently have few effective ways to prevent this."

"This study demonstrates that higher BMI is a cause of hospital admission with infection. Clinicians could discuss weight loss options for people with a high BMI at risk of severe infections and readmission to hospital for infection."

"While this message may be particularly relevant to people with diabetes, it applies more widely, too."

12 civilians dead, over 100 injured after Pakistani forces attack in Afghanistan

MI News Service, Kabul: At least 12 civilians were killed and more than 100 were injured after Pakistani forces launched an attack in the Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province, according to an Afghan official. The Incident has triggered heavy cross-border fighting, with Afghan forces claiming to have launched retaliatory strikes and seized multiple Pakistani military positions. Zabihullah Mujahid, the official spokesperson for Afghanistan foreign ministry, accused Pakistani forces of opening fire using both light and heavy weapons, targeting civilian areas.

"Unfortunately, this morning, Pakistani forces once again launched attacks with light and heavy weapons on Afghanistan in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar, as a result of which more than 12 civilians were martyred and more than 100 were injured," Mujahid said in a statement. In response to the attack, Afghan forces launched a retaliatory operation targeting Pakistani military positions along the contested border zone. After that, Afghan forces were forced to take retaliatory action," Mujahid stated. "In retaliatory operations, multiple Pakistani aggressor soldiers were killed, their posts and centres were captured, weapons and tanks fell into the hands of Afghan forces, and most of their military installations were destroyed."

While the exact number of Pakistani casualties has not been independently verified, Mujahid claimed that Afghan forces inflicted heavy damage on Pakistani military assets. "As a result, a large number of



Pakistani invading soldiers were killed, their posts and centres were captured, weapons and tanks were seized from them, and most of their military facilities were also destroyed," he said. "At 8 o'clock, the battle was brought back under our control, but the mujahideen, with high morale, are ready to defend their homeland, sanctity, and people," Mujahid added.

The Spin Boldak border crossing, a strategic and historically tense area between the two countries, has seen repeated flare-ups in the past. In a separate but possibly connected incident later Tuesday night, clashes reportedly reignited along the border—this time in Pakistan's Kurram district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. According to state broadcaster PTV News, "Afghan Taliban and Fitna al-Khawarij opened unprovoked fire in Kurram. Pakistani Army responded with full force and intensity," quoting security sources on X.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty to visit India later this week

MI News Service, Delhi: Egypt's Foreign Minister, Badr Abdelatty, will be in India later this week. The high-profile visit comes shortly after Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh met with Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi of Egypt during the Gaza Peace Summit in Sharm El-Sheikh earlier this week. The Gaza Peace Summit was held in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh on October 13.



India had welcomed the signing of the landmark Peace Agreement. In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "India welcomes the signing of the landmark Peace Agreement and hopes that this will lead to lasting peace in the region. This is a reflection of 's longstanding commitment to dialogue & diplomacy."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had welcomed the release of hostages. In a post on X, he said, "We welcome the release of all hostages after over two years of captivity. Their freedom stands as a tribute to the courage of their families, the unwavering peace efforts of President Trump and the strong resolve of Prime Minister Netanyahu. We support President Trump's sincere efforts to bring peace to the region." The US brokered peace deal between Israel and Hamas had seen diplomatic efforts from several countries, which included Egypt.

The visit of Foreign Minister Abdelatty to India follows his earlier interaction with the all-party delegation of the Operation Sindoor global outreach in June. The delegation, led by NCP (SP) MP SupriyaSule, had called on Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty. Both sides had acknowledged the growing momentum of the India-Egypt Strategic Partnership and reaffirmed their unified stance against terrorism. The Indian delegation had conveyed deep appreciation for Egypt's strong condemnation of the Pahalgam terror attack, and Foreign Minister Abdelatty had reiterated Egypt's full solidarity with India and welcomed deeper bilateral collaboration on counter-terrorism.

Taiwan detects 16 PLA aircraft, 13 vessels around its territory



MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence (MND) recorded the presence of 16 Chinese aircraft, 13 vessels, and two official ships operating around its territory on Wednesday. Sharing the details in a post on X, MND said that they were recorded up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8). It further added that 14 out of 16 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and southeastern ADIZ.

"16 PLA aircraft, 13 PLAN vessels and 2 official ships operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 14 out of 16 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and southeastern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded", the post said. The fresh incursion marks yet another episode in China's continuing military pressure campaign against Taiwan, which Beijing claims as part of its territory. The frequent incursions and maritime operations reflect rising tensions between Taiwan and China, a relationship long fraught

with geopolitical strain. Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China (ROC), governs itself independently with its own distinct political and economic systems. However, China continues to claim Taiwan as part of its territory under the "One China" principle, insisting there is only one China with its capital in Beijing. The dispute's roots trace back to the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949, when the ROC government fled to Taiwan after the Communist Party, led by Mao Zedong, took control of mainland China. Since then, Beijing has maintained its goal of reunification, using military, diplomatic, and economic means to apply pressure on Taiwan and diminish its international space. Despite these efforts, Taiwan maintains its de facto independence, backed by strong public support, and continues to assert its sovereignty amid ongoing external pressures.

The MND regularly monitors and publicly reports such military movements to ensure transparency and national security awareness.

India elected to UN Human Rights Council for 2026-28 term

MI News Service, New York: India has been elected for the seventh time to the United Nations' Human Rights Council for the term 2026-28, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish shared on Wednesday. In a post on X he thanked all the delegations for their support and underscored how the election is reflective of India's unwavering commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

"India was elected to the Human Rights Council for the term 2026-28 @UN for the seventh time today. Thank all delegations for their overwhelming support. This election reflects India's unwavering commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms. We look forward to serve this objective during our tenure", he said. The Human Rights Council is the main intergovernmental body within the United Nations responsible for human rights. Established in 2006 by the General Assembly, it is responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe.

The Council, composed of 47 Member States, provides a multilateral forum to address human rights violations and country situations. It responds to human rights emergencies and makes recommendations on how to better implement human rights on the ground. In a previous statement, the Permanent Mission of India to the UN noted how India's deepening engagement with the United Nations is based on its steadfast com-



mitment to multilateralism and dialogue as the key for achieving shared goals and addressing common challenges faced by the global community.

As a founding member of the United Nations, India strongly supports the purposes and principles of the UN and has made significant contributions to implementing the goals of the Charter, and the evolution of the UN's specialized programmes and agencies. India believes that the United Nations and the norms of international relations that it has fostered remain the most efficacious means for tackling today's global challenges. The statement underscored how India is steadfast in its efforts to work with all Member States in the spirit of multilateralism to achieve comprehensive and equitable solutions to global challenges including those related to peacebuilding and peacekeeping, sustainable development, poverty eradication, environment, climate change, terrorism, disarmament, human rights, health and pandemics, migration, cyber security, outer space and frontier technologies, and reformed multilateralism.

SEALDAH DIVISION ORGANISES "AMRIT SAMVAAD" UNDER SPECIAL CAMPAIGN 5.0 TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS AWARENESS

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway organised a special awareness programme titled "Amrit Samvaad" at Sealdah station premises today. The event aimed to promote cleanliness, public awareness, and community participation in maintaining hygiene within railway premises.

Shri Rajeev Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah, along with other senior Divisional officers, graced the occasion. During



the event, Shri Saxena delivered the Amrit Samvaad address to passengers and the general public, highlighting the importance of collective responsibility in keeping railway stations and trains clean. He also interacted with pas-

sengers through an engaging session, listening to their suggestions and encouraging their active involvement in railway cleanliness initiatives. To recognise and appreciate outstanding participation, Shri Saxena presented shields and certificates to the winners of various events organised under Special Campaign 5.0. A Nukkad Natak (street play) was also performed at the station premises, effectively spreading the message of cleanliness and civic responsibility among passengers and visitors.

MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh arrives in Kampala to attend Non-Aligned Movement ministerial

MI News Service, Kampala: Minister of State for External Affairs and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh, has arrived in Kampala, Uganda, to lead the Indian delegation at the 19th Mid-Term Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), being held on October 15-16.

Ahead of the main ministerial, a Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) was held on October 13-14, where India was represented by Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Sibi George. The theme of this year's ministerial is "Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence." Uganda currently holds the chair of NAM for the 2024-26 term and is hosting member states for this high-level gathering aimed at reinforcing unity among developing nations.

India is a founding member of the movement, which brings together 121 developing countries on a platform of historical significance. The MEA noted that India remains committed to the principles and values of the movement. MEA also mentioned that Kirti Vardhan Singh is expected to meet with the Ugandan leadership and counterparts from NAM Member States during the visit. On Monday, MEA shared a post on X, stating that Sibi George held several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the SOM in

Kampala on October 13, setting the stage for Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh's participation in the Ministerial later this week.

According to the MEA, Secretary (West) held bilateral meetings with the heads of delegation of Brunei, Chad, Comoros, Eritrea, Indonesia, Kuwait, Lesotho, Malaysia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Uganda. These meetings focused on strengthening cooperation and shared priorities within the NAM framework. While in Uganda, the MEA noted that MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh is expected to meet with the Ugandan leadership and counterparts from NAM Member States to further enhance India's engagement with developing nations. Prior to his visit to Uganda, Singh was in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, for the Gaza Peace Summit.

In a post on X, the Minister shared details of his engagement at the summit, saying, "It was a privilege to meet with His Excellency President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi of Egypt during the Gaza Peace Summit in Sharm El Sheikh. Egypt and India share a significant and vibrant strategic partnership. The Summit underscored the global commitment to peace and dialogue. India reaffirms its unwavering dedication to peace, stability, and enduring security within the Middle East."

ADDITIONAL ONE AC 3-TIER & ONE SLEEPER CLASS COACH TO BE AUGMENTED WITH PRATAP EXPRESS

MI News Service, Kolkata : The augmentation of additional coaches in popular Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets and to clear extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to augment additional one AC 3-Tier & one sleeper class coach with Pratap Express on temporary basis. Additional one AC 3-tier coach and one sleeper class coach will be augmented with 12495/12496 Bikaner – Kolkata – Bikaner Pratap Express leaving Bikaner on & from 16.10.2025 to 30.10.2025 and leaving Kolkata on & from 17.10.2025 to 31.10.2025. The train will run with 22 coaches.

DIRECTOR GENERAL (SAFETY), RAILWAY BOARD REVIEWS SAFETY MEASURES OVER EASTERN RAILWAY

Unveils Disaster Management Plan for Enhanced Preparedness
MI News Service, Kolkata: Safety being the foremost priority of Indian Railways, continuous monitoring and evaluation of safety systems are integral to ensuring the highest standards of railway operation. In this context, Shri Hari Shankar Verma, Director General (Safety), Railway Board, conducted a comprehensive Safety Review Meeting with Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, at Eastern Railway Headquarters, Fairlie Place, today. The meeting was attended by Additional General Manager and Principal Heads of Departments of Eastern Railway, where various aspects of safety management, accident prevention, and operational discipline were discussed in detail.

During his visit, Shri Verma carried out in-depth inspections across key operational locations of Eastern Railway. He thoroughly inspected Howrah Station, Howrah Crew Lobby, and Shalimar Station, followed by a window trailing inspection from Shalimar to Panskura and back from Panskura to Howrah on 14 October 2025. He interacted extensively with running staff, crew members, and other frontline railway personnel of Eastern Railway to understand on-ground challenges and reinforce the importance of adherence to safety norms. A Safety Seminar was also held at Howrah, where Shri Verma addressed officers and staff, emphasizing the critical role of proactive measures and continuous vigilance in maintaining accident-free railway operations. Earlier, on 13 October 2025, Shri Verma had visited South Eastern Railway and Metro Railway, where he interacted with officers at Garden Reach to review the safety performance and preparedness in those zones. As a major step towards strengthening emergency response capabilities, Shri Verma unveiled the Disaster Management Plan for Eastern Railway, aimed at ensuring prompt, coordinated and efficient action during any unforeseen situation.

Ashwini Vaishnaw Inaugurates 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition-2025 With the theme 'Future-Ready Railways'



► **Railways Plan to Develop 7,000 km of Dedicated Passenger Corridors by 2047 Under Viksit Bharat Vision, Designed for Speeds Up to 350 kmph: Ashwini Vaishnaw**
► **Union Minister Outlines Vision for Vande Bharat 4.0, Amrit Bharat 4.0, and Next-Generation Railway Manufacturing Standards at IREE 2025**
MI News Service, New Delhi: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology inaugurated the 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition-2025, Asia's largest and the world's second-largest railway exhibition at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. The Union Minister announced plans to develop dedicated passenger corridors, engineered for maximum speeds of up to 350 kmph with an operating speed of 320 kmph. He said that many such corridors will be constructed across the country, forming part of the Govern-

ment's Viksit Bharat vision, which targets the development of around 7,000 km of dedicated routes by 2047. These corridors will be equipped with indigenous developed signalling systems and modern Operations Control Centres (OCCs). The Minister said that Vande Bharat is a huge success. On technical parameters, it matches with the best in the world. India is working on the next generation of high-speed trains, with a strong focus on the export market. He stated that India is currently operating Vande Bharat 3.0, which represents a significant improvement over its earlier versions. The Minister highlighted that Vande Bharat 3.0 already meets international benchmarks, capable of accelerating from 0 to 100 kmph in just 52 seconds—faster than many trains in Japan and Europe—while maintaining lower noise and vibration levels. He added that Vande Bharat 4.0 is expected to be launched within the next 18 months, aiming to set global benchmarks in every aspect of performance and passenger experience. The new version will focus on enhancing toilets, improving seats, and elevating the overall workmanship of the coaches. He said the goal is to establish Vande Bharat 4.0 as the global standard, a train so advanced in quality and comfort that countries around the world would aspire to adopt it. The Minister also discussed the progress of Amrit Bharat trains. He noted that Amrit

Bharat 2.0 is operational, while version 3.0 is under development based on push-pull technology—suitable for long-distance journeys. The Minister stated that Amrit Bharat 4.0 will feature next-generation trainsets and locomotives. He added that within the next 36 months, the new-generation passenger locomotives are expected to be designed, manufactured, and ready for testing. The Union Minister said that in the last 11 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, special focus has been given to the modernization and expansion of Indian Railways. For this, the Railway budget has been continuously increased. In the last 11 years, more than 35,000 kilometres of new track have been laid and 46,000 kilometres of electrification has been completed. He informed that on the world stage, Indian Railways is now also emerging as a major exporter. Rail engines manufactured in India are being exported to Africa, Australia, and many other countries. The Union Minister informed that 156 Vande Bharat services, 30 Amrit Bharat services, and 4 Namoh Bharat services are now running across India. He stated that in the year 2024-25, a record more than 7,000 coaches, approximately 42,000 wagons, and 1,681 locomotives were produced. Along with this, the country's first 9,000 HP electric locomotive was inaugurated, while 12,000 HP locomotives are already in operation. Shri

Vaishnaw also said that Indian Railways, which serves more than 20 million passengers daily, has now become the world's second-largest network in freight transport, surpassing the US. He said the bullet train project is progressing rapidly and the Dedicated Freight Corridor work has been 99% completed. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, more than 1,300 railway stations across the country are being developed. Indian Railways has constructed several remarkable infrastructure projects, including the Chenab Bridge, 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower, India's first vertical lift Sea Bridge at Pamban, and the Bairabi-Sairang bridge, 42 metres taller than Qutub Minar. Priority is being given to safety and technological innovation in railways. For this, a budget of 1.16 lakh crore has been allocated for the current financial year, which also includes the indigenous safety system KAVACH. During the event, Railway Board Chairman and CEO, Mr. Satish Kumar and Vice-Chancellor of Gati Shakti University, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Choudhary, were among the dignitaries present. The exhibition, based on the theme 'Future-Ready Railways', is being organized at Bharat Mandapam from 15th to 17th October 2025. The event features participation from over 450 exhibitors representing more than 15 countries displaying modern rail and metro products, innovations, and sustainable solutions.

Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division is set to Implement Major Crowd Management Overhaul at Bidhannagar Road and Dum Dum Junction Stations

MI News Service, Kolkata : Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway is preparing to initiate a comprehensive set of measures aimed at significantly improving crowd management and ensuring a hassle-free commuting experience for its passengers at two of the most critical stations viz. Bidhannagar Road and Dum Dum Junction, explained by Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena in a press meet today. The new arrangements, which focus on systematic platform segregation and enhanced enforcement, are being trialled to effectively tackle the extreme rush, particularly at Bidhannagar Road, which handles an average daily footfall of approximately 1.7 lakh passengers. Bidhannagar Road Station (BNXR) - Focus on Platform Segregation and Safety. Recognizing the extreme difficulties in crowd management due to the narrow width of its four platforms, especially Platform No. 2, division is about to implement a strict platform allocation plan, following a short trial period.

Decisions for Bidhannagar Road:
● Platform 1 Dedicated to Up Main Line Locals: All Up Local trains originating from Sealdah (towards Naihati, Ranaghat, Krishnanagar, Gede, Lalgola, etc.) will be exclusively directed to Platform No. 1. ● Platform 2 - Critical for Express/Mail and Suburban Lines: Trains moving from Majerhat/Ballygunge to the main line will use Platform No. 2. ● All Up Local trains (towards Barasat, Bongaon, Hasnabad, Dankuni) will be taken at Platform No. 2. ● Crucially, all Mail/Express/Passenger trains will pass through Platform No. 2. ● Withdrawal of Express/Mail Stoppages: To alleviate the intense congestion, the division is moving towards withdrawing the

stoppages of eight Mail/Express trains (four Up and four Down) at Bidhannagar Road, citing the negligible average daily passenger count of only 2-5 per train. ● Enhanced Crowd Control: The station will be declared a Vendor-Free Zone, with zero tolerance for vendors, particularly on the highly congested Platform No. 2. ● Improved Passenger Information: Platform announcements will be made well in advance to guide commuters effectively.

Dum Dum Junction (DDJ) - Optimized Traffic Flow for Major Junction At Dum Dum Junction, a major interchange point, the new plan focuses on a clear segregation of Main Line and Circular Line traffic across its platforms, which is also set to be implemented after a brief trial.

Decisions for Dum Dum Junction:
● Platform 1 & 2 for Main Line Traffic: ● All Up Local trains (towards Naihati, Ranaghat, Krishnanagar, Lalgola, etc.) will be dealt with at Platform No. 1. ● All Down Local trains from these directions (towards Sealdah) will be dealt with at Platform No. 2. ● Platform 3, 4 & 5 for Circular/Kolkata Terminal Lines: ● All Up Local trains (towards Barasat, Bongaon, Hasnabad, Dankuni) will be dealt with at Platform No. 3. ● Trains from Majerhat/Ballygunge to the main line will also be taken at Platform No. 3. ● All Down trains from these directions (towards Sealdah/Majerhat) and all Up and Down trains from Kolkata Terminal will be dealt with at Platform Nos. 4 & 5. ● New Infrastructure: A New Booking Office at the 2nd Entry is already operational to facilitate passenger movement. These new arrangements are set to be implemented on a permanent basis following a few days of necessary trial runs. The division will notify the exact date of full implementation soon.

