

Mamata Announces Rs10k Grant for ASHA and Anganwadi Workers

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced a financial incentive of ₹10,000 each for all ASHA and Anganwadi workers in the state. The Chief Minister said that these workers play a vital role in the healthcare and child welfare systems, and their dedicated service benefits a large number of people. As a gesture of appreciation and to help them perform their duties more effectively, ₹10,000 will be directly credited to the bank accounts of every ASHA and Anganwadi worker for purchasing smartphones. The formal announcement was made by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant. PG 3



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Contempt plea against Mamata Banerjee withdrawn in SC



MI News Service, Kolkata : A petition seeking contempt proceedings against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in connection with the teacher recruitment case was withdrawn from the Supreme Court on Thursday after Attorney General R. Venkataramani declined to grant his consent, a statutory requirement for initiating such proceedings.

A Bench of the Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran permitted the withdrawal after the petitioner, Aatmadeep, a charitable trust, informed the court that the Attorney General had refused to accord consent. "I have received instructions to withdraw the present contempt petition. The petitioner had approached the Attorney General seeking consent, but it was not granted," advocate Ayush Anand, appearing for the petitioner, apprised the Bench. The organisation had accused the Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo of committing contempt of court over her remarks against the judgment delivered by the Supreme Court earlier this year, cancelling the recruitment of over 25,000 teachers in State schools in connection with the West Bengal teacher recruitment case. Earlier in July, a Bench led by the then Chief Justice had pulled up the organisation for attempting to bring "electoral battles" into the courtroom. "You must fight your political battles elsewhere, not before the courts," the Bench had remarked, accusing the petitioner of politicising the issue. In the previous hearing, senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the trust, had informed the court that a request had been made to the Attorney General's office seeking consent to initiate contempt proceedings. Under Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, read with Rule 3(c) of the Rules to Regulate Proceedings for Contempt of the Supreme Court, 1975, such consent is mandatory before moving a contempt plea. On that basis, the court had adjourned the matter for four weeks on July 21. The Attorney General's office subsequently declined to grant consent, communicating its decision to the petitioner last month.

Mamata suggests mangrove and vetiver grass as landslide 'shield' in North Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata / Darjeeling : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has suggested planting of mangroves and vetiver grass as a natural Vetiver's dense root system can grow 3-4m deep, forming a strong mat that anchors soil, prevents erosion and stabilizes steep slopes. Studies show it can reduce soil erosion by over 90 per cent compared to bare slopes

--CM Mamata Banerjee

shield against floods and catastrophic landslides in the calamity-hit region of North Bengal. However, multiple experts, in view of the topography of the hills and the Terai, have endorsed

dorsed Mamata Banerjee's suggestion of vetiver grass (Vetiveria zizanioides), commonly known as "khus ghash", as a proven bio-engineering solution for erosion control. "Vetiver's dense root system can grow 3-4m deep, forming a strong mat that anchors soil, prevents erosion and stabilizes steep slopes. Studies show it can reduce soil erosion by over 90 per cent compared to bare slopes



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tem can grow 3-4m deep, forming a strong mat that anchors soil, prevents erosion and stabilizes steep slopes. Studies show it can reduce soil erosion by over 90 per cent compared to bare slopes," said Ratikanta Ghosh, a retired professor in agronomy at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya. Ghosh, however, added: "Vetiver's ability (to check erosion) in hill areas has not been tested as far as I know." In March 2015, the Nadia administration launched a Rs 33 crore project to plant vetiver grass along river embankments. Speaking in the backdrop of the heavy rain that triggered flooding and landslides on October 5 that led to loss of at least 33 lives, as well as properties, livestock and

infrastructure in the Darjeeling hills and several areas in Alipurdwar, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar, Mamata Banerjee underscored that her government intended to explore "natural options" to mitigate damage caused by floods and landslides. "Forest department should take up the task of planting mangroves and vetiver grass across north Bengal to curb floods and landslides. They should remove boulders and stones and carry out the plantation for the next three months," she said, directing officials of the Forest and Irrigation departments to explore the idea, citing the success of mangrove plantations in the

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210 Naxalites surrender in Chhattisgarh with huge arms

MI News Service, Raipur : In one of the largest programmes of laying down of arms, as many as 210 Naxalites, including a Central Committee member of the Maoist organisation, surrendered before the police and paramilitary forces in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district on Friday, officials said. The Naxalites also handed over 153 weapons, including 19 AK-47 rifles, 17 self-loading rifles, 23 INSAS rifles, an INSAS LMG (light machine gun), thirty-six .303 rifles, four carbines and 11 barrel grenade launchers (BGL), to the security personnel. Describing it as a major achievement for security forces because of such large number of extremists, including several top leaders had laid down their arms in Chhattisgarh's Naxal-dominated Dandakaranya region this morning, the sources said the surrender is also being looked as the largest collective Maoist surrender in the country's history, marking a turning point in the decades-long insurgency. The formal



Naxalites hold copies of the Constitution of India after their surrender at the police lines, Jagdalpur, in Bastar district, Chhattisgarh.

surrender and reintegration ceremony took place in Jagdalpur in presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. The event, themed "Poona Margem: From Rehabilitation to Rebirth," symbolised the government's efforts to bring militants back into the mainstream through development and dialogue rather than force. Among those who laid down arms were one Central Committee member, four Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) members, 21 Divisional Committee members,

and several other senior Maoist leaders. The cadres while handing over a total of 153 weapons, said it was the end of their armed struggle and the beginning of a new era of peace. Chief Minister Sai also hailed the surrender as a historic step towards establishing a lasting peace and stability in the Bastar and Dandakaranya regions. "This surrender embodies the spirit of 'Poona Margem: Punarvas Se Punarjeevan' — rehabilitation leading to

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India closely monitoring Afghanistan-Pakistan clashes : MEA

MI News Service, New Delhi : Government of India is closely monitoring the situation arising out of the ongoing conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said here on Friday that India remains fully committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence of Afghanistan.



"Three things are clear - one, that Pakistan hosts terrorist organizations and sponsors terrorist activities, two, it is an old practice of Pakistan to blame its neighbours for its own internal failures," he said. "And, three, Pakistan is infuriated with Afghanistan exercising sovereignty over its own territories," he said. Ample clearing India's support towards Afghanistan in its border skirmishes with Pakistan, Jaiswal said Islamabad has also a history of sponsoring terrorism and blaming neighbours for its internal failures. Clashes on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border erupted last week in the midst of a visit to India by Taliban foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, who made a push to address India's security concerns by saying that the regime in Kabul wouldn't allow Afghan soil to be used against foreign countries. Reiterating that India is closely monitoring the situation arising from the Afghanistan-Pakistan clashes, he also made it clear that the situation had been caused by Islamabad's actions. "India remains fully committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of

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Jan Suraaj Party more popular among migrants from Bihar, than people : Dipankar

MI News Service, Patna : CPI(ML) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya has claimed that the Jan Suraaj Party leader Prashant Kishor, a former poll strategist turned politician, has greater influence among migrants from Bihar than among people living in the state. The Left leader, who said he did not find it surprising that Kishor finally chose not to contest as a candidate, admitted that he did not view the Jan Suraaj party a threat to democracy like the BJP.

"I believe that the Jan Suraaj Party has created a buzz mainly among migrant workers from Bihar living in places like Delhi, where they had reposed their trust in Arvind Kejriwal and saw in Prashant Kishor what the Aam Aadmi Party had promised," said Bhattacharya. "But, in Bihar, the story is different. The party has not found the same traction among the people here. It is an open battle in poll-bound Bihar. Prashant Kishor must have wised up to the reality over the months he had been touring the state. A reason why he might have chosen to stay out of the contest himself," said the Left leader. Asked how much of a threat he believed the Jan Suraaj

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More than USD 50 billion needed to rebuild devastated Gaza, says UN report

MI News Service, New Delhi /Gaza : Reconstruction efforts in Gaza strip will require not less than USD 53 billion after two years of unending Israeli bombardment on some 2.3 million souls in a 40km long and 11km wide cramped area in a bloody war, according to the latest assessment by the United Nations, the European Union and the World Bank.

The figures come as Arab countries continue to scramble to find a viable recovery plan as an alternative to the mass displacement of the Palestinian enclave's over 2 million residents proposed by US President Donald Trump. The Gaza and West Bank Interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (IRDNA), published on Friday, calculated that Israel's war on Gaza caused destruction of property worth about USD49 billion between October 8, 2023 and October 8, 2025. Researchers con-

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A child recovers books from the rubble of a building hit in Israeli strikes the previous night in Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip.

cluded that USD 53.2 billion is now needed for the recovery and reconstruction of the Palestinian territory over the next 10 years, with about USD 20 billion of the full amount required in the first

three years alone. "Funding will require a broad coalition of donors, diverse financing instruments, private sector resources, and significant improvements in the delivery of reconstruction ma-

terials to Gaza in the post-conflict period," the joint report states.

More than half the total estimated cost of rebuilding, or USD 29.9 billion, is needed for damaged buildings and other key infrastructure, while funds to replenish Gaza's destroyed residential housing stock form the bulk of that figure - USD 15.2 billion. Housing suffered the most during Israel's 24-month-long attack on the territory, with the report estimating that it accounted for 53 per cent of the total destruction wrought by Israeli forces in Gaza, amounting to more than 292,000 homes destroyed or damaged. Another USD 19.1 billion is required to make up for social and economic losses resulting from severe damage to Gaza's health, education, commerce and industry sectors, the report estimates. The

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Mysterious Death of Tamluk Doctor Sparks Investigation

MI News Service, Tamluk: The sudden and unnatural death of a female doctor in Tamluk has left the local community and authorities alarmed. The deceased, identified as Dr. Shalini Das, 28, from Dum Dum, Kolkata, was found unresponsive in her rented home in Ward No. 17, Tamluk Municipality on Thursday morning. Blood was reportedly oozing from a channel in her hand, creating an urgent and troubling scenario that prompted immediate medical attention.



Dr. Das had been serving at Kanthi Subdivision Hospital for the past three months in the anesthesia department, after previously working for two years at Tamluk Hospital. On the day of the incident, she left home around 7 am, visiting private nursing homes in Mahishadal and Tamluk, before returning to her residence at 11 am. Her mother noticed a medical channel on her hand upon her return—a device she had not been wearing earlier. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Das collapsed at home, bleeding from the hand channel, and was rushed to a nearby private hospital. Due to the severity of her condition, she was immediately transferred to Tamluk Hospital, where she was declared dead. Police sources confirmed that the exact cause of death remains unclear, and investigations are ongoing. Officers from Tamluk Police Station are examining her movements, interactions at private nursing homes, and any potential medical or external factors that could have contributed to the incident. Authorities have also begun collecting forensic evidence** and statements from family members and colleagues. Residents and medical colleagues have expressed shock and concern, emphasizing Dr. Das's reputation as a dedicated professional. The police have assured that the case will be thoroughly investigated to determine whether foul play, medical complications, or other factors were involved in this tragic and unusual death. This incident has cast a shadow over the local medical community and highlights the importance of prompt, transparent investigations in cases of sudden deaths under unusual circumstances.

CPR Awareness Week observed by Indian Red Cross society



MI News Service, Howrah: Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique that helps maintain blood flow to the brain and vital organs when the heart stops. To promote awareness and build lifesaving skills, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Indian Red Cross Society are observing CPR Awareness Week from October 13 to 17, 2025. As a part, Indian Red Cross Society Howrah District Branch has observing the CPR Awareness Week in various place of Howrah District. Dr. Amit Kumar Datta and Dr. Nikhilesh Santra were trained to the participants to understand and importance of CPR, emergency response steps and how to perform Compression – only CPR correctly. Ms. Mandira Chakraborty, Ms. Purnima Das and Mr. Sandip Kumar Das have organised the CPR Awareness Camp on behalf of IRCS, Howrah District Branch

Potters urge people to buy Indian-made diyas for Diwali celebrations

MI News Service,Kolkata: Diwali festival is a delightful occasion for the potters who make high profits during this festival week. At Ultaganga Dakshindari in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the skilled artisans have been designing different shapes and sizes of diyas for this festival. While the sale of diyas often dominates the market during Diwali, the hard work of the potters behind them is often overlooked. In an interview with ANI, potter Madan Prajapati revealed that, unlike previous years, the biggest challenge they faced during this year's diya production was the unpredictable rains. "We have done about 50,000 production. The biggest challenge this year was the rain, as it affected people and business,"



Artist paints a ghost statue for the idol of Goddess Kali ahead of Kali Puja in Kolkata.

11 unused condoms seized from accused, New evidence emerges

MI News Service,Durgapur: The sensational Durgapur case has taken a new turn as investigators uncovered crucial evidence linking the victim's classmate to the alleged crime scene. Police sources confirm the recovery of 11 unused condoms from the hostel room of the arrested classmate and one more from the forest area, where the victim was allegedly tortured.

According to the preliminary probe, investigators suspect the classmate had purchased a pack of 12 condoms, of which 11 were seized from his possession and one recovered from the forest. The discovery has raised serious

questions about his involvement and the sequence of events leading to the incident. Police have already arrested the classmate, whose interrogation reportedly revealed multiple inconsistencies in his statements. Investigators note that his version of events contradicts those of other accused persons already in custody. These discrepancies, sources say, were central to his arrest. The police have reconstructed the sequence of events, revisiting the forest area and retracing the route from the hospital, where the victim and the accused were last seen together. The suspect's clothes have been seized, and forensic

tests are underway to verify potential traces of evidence. Officers close to the investigation said the recovered condom from the forest has been listed among the key items seized, strengthening the suspicion that the accused led the victim to the spot. The forensic examination of these materials is expected to play a decisive role in the next phase of the probe. While officials maintain that the investigation is progressing rapidly, sources admit that the case's complexity deepens with every new discovery — and that the forensic report will be critical in determining the full truth behind the Durgapur tragedy.

Baduria businessman kidnapped, ransom paid despite brutal besting

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A shocking kidnapped and extortion case has come to light in Baduria North 24 Pargans, involving businessman Mubin Mandal and his associates. The group, en route to Gobardanga on business, was forcibly stopped by unidentified assailants near Shimultala in Naopara village. The attackers dragged all four occupants from their vehicle, assaulted them brutally, and robbed them of meager sum of 140 rupees before taking them to the remote location.

In a chilling turn, the kidnappers contacted Mandal's family demanding ransom under threat of continued violence. Complying under duress, the local transferred a total of 260,000

taka through multiple online installments and cash. Despite full payment, the attackers subjected the businessmen to further severe beatings and pressed for additional payments. A relative delivering the subsequent ransom of 100,000 taka was also physically assaulted. The harrowing ordeal ended late at night when the kidnappers released all victims, who then sought urgent medical care. Mandal and another victim were admitted to Basirhat Super Specialty Hospital, while the others received treatment at Baduria Rural Hospital. The extent of injuries underscores the violence inflicted during the abduction. Following the incident, local villagers, suspecting a young

man of collaborating with the kidnappers, subjected him to a mob beating before police intervention. The police have taken him into custody for questioning, though authorities remain guarded regarding the case details. A formal complaint has been lodged with Baduria Police Station, where investigations are underway but progressing slowly amid community outrage. Residents demand swift arrests and the full recovery of the 260,000 taka extorted from Mandal's family. This brazen crime exposes grave lapses in local security and challenges law enforcement to bring the perpetrators to justice and restore public confidence in a region rattled by violent ransom kidnappings.

Newlywed dies, protests erupt at Gangarampur

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: A wave of anger and unrest gripped Gangarampur on Thursday night after a 22-year-old newlywed, Minu Reshma, died following alleged medical negligence at the Gangarampur Super Specialty Hospital. The incident has sparked protests by family members and locals, prompting a significant police deployment to control the situation.

According to family sources, Minu, who had married Raja Badsha six months ago, had been under severe mental stress

due to family disputes. Two months into the marriage, her husband went for work outside the state as a migrant laborer. On Thursday, Minu reportedly consumed poison, and was first admitted to Rashid Rural Hospital before being transferred to Gangarampur Super Specialty Hospital. The family alleged that timely and proper treatment was not provided at the specialty hospital, which they claim contributed to her death**. In addition, the family accused the nurses on duty of misbehavior**, intensi-

fying their outrage. In response, relatives and locals staged a massive protest outside the hospital**, demanding accountability for the alleged negligence. Police, led by Gangarampur Sub-district Police Officer Dipanjan Bhattacharya and IC Shantanu Mitra, quickly intervened. RAF personnel and additional forces were deployed to manage the crowd and prevent escalation. Tensions flared briefly between the police and family members before the situation was brought under control.

Job Fair for Specially-Abled Youth

MI News Service,Hasnabad: A special "Job Fair" was organized at Hasnabad Block under the initiative of Joygram Social Welfare Society in collaboration with GROW (Dr. Reddy's Foundation). More than 100 educated, unemployed, specially-abled youth participated in this employment-oriented event.

From this program, 51 specially-abled young men and women were identified for employment opportunities in various companies in Kolkata, marking a significant step towards their journey to self-reliance and inclusion.

The event was graced by the presence of Amirul Islam, President of Hasnabad Panchayat Samiti; Eskendar Gazi, Vice-President of Hasnabad



Panchayat Samiti; Shri Gautam Kayal, Karmadhyaksha; Shri Kalyan Saha, President of Joygram Social Welfare Society; Pi-yar Ali Gaine, Secretary; Maruf Billa Gazi, Treasurer; Shri Arup Chakraborty from Dr. Reddy's Foundation; Program Coordinators Afchar Gazi and Asrafal Gaine, along with several oth-

er dignitaries and community members.

Through this initiative, Joygram Social Welfare Society has set a commendable example in promoting employment inclusion and empowerment of specially-abled youth, paving the way for a more inclusive and self-reliant society.

Birthday Party Turns Violent; Gunfire Injures Youth

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A birthday celebration turned nightmarish in Berhampore early Tuesday, leaving one youth injured in a shooting incident and authorities scrambling to control the fallout. Police have registered a suo motu case and arrested 14 individuals in connection with the chaotic event.

According to official sources, the incident occurred on October 15, between 12:30 am and 1 am, at a warehouse in the Phansitla area under the Berhampore police station. Approximately 20-30 guests were present when a verbal altercation escalated into gunfire. Saurabh Roy, one of the attendees, was shot in the leg and immediately admitted to Murshidabad Medical College Hospital. Initial police action saw the arrest of three suspects, who were later remanded in five-day custody by the CGM Court, Berhampore. Following further investigation, 11 additional individuals, all residents of the Amaniganj area of Lalbagh, were arrested and presented before the court on Friday.



Mobiles Recovery
Nurul Islam Khan: Under the 'Operation Prayas' Saikat Swarnakar DySP Probationer, Howrah Rural District, Abhijit Das Inspector in charge Bagnan PS, SI Digantan Mukherjee Mobile Recovery Officer and his team, handed over 29 recovered mobile phones to their owners at Bagnan PS compound. Moreover, today in the 5th Phase of the 'Prayas Operation' under the direct kick initiative of Subimal Paul IPS, Superintendent of Police Howrah Rural District, total 175 recovered mobile phones have been handed over to their owners at various Police Stations compound of this District. Earlier, 167,180, 226 & 158 recovered mobile phones have been handed over to their owners in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th phase of Operation Prayas' on 21/1/25, 03/4/25, 21/6/25 & 10/8/25 respectively.

National Talent Search Examination

MI News Service, Kolkata: National Talent Search Examination was organized by the IEM-UEM group of Kolkata. The award ceremony of 'Dr. Satyajit Chakraborty National Talent Search Examination (SCN-TSE-2025)' was organized by the IEM-UEM group of Kolkata, where the best talented students from all over India were honored. The winners of this competition, organized in memory of late Professor (Dr.) Satyajit Chakraborty, received a scholarship of ₹1,00,000 and a certificate of excellence. The speakers at the event emphasized the importance of creativity, exploration and equal opportunities.

GSI Celebrates UNESCO International Geodiversity and Geoethics Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: Geological Survey of India under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, celebrated the 4th UNESCO International Geodiversity Day and the 9th International Geoethics Day with a workshop on "Harnessing Geodiversity for Geoconservation" at its Central Headquarters, Kolkata. The event highlighted India's rich geological heritage and announced two new Geoheritage Sites Guryul Ravine in Jammu & Kashmir and Orbicular Granite in Madhya Pradesh. A short film titled "Seven Marvels of Earth's Geological Legacy" was also released during the occasion.

a customer.

She also discussed the efforts of the potters behind the creation of clay lamps.

"Diwali festival is essential for them (potters). I know that they start preparing for Diwali a long time ago. They begin at the very start of the season. It is very hard work. They work day and night," said a customer.

People celebrate Diwali to mark the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. The biggest Hindu festival honours Lord Rama's return to his kingdom after defeating the demon king Ravana.

When Lord Rama came back to Ayodhya, people lit lamps and decorated their homes to welcome him and celebrate his victory.

TMC sets performance bar: "win your area, earn your ticket"

MI News Service, Bakura: With the 2026 Assembly elections drawing closer, the Trinamool Congress leadership in Bankura has shifted into high gear — issuing a direct warning to its local leaders and public representatives: perform or perish. In a decisive tone, district leaders have made it clear that those who fail to secure victories in their respective areas will lose both their positions and future party tickets.

The message was loud and unambiguous during the series of Vijaya Sammelani meetings held across the district this week. Bishnupur organizational district president Subrata

Dutta declared, "The party must win in its own area. Only then can one continue in office. Those who fail will not be allowed to hold posts and make tall claims." Echoing the sentiment, Trinamool MP Arup Chakraborty, addressing workers at a separate event in Bankura town, warned municipal councilors, "A councilor who cannot make the party win in his area will not get a ticket in the next municipal election." The tough talk reflects Trinamool's renewed urgency to reclaim lost ground in a district that delivered one of its weakest results in the 2021 Assembly polls, when the BJP

captured eight of twelve seats in Bankura. The setback was compounded in the Lok Sabha elections, where the party lost the Bishnupur seat. With the 2026 battle approaching, district leaders like Tarashankar Roy are also urging unity, warning against factionalism that has long plagued the organization. Meanwhile, the BJP has seized on the Trinamool's internal warnings, claiming that such statements expose the ruling party's anxiety and fear of defeat. However, within Trinamool ranks, the message is clear — discipline, accountability, and performance will determine survival.

BSF Foils Gold Smuggling Attempt, Seizes Rs 76 Lakh Worth Bullion

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: In a significant anti-smuggling operation, Border Security Force (BSF) personnel intercepted a suspect and recovered a gold bar valued at approximately Rs 76.5 lakh at the Hakimpur border post in North 24 Parganas. The swift action prevented a major contraband shipment from crossing the border.

According to BSF sources, on October 16, based on specific intelligence inputs, a vehicle moving from Hakimpur Bazar towards Swarupdaha was flagged for inspection by a patrolling BSF team. The vehicle raised suspicion due to unusual movement patterns. Upon thorough checking, the team discov-

ered a rectangular metal object wrapped in a black ribbon on the dashboard. Once unwrapped, the item was identified as a gold bar weighing 579 grams. The recovered gold and the vehicle were immediately seized, and the accused smuggler was apprehended on the spot. Following preliminary questioning, the suspect was handed over to the concerned law enforcement authorities for further legal proceedings. The South Bengal Border Public Relations Officer of BSF emphasized the vigilance of the force, stating, "BSF members are always alert and ready to prevent illegal activities on the border. Strict action will be taken against any smuggling or

criminal activity." He also urged residents of border areas to report any suspicious activity, including gold smuggling, via the Seema Saathi helpline (14419) or through WhatsApp/voice messages at 9903472227. This successful interception underscores the BSF's proactive surveillance and intelligence-driven operations, which are crucial in curbing cross-border smuggling and ensuring law and order along vulnerable stretches of the border. The recovery of such a high-value consignment reflects both the challenges faced by the border security forces and their commitment to safeguarding the country's interests against illegal trade and criminal networks.

Vijaya Sammelan in Ward No. 56

Nurul Islam Khan
A grand Vijaya Sammelan was held in Ward No. 56 under the inspiration of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shrimati Mamata Banerjee. A grand Vijaya Sammelan was held at Ward No. 56 under the initiative of Hon'ble Shri Swapan Sammelan, Member of the Mayoral Council of Kolkata Municipality and Municipal Representative of Ward No. 56, President of North Kolkata INTUC and Member of North Kolkata Core Committee. A grand Vijaya Sammelan was held at the Ganguli Math premises of Ward No. 56.

Minister Pradeep Majumdar, Member of the Mayoral Council of Kolkata Municipality Hon'ble



Shri Jiban Saha, and Municipal Mata of Ward No. 55 Sabitarani Das were present.

The program was performed by Sanchita Das and eminent music artist Raju Das, whose capti-

vating performances captivated the audience. This program was a symbol of unity, culture and humanity - it brought joy to the hearts of people under the leadership of Swapan Samaddar.

Cultural program in Adi Ballygunj



Nurul Islam Khan
The 76th year of Adi Baliganj Sarvajanan Durgotsav Samiti was celebrated.

Palm Avenue was an eye-catching picture of people of all religions living there.

Like every year, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the puja this time too. Local MLA Babul Supriyo, Pandit Debajyoti Bose, classical dance artist Shilpi Baruri, and Pourmata Nivedita Sharma were present as special guests.

A week-long Mahayajna was held in front of the principal's house in the office of Haji Mazhar.

Apart from the police administration, tea and tiffin were given to the people who were tired of the road twice a day.

Haier Company has been cooperating with advertisements in Adi Baliganj Sarvajanan Utsav. Manager Kingshuk Majumdar also regularly supervises from their stall. They have also cooperated with souvenirs in the cultural program. The

festival has started to attract a new wave of people.

This year too, Adi Baliganj has won several awards. The news spread through various media outlets. The people of the district are also getting to know about the club. The festival was attended by the son-in-law of the neighborhood, the famous wrestler, state minister Shobhan Deb Chattopadhyay, MLA Ashok Deb and others. On the day of the cultural program, the audience seats were full. The moon market was also present at the program. There was a reception, songs, poetry and dance performances by talented artists. The meeting was conducted by Srabani Chatterjee, a eloquent artist and TV channel host. The chief guests on the day were Additional Chief Secretary of the state Atri Bhattacharya (IAS), Indian team footballer Joydeep Bose, Program Executive, Kolkata Doordarshan Joyita Nandi Majumdar, eminent journalist Kunal Bose, eminent music artist Parimal Bhattacharya, DC 2 DD Nurul Absar, DC Gautam Kumar Das, OC of Kolkata Police SB Dipankar Raptan, eminent government lawyer Calcutta High Court Ansar Mandal, Joint Secretary of the Puja Committee Mahesh Bhattacharya, Assistant Secretary of the Puja Committee Debashish Bhattacharya, Bablu Biswas, Alok Mukherjee and Dipankar Mukherjee. Music was performed by Ustad Sahabuddin Betar, Professor Suchanda Ghosh sang. Recitation collage was performed by Anindya and Paulmi. Tollywood actress Prantika Das performed the dance, while Pushpak Dance Academy performed the ensemble dance. The entire program was conducted by the cultural secretary of the puja committee and prominent journalist Firoz Hossain.

Challenges & Opportunities for Business Tourism

MI News Service,Kolkata: Nova Realtime Solutions, a city-based business communication services provider, curated and presented a panel discussion on Business Tourism – Challenges & Opportunities, moderated by Amit Sengupta, Head of Media & Communications at the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata. The session explored how business tourism can drive economic growth and cross-border collaboration.

The panel included Arun Agarwal (SEO & LLM Visibility Expert), Manoj Saraf (CMD, Gainwell Travel), Phalguni Parikh (GM – East, ITQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), Manab Paul (Founder, Sree Balaji), and Anusreea Paul (Social Media Influencer & Travel Blogger).

Arun Agarwal highlighted the need for curated experiences for spouses of business travelers. Manoj Saraf emphasized MICE as the new buzzword, offering unique



experiences for corporates to motivate teams and partners. Phalguni Parikh spoke about year-round business tourism as a key revenue driver for hotels, airlines, and convention centers, promoting networking and expansion. Manab Paul shared how his vacation homes are increasingly used for meetings and conferences, while Anusreea Paul

expressed optimism about Kolkata's growing potential as a business tourism hub in the next five years.

Guest of Honour, Celebrity Nutritionist Priyanka Shah, remarked that India's booming economy and cultural richness are making it a global hotspot for business tourism—where professionals now blend work with travel.

Hand-Pulled Rickshaw Pullers Seek Alternative Livelihood as Kolkata’s Icon Fades Away



MI News Service, Kolkata: Once an inseparable part of Kolkata’s identity, the hand-pulled rickshaw — a lifeline for residents during waterlogged days — is now fighting for survival. Seen mostly in north and central Kolkata, these rickshaws, once symbolic of the city’s charm, are disappearing fast, much like the trams and yellow taxis that once defined the streets of the metropolis.

For generations, hand-pulled rickshaws have navigated the narrow lanes of Chittaranjan Avenue, College Street, Bowbazar, and Shyampur, as well as parts of Bhabanipur. Yet today, the men who pull them find themselves in deep distress, with dwindling income and no clear future. Many are forced to consider alternative occupations.

Highlighting their existential crisis, the All Bengal Rickshaw Union, representing hand-pulled rickshaw workers, has written to West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, urging the government to provide them with alternative means of

livelihood. The letter appeals for immediate steps to rehabilitate nearly 6,000 rickshaw pullers who still depend on this traditional mode of transport.

The union’s letter notes that though the Kolkata Municipal Corporation had officially revoked licenses for hand-pulled rickshaws years ago, many operators continue the trade out of sheer necessity. Discussions about introducing e-rickshaws as an alternative have taken place in the past, but no concrete measures have been implemented so far.

Union representatives argue that the government should follow the example set by Maharashtra, where the Supreme Court had directed authorities to convert hand-pulled rickshaws into eco-friendly e-rickshaws, ensuring both livelihood protection and modernization of public transport.

“Most of us have spent our lives pulling rickshaws. Now our bodies are giving up, but we have no other work,” said a rickshaw puller from the College Street area. Many of these workers live in small rented rooms, struggling to feed their families as passenger demand declines with the rise of autos and app-based transport.

As Kolkata modernizes rapidly, these hand-pulled rickshaws — once etched into the city’s cultural memory — face an uncertain future. The appeal to the state government is perhaps their last hope for dignity and survival in a city that is slowly moving on.

Collective Efforts Towards A Cleaner And Greener Railway Environment Under Special Campaign 5.0



MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : The Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, launched nationwide, has been actively observed in the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway with remarkable enthusiasm and participation from railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers alike. The campaign, which runs from August 1 to October 31, 2025, aims to foster cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability across the railway network. Today, Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division organized a series of impactful activities at various stations under its jurisdiction as part of Swachhata Pakhwada.

Mass awareness programmes and intensive cleanliness drives were conducted at stations such as Agarpura, Ballygunge, Berhampore Court, Barasat, Krishnanagar City Jn., Naihati and others. These initiatives aimed at educating passengers and railway staff on the importance of maintaining cleanliness and sustainability to ensure a cleaner, healthier, and more hygienic environment for all commuters.

An “Amrit Samvaad” (Interactive Session) was also organized at Baripur Station, where passengers were encouraged to share their valuable feedback and suggestions regarding cleanliness and station upkeep. The interactive engagement helped strengthen passenger participation in railway cleanliness initiatives.

The observance of Swachhata Abhiyan and Amrit Samvaad on October 17, 2025, underscored the collective commitment of Sealdah Division’s EnHM Department and its coordination with other departments in driving forward the mission of a Cleaner, Greener, and Sustainable Railway Environment.

Howrah Division Conducts Extensive Cleanliness Drive and Amrit Samvaad under Special Campaign 5.0



MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : In alignment with Indian Railways’ commitment to cleanliness and public engagement, Howrah Division undertook a comprehensive cleanliness drive and hosted an Amrit Samvaad session at Bandel Station as part of Special Campaign 5.0 on 17th October 2025. This campaign reinforces the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, aiming to enhance passenger experience and ensure a hygienic and welcoming railway environment.

A large-scale cleanliness drive was conducted across multiple stations and railway colonies within the division. Key locations included Bandel, Adisaptagram, Katwa, Azimganj, Arambag, Tarakeswar, Rampurhat, and Bolpur stations, as well as railway colonies in Bandel, Katwa, and Bamangachi. Surrounding areas were also included in the drive to ensure a comprehensive approach to hygiene and sanitation.

Railway officers, staff, and housekeeping personnel took active part in the campaign, demonstrating collective responsibility and

dedication to maintaining high standards of cleanliness across all touchpoints of passenger interaction. The initiative focused on deep cleaning of platforms, waiting areas, circulating zones, drains, toilets and station surroundings. Amrit Samvaad at Bandel Station Promotes Passenger Engagement

In addition to the cleanliness drive, an Amrit Samvaad session was organized at Bandel Station. Senior officials including Sr. DME (EnHM and Freight) and ACM/HC engaged directly with passengers, local stakeholders, and staff. The interactive session aimed to gather feedback on station facilities, cleanliness, and overall service quality, while also informing the public about ongoing and

upcoming improvements under the Special Campaign. Passengers were encouraged to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness and to offer suggestions for betterment, thereby strengthening the spirit of cooperation between the Railways and the traveling public. Commitment to a Cleaner and Passenger-Centric Railway Network

Through initiatives like Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division continues to take proactive steps toward creating a cleaner, safer, and more passenger-friendly railway ecosystem. The active involvement of staff and positive response from the public reaffirm Indian Railways’ dedication to sustainable and inclusive development.

Affidavit

I MD SHAHID C/O Sajid residing at 297/1/H/12, A.P.C Road Amherst Street, Kolkata-700009 do hereby solemnly affirm and confirm that my correct date of birth is 16/02/2007 which has been recorded in my Aadhaar card no. 3074 3192 6643. Adhervently my date of birth has been recorded in my School Recorded as 05/02/2007 instead 16/02/2007. By an affidavit no.10735 dated 16.10.2025 in the first Judicial Magistrate at Sealdah that the above statement made is all true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME CHANGE

I, Rimpa Bibi, D/o Anichur Rahman Mandal, W/o Imran Molla residing at Vill. NO023 Kripalpur, Paschim Para, P.O. Gouribhoj, P.S. Matia, North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that in my birth certificate (no. 4224) in my name has inadvertently been recorded as Rimpa Khatoon, D/o Md. Anisur Rahman. On 10.10.2025 vide an affidavit (no.22594/2025) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, I affirm that Rimpa Bibi, D/o Anichur Rahman Mandal & Rimpa Khatoon, D/o Md. Anisur Rahman is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, CHAMPA BIBI, D/o - Anichur Rahman Mandal residing at Vill-Hadipur Jikra P.O.-Haripuria P.S.-Degana, North 24 Pgs. do hereby declare that in my birth certificate, my name has wrongly recorded as CHAMPA KHATOON instead of my real name as recorded in my Aadhaar Card (637678465779) and my father's name is wrongly recorded as ANISUR RAHAMAN instead of his real name as recorded in his Aadhaar Card (449156412017). In an affidavit (22593/2025) submitted on 10.10.2025 in front of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs. CHAMPA BIBI, D/o - Anichur Rahman Mandal & CHAMPA KHATOON, D/o - Anisur Rahman will be considered as one and same identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, SK Rakibul, S/o Sk Abdur Rasid, residing at Vill. Paschim Bilpur, P.O. Begumpur, P.S. Matia, Dist. North 24 Parganas, W.B. do hereby declare that in my birth certificate (regd. no. 360) in my father's name has wrongly been recorded as SK Rasid in place of Sk Abdur Rasid. On 16.09.2025 vide an affidavit (no. 5601) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, I affirm that Sk Abdur Rasid & SK Rasid is the same & one identical person i.e. my father.

NAME CHANGE

I, Razia Khatun wife of Md. Quresh Ashraf and daughter of Shaukat Ali Khan residing at B-2H/24, Radha Gobinda saha lane, Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700017, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my name is Razia Khatun my husband's name is Md. Quresh Ashraf. That my father's name is recorded in all his documents as Shaukat Ali Khan. But in my Central Board of Secondary Education Certificate my father's name is undervertely recorded as Shaukat Ali instead of Shaukat Ali Khan.I swear my affidavit before the Court of the Learned First Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata on 16.10.2025, that Shaukat Ali Khan and Shaukat Ali is the same and one identical person.

I, Apifa Bibi Gazi, D/o Aminuddin Sardar, W/o Abdul Alim Gazi, residing at Purba Himchi, P.O. Nabagram, P.S. Baruijur, Dist. South 24 Parganas, PIN - 743372, West Bengal do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in my husband's passport (no. M5853589) as Afifa Bibi. On 17.10.2025 vide an affidavit before Notary Public Baruijur, I affirm that Apifa Bibi Gazi & Afifa Bibi is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Shyam Sunder Agarwal (Old Name/previously), S/o.- Late Inderlal Agarwal, R/O.- Sri Ram Garden, 15, Belvedere Road, Alipore Kol-27, W.B., declare shall henceforth be known as Shyam Sunder Agarwal (New Name) before the Notary Public at Kolkata, Dtd.-17.10.2025, Shyam Sunder Agarwal (Old Name/previously) (Old Name)& Shyam Sunder Agarwal (New Name) both are the same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Harosit Roy (Old Name), Son Of Ranjit Roy, Residing At Vill-Kundipur, Po-Ganrapara, North 24 Parganas-743251, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Harosit Roy (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld Executive Magistrate At Bongon On 08/10/2025. Harosit Roy (Old Name)And Harosit Roy (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Hasem Ali Sapui (Old Name), Son Of Mujibar Sanfui, Residing At NO061, Uttar Jashohar Para, Vic:Kalikatala, Canning-Ii, South 24 Parganas-743329, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hasem Ali Sanfui (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 214 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 14/10/2025. Hasem Ali Sapui (Old Name) And Hasem Ali Sanfui (New Name)Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sabita Devi (old name) W/o Awadh Kishor Tiwari, resident of United House, Fuleswar, Vill- Baikunthapur, P.O.- Sijberia, P.S.- Uluberia, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711316, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabita Tiwari (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sabita Tiwari (new name) and Sabita Devi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Syed Saif Jaffar, Saif Jaffar, Syed Saif (old names) S/o Sayed Hasan Jaffar, resident of 102/1, Prothama Udita Apartment Bengul Ambuja Complex, Vill & P.O.- Santoshpur, Kolkata-700075, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sayed Saif Jaffar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sayed Saif Jaffar (new name) and Syed Saif Jaffar, Saif Jaffar, Syed Saif (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rakhi Das (Old Name) W/O Twishampati Banerjee Residing At F-15/5, Karunamoyee Housing Estate, Sector-2, Salt Lake City, Bidhan Nagar, Dist-24 Parganas(North), Pin-700091, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rakhi Banerjee (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/10/2025. Rakhi Das (Old Name) And Rakhi Banerjee (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Paresh Chanda Das (old name) S/o Late Biren Chandra Das, resident of 17, Satish Nandi Road, Kanchrapara, Bzipur, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743145, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Paresh Chandra Das (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Paresh Chandra Das (new name) and Paresh Chandra Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Soumen Nath (old name) S/O Ratan Nath, resident of 60D, Beltala Road, Bhawanipore, Kolkata- 700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soumen Kumar Nath (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Soumen Kumar Nath (new name) and Soumen Nath (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ratan Kr Aich (Old Name), Son Of Debendra Aich,Residing At Bidhan Pally, Madhyamgram(V), Po- Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas-700129, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ratan Aich (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Barasat On 22/08/2025. Ratan Kr Aich (Old Name)And Ratan Aich (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Regulation Of Trains In Howrah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : Due to track maintenance work, 240 minutes (from 00:10 hrs to 04:10 hrs) traffic and power block has been planned at Bandel station, following arrangements in train running have been made as under :

- Cancellation of train: 37289 Howrah – Bandel Local will remain cancelled on 18.10.2025.
 - 37212 Bandel – Howrah Local will remain cancelled on 19.10.2025.
- Diversion: 63501 Howrah – Bardhaman MEMU (on 19.10.2025) will be diverted via Howrah – Bandel Chord (Dankuni – Bardhaman).
- Moreover, 13154 Malda Town–Sealdah Gour Express will be controlled 90 minutes enroute on 19.10.2025.

ASI Sandeep lather's death deepens mystery around IGP Puran Kumar Case

MI News Service, Haryana: In a shocking development that has sent ripples through the state police administration, Haryana Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Sandeep Kumar Lather was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head in Ladh-tah village, just hours after leaving friends at a local tea shop. The incident comes days after the suicide of Haryana IGP Y. Puran Kumar, raising questions about possible links between the two deaths.

Friends of ASI Lather reported that he appeared troubled and distracted during a morning meet-up, discussing the IGP's death and expressing concern over the ongoing investigation. At around

11:30 am, Lather received a phone call and left, claiming he was heading to the Rohtak Cyber Cell. Within an hour, his body was discovered at his uncle's residence in a field. Witnesses noted that he had deceptively informed friends about his office plans before the fatal incident. Preliminary evidence indicates striking similarities between the two cases: both involved gunshot wounds to the head, no witnesses, and the presence of notes left behind. While IGP Puran Kumar's typed eight-page note alleged corruption among nine serving IPS officers, ASI Lather's four-page handwritten note supported DGP Shatruijit Kapoor and Rohtak SP Narendra Bijarnia, instead accusing the late IGP of corruption. Additionally, Lather recorded a six-minute, 28-second video, whose contents are under investigation.

21-year-old girl brutally murdered in Bengaluru over rejected proposal

MI News Service, Bengaluru: A shocking act of violence has left the city in turmoil as 21-year-old Jamini Priya, a B.Pharm student, was brutally murdered in broad daylight near the Srirampura railway line. The incident occurred on Thursday afternoon around 2:30 pm, as Jamini was returning home after an examination in the Hosakerehalli area.

According to police sources, a 23-year-old man named Vignesh, reportedly from the same locality, approached Jamini from behind, threw a chemical substance into her eyes, and slashed her throat and face with a sharp weapon. Jamini collapsed on the spot and succumbed to excessive bleeding, leaving witnesses horrified. Locals immediately alerted the police, who rushed to the scene and began collecting evidence. Deputy Commissioner of Police (North)

Siddu Nema Gowda confirmed that the attack appears to have been triggered by the repeated rejection of a love proposal. “The incident took place near the railway tracks. We have registered a case under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code for murder. Multiple teams are working to identify and apprehend the accused,” he said. The police have initiated a thorough investigation, examining CCTV footage from nearby areas and questioning residents to trace the perpetrator. Officers indicated that the accused is known to the victim and belongs to the same locality, increasing the urgency of the manhunt. This brazen daytime attack has shocked Bengaluru and raised serious concerns about public safety, particularly for women commuting alone. Authorities have pledged swift action to bring the accused to justice.

Barbers Stand by Flood Victims with Razors, Not Money

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: In an extraordinary act of humanity and solidarity, members of the Anguri Barbers’ Association in Jalpaiguri have gone beyond conventional relief efforts, offering free haircuts and grooming services to residents affected by the recent devastating floods in North Bengal. Large areas of Jalpaiguri district, including the villages of Betgara, Tarabari, Khatobari, and Kharibari in the Anguri Gram Panchayat**, were left in ruins after the torrential rains, leaving many families struggling with basic needs such as hygiene and personal care. Recognizing this urgent need, the barbers abandoned their shops and headed into the flood-hit areas to provide their services free of charge. “We are not very strong financially, but we had a strong desire to support the flood-affected people,” said Deepak Sharma, president of the association. “We decided to help with what we have, even if it's just our skills.” Local residents lauded the initiative, noting that such gestures go beyond material relief. “This is not just a small service; it is an expression of care and solidarity,” said one beneficiary. The barbers’ unique approach underscores the principle that compassion and community service are not measured by money, but by heart. In a time when floods have left lasting scars, the actions of these local heroes have provided not only practical assistance but also a renewed sense of hope and humanity for the affected communities.

Miscellaneous

Enhanced Welfare Infrastructure For Rpf Personnel In Eastern Railway

Inauguration of “Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel” and Foundation Stone Laying of New RPF Barrack at MDSTI, Kanchrapara

MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : In a major step towards strengthening welfare and accommodation facilities for Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel, Eastern Railway inaugurated a newly constructed 50-bedded RPF Lady Barrack, titled “Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel”, and laid the foundation stone for a new 100-bedded RPF Barrack at the Multi Disciplinary Specialised Training Institute (MDSTI), Kanchrapara, today.

The “Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel”, equipped with modern amenities and designed for comfort and convenience, was inaugurated by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO). The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway; Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, Principal Chief Security Commissioner; Smt. Zarina Fidausi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer; Shri Rajeev Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah; and other senior officials. Members of ERWWO were also present on the occasion.

Furthering Eastern Railway's commitment to providing improved living standards for RPF person-

nel, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, laid the foundation stone of a 100-bedded RPF Barrack at MDSTI, Kanchrapara, in the presence of Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, ERWWO; Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, PCSC; Shri Vikram Gupta, Principal Chief Engineer; Shri Rajeev Saxena, DRM/Sealdah; and other senior officers.

Adding to the day's significance, the 33rd All India Inter-Railway RPF Men's Football Tournament-2025 concluded at MDSTI, Kanchrapara. The tournament, featuring 14 teams from various zonal railways, showcased exceptional sportsmanship. The final match was ceremonially kicked off by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, in the presence of Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, PCSC, and other senior officers. Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, ERWWO, graced the event as Special Guest.

In an exciting finale, Southern Railway emerged as the Champion, defeating Eastern Railway in a spirited contest. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, handed over the Champion Trophy to the Southern Railway team and runners up trophy to the Eastern Railway Team, while Smt. Seema Deouskar presented the 2nd Runners-up Trophy to the Northeast Frontier Railway team.

Running Of Smvt Bengaluru-Santragachi-Smvt Bengaluru Special

MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : To clear extra rush of the passengers during Deepavali, it has been decided to run Special train as per following schedule:

06233/06234 SMVT Bengaluru-Santragachi-SMVT Bengaluru Special:

06233 SMVT Bengaluru-Santragachi Special will leave SMVT Bengaluru on 17.10.2025 at 16:35 hrs and will reach Santragachi at 23:55 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 06234 Santragachi-SMVT Bengaluru Special will leave Santragachi on 19.10.2025 at 16:30 hrs and will arrive SMVT Bengaluru at 02:30 hrs, the third day. The Special train will have stoppages at Baleshwar and Kharagpur in SER jurisdiction.

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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Date: October 18, 2025
Place: Bankura

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Metro to run special services on Kali Puja

MI News Service, 17 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: In order to facilitate the devotees to visit Dakshineswar and Kalighat Temples on Kalipuja night (i.e. 20.10.2025) extended special services will be run in UP and DN directions on Blue Line.

BLUE LINE
Metro will run 144 services (72 UP & 72 DN) on 20.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 272 services.

First Service:-
At 07:54 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram (Instead of 06:50 hrs.)
At 08:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (Instead of 06:54 hrs.)
At 08:00 hrs. from Mahan-

ayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar (Instead of 06:55 hrs.)
At 08:00 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (Instead of 06:55 hrs.)

Last Service:-
At 22:51 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (Instead of 21:28 hrs.)
At 23:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (Instead of 21:33 hrs.)

GREEN LINE
Metro will run 124 services (62 UP & 62 DN) on 20.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 226 services.

First Service:-
At 06:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)

At 06:32 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (Instead of 06:39 hrs.)

Last Service:-
At 21:45 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)
At 21:47 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No Change)

YELLOW LINE
Metro will run 52 services (26 UP & 26 DN) on 20.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 120 services.

First Service:-
At 10:00 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 07:55 hrs.)
At 10:22 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara (Instead of 08:00 hrs.)

Last Service:-
At 17:34 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 20:00 hrs.)
At 17:54 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara (Instead of 20:05 hrs.)

PURPLE LINE
Metro will run 44 services (22 UP & 22 DN) on 20.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 80 services.

First Service:-
At 10:00 hrs. from Joka to Majerhat (Instead of 06:50 hrs.)
At 10:24 hrs. from Majerhat to Joka (Instead of 07:14 hrs.)

Last Service:-
At 17:28 hrs. from Joka to Majerhat (Instead of 20:36 hrs.)

At 17:49 hrs. from Majerhat to Joka (Instead of 20:57 hrs.)

ORANGE LINE
Metro will run 40 services (22 UP & 22 DN) on 20.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 60 services.

First Service:-
At 09:55 hrs. from Belegghata to Kavi Subhash (Instead of 08:00 hrs.)
At 10:00 hrs. from Kavi Subhash to Belegghata (Instead of 08:00 hrs.)

Last Service:-
At 17:55 hrs. from Belegghata to Kavi Subhash (Instead of 20:05 hrs.)
At 17:55 hrs. from Kavi Subhash to Belegghata (Instead of 20:05 hrs.)

Two more AFC-PC gates opened at Salt Lake Sector V Metro Station

MI News Service, 17 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: Two more AFC-PC (Automatic Fare Collection-Passenger Control) gates have been opened at Salt Lake Sector Metro Station for the benefit of the Metro users. These new gates will enable Green Line commuters to exit directly from the paid area to the unpaid area and will ensure a smooth and free flow of passengers.

With the addition of these two new AFC-PC gates, there are now 13 Smart Gates at Salt Lake Sector V Metro Station to effectively manage the rush. Out of these 13 gates, 5 gates are exclusively for Entry, 6 gates are exclusively for Exit



and 2 gates are bi-directional, facilitating both entry and exit for passengers travelling with Tokens, Smart Cards, and QR Code-based tickets.

Out of these 2 bi-directional gates, one is earmarked for wheelchair-bound passengers to ensure accessibility and comfort.

Commuters can punch

their Metro Tokens or Smart Cards at these gates. In addition, the gates are equipped with QR code scanners, enabling passengers with QR code-based tickets to enter or exit the station conveniently.

We are proud of 'AAMAR METRO'. To avoid long queues at booking counters, commuters are requested to use digital modes of ticketing such as Smart Cards and Mobile QR Tickets, which come with a 5% bonus/rebate if booked through the Aamar Kolkata Metro app or during recharge.

Commuters are also encouraged to download the 'Aamar Kolkata Metro' app to book tickets or recharge their Smart Cards anytime and save valuable time.

SC upholds promotion of Chandigarh DSP Ram Gopal to SP rank

MI News Service, Chandigarh: Chandigarh Police officer DSP Ram Gopal has received a major relief from the Supreme Court of India, which dismissed the Chandigarh Administration's petition challenging his promotion to the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP).

With this, the administration is now bound to implement the orders of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) and the Punjab and Haryana High Court, granting him the promotion along with all consequential benefits.

Maoists have taken right decision: Chhattisgarh Home Minister welcomes the surrender of 208 Naxalites

MI News Service, Bastar: Chhattisgarh Home Minister Vijay Sharma on Friday welcomed the surrender of 208 Naxalites in the North Bastar region. He said that the Maoists have taken the right decision and saved many lives.

Speaking to ANI, Vijay Sharma said, "The decision is according to the wishes of the people of Bastar. A large number of people from various Maoist organisations have decided to rehabilitate and begin a new life. They have taken the right decision and saved many lives. The development schemes were unable to reach the remote locations of Bastar. They have paved the way for development. Through them, we appeal to other Maoists to surrender. The government will set red carpet to welcome them."

Earlier, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday

hailed the surrender of 208 Naxalites, calling it a "historic day".

The Chief Minister assured that the State government will work towards skilling and rehabilitating the Left Wing Extremists, who laid down their arms.

CM Sai told reporters, "It is a historic day not just for Chhattisgarh but the entire nation when Naxalites in large numbers will surrender and join the mainstream. The government will work to skill them and rehabilitate them. We had been urging them to quit violence and join the mainstream."

In a major development in the battle against Left Wing Extremism, 208 Naxalites surrendered before security forces, expressing confidence in the Indian Constitution as they joined the mainstream of society on Friday.

According to officials, the surrendered group includes 110 women and 98 men, representing various ranks of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) organisation. Among them are one Central Committee Member (CCM), four Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) members, one Regional Committee Member, 21 Divisional Committee Members (DVMs), 61 Area Committee Members (ACMs), 98 Party Members, and 22 PLGARPC/other cadres.

Among the top Maoist leaders who laid down arms were Rupesh alias Satish (Central Committee Member), Bhaskar alias Rajman Mandavi (DKSZC Member), Ranita (DKSZC Member), Raju Salam (DKSZC Member), Dhannu Vetti alias Santu (DKSZC Member), and Ratan Elam (Regional Committee Member).

During the operation, the

Maoists surrendered 153 weapons, including 19 AK-47 rifles, 17 SLR rifles, 23 INSAS rifles, one INSAS LMG, 36.303 rifles, four carbines, 11 BGL launchers, 41 twelve-bore or single-shot guns, and one pistol.

Officials hailed the surrender as one of the most significant breakthroughs in recent years, saying it underscores the growing success of the government's Naxal Eradication and Rehabilitation Policy 2025, which combines development, dialogue, and trust-building measures to encourage militants to return to the mainstream.

With this, officials said, most of Abujhmad has been freed from Naxal influence, bringing an end to the decades-long Red terror in North Bastar. "Only South Bastar now remains affected," the top government officials said.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: ENGG-08/25-26 (Open), Dated: 16.10.2025. e-Tenders are invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara Workshop, Pin-743145, 24-North Parganas, West Bengal through website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed Contractors with sufficient experience and financial capability who have executed similar nature of work in the past preferably with Railway/CPWD/PWD/MES/Irrigation or any other public sector undertakings for the following works:

SI.No.-1. Tender No.: WT-14-25-26. Description of works: At Kanchrapara Workshop: Renovation of Heritage building, heritage garden & gallery in Loco and Carriage Complex in Kanchrapara Workshop.

Tender Value: ₹ 2,02,51,003.75.

Earnest Money/Bid Security*: ₹ 2,51,300.

SI.No.-2. Tender No.: WT-15-25-26. Description of works: At Kanchrapara Workshop: Renovation of old and new filter house including replacement of various valves and media.

Tender Value: ₹ 1,16,88,286.54.

Earnest Money/Bid Security*: ₹ 2,08,500.

Cost of Tender Document (non-refundable): Nil (for SI.No. 1 & 2).

Completion period ending on from date of issuance of LOA: 12 Months (for SI.No. 1 & 2).

Date & time of opening of tender: 07.11.2025 (for SI.No. 1 & 2). *The Rly BD vide L.No-2020/CE-1/CT/3E/GCC/POLICY, DT-30.12.2020 had instructed not to take any EMD for any works tender upto 31.12.2021. But, as there is no such further instruction till date, hence, the EMD system is returned back. The scope of work is indicative only. However, details can be viewed at Indian Railway e-tendering site (IREPS) i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>.

Advertisement Period: Time during which all information pertaining to tender shall be available but offers cannot be submitted.

Offer submission period: Fifteen days prior to opening of tender, during which tenderers can submit their offer. Tender will be closed on 07.11.2025 at 14.00 hrs. and tender will be opened on same date at any time after 14.30 hrs. as per availability of opening personnel and net accessibility. (MISC-238/2025-26)

Tender notices are also available at website: www.e.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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Rajya Sabha Dy Chairman compares Prashant Kishor's movement to Socialist Party, predicts slow rise

MI News Service, Patna: Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Hariyansh Narayan Singh, speaking exclusively to ANI, shared his take on the historical and contemporary political landscape of Bihar, drawing parallels between past and present political movements.

Regarding the political influence of Jayaprakash Narayan and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Singh noted that the Socialist Party's focus on fundamental public issues gained significant traction by 1967, despite initial confidence in the 1952 elections.

He suggested that the issues raised by Prashant Kishor and his group, similar to those of the Socialist Party, will take time to gain widespread resonance. However, Singh acknowledged that Prashant Kishor's group could secure some seats in the upcoming election.

"In many places, Jayaprakash Narayan's assemblies drew larger crowds than ours. In Bihar, we were confident of victory in the 1952 elections. However, the fundamental public issues raised by the Socialist Party, led by Jayaprakash Narayan and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, had a significant impact by 1967. Similarly, the questions raised by Prashant Kishor and his group will require time to resonate widely. Prashant Kishor may secure some seats-I'm not saying they won't. In earlier times, Left parties like CPI and CPI(M) were strong, and even now, they remain influential. The issues Prashant Kishor has raised are also being voiced by other parties, but not on a large scale," he said.

Jay Prakash Narayan led the Janata Party, which formed the first non-Congress government in 1977 at the Centre by uniting the entire Opposition against the corrupt and unjust rule that imposed the emergency. A socialist and political leader, he is remembered for leading the mid-1970s Opposition parties against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, for whose overthrow he had called for a "total revolution" (Sampoorna Kranti). Ram Manohar Lohia was a member of the Praja Socialist Party and the Samyukta Socialist Party. In 1962, he contested against Jawaharlal Nehru from Phulpur, but he lost.

Given the prevalent discourse around 'vote chori' and SIR, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

criticised certain groups for attempting to undermine the country's institutions.

Singh questioned the motives behind raising doubts about the system, pointing out that critics accept the electoral process when they secure victories, such as in Karnataka and other regions.

"There are some people in the country who want to weaken the institutions. When you go abroad, you realise that. Today, an important watchdog, the judiciary, is there, and elections are separate; moreover, everything is happening in a transparent manner. Even after that, they are raising these questions. Where they win in Karnataka, where they get the majority in other places; then when they get an undisputed victory like some place during the Lok Sabha elections, then that ballot is fine and then the system is fine," he said.

The polling for Bihar Assembly elections will take place on November 6 and 11. The results will be announced on November 14.

In the seat-sharing arrangement within the NDA, the BJP and JD(U) will be contesting 101 seats each, while the Lok Jan-

shakti Party (headed by Ram Vilas) will contest 29 seats. The Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) and Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) will contest six seats each.

The main contest will be between the NDA, led by the BJP and Janata Dal (United), and the INDIA alliance, spearheaded by Tejashwi Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The INDIA alliance is aiming to unseat Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who currently leads the NDA in the state.

Howrah Municipal Corporation
Borough-V
107/C, Kashinath Chatterjee Lane, Howrah-711102, Ph: 033-2678-0031

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender No. - TN/ 006 / APAS / B-V / 245-26, Date : 15.10.2025
For details of N.I.T. please refer to Notice Board of Borough-V. Visit the sites: www.wbtenders.gov.in (for tender submission) and also refer to www.myhmc.in. Bid submission starting date **18.10.2025 at 6:00 P.M. (On-Line)**. Bid submission closing date: **13.11.2025 at 6:00 P.M. (On-Line)**.

Sd/-
Assistant Engineer
Borough-V, H.M.C.

Howrah Municipal Corporation
Borough-III
50, Panchananatia Road, Howrah-711101 Ph: 033-2640-4049/033-2299603

E-TENDER NOTICE
NIT No. : TN/004/AE/B-III/25-26, Date: 17.10.2025
For details of N.I.T. Please refer to notice board of Borough-III & also H.M.C. Website www.myhmc.in & wbtenders.gov.in. Bid submission starting date: **17.10.2025 at 06.00 P.M. (On-Line)**. Bid submission closing date: **05.11.2025 at 15.00 P.M. (On-Line)**.

Sd/-
Assistant Engineer
Borough-III, H.M.C.

NOTICE

Notice to all concern that one original Gift Deed vide Deed No. 4254/1995 dated 29/09/1995 in the name of **Sri Somnath Ghosh S/o. Late Rabindranath Ghosh (Dorjee)**, Registered at A.D.S.R., Sadar, Hooghly, concern to the "Danga at present Viti" Land of 2 Katha 30 Sq.Ft. lying under Kodalia-I G.P., P.S. Chinsurah, District Hooghly, Pancha Simla, J.L. No. 16, under L.R. Khatian No. 1161/4, Dag No. R.S. 1714 and Lal R. 1765, which was lost. In this regard a missing GDE No. 889, dated 16/10/2025 under P.S. Chinsurah, Hooghly is lodged. At present my clients **Sri Somnath Ghosh S/o. Late Rabindranath Ghosh R/o. Moynadanga, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102**, is the present owner of the above property. If any person, Bank or Financial Institution having any objection, claim, demand or information against the above property or about above original lost Gift Deed please intimate the undersigned in writing with supporting within 14 days from this publication. No claim and demand shall be entertained after the stipulated period. If any transaction is made with any person/s or authority by the strength of this lost Gift deed, shall be deemed to be null and void & the above mention property is free from all encumbrances and liens.

Tapas Kumar Mondal (Advocate)
Judges' Court, Chinsurah, Hooghly

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate (s) for 264 Equity Shares for bearing certificates. No(s) **418371** and Distinctive Nos. **11983525-11983788** under the folio No **2221351** of **LINDE INDIA LIMITED** standing in the name (s) of **MANOHARI RAJ and RAMESH RAJ** has/have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has / have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Certificate(s) for the said shares. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares should write to our Registrar, **KFin Technologies Limited**, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-500032 within one month from this date, else the company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate(s).

RAMESH RAJ
Name(s) of Shareholder(s)

Date: 15-10-2025

Additional District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
Rajarhat (New Town), West Bengal
Kreta Suraksha Bhavan, Rajarhat (New Town), 2nd Floor,
Premises No. 38-0775, Plot No. AA-1ID-31-3, New Town, P.S.- ECO Park, Kolkata- 700 161

NOTICE

To,
M/s Vedic Corp Services Pvt. Ltd
Christian Para Krishnapur,
North 24-Parganas,
West Bengal- 700 102

Whereas Mr. Ravindra Kumar Agarwal, Mr. Sandeep Agarwal and Mrs. Sweta Agarwal has instituted a Complaint Case No. CC/451/2003 against M/s Vedic Corp Services Pvt. Ltd. Therefore M/s Vedic Corp Services Pvt. Ltd is hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble President/ Member of this Commission through its authorized representative or through by a Pleader, along with your written version within 30 days of publication of this Notice in default of which, the above mentioned case will be heard or considered in your absence.

Please be present on the 10/12/2025 at 10:30 O'clock in the forenoon, in default, the case will be heard and considered in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal on the Commission, this 22nd day of September, 2025.

By Order
SWATTIK KR. PRAMANIK
Registrar

TARAKESWAR MUNICIPALITY					
E-TENDER NOTICE					
The Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality invites e-tender for following Development work Under APAS Scheme within Tarakeswar Municipality:-					
Sl. No.	Tender for	e-Bid submission start date	e-Bid submission end date	Technical Bid Opening date	
1	2025_MAD_927618_1	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
2	2025_MAD_927618_2	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
3	2025_MAD_927618_3	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
4	2025_MAD_928003_1	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
5	2025_MAD_928003_2	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
6	2025_MAD_928003_3	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
7	2025_MAD_928003_4	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
8	2025_MAD_928316_1	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
9	2025_MAD_928316_2	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
Details information will be available from the website- http://wbtenders.gov.in The Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality invites Quotation Notice for following Development work Under APAS Scheme within Tarakeswar Municipality:-					
Sl. No.	Tender for	e-Bid submission start date	e-Bid submission end date	Technical Bid Opening date	
Tender Notice No. TM/PW/APAS/248/01 Dated 18.10.2025					
1	APAS/01/198/248/0003	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
2	APAS/01/198/248/0008	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
3	APAS/01/198/248/0009	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
Tender Notice No. TM/PW/APAS/267/02 Dated 18.10.2025					
4	APAS/01/198/267/0009	18.10.2025	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	
Details information will be available from theTarakeswar Municipal Office					
Sd/- Chairman Tarakeswar Municipality					

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality
Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia.
Notice Inviting e-Tender

Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WB/MAD/ULB/HM/NIT-23e/2025-26, Memo. No-2066/HM/2025 Dated: 17/10/2025. **Tender Id: 2025_MAD_926647_1** to 2025_MAD_926647_4, Date of Publishing-17/10/2025, **Bid Submission Closing Date**-08/11/2025, For details please visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
HARINGHATA MUNICIPALITY

UNRESERVED SPECIAL TRAINS
Between Howrah & Raxaul, Kolkata & Gorakhpur, Kolkata & Madhubani and Asansol & Gorakhpur

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the above captioned advertisement published in this newspaper on 17.10.2025 regarding running of Unreserved Special Trains between Howrah & Raxaul, Kolkata & Gorakhpur, Kolkata & Madhubani and Asansol & Gorakhpur, this is to be stated that the stoppage of 03133/03134 Kolkata-Gorakhpur-Kolkata Unreserved Special train and 03529/03530 Asansol-Gorakhpur-Asansol Unreserved Special train at Samastipur to be read as **Shahpur Patoree**.

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager

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PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender of NIT No 03 of 2025-26 by the of E.E. Diamond Harbour Highway Division

EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur, Diamond Harbour-743331 invites on line percentage rate e-tender whose ID No. 2025_SH_926388_1 to 9.The details can be obtained from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & office notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website previously mentioned Documents down load end date (online) & Bid submission, date end (online) will be 21.11.2025 upto 12.00 Hrs.

Sd/-
EE.Diamond Harbour Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB

PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender of NIT No 18 of 2025-26 by the of E.E. Diamond Harbour Highway Division

EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur, Diamond Harbour-743331 invites on line percentage rate e-tender whose ID No. 2025_SH_928317_1 to 2.The details can be obtained from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & office notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website previously mentioned Documents down load end date (online) & Bid submission, date end (online) will be 14.11.2025 upto 12.00 Hrs

Sd/-
EE.Diamond Harbour Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমার ক্রেতার স্বপ্ন মুখার্জী, পি.জি.স্বর্ণায় গৌর হরি মুখার্জী ইয়াংগী ০৫/১১/২০২৪ সালে এ.ডি.এস.আর ভাঙ্গুর রেজি.জি.অফিসে ১০৬৩৩ দলিল মূল্যে মৌজা কামড়া পল্টুজিরা, জে.এল. ড, এল.আর. ৮৪২ নং ভক্তিরো, এল.আর. ১২১৯ নং দাগে ০২ কাটা জমি কামড়া কৃষ্ণ মন্ডল মালিকের নিচেও হইতে ক্রয় করিয়া নিচেও মালিকের জন্য আদেদন করুন। উক্ত জমি কামড়া কৃষ্ণ মন্ডল মালিকের বিশাট ইয়াংগী ০৫/১১/২০২৪ তারিখে উক্ত অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত ১০৬৩৯ নং পাওয়ার দলিল মূল্যে আমোক্তার অভিক্রম মন্ডল মালিকের বিক্রয় ক্ষমতা অর্পন করুন। উক্ত ভাঙ্গুর যদি কাহারো কোন আশ্রিত থাকে তাহলে ভাঙ্গুর-১১ বি.এল.এড এল.আর. অফিসে ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করুন।

Prabir Kumar Roy
Advocate
Alipore Criminal Court
Regist. No.-WB-828/81

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Admin Unit/Zone : Sealdah Division - Commercial Publicity, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014.

Auction Catalogue No. : MPS-SDAH-04-25. **Auction Authority :** Sr. DCM/SDAH. **Auction Start (all Lots) :** 30.10.2025, 13.00 hrs. **Auction close date/time :** 30.10.2025, 14.00 hrs. **Auto Extension Zone :** 120 seconds. **Auto Extension duration :** 120 seconds. **Initial Cooling Off Period :** 30 minutes. **Successive Lots closing interval :** 10 minutes. **Maximum Auto Extensions :** 10 times. **Seq No., Lot/Category, Description, Lot end date/time** are as follows : **AA/1**, MPS-SDAH-GBG-MPS-3-25-1 (MPS - Multi purpose stall), Allotment of Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) (6ft.x10ft.) at Gobardanga Railway station on Platform no. 1 for a period of 5 years, 30.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **AA/2**, MPS-SDAH-HLR-MPS-2-25-1 (MPS - Multi purpose stall), Allotment of Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) (6ft.x10ft.) at Hallisahar Railway station on Platform no. 2 near mast no. 41/22 for a period of 5 years, 30.10.2025 at 13.40 hrs. **AA/3**, MPS-SDAH-KNR-MPS-6-25-1 (MPS - Multi purpose stall), Allotment of Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) (6ft.x10ft.) at Kankinara Railway station on Platform no. 2 for a period of 5 years, 30.10.2025 at 13.50 hrs. **AA/4**, MPS-SDAH-MGT-MPS-4-25-1 (MPS - Multi purpose stall), Allotment of Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) (6ft.x10ft.) at Magrahat Railway station near booking office for a period of 5 years, 30.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. **Rate Unit :** Annual Licensing Fee for all. **Min. Incr. (%) :** 0.2 for all. **Lot status :** New in Draft Catalogue for all. (SDAH-231/2025-26)

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.e.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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JAGADISHPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT
Jagadishpurhat, Howrah

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE

Electronic Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidders for different development works vide **Tender Reference no.:- i) WB/HOW/BJPS/JGP-204/NIT-28/1/2025-26, ii) WB/HOW/BJPS/JGP-204/NIT-28/2/2025-26, iii) WB/HOW/BJPS/JGP-204/NIT-28/3/2025-26, iv) WB/HOW/BJPS/JGP-204/NIT-28/4/2025-26, Dated-14.10.2025. 1. Fund: 15% CFC and SBM(G).** Bid submission starting date: **15.10.2025 at 09.00 AM**. Last date of Bid submission: **23.10.2025 up to 11.00 AM**. Date of opening: **25.10.2025 at 11.00 AM**. Details are available in <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://tender.wb.nic.in> and Office Notice Board.

Sd/-
Prodhan
Jagadishpur Gram Panchayat

India-Uganda discuss enhancing defence cooperation through professional military education

MI News Service, Delhi: COAS General Upendra Dwivedi met Lieutenant General Kayanja Muhanga, Commander Land Forces, Uganda and held discussions towards enhancing defence cooperation through joint training, professional military education and institutional exchanges. In details shared by the Additional Director General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army, it was noted, "On the sidelines of #UNTCC2025, General Upendra Dwivedi, #COAS, engaged in a productive interaction with Lieutenant General Kayanja Muhanga, Commander Land Forces, Uganda. The discussions centred on enhancing defence cooperation through joint training, professional military education and institutional exchanges. Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening the partnership under the UN peacekeeping framework and advancing mutual learning for achieving excellence."

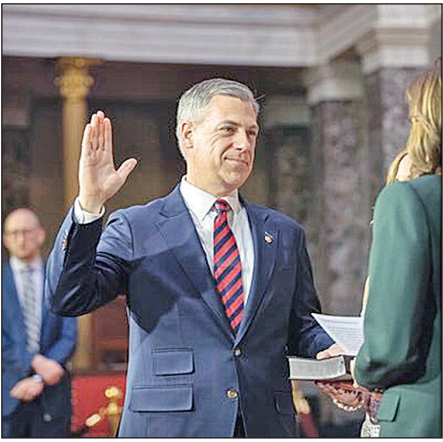


The meeting between the leaders comes shortly after Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh held talks with Odongo Jeje Abubakar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uganda, on Thursday to expand partnership across all domains. Singh said that both countries enjoy warm ties based on mutual respect. In a post on X, he said, "Delighted to meet H.E. Mr. Odongo Jeje-

Abubakar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda. India and Uganda enjoy warm relations grounded in historical ties and mutual respect. We held productive discussions on strengthening and expanding our partnership across multiple dimensions-including trade, defence, development cooperation, and capacity building."

India and Uganda have historic ties. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had noted in a previous statement that the relations between India and Uganda, over the years, have acquired a greater depth and breadth in areas such as political, defence, economic, commercial, cultural, education, health and tourism to name a few. The meeting between the two leaders came on the sidelines when New Delhi hosted the UNTCC Chiefs Conclave from October 14 to 16, 2025, bringing together senior military leadership of over 30 nations.

US Senator raises alarm over poor-quality drug imports from India and China, seeks tougher FDA inspections



MI News Service, Washington: US Senator Jim Banks has urged the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to step up inspections of overseas pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities, expressing concern over poor-quality drugs being imported from countries like India and China. In a letter to FDA Commissioner Martin Makary, Banks said the agency must "do more to protect the US drug supply," warning that lax oversight could endanger American consumers. He pointed out that inspections of foreign drug plants have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels, even as the number of manufacturers continues to grow. "The public expects the FDA to protect them from impure

drugs by identifying them at the source and blocking them from entering the supply chain. The FDA's import alerts demonstrate the extent of the problem", Banks wrote.

According to the senator, data from the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) shows that nearly 39 per cent of all facilities facing import alerts were located in China, and 13 per cent were in India, compared to an average of 10 per cent for other regions. He added that in fiscal year 2024, the FDA inspected only 28 per cent of Chinese facilities and 33 per cent of Indian facilities listed in its Site Catalog, a record of facilities known to manufacture pharmaceuticals for the US.

"Indian manufacturers had the highest rate of serious manufacturing violations, at 13 per cent," Banks said, citing Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) breaches. The Indiana Republican said that while the FDA has prioritized inspections in China and India, "it must do more to keep pace with the risk we are facing." He welcomed the agency's "green list" initiative, which publishes facilities meeting FDA standards, but said it can only be effective if more sites are inspected regularly. Banks also called for faster approval and inspection of new US-based pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities, urging expansion of the proposed FDA PreCheck program to support domestic drug production.

US Chamber of Commerce challenges \$100,000 H-1B visa fee, cites legal concerns

MI News Service, Washington: The US Chamber of Commerce has filed a legal challenge to the administration's \$100,000 fee on H-1B visa petitions, an official release by the Chamber stated.

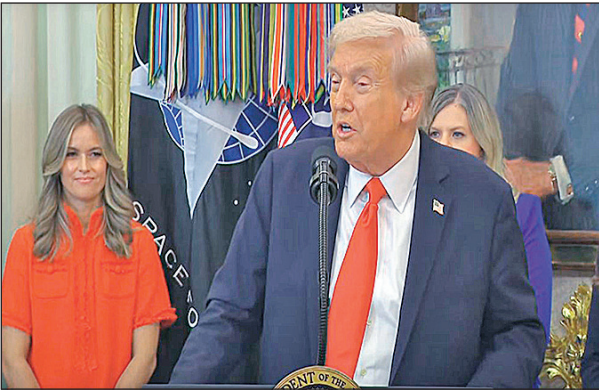
The Chamber's litigation argues that the new fee is unlawful because it overrides provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act that govern the H-1B program, including the requirement that fees be based on the costs incurred by the government in processing visas. In announcing today's action, Neil Bradley, Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer at the US Chamber, issued the following statement:



"The new \$100,000 visa fee will make it cost-prohibitive for US employers, especially start-ups and small and midsize businesses, to utilize the H-1B program, which was created by Congress expressly to ensure that American businesses of all sizes can access the global talent they need to grow their operations here in the US," Bradley said, as per an official release by the US Chamber of Commerce.

"President Trump has embarked on an ambitious agenda of securing permanent pro-growth tax reforms, unleashing American energy, and unraveling the over-regulation that has stifled growth. The Chamber and our members have actively backed these proposals to attract more investment in America. To support this growth, our economy will require more workers, not fewer.

Trump unveils measures to cut IVF costs with insurance, drug discounts



employers, and implementation would take time. Premiums would depend on each employer's contribution and the structure of their health plans, The Hill reported. Trump highlighted the agreement with EMD Serono to provide discounted fertility drugs, including Gonal-F. "EMD Serono, the largest fertility drug manufacturer in the world, has agreed to provide massive discounts to

Pergoveris is already available in multiple countries, including Canada, Europe, and Asia. According to Hill, Trump, who has billed himself as the "fertilization president," also credited Alabama Senator Katie Britt for initiating efforts to expand IVF access. "This is the most pro-IVF thing that any president in the history of the United States of America has done," Britt said from the Oval Office.

The Initiatives follow a February executive order by Trump directing federal agencies to explore ways to reduce IVF costs. IVF procedures can cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per cycle, a point Trump highlighted during the campaign, though some Republicans questioned the feasibility of government or insurance coverage for such expenses.

Ahead of Zelensky's White House visit, Trump says will hold second summit with Putin on Ukraine in Budapest

MI News Service, Washington: Ahead of his meeting on Friday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in the White House, US President Donald Trump said that his country cannot deplete its own stockpile of Tomahawk cruise missiles by supplying them to Ukraine. Following an hour-long telephone call with Putin in which "great progress" was made, Trump said that the two leaders will meet in Hungary in the coming few weeks.

"President Putin and I will...meet in an agreed-upon location, Budapest, Hungary," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. Trump and Putin had previously met in Alaska. Kremlin aide said that Trump proposed a meeting in Budapest and Putin "immediately supported" the idea. The US President noted that the issue of supplying US Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine was discussed in the call. "We need Tomahawks for the US too. We have a lot of them, but we need them," he said as cited by a report in TASS. "I mean, we can't deplete for our country. So, you

Howrah-Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat Express To

RUN WITH 16 COACHES W.E.F 19TH OCTOBER, 2025
MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : To fulfill a long standing demand of passengers and tourists, now 20871/20872 Howrah-Rourkela-Howrah Vande Bharat Express will run with 16 coaches w.e.f 19.10.2025 from Howrah and from Rourkela. Earlier, the train was running with 8 coaches. However, the timings and stoppages of the train will remain unchanged.

Indian firms look to localise pharma production in Russia

MI News Service, Moscow: The Russian market is attracting growing interest from Indian pharmaceutical companies exploring opportunities to establish production facilities across various regions of the country. This was announced by Moscow Government Minister and Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations, Sergey Cherebin, during the "TIME: Russia-India. Mutual Efficiency" forum.

"At present, productive negotiations are underway with a Russian pharmaceutical company on the establishment of joint production in India. Indian pharmaceutical firms are actively exploring the possibility of localisation in different regions of the Russian Federation. We hope that in the near future Indian engineering enterprises and industrial groups will also turn their attention to the Russian market," Cherebin said in an exclusive comment to TV BRICS.

He cited the example of a major agreement under which Russia's largest engineering holding will manufacture 120 new-generation railway trains in India -- a move he said confirms the competitiveness of Russian engineering and demonstrates the country's ability to succeed in Asian markets, as reported by TV BRICS.

Head of the Tatarstan Investment Development Agency, Taliya Minullina, emphasised the importance of involving enterprises and sectoral bodies in implementing bilateral agreements, highlighting that this approach makes joint production particularly promising.

COAS General Upendra Dwivedi, Ethiopia Land Force Chief General Balcha discuss defence capacity-building

MI News Service, Delhi: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi interacted with General Alemshet Degife Balcha, Chief of Land Force & Military Advisor of Ethiopia, on the sidelines of the UNTCC Conclave and held discussions on enhancing defence cooperation along with capacity-building. In a post on X on Friday, the Additional Director General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army stated that the meeting between the leaders reflected the shared commitment to fostering stronger defence ties

and enhancing cooperation in training, peacekeeping and defence capacity-building. "On the sidelines of #UNTCC2025, #GeneralUpendraDwivedi, #COAS, interacted with General Alemshet Degife Balcha, Chief of Land Force & Military Advisor, Ethiopia. The discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in training, peacekeeping and defence capacity-building. The meeting reflected the shared commitment of both nations towards fostering stronger defence ties and promoting regional peace and stability through multilateral engagement."

At the UNTCC Chiefs' Conclave on Tuesday, Gen Alemshet Degife, Cdr-in-Chief, Land Force, Ethiopia, noted the current global security threats. He said, "the contemporary global security environment is increasingly complex and dynamic. Challenges such as asymmetric warfare, terrorism, violent extremism, cyber threats, regional instability and humanitarian crisis demand not only courage and professionalism, but also enhanced collaboration and unity of purpose among troop contributing countries."

Furfura Pirsahab's protest against Masum Akhtar

Nurul Islam Khan: Recently, it was seen on social media that BJP leader Masum Akhtar made ugly comments about Pirsahab and the Muslim community and spoke against Islam. The Pirsahabs of Furfura Sharif have strongly opposed those derogatory comments. Pirzada Saferi Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Mosfekin Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui and Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Syed Nazim Uddin Hossain and Pirzada Syed Aftab Uddin Hossain, all of them expressed their anger and said



In the hadith, when the devil gives birth to a devil in the head of some educated people, his head no longer functions normally. Qazi Masum Akhtar is a clear proof of this. He called his statement ignorant and an educated fool. They said that saints, darvesh Pirsahab and scholars have enriched the society by forming it. Scholars have given the country a taste of independence by agitating from the Khanqah and have given a message of peace and harmony to the whole of India. Some have said that Masum Akhtar is actually mentally ill and needs treatment. Pirsahab also said that he gets money and rewards from the BJP for speaking against Muslims. Furfura Sharif has also called him a pollution and a disgrace

to the society. Furfura Sharif's Pirsahab Dada Huzur, the great-grandfather of Mujaddid-e-Zaman Furfura Sharif, was a social reformer. He was a strong bridge of harmony for the Hindu-Muslim community. His principles, ideals and outstanding social contribution are well known throughout the subcontinent. He strongly protested against Masum's such unintended and derogatory statement about that great scholar.

The greatness of that Islamic ideal is being observed time and again in human society.

There is no contribution from the selfish, resource-oriented opportunist Masum Akhtar. There are those who create confusion in the society and

complete dishonest business processes. The culture of BJP leaders like Masum is to go after scholars and Muslims and plan to change them and end Islam.

Since coming to power, Masum's BJP government has forcibly seized the madrasas, mosques, educational institutions and huge waqf properties of Muslims. They are destroying the democratic constitutional process of the country by occupying the mosques and building temples there. They have taken away the fundamental rights of minorities! Many people have come over the ages to end the good Muslims and Islam - they have ended but Islam remains.

Asansol Division Organises 'Amrit Samvaad' At Madhupur Station Under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : As part of Special Campaign 5.0, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway organised Amrit Samvaad at Madhupur Railway Station, an Amrit Bharat Station, to promote direct interaction between railway authorities and passengers. The initiative, inspired by the concept of Rail Chaupal, aims to strengthen participatory governance and deepen citizen engagement in line with the Amrit Kaal vision and the Panch Pran ideals articulated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.



The session was conducted by officers and staff from the Environment & Housekeeping Management and Commercial Departments. The discussions focused on the transformation of Madhupur Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, evaluation of ongoing works and identification of areas for further improvement to enhance passenger comfort and amenities. Passengers shared feedback on infrastructure upgrades, facilities and cleanliness standards while being encouraged to take active responsibility for maintaining a clean and pleasant environment.

Representatives from the

Passenger Association, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Samvad NGO and Marwari Manch participated actively in the interaction. They appreciated the developmental works at Madhupur Station and lauded the efforts of Asansol Division for implementing people-centric improvements. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Madhupur Station in Jharkhand is undergoing a significant transformation including a refurbished station building facade, improved parking and circulating areas, a modern waiting room and booking complex with attached retiring room and toilet block, enhanced platform shelters and surfaces, upgraded signage systems, installation of Coach Indica-

tion Boards and promotion of local art and culture within the station premises.

During the event, officials urged passengers to uphold civic sense, avoid littering or spitting and use dustbins for waste disposal. They emphasised that cleanliness and upkeep of public assets are shared responsibilities reflecting civic pride and discipline. The Amrit Samvaad at Madhupur Station highlights Asansol Division's proactive approach towards inclusive and responsive administration. By taking governance to the grassroots level, the Division continues to strengthen citizen participation and ensure a cleaner, greener and more passenger-friendly railway environment.

Enhanced Welfare Infrastructure For Rpf Personnel In Eastern Railway

- Inauguration of "Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel" and Foundation Stone Laying of New RPF Barrack at MDSTI, Kanchrapara
- GM/ER kicks off the final match of the 33rd All India Inter-Railway RPF Men's Football Tournament-2025 at MDSTI, Kanchrapara.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 17 Oct.25 : In a major step towards strengthening welfare and accommodation facilities for Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel, Eastern Railway inaugurated a newly constructed 50-bedded RPF Lady Barrack, titled "Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel", and laid the foundation stone for a new 100-bedded RPF Barrack at the Multi Disciplinary Specialised Training Institute (MDSTI), Kanchrapara, today.

The "Sahid Sanjay Sahani Ladies Hostel", equipped with modern amenities and designed for comfort and convenience, was inaugurated by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organi-

sation (ERWWO). The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway; Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, Principal Chief Security Commissioner; Smt. Zarina Fidausi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer; Shri Rajeev Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah; and other senior officials. Members of ERWWO were also present on the occasion.

Furthering Eastern Railway's commitment to providing improved living standards for RPF personnel, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, laid the foundation stone of a 100-bedded RPF Barrack at MDSTI, Kanchrapara, in the presence of Smt. Seema De-



ouskar, President, ERWWO; Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, PCSC; Shri Vikram Gupta, Principal Chief Engineer; Shri Rajeev Saxena, DRM/Sealdah; and other senior officers.

Adding to the day's significance, the 33rd All

India Inter-Railway RPF Men's Football Tournament-2025 concluded at MDSTI, Kanchrapara. The tournament, featuring 14 teams from various zonal railways, showcased exceptional sportsmanship. The final match was cere-

monially kicked off by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, in the presence of Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, PCSC, and other senior officers. Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, ERWWO, graced the event as Special Guest. In an exciting finale, Southern Railway emerged as the Champion, defeating Eastern Railway in a spirited contest.

Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, handed over the Champion Trophy to the Southern Railway team and runners up trophy to the Eastern Railway team, while Smt. Seema Deouskar presented the 2nd Runners-up Trophy to the Northeast Frontier Railway team.

Dalma's Iconic Elephant to Symbolize SAAF Athletics Championship in Ranchi

PC JHA

RANCHI : The upcoming 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Championship in Ranchi is set to blend sporting excellence with Jharkhand's natural heritage, as the event's mascot - a majestic elephant from the famed Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary - takes center stage as the official symbol of the games.

The grand unveiling of the logo, mascot, and anthem song took place on Friday in a glittering ceremony graced by State Sports Minister Sudhivya Kumar, Sports Secretary Manoj Kumar, and Jharkhand Olympic Association General Secretary Dr. Madhukant Pathak.

The elephant mascot, inspired by Dalma's famous elephants, aims to showcase Jharkhand's biodiversity and cultural richness



on an international sporting platform. Organizers said the mascot embodies strength, endurance, and wisdom - virtues that mirror both the state's wildlife and the spirit of athletics.

"The SAAF Championship is a matter of pride for Jharkhand. We will ensure world-class arrangements for all participants," said Minister Sudhivya Kumar, adding that around 5,000 students from across the state will be brought in to witness the event and get inspired to pursue sports.

When Morning India asked why no athlete from Jharkhand had been selected for this prestigious international event - despite the state boasting top-class infrastructure and training facilities - the minister acknowledged the concern.

He responded, "The government is currently providing spe-



cialized training to 5,000 players across disciplines. The results of this investment will be visible soon." However, when questioned about the decision to host an international meet on the old synthetic track, the minister could not provide a satisfactory answer, drawing murmurs from the media present.

The championship will feature around 300 athletes from six South Asian countries, including

India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. Organizers are confident of India's dominance, predicting that the host nation will bag at least 25 out of 30 gold medals on offer.

With the Dalma elephant leading the way as a symbol of power and pride, Ranchi is gearing up to welcome the region's finest athletes - turning the city into a vibrant hub of sports, culture, and ecological pride.

Ishan Kishan's Blazing 173 Puts Jharkhand in Command Against Tamil Nadu

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RANCHI : Jharkhand took firm control of their Ranji Trophy clash against Tamil Nadu on Day 2, courtesy of a magnificent century by Ishan Kishan (173) and a lethal bowling spell led by Jatin Pandey (5/35) and Sahil Raj (4/21) at Coimbatore on Friday. Tamil Nadu now stare at an uphill task, trailing by 274 runs with seven wickets remaining in their second innings.

Resuming their innings at the Coimbatore Cricket Stadium, Jharkhand posted a formidable 419 all out in 132.1 overs. The innings revolved around a breath-taking knock from Ishan Kishan, who dominated Tamil Nadu's bowling with his trademark aggressive stroke play. His 173-run innings featured a flurry of boundaries and confident footwork against both pace and spin.

Youngster Sahil Raj provided solid support with a fluent 77, while Sharandeep Singh contributed a valuable 48, ensuring Jharkhand reached a commanding total. For Tamil Nadu, Gurjapaneet Singh was the standout bowler, claiming 4 for 71, while D.T. Chandrasekhar and Hemchudeshan J took two wick-

ets each. In response, Tamil Nadu's batting lineup faltered under relentless pressure from Jharkhand's bowlers. The hosts were bundled out for a paltry 93 in 50.4 overs. R.S. Ambrish offered some resistance with a gritty 28, but the rest of the batting order collapsed around him.

Jatin Pandey's five-wicket haul (5/35) and Sahil Raj's four-for (4/21) ripped through the lineup, leaving Tamil Nadu with a massive first-innings deficit of 326 runs.

Following on, Tamil Nadu's second innings began on a shaky note as they reached 52 for 3 in 27 overs by stumps. N. Jagadeesan top-scored with 21, but the Jharkhand bowlers continued to dominate. Rishav Raj struck twice, returning 2 for 9, to keep the visitors firmly on top.

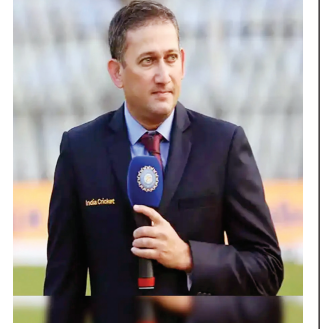
With Tamil Nadu still 274 runs behind and only seven wickets in hand, Jharkhand are well-positioned to push for an innings victory on Day 3. The match has so far been a display of complete dominance from Ishan Kishan and company - combining batting brilliance, sharp fielding, and clinical bowling to leave the home side in disarray.



BEING A SELECTOR IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF MY CAREER, SAYS INDIA SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AJIT AGARKAR

NEW DELHI : Ajit Agarkar, India's chief selector, has called his current role the "biggest challenge" of his cricketing journey, admitting that the pressures of shaping careers and making tough calls far outweigh the demands of his playing and commentary days. Speaking at the NDTV World Summit 2025 on Saturday, Agarkar reflected on his three distinct roles in cricket - as a player, commentator, and now selector - saying that while playing was the most fulfilling, selection has been the most demanding. "I will probably go with the easier one first. Being a commentator, and I mean no disrespect, you still work hard, spend hours on the ground. As long as you get the right words out, your job as a commentator is done and you go home," Agarkar said. "Playing gives you the most satisfaction. Every time you step on the field, you know your job is on the line, your place is on the line. One thing that goes for you as a player is that the ball or bat is in your hand. Very little margin between a win and a loss; that's on the line. More often than not, if you play well or make a mistake, it dictates where you go as a player," he explained. The former India pacer, who took 349 international wickets, said the role of a selector is uniquely difficult because so much is out of one's control once a squad is chosen. "As a selector, once you pick a squad of 15, there is nothing else in your hand. It is challenging because of the depth of cricketers we have at the moment. A lot of things are out of your hands. It is a demanding, hectic, high-pressure job. It is a big responsibility. Once you've been a player, you know that you're shaping careers. A decision that you make can impact a player's career in a good or a bad way. You can't please everyone. So, you try and do the best job you can as a selector," Agarkar said. The 47-year-old, who took charge as chief selector on July 4, 2023, also acknowledged the intense scrutiny that comes with the job, particularly in a cricket-obsessed nation like India. "Having so many players to pick from is a good problem to have. It improves the competition levels, and the performance levels stay high. The sport is so popular in India that there will be people who will be critical of your decisions. The fanbases have increased multiple times over the last few years," he said. When asked if he pays attention to social media trends such as #JusticeForShreyasIyer, Agarkar was candid: "I don't. It is a no-win situation. We watch a lot of cricket through the course of the year."

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PKL 12: Shivam Patare stars as Haryana Steelers record biggest margin win of season

NEW DELHI : Haryana Steelers delivered a dominant display to register the biggest win margin of PKL 12, decimating UP Yoddhas 53-26 at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium in Delhi on Thursday.

The 27-point win also helped them climb to fifth place on the points table.

Jaideep Dahiya led the way with a high five, and Shivam Patare also made his mark with a super 10. Substitute Ghanshyam Magar also made his presence felt with eight raid points, while Neeraj secured four tackle points.

The defending champions flew off the blocks with a rollicking start. Vinay got the ball rolling with his 100th raid point of the season, while Sahil Narwal set the tone in defence with a tackle. Gagan Gowda and Guman Singh



got themselves on the board for the Yoddhas early on, but it was about the Haryana Steelers' aggression and execution in the first ten minutes.

Shivam Patare also proved to be a menace for the Yoddhas, with Sahil Narwal ensuring that their

defence didn't let their guard down. Rahul Sethpal made that early pressure count, executing a brilliant tackle to inflict the first all out of the game, giving his side a 12-5 lead.

Haryana Steelers continued to dominate proceedings with Shivam Patare completing his Super 10, scoring 11 points in 10 raids. Keshav Kumar showed a bit of resolve for UP Yoddhas - first with a do-or-die raid and then following that up with a Super Tackle. However, he didn't have enough support as his side conceded a second all out, giving the Haryana Steelers a commanding 26-12 lead at half time.

It was an encouraging start to the second half by UP Yoddhas with Gagan Gowda finding his rhythm on the offensive end.

Not talking about the pitch, but how we can strategise, says Axar Patel

PERTH : India all-rounder Axar Patel said the touring squad is well familiar with Australian conditions and is less concerned about the pitches, focusing instead on devising the right strategy for the three-match ODI series starting Sunday.

After India's training session in Perth on Friday, Axar talked about the team's preparations for the all-important series.

"I feel that since 2015 (his first visit Down Under), there have been a lot of changes. When we used to come, the talk was about pitches, conditions, bounce and we used to play less as well," he told reporters.

"We started playing regularly after the 2015 World Cup, and the series started getting longer, and after that the batters started doing well.

"When we come now, it doesn't

feel like Australian conditions and we have to be more ready. We are now thinking about where we can make runs, so we talk about strategy and timing. We are not talking about the pitch, we are talking about how we can strategise," Axar added.

The all-rounder added that the presence of senior pros Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli will be crucial for the growth of new leader Shubman Gill in the format.

"For Gill, it's perfect. Rohit bhai and Virat bhai are there, and along with that, they have been captains, so they can give their input also, so it is very good growth of Gill's captaincy," Axar said.

"What has been good about Gill's captaincy thus far is that he has not been pressurised."

Axar is well aware of his role



in the series, where he has been picked ahead of veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja in the squad.

"I am very confident about this series. In the Asia Cup, I did well both with bat and ball. After a long time (2022 T20 World Cup), I would be playing in Australia. I am ready for the challenge," he said.

Formula 1: George Russell confident Mercedes offers 'best chance' for 2026 world title

NEW DELHI : George Russell says he is "in the best seat in Formula 1" to challenge for the world championship in 2026 after signing a new multi-year contract with Mercedes. The team officially confirmed on Wednesday that Russell and rookie Kimi Antonelli would continue as their driver pairing for the 2026 season.

The announcement, though widely expected after Max Verstappen reaffirmed his commitment to Red Bull, came following weeks of negotiation between Mercedes and Russell over final contract terms.

Speaking publicly about the deal for the first time on Thursday in Austin ahead of the United States Grand Prix, Russell said he never had any doubt about where he wanted to be.

"Looking into next year, there were a lot of things I wanted off-track to get right to allow me to perform at my very best on track," Russell explained. "And the truth is, if every single seat was available, and I could choose any single seat to race for in 2026, I would choose to be in the Mercedes.

"I truly think that is the place that will give you the best chance of winning the world championship next year with everything I know now. We might turn out to be wrong, but with everything we know now, I'm feeling really happy with the deal we've done, confident with the team, and looking forward to moving

onwards and upwards."

Formula 1 will introduce a sweeping overhaul of its chassis and power unit regulations in 2026, with Mercedes tipped by many to once again set the standard - as it did in 2014 when it began a run of eight consecutive Constructors' titles.

While the team's statement only confirmed Russell and



Antonelli for 2026, it did not specify contract lengths, prompting speculation that Mercedes may be keeping its options open for Verstappen in 2027. However, Russell confirmed to reporters that his deal extends beyond a single season.

"I think if you look at Formula 1 as a whole, people say a driver has signed for X years, but then it doesn't turn out to be like this, and there are all different clauses and stuff," he said. "It's almost like an irrelevant piece of information, because if things are

going well, everything continues; if they're not, that's where the discussions happen, generally speaking.

"I'm loyal to Mercedes, they've shown their loyalty in me, and I believe going into 2026, Mercedes without a doubt has my best chance of winning a world championship."

Russell added that his approach remains simple - perform consistently and let results dictate the rest. "It always just comes down to performance. For any driver, or at least for myself, what allows me to sleep well at night is knowing that my performances are strong, and that is what will keep me in the sport. Our intention and my goal is to continue with Mercedes indefinitely, and we're here to focus on winning in 2026."

The 27-year-old Briton has enjoyed an impressive 2025 campaign, winning two Grands Prix - including in Singapore - and comfortably outperforming highly rated teammate Antonelli. Russell acknowledged that Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff's confidence in him was reflected in the terms of his new deal.

"I think it's less about what you believe, it's more about what you have delivered," he said. "Everybody believes they are worth more probably than the reality, but I think it's always down to what you have delivered on track - the consistency, the performances, how you work with the team.

WORLD JUNIOR C'SHIPS: TANVI SHARMA BECOMES FIRST INDIAN FEMALE IN 17 YEARS TO BE ASSURED OF A MEDAL

GUWAHATI : Tanvi Sharma

became the first Indian female player to be assured of a 2025 BWF World Junior Championships medal in 17 years when she fought back from a game down to beat Japan's Saki Matsumoto and reach the girls' singles semifinals at the National Centre of Excellence here on Friday.

The 16-year-old kept her nerves under pressure and found winners with her cross-court slice hits to beat Matsumoto 13-15, 15-9, 15-10 in a 47-minute quarterfinal clash that kept the spectators on edge.

The last Indian female player to win a world junior medal was Saina Nehwal, who bagged the gold medal in the 2008 edition in Pune. Saina, who had also won a silver medal in 2006 and Aparna Popat (1996 silver) are the only other Indian female players to stand on the podium in the history of the competition.

Top-seeded Tanvi, who had also bagged a bronze medal in the Badminton Asia Junior Championships earlier this year, began aggressively and looked like she was in control as she opened up a 10-6 lead. But a flurry of errors allowed Matsumoto to stage a comeback as the Japanese won seven straight points to take the lead. The Indian managed to stem the run but could not avoid losing the game.

The US Open finalist was much more comfortable with her shot selection in the second game and raced through to a 15-9 win. However, errors once again pegged her back at the start of the third game, and it was clear that the top seed was under pressure as the players changed ends with

the Indian trailing 5-8.

Those nerves definitely settled as she clinched four straight points to take the lead at 9-8 and then used her flat tosses and cross smashes to outplay her opponent. "It is difficult to play against Matsumoto as she slows down the game. So, I knew that I had to be aggressive. I am happy that I am assured of a medal," said Tanvi, who will now face China's Liu Si Ya.

The Chinese defeated Sri Lanka's Ranithma Liyanage 15-9, 15-6 in the other quarterfinals.

However, India's hopes of another medal in girls' singles were dashed when eighth seed Unnati Hooda went down 15-12, 15-13 against second seed Anyapat Phichitpreechasak of Thailand.

Unnati clearly struggled with her front-court movement, and though the Indian fought for every point in the 32-minute battle, she was repeatedly caught by Anyapat with her quick cross drops and smashes.

In the boys' singles quarterfinals, Gnana Dattu put up a strong fight against third seed Liu Yang Ming Yu of China, but his spirited effort was not enough to avoid a 15-11, 15-13 loss.

The mixed doubles combination of Bhavya Chhabra and Vishakha Toppo also fell short in the quarterfinals against Chinese Taipei's Hung Bing Fu and Chou Yun An, 15-9, 15-7.

Results (as of 5.30 PM):

Boys singles:

1-Mohd. Zaki Ubaidillah (Indonesia) bt Zi Sheng Wu (China) 15-6, 17-15 (saved 2 gp); Li Zhi Hang (China) bt Chung Ching Cyrus (Hong Kong) 15-4,

15-7; 3-Liu Yang Ming Yu (China) bt Gnana Dattu TT (India) 15-11, 15-13; 2-Richie Duta Richardo (Indonesia) bt Ayu Fu Sheng (Malaysia) 15-9, 15-9

Girls singles:

1-Tanvi Sharma (India) bt Saki Matsumoto (Japan) 13-15, 15-9, 15-10; Liu Si Ya (China) bt 4-Ranithma Liyanage (Sri Lanka) 15-9, 15-6; 6-Yataweemin Ketkieng (Thailand) bt Yuzuno Watanabe (Japan) 15-3, 15-12; 2-Anyapat Phichitpreechasak (Thailand) bt 8-Unnati Hooda (India) 15-12, 15-13

Mixed doubles:

1-Loh Ziheng/Noraqilah Maisarah (Malaysia) bt 9-Ikhsan Pramudya/Rinjani Nastine (Indonesia) 15-10, 15-8; Hung Bing Fu/Chou Yun An (Chinese Taipei) bt 14-Bhavya Chhabra/Vishakha Toppo (India) 15-9, 15-7; 4-Chen Jun Ting/Cao Zi Han (China) bt 8-Shuji Sawada/Aoi Banno (Japan) 15-3, 15-10; 2-Lee Hyeon Woo/Cheon Hye In (Korea) bt 5-Tan Zhi Yang/Nicole Tan (Malaysia) 17-15, 14-16, 15-6

THE 16-YEAR-OLD KEPT HER NERVES UNDER PRESSURE AND FOUND WINNERS WITH HER CROSS-COURT SLICE HITS TO BEAT MATSUMOTO 13-15, 15-9, 15-10 IN A 47-MINUTE QUARTERFINAL CLASH THAT KEPT THE SPECTATORS ON EDGE.

