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viction an elusive peace was near—bits of good news for Ukraine. Even Trump's final word on the matter, a Truth Social post delivered as he left for Mar-a-Lago, suggested "They should stop where they are" — a ceasefire along current battle lines, suggesting something Kyiv could very much tolerate. First, Trump extolled the deadly virtues of the Tomahawks, the supply of which he said his meeting with Zelensky was all about. "That is why we are here," he said. "Tomahawks are very dangerous... It could mean escalation — a lot of bad things could happen," CNN reported. Trump is now unafraid to admit Putin might be playing him — an important, if overdue, epiphany. He added: "I have been played all my life by the best of them, and I came out really well," as per CNN.



Mayor Firhad Hakim inaugurated the Kali Puja organized by Bhowanipore Desapran Smriti Sangha in Kolkata on Sunday.

Swapan Debnath at the Vijaya Sammelan of All India Matua Mahasangha at Guskara

MI News Service, Gushkara: The Vijaya Sammelani was held in Guskara under the initiative of the Guskara Regional Committee of the All India Matua Mahasangha. Around a hundred sadhus, gonsains, and dalapotis from Ausgram, Bhatar, and Mangalkot Block were felicitated at the conference to give Book, uttario, flower. They were welcomed by Suprabhat Gayen, All India Secretary of the All India Matua Mahasangha.

The conference was attended by State Minister Swapan Debnath, Zill Parishad Savadhipati of Purba Bardhaman Shyamaprasanna Lohar, M.L.A. of Ausgram Avedananda Thandar, Chairman of Guskara Municipality Kushal Mukherjee, Savapati of Gushkara Town TMC Mallika Chongdar and others. Suprabhat Gayen



said, "Various problems of the Matuas, including the revision of the voter list and the SIR, were discussed at today's conference." The minister assured them of resolving their problems in his speech.

Youth dies mysteriously after liquor party in Nadia, three friends arrested

Dipankar Edbar, Nadia : A night of drinking turned tragic in Nadia's Hanskhali area after a 25-year-old man, identified as Soumen Biswas, was found dead under mysterious circumstances. Police have arrested three of his friends who were present at the drinking session. According to police sources, on Saturday night, Soumen and three of his friends gathered for a liquor party on the terrace of a house in Bagula under Hanskhali police station limits. During the party, Soumen reportedly collapsed and became unconscious. His friends rushed him to Bagula Rural Hospital, where doctors de-



clared him dead on arrival. The police later detained the three friends and questioned them regarding the incident. On Sunday, they were produced before the Ranaghat sub-divisional court, which remanded them in police custody for three days. One of the arrested youths, Chandan Biswas, claimed, "Soumen met his girlfriend earlier that evening and then came

to us. His eyes were red, and he insisted on buying liquor for everyone. After drinking, he sat down with his head lowered and didn't respond when we called him. We then took him to the hospital." Police said the cause of death is yet to be determined. "We are awaiting the post-mortem report. Further investigation is underway to find out if anything else was mixed with the liquor or if there was any foul play," an officer said. Meanwhile, Soumen's family members are inconsolable and have demanded a thorough probe into his death. "We just want to know the truth," a relative said.

Kalyani hospital attendants abandon woman patient midway over non-payment; video goes viral

Dipankar Edbar, Nadia : In a shocking incident at Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Hospital in Kalyani, Nadia, two female attendants allegedly abandoned a woman patient on a trolley midway because her family failed to pay them immediately.



Though government hospitals officially have no provision for hiring such attendants, it is widely known that "unofficial ayas" operate across many hospitals. Their high-handedness and demand for money often leave poor patients and their relatives helpless and harassed. The incident came to light after a video development by a kin of the woman being left unattended on a trolley went viral on social media, prompting the hospital authorities and local administration to step in.

In response, Kalyani police have been using loudspeakers in and around the hospital premises for several days, urging people not to pay anyone for services that are supposed to be provided free of cost in government hospitals. Regarding the incident, hospital authorities stated that an internal inquiry has been initiated and that strict action will be taken if anyone is found involved in the act. The Hospital Additional Super Atin Mandal said, "There is nothing wrong with the government policy. At times, misunderstandings arise when patients or their families engage in activities within the hospital, but this should not be confused with any official government directive. While sources said that the issue of ha-

rasing patient by Ayas gone viral, we have not yet received any written complaint or formal advisory regarding the matter. Once we do, appropriate written communication will be issued, and necessary arrangements will be made accordingly. It is important to remember that when a patient is admitted, it affects not only the patient but also their family's mental well-being. If anyone needs to visit the hospital, they should do so responsibly. Whether it is a doctor, a nurse, or any member of the hospital staff-all are human beings doing their best to serve patients. We have not received any official complaint yet, but we are actively investigating. If any incident has taken place, and if the patient's family informs us, it will help us take faster action.

As stated earlier, all government hospitals and medical colleges, including the College of Medicine and J.N.M. Hospital, provide treatment completely free of cost. Necessary arrangements have been made to ensure this. If any unfortunate incident occurs, we will certainly take preventive measures to ensure that people receive timely and proper treatment. That remains our primary goal."



Kali idols at Amra Sabai, Batanagar, Paschim Jagtala.

Meet organised by Alipurduar administration to extend relief to tea garden families

MI News Service, Alipurduar: The Alipurduar administration held a meeting at the collectorate on Friday with management representatives of 20 tea estates in the district to take stock of the situation in the gardens affected by flash floods earlier this month. R. Vimala, the district magistrate, Y. Raghuvamshi, the superintendent of police, and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

The district magistrate emphasised the need for the tea garden managements to undertake more proactive and visible welfare activities for their workers. "She encouraged the tea estates to extend support even beyond their own boundaries. She said that if a particular gar-

No-cracker plea for flood aid: NGOs want people to donate for relief

MI News Service, Siliguri: Representatives from the Himalayan Nature and Adventure Foundation (Hnaf), and Sabuj Mancha, a collective forum of 65 NGOs across the state, urged north residents to abstain from bursting crackers during Diwali and Kali Puja season.

The organisation instead appealed to people to donate their resources to victims of the recent floods in north Bengal. "Several people lost their lives, people have become homeless, and their livelihoods are at stake after the landslides and floods that struck large parts of the Darjeeling hills and the adjoining plains on October 5. In light of this tragedy, we are appealing to the people across north Bengal not to buy crackers this year. Instead, we urge them to donate that money for the rehabilitation of the affected families," said Animesh Bose, the programme coordinator of Hnaf, on Saturday.

These organisations have been running relief camps and distributing aid across the flood-affected regions. In addition to their appeal, several NGOs have also called on the administration to en-

force the Supreme Court's guidelines regarding the use of fireworks, that is, allowing the use of crackers only between 8pm and 10pm during Kali Puja and Diwali, and 6am to 10am during Chhath Puja.

Only green crackers are allowed to be burst in Bengal, but this diktat, as well as the timing restrictions are regularly flouted across the state during festivities. Bose, who is also the vice-president of Sabuj Mancha, expressed concern over a temporary cracker market that has been opened at Kawakhali on the outskirts of Siliguri. "We request the administration to step up vigilance at the market to prevent the sale of banned crackers," he said. To aid in the monitoring of crackers, the organisations have launched a public helpline number (9434233833). "We want people to call up the helpline to report violations or irregularities related to firecracker usage or sales," said a representative of the Mancha.

A group of medical professionals have also joined the anti-cracker campaign, urging people to consider the severe health and environmental impact of firecrackers.



A girl carries an idol of Goddess Kali to her home from a Karmartuli workshop ahead of Kali Puja in Kolkata.

More CAA hearing centres set up by Union ministry of communication in two districts

MI News Service, Nadia/North 24 pgs: The Union ministry of communication has set up two additional district-level committees (DLCs) or hearing centres — one each in Nadia and North 24-Parganas — to expedite the processing of thousands of citizenship applications under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

Earlier, there was only one DLC in each of the two districts to verify documents of CAA applicants. The increase in the number of DLCs effectively means more hearing centres for citizenship applications.

Nadia and North 24-Parganas are two crucial districts that together house nearly one-fourth of the total estimated two crore persecuted Hindu refugees, particularly from the Matua community. The move to increase the number of hearing centres for citizenship applications is considered politically significant ahead of next year's Assembly polls, as the BJP aims to help as many Matuas as possible obtain citizenship status. "Earlier, there was only one hearing centre with one district-level committee in Nadia and North 24-Parganas. Now, the ministry has



added one more committee in each of these two districts, where a large number of people from the Matua community live," said Gopal Gayali, a BJP leader from Bongaon in North 24-Parganas.

Gayali had written to the Union government on behalf of Aikyatan, an NGO that has been closely working on the citizenship drive for the Matua community. "Though we welcome the move, we demand at least one hearing centre in each subdivision of the two districts to expedite the verification and hearing process,

Document distribution

MI News Service, Alipurduar: The administration in Alipurduar has also initiated the process of distributing important documents and identity proofs to people who have lost them in the recent natural calamity. In Salkumarhat under Alipurduar-I block, a special camp was opened on Thursday, where such documents were handed over to people. Earlier, the district police had organised a camp where affected individuals had filed general diary entries detailing the vital documents such as voter cards, ration cards, birth certificates, land documents, and documents of social welfare schemes.

On October 12, during a review meeting, Mamata had appreciated the initiative and had directed the district magistrate to ensure that these essential documents are reissued and delivered to the affected individuals without delay. The administration began distributing duplicate documents just five days after the review meeting. The move has come as a relief for many people who had lost all proof of identity and entitlement. "We managed to prepare duplicates of the essential documents within just four days and started distributing them yesterday. It was a challenging task as most beneficiaries did not even have photocopies of their original documents. The process will continue," said Vimala.



Dakshineswar Ramakrishna Sangha Adyapith General Secretary and Trustee Brahmachari Mural Bhal was conferred with the Banga Dishari Deepshakti Samman at the Adyapith Temple today. Dr. Deepa Das, renowned Doordarshan orator Prosenjit Raha, Brahmachari Rajiv Bhal, and other dignitaries were also present.

10th rhino found, sent to Jaldapara National Park

MI News Service, Alipurduar: All the greater one-horned rhinoceroses swept away in the devastating floods in Alipurduar have been successfully tranquillised and relocated to the Jaldapara National Park, the largest habitat of the species in Bengal. The operation, now being hailed as the largest coordinated rhino rescue and release mission ever in India, was carried out over a span of 13 days by the Jaldapara wildlife division.

The final rhino, the 10th, was rescued on Friday from a low-lying area in Patlakhawra of Cooch Behar and was released safely into the national park after a thorough veterinary examination. Parveen Kaswan, the divisional forest officer of Jaldapara wildlife division, said: "This has been the most extensive rhino rescue operation ever conducted in any forest in India. The work is almost over, but we will continue



scanning the Patlakhawra and Putimari forests (in Cooch Behar) for a few more days to ensure no animals remain stranded." "The credit goes entirely to our field staff, many of whom haven't slept properly for 13 days," he added.

On October 5, heavy rain caused the Torsha river to overflow, inundating large parts of the park. Ten rhinos were reported missing. Five of them were found stranded near human habitations, while five others were swept downstream into the Cooch Behar district,

10km to 15km away from the park boundary.

"The mission combined efforts from forest staff, veterinary experts, drone teams and elephant squads. Monitoring teams, comprising range officers and trained elephants, were deployed to locate the displaced rhinos and guide them back," said a source. The process involved tranquillising the rhinos under veterinary supervision and bringing them back to the park.

"Fire tenders with water hoses kept the animals hydrated during transit," the source added. Kaswan said the first five rhinos, spotted close to the park, were guided back without tranquillisation within the first three days. The remaining five required full-scale rescue procedures, given their distance and proximity to human settlements. "On Friday, the 10th rhino, which had eluded earlier rescue attempts, was finally found," said the DFO.

Anaesthesiologist found dead under mysterious circumstances in East Midnapore

MI News Service, East Midnapore: A 30-year old anaesthesiologist working at a hospital in East Midnapore was found dead in mysterious conditions on Friday morning. Shalini Das, senior resident at a Contai hospital, had left the rented home in Tamluk town and visited two nursing homes, one in the nearby town of Mahishadal and another in Tamluk. Her mother saw a cannula on her wrist, according to the cops. Soon after she returned blood came out through the cannula and she dropped to the ground.

The 30-year-old doctor was taken to a private hospital and then the Tamluk hospital where the doctors declared her dead. The Contai police have started an unnatural death case.

"A post mortem is being conducted. Prima facie there is no evidence of any wrongdoing," said a police officer. The dead doctor's mother told the cops when her daughter had left early on Friday morning there was no cannula on her wrist. "She is unaware where she went and whom she met. We are trying to trace her last hours through the cell phone locations," said an officer.

2 dead as car falls into gorge in Kurseong

MI News Service, Kurseong: Two youths died and three others were injured when their car plunged into a gorge at Pankhabari in Darjeeling's Kurseong subdivision early on Saturday. According to a police source, the car was descending from the Darjeeling hills via Pankhabari when it lost control near the Tin Ghunti bend, approximately 30km from Kurseong town.

"Initial investigations suggest that the driver lost control at a bend, and the car veered off the road and fell into the gorge. There were five people in the vehicle, all from the Naxalbari area of Siliguri subdivision. Two among them, Sumit Singha of Footani More and Rajesh Paswan of Kotiajote, died on the spot," said a police officer. A local noticed the wrecked vehicle in the gorge. He immediately alerted others. Personnel from the Garidhura police outpost and the traffic department of Kurseong police station recovered the bodies with the assistance of locals.

The injured passengers are under treatment at the North Bengal Medical College & Hospital (NBMCCH). Police have initiated a probe.

Sundarbans homemaker fights off crocodile while crab fishing

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: A 37-year-old homemaker from the Sundarbans displayed remarkable courage on Saturday by fighting off a crocodile for 30 minutes before villagers rescued her from the jaws of the reptile.

Around 6am, Pranati Pramanik was collecting crabs in a creek near the Ashwini Maiti ghat of Bonshyamnagar village under Patharpratima block, South 24-Parganas, when the crocodile pounced on her.

Wife of a migrant labourer, she was later admitted to the Patharpratima Rural Hospital. Her condition is stable. Local residents said that due to her husband's alleged negligence and the family's poverty, Pranati stayed in a dilapidated house with



her two school-going daughters, one in Class XI and the other in Class II. She would catch crabs every day for some earnings, sometimes accompanied by her daughters.

On Saturday, as usual, Pranati went to catch crabs in the forest near Ashwini Maiti's fishing village ghat. While she was pulling up her fishing net, it got entangled in the mangrove roots, causing her to inadvertently

fall into the water.

Suddenly, a crocodile lunged at her and clamped its jaws around her waist. Showing great presence of mind, Pranati clung to a tree to prevent going underwater and tried to fight off the reptile with her fists while screaming for help. Finally, villagers, including women, rescued her. The crocodile escaped.

Forest officials said saltwater or estuarine crocodiles have increasingly been straying into creeks, canals and water bodies close to human habitation in the Sundarbans. This is the nesting season for crocodiles, during which they tend to turn more aggressive, often leading to a rise in human-crocodile conflicts in areas bordering the delta.

State Govt Rescues
11 Migrant Workers
Trapped in Oman
After Job Fraud

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eleven migrant workers from Murshidabad, who had travelled to Oman for employment, were rescued after falling victim to a fraudulent recruitment agency. The workers, who had been wandering from place to place without shelter or resources, are now safely under the care of the Indian Embassy in Muscat, following the swift intervention of the West Bengal government.

According to official sources, the workers were allegedly deceived by an unscrupulous recruitment network that promised them jobs in Oman. However, once they arrived, they were left stranded with no employment, accommodation, or valid documents. News of their plight reached Nabanna, the state secretariat, prompting immediate action from the state administration to ensure their safety and repatriation. In a social media post, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) stated: "Eleven migrant labourers from Murshidabad, who had gone to Oman for work, were trapped by a dishonest recruitment agency. Left helpless, they were moving from one place to another without food or shelter. Upon learning of their condition, our humane and responsive government immediately intervened to secure their safety and well-being. With the active efforts of the state administration, the workers are now in the protective custody of the Indian Embassy in Oman, where proper arrangements have been made for their stay and food." The post further added that the stranded labourers have expressed their desire to return home. "We sincerely hope that the Ministry of External Affairs will take swift and compassionate action to bring them back safely to their families," the TMC statement said.

WBBSE Issues Strict
Guidelines to Ensure
Fairness and Neutral-
ity in 2026 Second-
ary Examinations

From PG 1
also made it clear that subject teachers must independently prepare test papers and that schools are prohibited from outsourcing question-setting tasks to any private or external organisations. This measure, officials said, is intended to eliminate the influence of third-party question providers and ensure exam authenticity. Additionally, schools have been instructed to email their completed test papers to the WBBSE office after the examinations. Failure to comply with this directive may invite disciplinary action from the board.

A senior board official explained that this initiative follows past incidents where errors and controversial content had sparked complaints from students and parents. The board now aims to introduce a more rigorous monitoring system to prevent such occurrences. The WBBSE has set the deadline for submission of test papers between November 3 and 13, allowing schools sufficient time to finalise their exam preparations in line with the new guidelines.

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sile needs no explanation".
Rajnath Singh

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Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor. It carries out the complete process of assembly, integration, and testing to the highest technical standards. With the dispatch of its first missile consignment, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a key partner in the national 'Make in India, Make for the World' initiative.



Porters carry the idol of Goddess Kali to a community puja pandal ahead of Kali Puja in Kolkata.

Man Beaten to Death in Salt Lake,
Two Arrested; Police Probe Cause

MI News Service, Kolkata: A 45-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death in a shocking incident in Salt Lake, Bidhannagar, sparking widespread concern in the area. Police have arrested two individuals in connection with the case, while the investigation continues to determine the motive behind the attack. The deceased has been identified as Gautam Pramanik, a native of Mothabari in Malda. He was residing in VIP Nagar, Anandapur, Kolkata, with his family on rent. Pramanik was associated with a volunteer organisation that worked to care for street dogs in the Salt Lake area, providing shelter, medical aid, and welfare services.

The incident reportedly occurred on 11 October near the residence of the organisation's owner in FC Block, Salt Lake. On the night of the attack, Pramanik was reportedly accompanied by a car driver to the house. Allegedly, when he tried to park the vehicle and enter the premises, he was surrounded

and assaulted by several individuals, including Shah Abdul Kabir, SK Raju, and Mohammad Shikandar. Shah Abdul Kabir is said to have been employed as a driver for the owner of the organisation. During the attack, Pramanik was



severely beaten and collapsed on the street in a bloodied condition. He was immediately rescued and admitted to SSKM Hospital, Kolkata, where he received treatment. Following the incident, Pramanik's son lodged a written complaint at Bidhannagar South Police

Station, prompting the police to begin their investigation. Despite medical intervention, Pramanik succumbed to his injuries on Saturday night, leading the police to register a murder case. Two individuals have been taken into custody in connection with the assault.

Authorities are investigating the exact motive behind the attack. While there are speculations about a dispute over money, other possible reasons are also being explored. The police are examining statements from witnesses, reviewing CCTV footage, and interrogating the arrested individuals to ascertain whether the assault stemmed from financial disagreements or other underlying causes. The case has sent shockwaves across the Salt Lake area, with local residents expressing concern over public safety and the rising incidents of violent disputes. Police officials have assured the public that the investigation will be conducted thoroughly to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Housewife's Death
Turns Into Murder
Probe; Husband
and Sister-in-Law
Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A mysterious death in the heart of Kolkata has turned into a sensational murder investigation after the post-mortem report revealed signs of strangulation. Police have arrested the deceased woman's husband and sister-in-law in connection with the case, while two other accused are currently absconding. The incident took place on Raja Dinendra Chandra Street under the jurisdiction of Narkeldanga Police Station. The deceased has been identified as Naina Kumari, also known as Rakhi Singh. Her husband, Sanjay Singh, and sister-in-law, Rekha Poyal, were produced before the Sealadh court on Saturday and have been remanded to police custody.

According to police sources, Naina, a resident of Nawada in Bihar, married Sanjay Singh, a local resident of Narkeldanga, around two years ago. Investigations have revealed that Naina had been subjected to regular physical and mental abuse at her in-laws' home since her marriage. Police suspect that the harassment was linked to persistent dowry demands. Initial reports following her death on 29 September suggested it was an unnatural death. However, the autopsy report, which was released on 17 October, confirmed that Naina had died due to strangulation, ruling out any possibility of suicide or accident. Following the findings, Naina's brother, Manish Singh, lodged a formal complaint against her husband and in-laws, alleging that they had murdered her for dowry.

Congress Plans Bengal Poll
Strategy; Rahul Gandhi May
Launch Campaign by Year-End

MI News Service, Kolkata: With just about seven months left for the West Bengal Assembly elections, the Congress party is gearing up to finalize its strategy. Amid ongoing speculation over whether the party will contest all 294 seats independently or enter into another seat-sharing arrangement with the Left Front, Congress sources have indicated that Rahul Gandhi may kick off the party's election campaign in Bengal by late November or early December. The announcement comes at a crucial juncture, as the Bihar Assembly elections will conclude by November 11, with results scheduled for November 14. According to senior Congress leader and AICC observer for Bengal, Ghulam Ahmad Mir, the party's central leadership,

including Rahul Gandhi, is expected to turn its attention to Bengal soon after the Bihar elections. Speaking in Kolkata, Mir said, "We are a national party, and our central leadership will definitely come. Rahul Gandhi shares a deep connection with Bengal and its people. We have been preparing the ground here for the past six months, building teams down to the booth level. Once Rahul Gandhi arrives, he will deliver our message to the people through our grassroots workers." Mir further added that the Congress is working to strengthen its district, block, and booth-level committees before the central leadership begins its campaign. "Our aim is to ensure that the message of the central leadership reaches every corner of the state.

Fourteen Bengal Fishermen De-
tained by Bangladesh Coast Guard

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fourteen fishermen from West Bengal have been detained by the Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG) after their trawler accidentally crossed into Bangladeshi waters, police confirmed on Sunday. According to police sources, all the detained fishermen are residents of Kultali in South 24 Parganas district. They had set sail on October 13 aboard a trawler named FB Shuvojatra for a routine fishing expedition in the Bay of Bengal. However, last Saturday, the trawler's engine reportedly broke down in the deep sea amid rough weather, causing the vessel to drift uncontrollably into Bangladeshi territory. The Bangladesh Coast Guard, assisted by the country's army, seized the trawler soon after it crossed the maritime boundary. "We have come to know that 14

fishermen from Kultali ventured into Bangladeshi waters after their trawler's engine failed. Their families have been informed, and we have shared the details with higher authorities to facilitate talks with officials of the neighbouring country for their release," said a senior officer of South 24 Parganas district police. The families of the detained fishermen have been unable to contact their relatives since the incident, leaving the entire Kultali village gripped by tension during the festive season. The local fishermen's association has urged both the Indian and Bangladeshi governments to intervene immediately to ensure the safe return of the crew. Administrative sources said that necessary communication has already been initiated through diplomatic and coastal security channels.

SSKM Create Med Milestone with Rare Heart Surgery on Preg Woman

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a groundbreaking medical achievement, doctors at SSKM Hospital have successfully performed a complex open-heart surgery on a five-month pregnant woman, saving both mother and child. The rare procedure was conducted by the hospital's Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) department, setting a new benchmark in public healthcare. The patient, 21-year-old Jaba Barman from Cooch Behar, was suffering from a rare and life-threatening heart condition known as Ruptured Sinus of Valsalva. Her husband, Nitai Barman, is a toto driver by profession. Jaba had been experiencing severe breathing difficulties since September, which led doctors to diagnose the cardiac rupture after an echocardiogram. In this condition,



an abnormal dilation develops in a section of the aorta, causing it to rupture. Blood then flows from the aorta into the right chamber of the heart, leading to chest pain, breathlessness, and the risk of complete cardiac failure. Such cases demand

urgent surgery, but the presence of a five-month-old fetus made the operation highly risky.

Doctors explained that the use of a heart-lung machine during the surgery could have led to a 90% chance of fetal death, alongside a serious threat to the mother's life. Despite these odds, a multidisciplinary team was formed comprising specialists from cardiothoracic surgery, anaesthesia, gynaecology, and perfusion. Initially, doctors tried inserting a device to block the abnormal blood flow, but when the patient's condition deteriorated due to infection, jaundice, and falling hemoglobin levels, emergency open-heart surgery became unavoidable. The team proceeded with extraordinary caution, stopping the patient's heart temporarily during the procedure to

repair the damaged vessel.

The surgery, conducted on Thursday, lasted several hours but ended successfully. Both Jaba and her unborn baby are now stable and under close observation. Professor Shubhendusekhar Mahapatra, head of the CTVS department, said, "The mother's condition was extremely critical with multiple complications, including jaundice and sepsis. Performing this surgery successfully was a major challenge, and we are delighted with the outcome." Jaba's husband expressed gratitude, saying, "The doctors here are truly god-like. They not only saved my wife but also our unborn child." The remarkable success has brought pride to West Bengal's public healthcare system, demonstrating SSKM Hospital's excellence in advanced cardiac care.

WBBSE Bars Inspectors from
Exam Duties If Their Children
Appear for Madhyamik 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) has reiterated that district inspectors (Dis) and school inspectors (Sis) whose children will appear for the 2026 Madhyamik Examination will not be allowed to participate in any examination-related duties. The directive, issued through an official notification, aims to uphold transparency and prevent potential conflicts of interest in the state's secondary examinations. The circular further instructs all Dis and Sis to inform the Board if their sons or daughters are appearing for the upcoming Madhyamik exams. This policy, according to the WBBSE, is not new but has been reinforced following an incident last year that raised questions about exam integrity. WBBSE President RamanjGangopadhyay stated, "If any DI or SI's child appears in the Madhyamik examination, they cannot remain associated with exam management. Generally, they voluntarily inform the Board and recuse themselves from related responsibilities. However, due to an unfortunate incident last year, we were compelled to issue this reminder officially." The Madhyamik examination, the state's



secondary-level board exam, is organized and supervised primarily under the responsibility of Dis and Sis. Their roles include managing question papers, ensuring confidentiality, and overseeing fair conduct of the exams. Allowing officials with direct family involvement in the test process could, therefore, raise questions about fairness and secrecy. Last year, controversy erupted when the son of a District Inspector from

Malda appeared for the Madhyamik exam. The officer failed to disclose this information to the Board, and the matter came to light only after four subjects had already been conducted. Upon discovery, the WBBSE immediately removed the DI from all examination-related duties. Learning from that episode, the Board has taken a proactive stance this year by issuing an early warning and emphasizing strict compliance. "This decision is meant to ensure absolute transparency and fairness in the examination process," Gangopadhyay added. The notification has been circulated to all district education offices and schools across West Bengal to prevent any recurrence of last year's oversight and to maintain the integrity of the state's most significant public examination.

Kolkata's AQI Deteriorates Sharply; Cy-
clone Watch Issued Over Bay of Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city woke up to a bright and sunny Sunday morning, with temperatures hovering around 33°C under clear skies. However, beneath the pleasant weather lies a growing environmental concern — a sharp decline in Kolkata's air quality, with several areas recording "poor" levels on the Air Quality Index (AQI).

According to data from the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB), the AQI in parts of the city touched alarming levels on Sunday. At Jadavpur in South Kolkata, the AQI was recorded at 242, while the RabindraBharati University (Sinthee) station in North Kolkata registered 252 — both falling under the "poor" category. The figures mark a significant jump from Friday's AQI levels, which ranged between 179 and 185.

Experts have attributed the sudden deterioration to weather changes, including lower humidity and calm winds following

the withdrawal of the monsoon. These conditions have caused particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) — fine dust and pollution particles — to remain trapped near the ground instead of dispersing into the upper atmosphere. Vehicle emissions and ongoing construction activity in densely populated zones have further worsened the air quality. Saturday's city-wide AQI stood at 169, categorized as "moderate" under Indian standards, with PM2.5 at 77 µg/m³ and PM10 at 135 µg/m³. Officials clarified that the recent spike in pollution is not related to fireworks. The WBPCB has advised children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory problems to stay indoors and avoid prolonged exposure to outdoor air. The Board also announced that special surveillance teams will monitor air pollution and possible violations during Kali Puja on Monday, ensuring compliance with environmental norms.

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(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the "Bank of Baroda" under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 16.07.2025, calling upon the Borrower- **Mrs. Sharanya Enterprises, Prop. Mrs. Sangha Biswas Pramanik & Mrs. Sangha Biswas, Prop. Sharanya Enterprises, W/o- Kuntal Biswas**, Both of Add-Premises no. 149 (600/1) Fatullapur Nimta, Vivekananda Pally Sporting Club, Vivekananda Pally, Ward no. 34, Kolkata- 700049 (WB) and **Guarantor- Mr. Uma Shankar Biswas, S/o- Late Ram Ranjan Biswas, Address: Premises no.149 (600/1) Fatullapur Nimta, Vivekananda Pally, Near Vivekananda Pally Sporting Club Ward no. 34, Kolkata- 700049 (WB)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.13,92,979.02 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and Two Paise Only)** as on 12/07/2025 (further interest and other charges with effect from 13/07/2025), together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this **17th Day of October of the year 2025.**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda, Dunlop Branch for an amount of **Rs.13,92,979.02 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and Two Paise Only)** and Further interest and other charges with effect from 13.07.2025.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that a piece & portion of land measuring an area more or less 02 Cottahs 1 Chittack 8 sq. ft. lying in Mouza Fatullapur JL. No. 3, Touzi No. 63/163/164, comprised in Re. sa. No. 102, Under R.S. Khaitan no. 807, 808 & 809, L.R. Khaitan No. 550, Sabek Dag No.216 and Hal Dag No.216/976, Holding no. 149(600/1), Fatullapur VK Pally, within the ambit of North Dum Dum Municipality Ward no.34, ADSR office at Cossipore Dum Dum, P.S. Nimta, Dist. North 24 Parganas, Deed No.6507 for the year 1998, belonging to Sri Uma Shankar Biswas. The Property is **butted and bounded as under:** On the North: 10 Ft Wide Common Passage; On the South: Land under Dag No. 216; On the East: Land under Dagno. 216; On the West: Land under Dag No. 216.

(For mortgage of property situated at Fatullapur VK Pally, P.S. Nimta, Dist. North24 Parganas)

Date : 17.10.2025
Place: Kolkata

Chief Manager cum Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Tamil Nadu: Heavy Rain lashes several parts of the Nagapattinam and Chennai



MI News Service, Nagapattinam: Heavy rain lashed parts of Tamil Nadu including Nagapattinam and capital city Chennai on Sunday. However, visuals from Thoothukudi showed vegetable and fruit market operating despite heavy showers in the area. IMD has forecast ‘light to moderate’ rain in the city till October 22. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted rains to continue across the entire coastal area in Tamil Nadu from tomorrow.

The MeT department said that heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Tiruvavur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Chengalpattu districts & Pudukcherry and Karaikal area. IMD has issued a yellow alert for Chennai forecasting “partly cloudy sky with the possibility of moderate rain or thunderstorm accompanied by lightning.”

Due to heavy rain Train services on the Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) were also cancelled on Sunday following multiple landslides in the region. According to Southern Railway, “earth slips” occurred at several locations along the route, with boulders, mud, and fallen trees blocking the track between Kallar and Coonoor, disrupting train movement. As a result, the train

services were cancelled for October 19.”Train No. 56136 Mettupalayam – Udagamandalam. Train No. 56137 Udagamandalam – Mettupalayam. Train No. 06171 Mettupalayam – Udagamandalam Special Train,” a statement issued by Salem Division of Southern Railway read.

Earlier, India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced that a low-pressure area is likely to form over the southeast Bay of Bengal and may move west-northwestward and gradually intensify. The system is expected to strengthen further into a deep depression, authorities said. Official handle of the Regional Meteorological Centre Chennai said in a post on X that light to Moderate rain with Thunderstorm and lightning is likely at Isolated places over Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Madurai, Erode, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Chengalpattu, Chennai, Thiruvallur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvavur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Pudukcherry, Karaikal. Moderate rain with thunderstorm and lightning is likely at isolated places over Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Thoothukkudi, Kanyakumari and Tenkasi districts of Tamil Nadu, it added. Earlier, Heavy rain accompanied by thunder and lightning triggered waterlogging in parts of Thoothukkudi in Tamil Nadu. The District Administration had declared a holiday for schools in the district due to heavy rainfall.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director of the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Cuddalore District, said that in view of this, all types of mechanised country boats, catamarans, and motorised fishing vessels from Cuddalore district are advised not to venture into the sea until further notice.

Fishermen from the Cuddalore district who are currently engaged in fishing in the deep sea are instructed to return to the shore immediately, the official warned.All fishermen are kindly requested to strictly follow this advisory and extend their full cooperation to the government, he added.

Himachal Assembly Speaker extends greetings on Diwali

MI News Service, Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Sunday extended his heartfelt greetings to the state and the nation on the occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights. In his message, Pathania described Diwali as one of the major Hindu festivals, celebrated with joy and devotion across the country.

As per the release, Pathania said, “Diwali is a major Hindu festival, celebrated with great joy. Pathania said that this festival symbolises mutual brotherhood and social harmony. He said that during this festival, people go door to door distributing sweets and gifts to their close friends and also strive to promote unity and mutual harmony. Pathania said that this festival celebrates the return of Lord Shri Ram to Ayodhya, and people light lamps in every home to dispel darkness and express happiness.” He further added, “People burst fireworks and firecrackers on this day; they pollute the environment, which is harmful to people’s health. He urged people to exercise restraint and use them sparingly to keep the environment clean. Pathania wished happiness and prosperity to all the citizens of the state and the country and prayed to God that



this year be auspicious for all.” On this occasion, Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker Vinay Kumar also wished happiness and prosperity to the citizens of the state and the country and extended his heartfelt greetings to them on Diwali. Deepavali or Diwali is an Indian festival of lights. ‘Deepa’ means lamp or light, and ‘Vali’ means string or row, and Deepavali means rows of lights. It celebrates the victory of good over evil. Diwali is a five-day festival that starts on Dhanteras. On Dhanteras, people buy jewellery or utensils and worship God. The second day is called Naraka Chaturdashi. It is also called Chhoti Diwali or Small Diwali. The third day of Diwali is the main day of the celebrations. People worship Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi on this day and offer prayers to bless them with wealth and prosperity. The fourth day of Diwali is devoted to Govardhan Puja.

Rpf Of Eastern Railway Foils Drug Smuggling Attempt Under “Operation Narcos”



MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Oct.25 : Displaying utmost vigilance and commitment to passenger safety, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway successfully seized a substantial quantity of narcotic substances under “Operation Narcos” on 18 October 2025.

RPF officials of Sealdah Main Post, under Sealdah Division, apprehended one male individual at Sealdah Railway Station and recovered 7.634 kgs of Ganja, valued at approximately

Rs. 1,90,850/-. The arrested person, along with the seized contraband, was handed over to GRPS/Sealdah, where a case has been registered under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. This successful operation underscores the unwavering efforts of Eastern Railway’s RPF to curb illegal activities within railway premises and ensure a safe and secure environment for all passengers.

CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No.	Train Name	Date	Departure	Arrival
07225	Charlapalli-Shalimar Special	20.10.2025	04.30 hrs	06.50 hrs (Next Day)
07226	Shalimar-Charlapalli Special	21.10.2025	10.30 hrs	13.00 hrs (Next Day)

SER FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS TO RUN ON 20.10.2025

Train No. and Name	Departure	Arrival
08633 Santragachi - Ajmer Special	15:00 hrs	15:00 hrs 3rd Day
06082 Santragachi-Thiruvananthapuram Special	14:20 hrs	09:55 hrs 3rd Day
02841 Shalimar-MGR Chennai Central	18:30 hrs	23:30 hrs Next Day
06130 Santragachi-Chennai Egmore Special	14:55 hrs	21:00 hrs Next Day

Haryana constable dies in tragic road accident on duty in Panchkula, accused booked

MI News Service, Chandigarh: Haryana Police constable Deepak died in a tragic accident in Panchkula around 11 pm on Saturday night, while on duty. Constable Deepak was posted at the drink and drive checkpoint near the ChandiMandir toll plaza when a speeding truck broke through a barricade and crushed him, while the driver fled the scene. However, the accused truck driver was arrested near ITBP Bhanu as police quickly took charge of the situation. He has been subjected to a drug test.



“Constable Deepak’s sacrifice is not just a personal loss, but a symbol of the Haryana Police Force’s tradition of duty being paramount. He performed his duties with utmost devotion, discipline, and responsibility. His commitment sends the message that every Haryana Police constable is ready to sacrifice his life for public safety.” The DGP expressed his deepest condolences to the bereaved family and said, “The entire police family stands with them in this difficult time.” As per a release, Haryana Police has ensured that the family of the deceased constable Deepak gets all the relief benefits and financial assistance as per the state government policies. Haryana Police expressed deep condolences to Deepak’s family and assured that all possible legal steps will be taken to ensure the strictest possible punishment for the culprit.

A case has been registered against him under Section 105 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and further investigation is underway. Constable Deepak was posted at the Surjanpur Traffic Police Station in Panchkula and was performing his duties with utmost devotion and dedication. The Haryana Police family has expressed profound grief over this incident. He was a resident of Jind district. His family consists of his parents, wife, and two children. His son is 10 months old, and his daughter is 6 years old. Late Deepak’s last rites will be performed with full state honours today in his native village, Pillukheda, Jind district, official release said. DGP Haryana, OP Singh said,

Name Change
I, Sadhu Charan Biswas (Old Name) S/o Upen Biswas Residing at Vill - Chotia, Po - Bhabanipur, Ps - Bagdah, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743270 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sadhu Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Ld Executive Magistrate at Bongaon vide Affidavit no 3727 Dated 23-06-2025. Sadhu Charan Biswas (Old Name) and Sadhu Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nurjahan Bibi Khatun Mondal (Old Name) Wo Sarifuddin Mondal Residing at Ramnagar, Dakshin Para, Ps - Hanskhal, District- Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nurajahan Khatun Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 008 Dated 17-10-2025. Nurjahan Bibi Khatun Mondal (Old Name) and Nura-jahan Khatun Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sovan Kumar Roy (old name) S/o Subodh Chandra Ray, resident of 160 Andul Road, P.O.- B Garden, Howrah- 711103, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sovan Kumar Ray (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sovan Kumar Ray (new name) and Sovan Kumar Roy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Azizur Rahaman (Old Name), Son Of Abul Hossain Gazi, Residing At Vill & Po-Banka Ps-Hingalgunj, Basirhat-743435, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ajijur Rahaman Gazi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/09/2025. Md Azizur Rahaman And Ajijur Rahaman Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shiv Narayan Singh (old name) S/o Sitaram Singh, resident of 160 Andul Road, P.O.- B Garden, Howrah- 711103, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sheo Narayan Singh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sheo Narayan Singh (new name) and Shiv Narayan Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kalimullah Quoraishi (Old Name) S/o Isfaq Ahmed Qureshi Residing at PK Biswas Road, Jolia Para, Po-Ps- Khardah, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700117 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Kalimullah Qurashi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 17-10-2025. Kalimullah Quoraishi (Old Name) and Kalimullah Qurashi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Debolina Jha (Old Name), Wife Of Rakesh Kumar Jha, Residing At Mig- G-11, Nivapark, Phase- I, Brahmapur, Garia, Kolkata- 700096, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debolina Dutta (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Debolina Jha And Debolina Dutta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, GOPAL SARAF (old name) S/O Kesor deo saraf residing at DREAM RESIDENCY BLOCK-S, 6TH FLOOR, FLAT-6C, MANOR SALUA, RAJARHAT MAIN ROAD, P.O.- RAJARHAT GOPALPUR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS- 700136 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHRI GOPAL SARAF (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/09/2025. SHRI GOPAL SARAF (new name) and GOPAL SARAF (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Siddhartha Sankar Roy (old name) S/o Sovan Kumar Roy, resident of Kankra Shibram, Paschim Medinipur, Pin- 721136, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Siddhartha Sankar Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Siddhartha Sankar Roy (new name) and Siddhartha Sankar Roy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, A V P Raju (Old Name), Son Of Attivilli V Venkateswarlu, Residing At 129, Vidyasagar Pally, Near Maria S Day School, Po & Vic-Podra, Sankrail, Howrah-711109, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Attivilli Venkata Perraju (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/10/2025. A V P Raju (Old Name) And Attivilli Venkata Perraju (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Lalbihari Parasmampuria, Lalji Parasmampuria and Lala Parasmampuria (old names) S/O Basudeo Parasmampuria, residing at 69/L,Nimtalla Ghat Street, P.O.- Beadon Street, kolkata - 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lalbihari Parasmampuria (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Lalbihari Parasmampuria (new name) and Lalbihari Parasmampuria and Lalji Parasmampuria and Lala Parasmampuria (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMED MURTAZA AHMED (old name) S/o MD MUSTAQIM, resident of SUNSHINE APARTMENT 21/2B C N ROY ROAD PO-TILJALA, KOLKATA, Kolkata, 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD MURTAZA AHMED (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD MURTAZA AHMED (new name) and MOHAMMED MURTAZA AHMED (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Attivilli Annapurna And A V Annapurna (Old Name), Wife Of Attivilli Venkata Perraju, Residing At 129, Vidyasagar Pally, Near Marias Day School, Po & Vic:Podra, Sankrail,Howrah-711109, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Attivilli Venkata Annapurna (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/10/2025. Attivilli Annapurna And A V Annapurna (Old Name) And Attivilli Venkata Annapurna (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Asok Kumar Roy (old name) S/o, Late Santosh Roy, R/o. Roypara, Phulbagan, Paschim Jaykrishnapur, Hari-pal, Hooghly-712403, WB, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Roy (new name) vide an affidavit no. 06 sworn before Notary Public, Chandannagar, Hooghly Court on 13/10/2025. Asok Kumar Roy & Ashok Kumar Roy S/o. Late Santosh Roy both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMED MUSTAQEEM AHMED, MD MUSTAKIN & MD MUSTAQEEM AHMED (old names) S/o MOHAMMAD ISHRAFIL, resident of 498, G T ROAD, FAZIR BAZAR, HAORA (M CORP), HOWRAH- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD MUSTAQIM (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD MUSTAQIM (new name) and MOHAMMED MUSTAQEEM AHMED, MD MUSTAKIN & MD MUSTAQEEM AHMED (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subhra Sunder Chatterjee (old name) S/o Subhasis Chatterjee, resident of Dakshin Para Ward No.7, Gobra, Dankuni, Hooghly, Pin- 712702, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subhra Sunder Chatterjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Subhra Sunder Chatterjee (new name) and Subhra Sunder Chatterjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Shabaz Alam (Old Name), Son Of Md Ekramuddin, Residing At 4/1/H/3/1 Mominpore Road, Po & Vic:Khiddipore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Shabaz Alam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/10/2025. Mohammed Shabaz Alam And Md Shabaz Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Chhabilal Barman (old name) S/o Gosthabihari Barban, resident of Sutahata, Purba Medinipur, 721635, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhabilal Barman (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Chhabilal Barman (new name) and Chhabilal Barman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Masum Bilyah Molla (old name) S/o Mohiuddin Molla, resident of Vill- Jhapberia, P.O.- Malikpratap, P.S.- Mandir Bazar, Dist.- South 24 Pgs. Pin- 743355, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Masum Bilah Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/10/2025. Masum Bilah Molla (new name) and Masum Bilyah Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anita Agarwal (Old Name) Wo Murari Lal Agarwal Residing at Ashutosh Apartment Flat No-4D, 295/2 G T Road, Salkia, Babudanga, Haora (M.Corp), District - Howrah, Pin - 711106, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Sunita Agarwal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 30 Dated 15-10-2025. Anita Agarwal (Old Name) and Sunita Agarwal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Asgar Ali S/o Md Idris, resident of 13/1/H/4, Patwar Bagan Lane, Kolkata - 700009, West Bengal, India, hereby affirm that my actual name is Md Asgar Ali which is indicated in my Voter Id Card and Aadhaar Card but in voter id of my daughter Mehabeen Asghar, wrightly and invertantly indicated as Md Asghar Ali and Asgar Ali in her School Certificate. So, Md Asgar Ali, Md Asghar Ali and Asgar Ali is the same and one identical person.

Miscellaneous

In joint Op, Assam Rifles recover weapons from Manipur’s Bishnupur



MI News Service, Bishnupur: Assam Rifles, in conjunction with Manipur Police and Indian Army, recovered weapons and warlike stores during an Intelligence-based operation in Manipur, a release said. Based on specific intelligence inputs regarding the presence of a weapons cache, Assam Rifles, in conjunction with Manipur Police and the Indian Army, launched a joint operation in the general area of Phubala, Bishnupur District, Manipur, on October 13, it added.

The operation was initiated in the early hours with columns tactically moving to the general area. During the conduct of the operation, the team successfully

recovered weapons, ammunition and other War Like Stores, the release stated. “The recovered items include one INSAS Light Machine Gun (LMG) with magazine (Registered No. 18531137, confirmed as looted), one Single Barrel Breech Loading (SBBL) gun, one Chinese Hand Grenade, Five rounds of 5.56 mm INSAS live ammunition, Five Ballistive cartridges, Six 12 Bore cartridges, Three .303 rounds chargers, One Tube launching cylinder, one Baofeng Hand Held set, Three Bullet Proof (BP) helmets, Four BP plates, One rubber tube,” a release said.

The recovered arms, ammunition, and war-like stores have been handed

over to Moirang Police Station for further investigation. Earlier, Assam Rifles recovered war-like stores during an intelligence-based operation in Vaphai, Champhai District and apprehended two individuals. A release said that based on specific intelligence regarding the transhipment of a large quantity of warlike stores, Assam Rifles launched an operation on October 17 in Vaphai, Champhai District.

During early hours on October 18, the team tried to stop a Camper vehicle and on being challenged to stop the individuals attempted to flee but were apprehended after a pursuit. A thorough search of the vehicle led to the recovery of 5800 pieces of gelinitic rods, 10,500 meters of cordtex and 6000 pieces of detonators. The individuals transporting the explosives were identified as Lalrinsanga and Vanlalliana. The recovered war-like stores, along with the apprehended individuals, were handed over to Dungljang police station for further investigation.

Intensive Cleaning Drive Conducted by Howrah Division under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Oct.25 : As part of Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway carried out an intensive cleaning drive on 19th October, 2025. The drive focused on maintaining high standards of cleanliness across Howrah Station and its adjoining premises, including platforms, circulating areas, tracks, toilets, and drains.

A large team comprising staff from various departments participated in the campaign, ensuring thorough cleaning and removal of waste materials from passenger and operational areas. Special emphasis was given to cleaning of tracks and drains to prevent waterlogging and to ensure an overall hygienic environment for passengers and railway staff alike.

This initiative forms a part of the Division’s continuous efforts to uphold the vision of Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat, reinforcing the commitment towards sus-



tainable cleanliness and better passenger amenities. Regular monitoring and follow-up inspections are being undertaken to maintain the standards achieved through this drive. The Howrah Division remains steadfast in its mission to create a cleaner, safer, and more passenger-friendly railway environment in line with the objectives of Special Campaign 5.0.

On Civil Administration’s Request Circular Trains Movement Restricted For Three Days

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Oct.25 : As requested by the West Bengal Govt., Eastern Railway’s Sealdah Division has planned to regulate the Circular Railway train services on 21.10.2025, 22.10.2025 & 23.10.2025 for immersion of Goddesses Kali idol. Consequently, following arrangement in train running has been made: ● 03 (Three) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30312, 30314 and 30122) will be short terminated at Kolkata Station and 03 (Three) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30313, 30311 and 30313) will be short originated from Kolkata station. ● 1 (One) no.

of Circular Railway EMU local (30154) will be diverted & short terminated at Sealdah (North) station and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30123) will be short originated from Sealdah (North) station. ● 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30332) will be diverted via Kankurgachhi Road Jn. Ballygunge route to Majerhat and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30353) run via diverted route from Majerhat and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30416 & 30451) will remain cancelled. However, one Sealdah – Barupur EMU special will leave Sealdah at 19:10 hrs.

short terminated at Ballygunge station and 1 (One) nos. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30552) will be short originated from Ballygunge station. ● 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30112) will be diverted and short terminated at Ballygunge and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30317) will be short originated from Ballygunge and run via Ballygunge Jn. – Kankurgachhi Road. Moreover, 2 (Two) Nos. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30416 & 30451) will remain cancelled. However, one Sealdah – Barupur EMU special will leave Sealdah at 19:10 hrs.

Live-in relationships in Uttarakhand: Tighter controls more legal clarity

MI News Service, Uttarakhand: The Union Home Ministry reports a dramatic decline in Maoist-affected districts across India, plunging from 182 in 2013 to just 11 as of October 2025, signaling a decisive victory in the government’s anti-insurgency campaign. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unequivocally declared the nation will be completely free of Maoist insurgency by March 31, 2026. This pledge follows sustained efforts by the Narendra Modi-led NDA government since 2014 to eradicate left-wing extremism through a combination of security operations and socio-economic development initiatives.

killing of 312 Maoists in clashes with security forces this year alone, alongside the apprehension of 836 insurgents. Importantly, 1,639 Maoists have surrendered and re-integrated into society, including top-tier members such as a Politburo and a Central Committee member. In a hard-hitting message, Amit Shah appealed to Maoist cadres to abandon violence and uphold the Indian Constitution, reaffirming the government’s commitment to offer a peaceful path to rehabilitation. He issued a stark warning to those who reject this overture: security forces will respond with uncompromising force. With a defined deadline just over

five months away, the Union Home Ministry is emphatically pursuing a Maoist-free India, signaling an end to decades-long insurgency and bringing the promise of peace and progress to the affected regions.

KATWA-II DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
DAINHAT, PURBA BARDHAMAN

Notice Inviting e-Tender

E-Tenders are invited vide eNIT No.-WB/PURBA-BWN/KAT-II/25-26/021, Dated: 13.10.2025 & WB/PURBA-BWN/KAT-II/25-26/022, Dated: 15.10.2025, by the BDO, Katwa-II Panchayat Samity, Dainhat, Purba Bardhaman. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in/ for details. Last date of Tender submission 31.10.2025 upto 18:00 hours.

Sd/-
B.D.O.
Katwa-II Dev. Block
Dainhat, Purba Bardhaman

Bank of Baroda

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ANNEXURE-7
GOLD ORNAMENTS
AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE

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Awadhesh Prasad blams BJP's mindset for Deepotsav Snub

MI News Service, Uttar Pradesh: Samajwadi Party MP Awadhesh Prasad on Sunday expressed disappointment over not being invited by the BJP to Deepotsav celebration in Ayodhya stating that while the SP does not oppose the festivities, the ruling party's mindset and ideology were the reason behind the exclusion.

The SP leader alleged that although the festival was being funded by the government an invitation. "BJP organised the Deepotsav in Ayodhya... This also happened last year. Many people asked if I was going there or not. I told them I haven't received an invitation, despite it being organised with government money. Due to their mindset and ideology, they didn't invite me," he said. Prasad further stated, "Half of the oil will be used in lamps, and the other half will be sold. We do not oppose the Deepotsav; in fact, we welcome it. However, today there is a need for a system that brings awareness and light into people's homes, dispelling darkness." Commenting on SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav's recent statement regarding the festival, Prasad said, "His statement is correct. You should visit Ayodhya to observe how funds are being wasted and see the poor conditions everyone endures. There must be a system that fosters happiness in people's hearts, increases their income, eradicates unemployment, and promotes development that benefits everyone." Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for Deepotsav 2025 at Ram Ki Paidi, situated on the banks of the River Sarayu in Ayodhya. The state administration is aiming to create a record by lighting over 26 lakh earthen lamps (diyas) across the ghats, as part of the grand Diwali celebrations. Devotees and tourists have already begun arriving in the holy city to witness the vibrant spectacle. One of the devotees expressed his excitement at visiting the holy city, "Bahut acha nazara hai..bahut anand aa raha hai," he told.

Diwali returned marred by deadly road accidents: 12 dead

MI News Service, Uttarakhand: In a devastating road accident in Udham Singh Nagar district of Uttarakhand, four workers lost their lives while returning home after the Diwali vacation. The workers, employed by a contractor in the Khatima area, were headed to Sambal in Uttar Pradesh when their vehicle, a pickup van, collided head-on with a tractor-trolley on the Khatima-Nankana Sahib road. The impact of the collision was fatal for four workers, who died instantly at the scene. Three others sustained serious injuries and were initially admitted to Khatima Civil Hospital before being transferred to a better-equipped facility for advanced medical care.

This tragic incident adds to the growing toll of road accidents during the festive season, casting a shadow over Diwali celebrations. In a related and equally grievous incident, eight pilgrims perished in a catastrophic bus accident on Saturday evening in the Chandshali Ghat area of Nandbarbar district, Maharashtra. The pilgrims had been returning from a visit to the Astamba Devi temple when the driver reportedly lost control of the bus, causing it to plunge into a deep ditch and overturn. The force of the crash was severe; many passengers were ejected from the wreckage, and several others remained trapped inside the mangled vehicle. Local police quickly responded to the scene, organizing urgent medical evacuation to Taloda Sub-district Hospital. The most critically injured were subsequently referred to the district hospital.



Soldiers patrol a snow-covered mountain at a forward post along the Line of Control (LoC), ahead of Diwali festival, in Kupwara, north Kashmir.

Air India to operate special Milan-Delhi flight to bring home stranded passengers

MI News Service, New Delhi:

Air India will operate an additional flight from Milan to Delhi today to accommodate passengers of flight AI138, which was cancelled on October 17 due to a technical issue. The special flight aims to bring back 256 passengers who have been stranded in Milan since last Friday. The airline's Boeing 787 Dreamliner (VT-ANN) had earlier encountered a technical problem upon landing in Milan, which prevented it from operating the return journey to Delhi. The affected passengers were returning home for Diwali and were left stranded due to the disruption.

In a post on X, Air India said, "Flight AI138D will depart from Milan at 1900 hrs (local time) and arrive in Delhi on the morning of 20 October." The airline added that it has extended all immediate assistance to affected passengers, including hotel accommodation and meals. "Full refunds or complimentary rescheduling were also offered as per passenger preference," it said. The carrier reaffirmed its commitment, stating, "We remain committed to extending support and assistance to our passengers at every step." The cancellation of flight AI138 on 17 October follows a similar incident on August 16 this year, when an Air India Milan-Delhi flight was cancelled due to a technical issue detected during pushback.



According to the carrier, a maintenance task was identified just as the aircraft was preparing for departure, and the operating crew subsequently came under mandatory flight duty time limitation norms, making it unsafe and impermissible for them to continue. "Flight AI138 operating from Milan to Delhi on 16 August was cancelled due to a maintenance task identified during pushback, and subsequently due to the crew coming under the mandatory flight duty time limitation norms," a spokesperson with Air India said in a statement.

The spokesperson added, "Air India sincerely regrets the inconvenience caused to passengers due to this unforeseen cancellation. Our ground team in Milan extended immediate assistance to all affected passengers, providing hotel accommodation and offering full refunds on cancellation or complimentary rescheduling as opted by the passengers." The airline said that alternative arrangements are being made to fly the passengers to their destination at the earliest. At Air India, the safety and well-being of our passengers and crew remain top priority," the spokesperson said. Earlier on August 3, two Air India flights were also cancelled due to technical reasons. Flight AI349, scheduled to operate from Singapore to Chennai on Sunday, August 3, was cancelled due to a maintenance task identified prior to departure, which required additional time for rectification. Another flight, AI500, scheduled to operate from Bhubaneswar to Delhi on August 3, was cancelled due to a technical issue that caused a high cabin temperature on the ground before departure.

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Pregnant woman killed by lover: Husband retaliates, kill murderer

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a chilling and violent episode in central Delhi, a pregnant woman was brutally murdered by her lover, only for her husband to kill the assailant in retaliation. The incident unfolded in the Ran Nagar area, exposing the lethal consequences of a tangled web of extramarital affair. Shalini, 22, housewife and mother of two daughters, was expecting her third child. Her husband, Akash, 23, an e-rickshaw driver, had been struggling with the deterioration of their marital relationship. Shalini had developed an extramarital relationship with a local criminal, Ashu alias Shailendra, 34, Ashu claimed paternity of the unborn child, demanding Shalini leave her husband. Shalini refused, intensifying the animosity between the parties. On the night of Saturday, tensions erupted violently as Akash and Shalini went to visit her unexpectedly appeared, attacking Akash with a knife. Amid the chaos, noticing Shalini seated in an e-rickshaw, Ashu aggressively stabbed her multiple times, killing her on the spot.

Delhi HC rules: Self-sufficient spouses cannot claim alimony

MI News Service, Delhi: In a significant ruling on alimony in divorce cases, the Delhi High Court has emphasized that self-sufficiency and financial independence disqualify spousal claims for maintenance. The bench, comprising Justice Anil Khetrpal and Justice Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, underscored that the provision of permanent alimony is intended solely as a measure of social justice, not as a tool for financial enrichment or equalization between two capable individuals.

The case involved a high-profile divorce be-

which led to this pivotal discussion. The court referred to Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage Act, highlighting that permanent maintenance must be adjudicated by thoroughly examining the financial status, income, property, and conduct of the applicant spouse. It categorically stated that maintenance is not legally tenable if the applicant is financially self-reliant. Furthermore, the bench observed that the petitioner was not contesting the dissolution of the marriage itself but was instead seeking financial security through maintenance. The court



tween a lawyer husband and his wife, a Group A officer in the Indian Railways Traffic Service. Married in 2010, the couple separated within 14 months amid mutual accusations of physical and mental abuse. The family court finalized their divorce in 2023, rejecting the wife's demand for maintenance amounting to Rs 50 lakh. Subsequently, the wife approached the Delhi High Court seeking maintenance,

noted that opposing divorce while simultaneously indicating consent upon receipt of substantial monetary settlement reveals an intent driven by financial gain rather than preserving the marital relationship. This landmark judgment sets a strict precedent that alimony claims cannot serve as a means to leverage financial advantage when both parties possess independent means.

Ayodhya lit up with Over 26 Lakh Diyas, Sets Two Guinness World Records on Chhoti Diwali

MI News Service, Ayodhya: The holy city of Ayodhya shimmered like a river of light on Sunday evening as more than 26 lakh oil lamps were lit across the city to mark Chhoti Diwali. The spectacular illumination transformed the temple town into a radiant sea of diyas, creating a breathtaking visual that seemed to bathe the sacred city in divine glow. With this grand celebration, Ayodhya entered the Guinness World Records once again, securing two global titles — for the largest display of oil lamps and for the highest number of people lighting diyas simultaneously. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath received the official certificates from representatives of Guinness World Records during the ceremony, marking another historic achievement for the city of Lord Ram. The record-setting event was organised jointly by the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department and the Ayodhya district administration as part of the annual Deepotsav celebrations. According to officials, exactly 26,17,215 diyas were lit along the banks of the sacred Sarayu River at the

Ram Ki Paidi ghats. Thousands of devotees, volunteers, and tourists from across India gathered on the riverfront to witness the mesmerising spectacle. As the lamps were lit in unison, the entire city glowed in golden light, symbolising the triumph of light over darkness — the core spirit of Diwali. The event also broke another record for the maximum number of people performing aarti together, highlighting the collective devotion and enthusiasm of Ayodhya's residents and visitors. Chief Minister Adityanath, while addressing the gathering, said that Deepotsav reflects Ayodhya's timeless cultural heritage and showcases India's deep-rooted spiritual traditions to the world. He congratulated the people of Ayodhya for their dedication and discipline in making the event a grand success. The celebration, which has grown in scale each year since its inception, displayed the spiritual magnificence and cultural vibrancy of the historic city. As the flames of millions of diyas danced along the riverbanks, Ayodhya once again stood as a glowing symbol of faith, unity, and devotion.

India near Maoist-free status: Just 11 district left, target set for march 2026

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry reports a dramatic decline in Maoist-affected districts across India, plunging from 182 in 2013 to just 11 as of October 2025, signaling a decisive victory in the government's anti-insurgency campaign. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unequivocally declared the nation will be completely free of Maoist insurgency by March 31, 2026. This pledge follows sustained efforts by the Narendra Modi-led NDA government since 2014 to eradicate left-wing extremism through a combination of security operations and socio-economic development initiatives. According to official data, the Maoist presence has been severely crippled, with only three districts—Bijapur, Sukma, and Narayanpur in Chhattisgarh—remaining Maoist strongholds. These figures underscore a steep decline from the 18 affected districts reported as recently as April 2025, reflecting the removal of seven districts from the Maoist list within six months. The government's stringent operations have led to the killing of 312 Maoists in clashes with security forces this year alone, alongside the apprehension of 836 insurgents. Importantly, 1,639 Maoists have surrendered and re-integrated into society, including top-tier members such as a Politburo and a Central Committee member. In a hard-hitting message, Amit Shah appealed to Maoist cadres to abandon violence and uphold the Indian Constitution, reaffirming the government's commitment to offer a peaceful path to rehabilitation. He issued a stark warning to those who reject this overture: security forces will respond with uncompromising force.

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Researchers unveil new tool that reveals gene behaviour in bacteria



LOS ANGELES [US]: Bacterial infections are responsible for millions of deaths each year, with the global threat made severe by the increasing resistance of microbes to antibiotic treatments.

This is due, in part, to bacteria's capacity to switch genes on and off when they detect environmental changes, including the presence of drugs.

Such switching is accomplished through transcription, which converts the DNA in genes into its chemical cousin in mRNA, which guides the building of proteins that make up the microbe's structure.

Understanding how mRNA production is regulated for each bacterial gene is central to efforts to counter resistance, but approaches used to study this regulation to date have been laborious. According to a new study, scientists revealed a trick that may speed such efforts.

According to the study authors, organisms from bacteria to humans grow as their cells multiply by dividing, with each cell becoming two. Before cells divide, they must copy their DNA such that each of the two daughter cells has a copy. To do so, a molecular machine called DNA polymerase ticks down the DNA chain, reading and making a copy of each gene one by one.

Publishing online Jan. 24 in the journal Nature, the study adds to explanations of how gene expression throughout the genome is shaped by DNA replication during bacterial growth.

Specifically, the research team found that when DNA polymerase arrives at any specific gene, it disrupts the transcription in a way that reveals the state of that gene's regulatory status.

"Our study results show that the constant replication of genes during the cell cycle as the bacterial cells reproduce and grow can be exploited to learn about many aspects of how genes are regulated," said study lead investigator Andrew Pountain, PhD, a postdoctoral research fellow at NYU Langone Health and its Institute for Systems Genetics.

"We like the analogy of the electrocardiogram in medicine," said Itai Yanai, the senior investigator of the study and professor at NYU Langone's Institute for Systems Genetics.

By monitoring patterns of electrical activity in the heart, the ECG reveals a series of waves that provide a detailed, graphical view of a patient's cardiac health. Similarly, waves of changes in the abundance of mRNA in response to a gene's replication produce a signature on a graph, which the authors termed the transcription-replication interaction profile, or TRIP.

The researchers showed how specific waves can be linked to certain features. For example, whether a gene is under a specific form of control, known as repression, where a protein blocks that gene's mRNA from being made. These repressed genes were found to have characteristic, spiked TRIP patterns. "Our aim is to understand how gene regulation shapes these TRIPs, with a goal of using them to diagnose gene regulation across the entire set of thousands of genes in the bacterium," added Yanai.

"We hope that our further investigations of gene expression profiles will offer insight into how groups of genes respond to disruptions or changes in their environment."

High blood pressure may increase risk of strokes, finds study

MICHIGAN [US] : A Michigan Medicine study found that high systolic blood pressure (the top number on the blood pressure reading and how hard the heart pumps blood to the arteries) increases the risk of the two most common types of strokes over time.

The study looked at the average systolic blood pressure years before the first stroke in over 40,000 adults aged 18 and older who had no history of stroke.

Researchers covered three types of stroke: ischemic, a clot that cuts blood supply to the brain and the cause of over 85 per cent of all strokes; intracerebral hemorrhage, a bleed within the brain; and subarachnoid hemorrhage, bleeding between the brain and the tissues that cover it. They found that having a mean systolic blood pressure that is 10-mm Hg higher than average was associated with a 20 per cent higher risk of overall stroke and ischemic stroke, as well as a 31% greater risk of intracerebral hemorrhage.

"Our results suggest that early diagnosis and sustained control of high blood pressure over the lifespan are critical to preventing



stroke, ischemic stroke and intracerebral hemorrhage, especially in Black and Hispanic patients who are more likely to have uncontrolled hypertension than white patients," said senior author Deborah A. Levine, M.D., M.P.H., professor of internal medicine and neurology at University of Michigan Medical School.

Black patients had a 20 per cent higher risk of ischemic stroke and a 67 per cent higher risk of intracerebral hemorrhage than white patients. Hispanic patients had a 281% higher risk of sub-

arachnoid hemorrhage, but not any other stroke type, compared to white patients. While Black and Hispanic patients had a higher risk of stroke, researchers found little evidence to suggest that race and ethnicity affected the association between cumulative systolic blood pressure and the type of stroke that affected any patient.

"Examining racial inequities advances our understanding of the social, economic and political structures that affect health behaviors and risk for stroke

Research explores secrets of lipid synthesis inside cells

LOS ANGELES [US] : South Korean researchers at the IBS Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics (IBS CMSD) have made a useful discovery concerning cellular microscopy.

The team has successfully developed Two-Color Infrared Photothermal Microscopy (2C-IPM), a unique method for studying neutral lipids within lipid droplets of living cells.

This new microscopy can be combined with isotope labelling, which allows thorough monitoring of neutral lipid synthesis within individual lipid droplets.

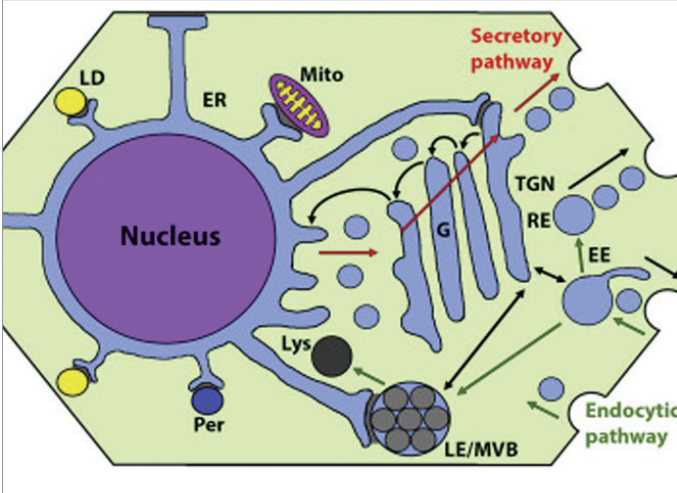
Lipid droplets (LDs) are structures made up of pockets of neutral lipids (triglycerides) enclosed in a monolayer of phospholipids.

They have long been regarded as uninteresting organelles whose sole function is to store excess energy in the form of neutral lipids.

However, recent studies indicate these droplets actually are dynamic players in various cellular metabolic activities.

It was found they are actively involved in regulating lipid toxicity and cell communication, as well as their correlation with prevalent diseases like obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Understanding the functions of LDs is thus imperative for the



diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

Researchers have traditionally stained the cells with lipophilic dyes and employed fluorescence microscopy to study LDs within cells. However, this method has several significant limitations. First is photobleaching of the dyes, which restricts the observation duration of the LDs to very short time windows. Another limitation is the fluorescent dyes themselves. The currently used fluorescent dyes simply target the hydrophobic environment within LDs, utilizing unspecified binding mechanisms. As such, they are

incapable of accurately analyzing the composition and quantity of neutral lipids.

Unlike previous methods that relied on fluorescent microscopy, the new 2C-IPM technology uses an infrared (IR) spectroscopic method and does not require the use of fluorescent dyes. The new method monitors neutral lipids within LDs directly by detecting changes in IR absorbance. Importantly, this advantage allows researchers to observe the synthesis of neutral lipids within individual LDs in living cells over a long period. Employing the newly developed method, the research

among racial and ethnic minority groups," said Kimson E. Johnson, Ph.D., M.A., M.S.W., first author and postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Michigan. While systolic blood pressure is a modifiable target for preventing stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, a national study conducted in 2020 found that blood pressure control in the United States worsened from 2013 to 2018, especially for Black and Hispanic adults. Self-monitoring of blood pressure improves blood pressure diagnosis and control and is accurate and cost-effective, but it remains an underused tool, Levine says.

"Two major barriers to self-monitoring of blood pressure are lack of patient education and insurance not covering the home blood pressure monitors, which cost \$50 or more," she said.

"Health care systems and providers must educate and urge their patients to do home blood pressure monitoring, and insurers must pay for home blood pressure monitors to optimize people's blood pressure and reduce their chances of having a stroke."

Study assesses therapeutic strategies for severe obesity in adolescents



Illinois [US] : According to a study, adolescents with severe obesity who got both meal-replacement therapy and financial incentives had a higher reduction in body mass index compared to those who just received meal-replacement therapy. The finding was published in JAMA Pediatrics. Justin Ryder, PhD, Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Surgery at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, was a co-author of the study.

Severe obesity currently affects about one in five children and adolescents in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is defined as having a body mass index, or BMI, either at or above the 95th percentile for age and sex. The condition is associated with an increased risk of adult obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

Previous research has found that meal replacement therapy (MRT), rather than traditional lifestyle modifications, is more effective in helping reduce BMI in adolescents with severe obesity. In the current study, the investigators sought to determine if MRT paired with financial incentives to adolescents with severe obesity would increase the efficacy of MRT and lead to a greater reduction in BMI, when compared to MRT alone. "There's literature for adults that supports that tying in financial incentives to weight loss or physical activity programs increases adherence,

and so we wanted to see whether or not adding financial incentives to a behavioural/nutrition weight loss program using meal replacement therapy would increase adherence and through adherence, increase the efficacy of the treatment," Dr Ryder said. Of the 126 adolescents enrolled in the study, 63 participants received MRT plus financial incentives and 63 participants received only MRT for one year. MRT included pre-portioned meals totalling 1,200 calories per day, and financial incentives were provided based on reduction in body weight from baseline. After 52 weeks, the MRT plus financial incentives group had a greater BMI reduction (a reduction of 6 percentage points) and a greater reduction in total body fat mass (a loss of 4.8 kilograms) compared to those who only received MRT therapy.

"Using a cost-effectiveness analysis, we looked at mean fat mass lost between the two treatments and found that despite providing the additional meal replacements for per pound lost, it was cost-effective to do so," Dr Ryder added. Additional work is also needed to develop interventions that extend beyond one year, according to the authors.

"While financial incentives plus MRT appears to be a longer-term strategy than MRT alone, treatment withdrawal will likely result in BMI increase. As such, research is needed to identify strategies that are scalable and feasible in the long term given the chronic nature of obesity," the authors wrote.

Hypertension guidelines do not include potassium-enriched salt: Study

NEW SOUTH WALES [AUSTRALIA] : An international panel of experts published a suggestion in the scientific journal Hypertension published by the American Heart Association, calling for the inclusion of low-sodium potassium-enriched salt in hypertension therapy guidelines.

High levels of sodium intake and low levels of potassium intake are widespread, and both are linked to high blood pressure (hypertension) and a greater risk of stroke, heart disease and premature death. Using a salt substitute where part of the sodium chloride is replaced with potassium chloride addresses both problems at once.

Professor Alta Schutte at The George Institute for Global Health and UNSW Sydney said that despite data from randomised controlled trials demonstrating the health benefits of potassium-enriched, sodium-reduced salt substitutes, they are rarely used.

"We found current clinical guidelines offer incomplete and inconsistent recommendations about the use of these salt substitutes," she said.

"Given the wealth of evidence available, we feel it's time to include salt substitutes in treatment guidelines to help address spiralling rates of uncontrolled high blood pressure around the world and reduce preventable deaths."

Potassium-enriched salt can be used as a direct replacement for regular salt (sodium chloride) when seasoning, preserving or manufacturing foods. Importantly, while other salt reduction strategies make foods taste less salty, switching to potassium-enriched salt is

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undetectable by most people. "Unwanted taste effects are the main reason why efforts to reduce salt intake have failed for more than two decades. The willingness of patients to keep using potassium-enriched salt removes that barrier, which is why it can be a game-changer," Prof Schutte added. A global collaboration of researchers from the US, Australia, Japan, South Africa and India reviewed 32 separate hypertension treatment guidelines - two from global organisations, five from regional organisations and 25 from country organisations - published between 1 January 2013 and 21 June 2023. They found all guidelines referred to sodium reduction, with most recommending reducing salt intake.



Many also recommended increasing dietary potassium intake, but only two - the Chinese and European guidelines - made a specific recommendation for using potassium-enriched salt.

Dr Tom Frieden, President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives, a global public health organisation focused on preventing 100 million deaths from cardiovascular disease, said that the number of people living with hypertension had doubled in the past 30 years to about 1.3 billion. "High blood pressure kills more than ten million people every year - almost 20 people every minute. Twenty percent of these deaths can be linked to a single culprit: eating too much salt," he said. "Based on the evidence, there is little

doubt that most patients with hypertension and their families should reduce their overall salt intake and, when choosing to consume salt, should switch from regular salt to potassium-enriched salt. This will help reduce blood pressure and protect against serious complications such as stroke and premature death."

Dr Frieden emphasized the shift required to our food environment. "As a society, we must prioritize availability and accessibility of low-sodium, potassium-enriched salts - at home, in restaurants, and in grocery stores. These products should not be marketed or priced as a luxury. Low-sodium, potassium-enriched salt can become the new default." Another barrier to uptake has

been concerns about causing elevated levels of potassium in the blood (hyperkalaemia) in people with advanced kidney disease.

Professor Bruce Neal, Executive Director at The George Institute Australia and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Imperial College London, said it is clear that patients with advanced kidney disease should not use potassium-enriched salts, but this applies to a very small proportion of the population, and these patients are already recommended to avoid salt intake.

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The authors argued that given potassium-enriched salt is one of the few dietary interventions patients comply with long-term, it is logical to at least consider the use of potassium-enriched salt for all those with hypertension.

"We strongly encourage clinical guideline bodies to review their recommendations about the use of potassium-enriched salt substitutes at the earliest opportunity - if the world switched from using regular salt to potassium-enriched it would prevent millions of strokes and heart attacks every year at very low cost," added Prof Schutte.

Nationwide "No Kings' protest: Million stand against Trump's rule

MI News Service, Washington: In what is being hailed as the largest nationwide protest movement against Donald Trump's administration, millions of Americans took to the streets across all 50 states on Saturday as part of the "No Kings Protest." Organizers and participants have framed the demonstrations as a resolute stand against perceived authoritarianism and an urgent defense of democratic principles. According to multiple reports from U.S. media outlets, over 2,500 protest events unfolded in both major metropolitan areas and smaller towns, drawing massive crowds from Washington D.C., New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, and beyond.



Protesters voiced fierce opposition to a range of policies attributed to the Trump administration, including the undermining of democratic institutions, aggressive immigration enforcement, ICE raids, and the deployment of federal troops in various jurisdictions.

In Atlanta, demonstrators marched from the city's Civic Center to the Georgia State Capitol chanting "No Kings," symbolically rejecting what they view as dictatorial governance. Los Angeles saw some of the largest assemblies, with participants raising American and

Mexican flags in solidarity with immigrant communities—rekindling the city's June protests against the National Guard's previous mobilization. This sweeping wave of dissent unfolds amid a political impasse in Washington, marked by a government shutdown and budgetary deadlock. Democratic leaders have publicly endorsed the protests, framing them as an essential expression of American values. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer declared at a New York rally, "There will be no dictators in America. We will defend our democracy." Senator Bernie Sanders applauded the movement, stating, "There will be no kings in America—the people will rule

here." California Governor Gavin Newsom appealed for calm and peaceful demonstration via social media, emphasizing unity and restraint. Law enforcement agencies reported largely peaceful protests nationally; New York City Police noted that approximately 100,000 people marched across the five boroughs without any arrests. The "No Kings Protest" has rapidly evolved into a potent symbol of the burgeoning ideological battle between democracy and perceived autocracy in the United States, voicing a collective demand for democratic accountability and governance by the people—not by a figure with unchecked power.

South Korea boots security amid rising hacking threats

MI News Service, Seoul : The interior ministry of South Korea said on Friday that it has strengthened security measures for online systems of the government, after detecting signs of hacking of the government's administration platform, Yonhap news agency report.

According to Yonhap, the move comes after Phrack, an online cybersecurity publication, reported that in August this year, the South Korean government branches and companies appeared to have been target by hackers. Phrack had earlier reported that the North Korean hacking group Kimsuky was behind the attack. As per the report by Yonhap, signs of hacking were reportedly detected in the interior and foreign ministries, the military, the prosecution, as well as major companies, including kakao Corp, Nave Corp., KT Corp. and LG Uplus Corp. "In mid-July, (we) confirmed signs through the National Intelligence Service (NIS) that an external internet PC accessed the Onnara system via the Government-Virtual Private Network (G-VPN)," the ministry said as reported by Yonhap. It further noted that the Onnara system is the government's online v platform, which manas official documents and It further noted that the Onnara system is the government's online work platform, which manages official documents and handles internal workflow. As per Yonhap, the ministry said it strengthened security measures in response by requiring officials to go through extra authentication procedures when connecting to G-VPN for remote work.It further noted that the ministry said government public key infrastructure (GPKI) certificates of 650 officials were also presumed to have been targeted. GPKI certificates are used by public officials for authentication. While most of the certificates had been remained valid were scrapped as of August 13. As per Yonhap, the ministry said it plans to replace the GPKI-based authentication system with a biometric system when public officials access the government's internal administrative system. Yonhap said that officials suspected of the certificate information getting leaked due to user carelessness.

Trump mocking files 'king' jet amid millions' 'No Kings' protests Nationwide

MI News Service, New York: Amidst unprecedented nationwide protests denouncing his administration as authoritarian, President Donald Trump issued a provocative response that has further intensified the political storm engulfing the United States. The "No Kings" movement, which saw millions rallying across all 50 states on Saturday, aimed explicitly at confronting what demonstrators describe as dictatorial tendencies within Trump's governance. In response, Trump leveraged his social media platform, Truth Social, to post a series of AI-generated videos portraying himself as a king flying a fighter jet, accompanied by the iconic song "Danger Zone" by Kenny Loggins. One particularly incendiary clip depicted Trump, crowned as a monarch, piloting a fighter jet that releases feces onto protestors below—an unmistakable taunt directed at the nationwide dissent.

Additional posts circulated on Instagram by Team Trump showed the president standing regally before the White House, backed by the soaring vocals of Andrea Bocelli, further amplifying his defiant stance. Saturday's protests marked one of the largest coordinated demonstrations in recent U.S. history, with over 2,500 events reported nationwide, saturating major urban centers such as New York City, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Chicago, as well as smaller towns and areas near Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida. Organizers estimate participation at around seven million, emphasizing a broad coalition mobilized "against dictatorship and in support of democracy." Protesters voiced vehement opposition to a suite of policies associated with the Trump administration—including the erosion of democratic institutions, stringent immigration enforcement, ICE raids, and

the deployment of federal troops to quell unrest. In Atlanta, crowds marched from the Civic Center to the Georgia State Capitol chanting "No King," encapsulating the symbolic rejection of perceived authoritarianism. Los Angeles hosted the largest demonstrations, uniting activists behind American and Mexican flags in solidarity with immigrant communities, rekindling the spirit of the city's earlier protests against the National Guard's deployment. While Republican leaders dismissed the demonstrations as "anti-American," the breadth and intensity of the protests underscore a nation deeply divided, grappling with fundamental questions about democracy, governance, and the limits of executive power. President Trump's theatrical retorts only deepen the fissures, highlighting the volatile political terrain as the United States faces an unprecedented reckoning over its democratic future.

Bangladesh fires spark fears of sabotage as government vows strict action

MI News Service, Bangladesh: A massive fire erupted on Saturday at the Cargo Village Complex of Dhaka's Shahjalal International Airport, prompting a stringent response from Bangladesh's interim government amid suspicions of potential sabotage. The blaze, which took approximately six and a half hours and the deployment of 37 firefighting engines to control, inflicted injuries on 35 people—25 of whom were actively engaged in firefighting efforts. The incident forced the temporary closure of the country's busiest airport, halting all flights until the fire was fully extinguished around 9 PM.

The fire originated between the post office and the airport hangar, in an area designated for storing imported goods, and rapidly spread, generating thick smoke visible from a distance. This incident follows a troubling spree of fires across Bangladesh, including a devastating blaze at a chemical warehouse in Mirpur's Shialbari earlier

this week that claimed 16 lives, and another fire at a private facility in Chittagong a few days later. The sequence of events has heightened public anxiety and raised questions about possible orchestrated arson. Interim Government Head Mohammad Yunus addressed the nation with a firm warning, emphasizing that investigations are underway and pledging strict action should evidence confirm the fires were deliberate acts of sabotage aimed at inciting fear and chaos. He stressed, "If these are proven to be acts of sabotage designed to instill panic, such attempts will only succeed if fear overrides reason—and we will not allow this." The ongoing investigations reflect the government's commitment to safeguarding public safety and infrastructure, signaling zero tolerance for any attempts to destabilize the nation. Authorities continue to assess all leads as the country grapples with this alarming series of fire incidents.

Howrah Division Gears Up To Handle Festive Rush With Enhanced Facilities, War Room Monitoring And Expanded Holding Areas

Effective Crowd Management Ensures Smooth Boarding Experience at Howrah Station

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Oct.25 : Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has undertaken a comprehensive series of measures to manage the anticipated surge in passenger movement during the ongoing festive season of Kali Puja, Diwali and Chhath Puja. These initiatives are designed to ensure smooth boarding and dispersal of passengers, reduce congestion across platforms and circulating areas, and provide a safe, orderly and comfortable travel experience to all travellers. Two large holding areas measuring 7360 sq ft and 4900 sq ft have been developed at Howrah Station to regulate passenger flow during peak hours. These spaces serve as temporary waiting zones, easing congestion at critical entry and exit points and facilitating a steady and organised boarding process. Passengers can avail of the facility without any exception.

Passenger guidance systems have been significantly strengthened. Signage has been upgraded for improved visibility, public address systems have been enhanced for timely communication, and dedicated passenger assistance teams have been deployed to support travellers. Controlled entry through barricaded channels is being maintained, and additional Railway Protection Force personnel and railway staff have been positioned at key locations to ensure safety and to assist passengers during high-traffic periods. A dedicated War Room has been set up to enable real-time monitoring and swift response during periods of high passenger movement. CCTV footage from all major stations is being monitored from a single location, allowing coordinated action and immediate intervention wherever required.

On 18 October 2025, the Divisional Railway Manager, along with other senior officers including the Senior Divisional Security Commissioner and the Senior Divisional



Commercial Manager, visited Howrah Station to take stock of the physical situation and review the implementation of these measures on the ground. The coordinated approach of the division was reflected in the efficient handling of heavy passenger traffic on the day. Smooth and orderly boarding was ensured for Train No. 13021 Howrah-Raxaul Express on Platform No. 8 and Train No. 12369 Kumbh Express on Platform No. 11. The joint efforts of RPF personnel and staff of the Commercial Department were instrumental in regulating passenger flow and assisting travellers to board comfortably and safely.

Passengers appreciated the disciplined, structured and well-coordinated arrangements put in place by the railway authorities. Howrah Division shall also be proactively reaching out through social media platforms and other communication channels to inform and guide passengers, stakeholders and the public about the arrangements being implemented. These efforts aim to encourage cooperation, create awareness and ensure a smoother and more orderly boarding process during the peak festive period. Eastern Railway remains firmly committed to providing a safe, secure and convenient travel experience to passengers. With enhanced facilities, strengthened monitoring and a focus on proactive crowd management, Howrah Division is fully prepared to meet the increased passenger demand during this festive season.

Japan tops Global IQ rankings: Education and innovation drive success



MI News Service, Japan: The measure of a nation's intellectual capacity is often debated, but data on average Intelligence Quotient (IQ) scores across countries offers insight into the complex interplay of education, culture, and economic advancement as key drivers of national success. Leading the global IQ rankings is Japan, with an average IQ score of 106.48, closely followed by Taiwan at 106.47. These statistics reflect more than innate intelligence; they are the outcome of rigorous education systems, cultural discipline, and sustained investment in technology and innovation.

Message of harmony and brotherhood at Pir Baro Hujur's gathering in Furfura



Nurul Islam Khan: Lakhs of acres of land in the country have been endowed by Allah to you by our ancestors. The government is forcibly occupying those properties, may Allah judge you. These words were said by Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui. On Sunday, special honors and traditional Isale Sawab were held at the memorial of Pir Baro Hujur in Furfura. This 48th famous gathering is being held every year on the 1st of Kartik in memory of the late Pir Shaykhul Islam Hazrat Maulana Abu Nasr Muhammad Abdul Hai Siddiqui Al-Qurayshi (Rahmatullah Alaihi). A prayer mahfil was also held on the same stage for Pir Ma, Pir Allama Ansar Siddiqui and Pir Hazrat Abu Ibrahim Siddiqui Hujur and their wives. Pir Hazrat Abdullah Siddiqui offered the last prayer. He prayed for the welfare of the people of the entire world. As per tradition, the traditional Zeker Majlis was conducted by Pirzada Maulana Sawban Siddiqui. He said that the contribution of Muslims in this country is universal. Still, their religious freedom is being taken away. If they say that they love the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), they are being harassed and arrested. Therefore, Muslims have a glorious contribution in patriotism. This time too, turbans were given to the students of the madrasa.

Pirzada Maulana Mujahid Siddiqui, Maulana Muhammad Rezwani Karim and Ali Yusuf Samil, among others, spoke. In a statement wishing the success of the meeting, Shaykhul Hadith, Pir Allama Shaykh Mishkat Siddiqui offered prayers. The initiative was taken by Furfura Bishwa Islam Mission Quranic Sunni Jamiatul Muslimeen Hizbullah. Since this morning, numerous students of the madrasa participated in Kalam Pak, Darood Sharif and various quiz competitions. Impromptu speeches in different languages in memory of Pir Baro Huzoor won the hearts of the common people. Quran recitation and ghazal competitions were held between the seniors and juniors of Furfura Fatehiya Kharezia Hizful Quran and Dauratul Hadith Madrasas. The conversation in Arabic among the students was quite eye-catching. In the meeting, famous scholars of Bengal highlighted the establishment of Pir Baro Huzoor's educational institutions and various social activities. The speakers present shed light on the rare role that Pir Saheb played in establishing unity and harmony among people of different religions. Pirzada Shahim Siddiqui, Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Zabihullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Mehrab Siddiqui, Pirzada Tamim Siddiqui, Pirzada Asebillah Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, Siddiqui, Pirzada Mosfekin Siddiqui, Pirzada Safiri Siddiqui and Pirzada Nausad Siddiqui were present along with numerous Pirsahabs. Prayers were also offered for the innocent people of Palestine. Thousands of people from many districts participated in the meeting.

Metro Railway Conducting Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 00 Oct.25 :As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Metro Railway organized intensive cleaning drives at different Metro stations today. Commuters were also requested to extend their co-operation in maintaining cleanliness at Metro premises. Under this campaign, Metro authorities have been conducting intensive cleaning drives at stations, offices, tracks, and railway colonies. Activities include removing garbage, clearing unwanted bushes and grass, and cleaning drainage systems. Cleanliness remains priority to Special Campaign 5.0, with co-ordinated efforts of officers and staff to enhance hygiene and efficiency in workplaces.



Commuters are also being encouraged to contribute towards keeping the Metro premises clean and safe and commuter-friendly. Let us all join hands to keep our Metro system clean, safe and commuter-friendly.

Fragile Ceasefire reached between Pakistan and Afghanistan



MI News Service, Kabul: After over a week of bloody clashes along their shared border, Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed once again to a ceasefire, signaling a fragile attempt at restoring peace amid deep-rooted mistrust. The announcement came from the Qatari Foreign Ministry following high-level talks held in Doha, mediated by Qatar and Turkey. The conflict, which has resulted in the deaths of at least 15-20 civilians and injured hundreds, erupted despite a previous 48-hour truce last Friday, which was reportedly violated by Pakistan.

During Saturday's dialogue, defense ministers from both nations met to address the ongoing violence. Pakistan pledged to curb terrorism along the border and commit to stabilizing the region, while Afghan representatives staunchly denied allegations of harboring militants who allegedly target Pakistani territory. Both nations accused each other of initiating hostilities, underscoring the deep-seated animosity and reciprocal accusations that have long characterized their fraught relationship. The mediators emphasized the urgency of peace, warning that sus-

tained violence serves only to embolden the terrorist groups such as ISIS and Al Qaeda, which seek to exploit regional instability to regain strength. The ceasefire's sincerity faces an early test after Pakistan's recent airstrike in Afghanistan's Paktika province resulted in the deaths of eight individuals, including three Afghan cricketers—Kabir, Haroon, and Shibghatullah—who were traveling to a match. In protest, the Afghanistan Cricket Board has withdrawn its team from the tri-nation series involving Pakistan and Sri Lanka, prioritizing national sovereignty over sports diplomacy. Despite the ceasefire agreement, the path to lasting peace remains precarious. The underlying issues of cross-border militancy, political distrust, and security fears continue to cast a long shadow over any hope of reconciliation. As both countries prepare for potential face-to-face talks in the coming days, the international community watches closely, aware that failure to resolve these tensions risks further destabilizing a region already besieged by conflict and extremism.

Comprehensive Measures Implemented by Malda Division for Crowd Management During Festive Season Passenger Rush

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Oct.25 :In view of the heavy passenger rush during the ongoing festive season encompassing Diwali, Chhath Puja, and other major festivals, Eastern Railway's Malda Division has implemented comprehensive measures to ensure a safe, secure, and comfortable travel experience for passengers at Malda Town, Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, and other key stations of the division.

Under the guidance of Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, the Division has taken all possible steps to facilitate a pleasant travel experience for all festival-bound passengers while maintaining order and safety at station premises. One of the key stations, Bhagalpur Railway Station, is witnessing significant passenger movement, and extensive crowd management arrangements have been made to ensure smooth functioning.

Monitoring and Supervision: • Nominated officers have been deployed daily for on-ground supervision of crowd management and passenger assistance. • All activities are being continuously monitored through CCTV cameras at both station and divisional levels to ensure effective coordination and prompt action.

Security and Crowd Management: • Additional deployment of RPF personnel at Bhagalpur Railway Station. • RPF staff duties are closely monitored and regularly briefed by supervising officers. • GRP authorities have also been requested to deploy additional personnel for effective coordination. • RPF and support staff have been strategically positioned at entrances, exits, platforms, and Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) to regulate passenger flow. • The Public Address System is being effectively utilized for passenger awareness and queue management. • Continuous CCTV surveillance through 84 operational cameras ensures crowd monitoring at the station. • Ticket Checking staff have been deployed across the station to ensure smooth movement and assist passengers. • RPF personnel are counselling passengers regarding safety measures, such as avoiding inflammable articles, refraining from taking food from unknown persons, and keeping vigilance over their belongings. • Special vigilance is maintained near



FOBs to prevent overcrowding. Announcements are made advising passengers not to sit on staircases or escalators. • An emergency VIP entry gate has been designated for controlled entry during peak hours. • Passenger boarding and disembarking are managed under RPF guidance with proper queue control.

Passenger Amenities and Facilities: • A tented holding area has been set up near the circulating area at Bhagalpur Station to accommodate around 2,000 passengers awaiting their scheduled trains. • Additional comfort is provided through First Class, Second Class Waiting Rooms, and an Executive Lounge. • Proper lighting arrangements have been ensured throughout the premises, including holding areas. • Drinking water booths, water vending machines, toilets, and parking facilities are fully functional and regularly maintained. • Lifts and escalators are checked round-the-clock, with standby staff deployed in shifts for uninterrupted operation. • Train indication boards are regularly updated to display real-time information for smooth boarding and disembarking. • Multiple food options are available, including Food Stalls, a Refreshment Room, a Food Plaza, and a Railway Coach Restaurant. A newly introduced Mobile Food Van is also operational, offering hygienic and affordable meals. • **Ticketing and Digital Services:** • Out of seven ticket counters, five are operational daily, with two additional counters opened during peak hours. • Three (03) ATMs are operational, providing passengers with convenient, queue-free ticketing facilities. • Passengers are encouraged to use the UTS on Mobile App and RailOne App for digital ticket booking and cashless transactions.

AUS v IND: Bowlers and Marsh power Australia to 7-wicket win in series opener



PERTH : Skipper Mitchell Marsh shepherded Australia's chase as the hosts clinched a comfortable seven-wicket win in the first ODI against India here at the Optus Stadium, taking a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Shubman Gill, leading India for the first time in an ODI since his appointment as the full-time captain, opened his captaincy career in the 50-over format with a loss.

Batting first, India faced a top-

order collapse with veteran duo Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli struggling in their much-anticipated comeback to international cricket. The rain-marred match was reduced to 26 overs per side with India making 136 for 9.

Australia's revised target was 131 runs off 26 overs, which the hosts chased down with 29 balls remaining.

Chasing 131, the hosts did suffer early blows, just like India

in the first innings. While Arshdeep Singh struck in the second over to dismiss the dangerous Travis Head, Axar Patel ended Matthew Short's struggle in the eighth over. However, that did not have any impact on Australia's momentum as skipper Mitchell Marsh and wicket-keeper-batter Josh Philippe kept things under control. A change in bowling by the Indian skipper and his decision to bring in

Washington Sundar helped India get another breakthrough as Philippe walked back to the pavilion, scoring 37 in 29 balls.

The Indian bowlers couldn't contain the batters any further, as Marsh's unbeaten 46, coupled with Philippe and Matt Renshaw's contributions, helped the hosts secure a win.

Earlier in the day, India posted 136 runs on the board in 26 overs after the game was cut short owing to persistent rain delays. The hosts failed to gain early momentum and instead lost quick wickets in the power-play, losing the entire top order for cheap. While international returnees Rohit and Kohli were dismissed cheaply for 8 and 0, respectively, Shubman Gill, who was leading the side in his first assignment as the team's full-time ODI skipper, also had only a brief outing with the bat, registering 10 (18). Besides KL Rahul and Axar Patel, no other batter could go past the 30-run mark during their time on the field. Notably, Nitish Kumar Reddy's power-hitting in the last over of the innings helped the Men in Blue get to 136/9.

Brief Scores: Australia, 131/3 in 21.1 overs (Mitchell Marsh 46, Josh Philippe 37; Arshdeep Singh 1-31, Axar Patel 1-19) beat India, 136/9 in 26 overs (KL Rahul 38, Axar Patel 31; Josh Hazlewood 2-20, Matthew Kuhnemann 2-26) by seven wickets via DLS method.



Jharkhand Crushes Goa by an Innings and 113 Runs in Col CK Naidu Trophy

Bisesh Dutta's stellar 168 and dominant bowling seal emphatic win at Keenan Stadium

JAMSHEDPUR: Jharkhand registered a commanding victory over Goa, winning by an innings and 113 runs in their Col CK Naidu Trophy encounter at the Keenan Stadium. The hosts delivered a complete all-round performance to outclass the visitors in every department.

Batting first, Goa was bundled out for 183 runs in their opening innings. Veer Yadav top-scored with 28, while Chittam DevanKumar contributed 21. Jharkhand's bowling attack was

led by Shubb Sharma, who claimed 4 wickets for just 23 runs, ably supported by Shamshad with 3 for 49. Jharkhand responded with a dominant batting display, piling up a mammoth 552 for 8 declared. Bisesh Dutta starred with a magnificent 168-run knock, while Kounain (79), Satya Setu (75), Robin Minz (75), and Abhishek (53 not out) all made valuable contributions. For Goa, Anuj bowled tirelessly to finish with figures of 6 for 118.

Facing a daunting deficit, Goa

showed some resistance in their second innings but were eventually dismissed for 256. Aman Dhooper (52), Chittam DevanKumar (49), Ayush (47), and Veer Yadav (43) fought hard, but Jharkhand's bowlers maintained their dominance to seal a comprehensive win.

With this victory, Jharkhand showcased their depth and balance, reinforcing their position as one of the most formidable sides in the Col CK Naidu Trophy this season.



Messi wins 2025 MLS Golden Boot

NASHVILLE : Inter Miami CF superstar Lionel Messi has won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot, netting 29 goals to become the league's leading scorer in his second full season with the Herons.

Messi contributed 19 assists as he outperformed LAFC's Denis Bouanga (24 goals) and Nashville SC's Sam Surridge (24 goals). He becomes Miami's first-ever Golden Boot winner and the first Argentine to claim the award since Valentin "Taty" Castellanos did so with New York City FC in 2021. The Argentine great tallied three goals and provided an assist during Saturday's 5-2 Decision Day victory in Nashville, reaching 48 goal contributions (29 goals, 19 assists) this season - just short of Carlos Vela's MLS record 49 for LAFC in 2019.

Now, Messi appears set to become the league's first-ever player to win consecutive MVP awards, following a historic 2024 campaign that saw Miami claim that year's Supporters' Shield in record-breaking fashion. Messi and Miami are the Eastern Conference No. 3 seed in the MLS Cup Playoffs, where they'll face No. 6 Nashville in a Round One Best-of-3 Series. This year's MLS Cup champion will be crowned on December 6. Messi, the most decorated footballer of all time, now adds the MLS Golden Boot to his unparalleled CV. He is the latest in an exclusive list of players to secure the honour since the league's inaugural season in 1996. From 1996 to 2004, the MLS Golden Boot was awarded based on a points system that gave two points for a goal and one for an assist, before switching to solely counting goals.

Earlier this week, Messi became the player with the most assists in men's international football after setting up two goals in Argentina's 6-0 thrashing of Puerto Rico in an international friendly at Chase Stadium. His pair of assists took his international tally to 60, surpassing Neymar and Landon Donovan, who each have 58. With this achievement, Messi is now just three assists short of 400 across his professional career.

BWF World Jr C'ships: Tanvi Sharma takes silver, loses to Phichitpreechasak in final



GUWAHATI : Tanvi Sharma's sensational run at the BWF World Junior Championships ended with a silver medal in the girls' singles event here on Sunday. The top-seeded Indian lost to Thailand's second-seeded Anyapat Phichitpreechasak 15-7, 15-12 in the summit clash, which lasted 28 minutes. Tanvi became the fifth Indian and the third female shuttler to win a silver medal at the Junior World Championships. Her loss in Sunday's final means Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal remains the only Indian to win gold at the championship, with her title triumph coming in 2008.

Besides Tanvi and Saina, who also won a silver medal in 2006, Aparna Popat (1996), Siril Verma (silver medallist in 2015) and Sankar Muthusamy (silver medallist in 2022) are the other three Indians who have won medals in the tournament.

Tanvi made a cautious start in the opening game against Anyapat, struggling to counter the Thai shuttler's clever drop shots and committing several unforced errors to trail 8-5 at the interval. Anyapat capitalised on the advantage and claimed the opening game with ease.

Leylah Fernandez lifts fifth career title with Japan Open win

OSAKA : Leylah Fernandez won her first Japan Open title on Sunday. The No. 4 seed defeated 18-year-old qualifier Tereza Valentova, who was making her WTA final debut, 6-0, 5-7, 6-3 in 2 hours and 11 minutes.

The victory marked Fernandez's fifth career title and her second of 2025. All five of her career titles have been won on hard courts.

Her run in Osaka, which included five consecutive wins, was only the second time since her victory in Washington, D.C., in July that she won back-to-back matches.

With the win, Fernandez climbed five spots to No. 22 in the WTA Live Rankings and reclaimed the Canadian No. 1 ranking from Victoria Mboko, WTA reports.

Fernandez started the match confidently, taking less than 30 minutes to race through the first set and bagel the young Czech. Valentova looked emotional during the changeover after falling behind 5-0, perhaps feeling the pressure of what was arguably the most significant moment of her career so far. However, she regrouped and played more freely in the second set, breaking



Fernandez three times and finally securing the final game to force a decider.

In the third set, Fernandez's previous experience proved crucial to the current match. Leading 2-1, she pounced on Valentova's second serve on break point, unleashing a crosscourt backhand followed by a down-the-line backhand winner to secure the break for 3-1.

Valentova responded with another break to narrow the score to 4-3 and secured several addi-

tional break points during the third set, but Fernandez held firm for the rest of the match and ultimately sealed the win.

Meanwhile, Taylor Townsend and Kristina Mladenovic won the women's doubles trophy on Saturday, beating Stom Hunter and Desirae Krawczyk for their first title as a team.

For Townsend, a two-time Grand Slam champion and current world No. 2, it is her 11th career WTA doubles title and her fourth of the season.

Aishwarya Pissay wins silver in the 2025 World Rally-Raid Championship



ERFOUD : India's Aishwarya Pissay has become the first Indian and Asian woman to complete the gruelling Rallye du Maroc - one of the toughest rounds of the competition - while finishing first in the Women's category and securing a silver medal in the overall World Rally-Raid 2W Championship for 2025.

This milestone makes Aishwarya the first-ever Indian and Asian woman to achieve a podium in the World Rally-Raid Championship, marking her fourth World Title in her illustrious international career.

The Rallye du Maroc is regarded as one of the world's toughest cross-country rallies and the ultimate test, before Dakar, featuring over 2,299 km of racing, including 1,478 km of special stages through Morocco's unforgiving terrain of dunes, rocky pistes, and complex navigation. Competing in the Rally2 class, Aishwarya battled challenging conditions, high temperatures, and technical terrain to emerge victorious in her category. "Morocco tested everything - skill, endurance, and spirit. To finish this rally and secure a World Championship silver means everything to me. It's been years of hard work, sacrifice, and belief. I'm proud to carry India and Asia on this global stage," said Aishwarya Pissay. With this result, Aishwarya cements her position as India's most successful female racer and one of Asia's leading motorsport athletes, with four FIM World Titles and eleven National Championships to her name. Her success at Rallye du Maroc also highlights her growing dominance on the world rally-raid stage as she continues her journey toward Dakar 2026. Competing as a privateer with strong sponsorship support from TVS Racing and her partners, Aishwarya demonstrated exceptional consistency and professionalism throughout the season - a testament to her determination and the strength of India's emerging motorsport talent.

Spinner Nasum Ahmed added to Bangladesh squad for West Indies ODIs

DHAKA : The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced on Sunday that left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed has been added to the ODI squad for the ongoing three-match series against the West Indies. The inclusion of the 30-year-old reflects the team management's effort to strengthen their spin department following a spin-dominated first ODI.

Nasum, who last featured in an ODI in December 2024, has played 18 matches in the format, claiming 16 wickets at an economy rate of 4.48. His recall is likely a tactical decision, prompted by the spin-friendly conditions witnessed in the series opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium (SBNCS) in Mirpur.

On a sluggish, turning pitch in the first ODI on Saturday, spinners from both sides made a significant impact. For the West Indies, left-arm spinner Khary Pierre impressed with a miserly spell of 1 for 19 from his 10 overs, while off-spinner Roston Chase also chipped in with two



crucial wickets. However, it was Bangladesh's spin attack that stole the show. Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain and left-arm orthodox Tanvir Islam shared eight wickets between them, playing pivotal roles in securing a comfortable victory for the hosts.

With Bangladesh now leading the series 1-0, the addition of Nasum Ahmed provides further variety and depth to the spin arsenal. The second and third ODIs are scheduled to be held at the same venue on October 21 and 23, where spin is once again expected to play a decisive role.

Bangladesh squad: Mehidy Hassan Miraz (captain), Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Soumay Sarker, Mohammed Saif Hasan, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahidul Islam Ankon, Jaker Ali Anik, Shamim Hossain, Quazi Nurul Hasan Sohan, Rishad Hossain, Tanvir Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Hasan Mahmud, Nasum Ahmed.