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CM hosts Kali Puja, cooks and greets guest at Kalighat

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again blended political clout with personal tradition as she led Kali Puja festivities at her ancestral Kalighat residence. In scenes repeated year after year, the state's most powerful political figure was seen firing on all cylinders—single-handedly overseeing rituals, cooking for the gathering, and playing host to a who's who of the city's political, administrative, cultural, and industrial elite. This year's celebrations saw Trinamool General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee returning from Lake Kalibari to join the Chief Minister and pay floral tributes, accompanied by his wife, mother Lata Banerjee, and family.
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INDIA upgrades tech mission in Kabul to full-fledged embassy

MI News Service, New Delhi: India on Tuesday announced upgrading its technical mission in Kabul to the status of an embassy as part of broader efforts to deepen its bilateral engagement with Kabul. The announcement came over a week-and-a-half after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said during his meeting with Afghan counterpart Amir Khan Muttaqi that India will upgrade its diplomatic presence in Kabul. India had withdrawn its officials from its embassy in Kabul after the Taliban seized power in August 2021. In June 2022, India re-established its diplomatic presence in the Afghan capital by deploying a "technical team". The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the Indian embassy in Kabul will further augment India's contribution to Afghanistan's comprehensive development, humanitarian assistance, and capacity-building initiatives.

"In keeping with the decision announced during the recent visit of the Afghan foreign minister to India, the government is restoring the status of the technical mission of India in Kabul to that of the Embassy of India in Afghanistan with immediate effect," it said. The MEA said the decision underscores India's resolve to deepen its bilateral engagement with the Afghan side in "all spheres of mutual interest". "The Embassy of India in Kabul will further augment India's contribution to Afghanistan's comprehensive development, humanitarian assistance, and capacity-building initiatives, in keeping with the priorities and aspirations of Afghan society," it said in a statement. The mission will be headed by a diplomat in the rank of Charge d'affaires, it is learnt. Muttaqi was in India this month for six days that signalled a new approach in New Delhi's ties with Kabul though it has not yet recognised the Taliban set up. The foreign minister of the Taliban set-up had said Afghanistan will not allow any elements to use its territory against New Delhi's interests. Muttaqi told a select group of journalists that Kabul will also send diplomats to India as part of step-by-step efforts to improve the bilateral ties. "We will not allow any (element) to threaten anyone else or use the territory of Afghanistan against others. Daesh is a challenge for the region and Afghanistan is at the frontlines of this struggle," he had said.

Centre blocks MGNREGA funds

Bengal govt mulls alternative employment

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bengal government has begun the process to provide alternative employment to migrant workers and their families under schemes similar to the MGNREGA (100-day work). The move follows reports of torture of Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-ruled states as well as the Mamata Banerjee government's urgency to create jobs in the rural heartland with the Centre freezing funds for jobs under the MGNREGA for over three years.

Recently, the state panchayat and rural development department issued instructions through the district magistrates to the MGNREGA offices in all the districts to register migrant workers and their family members for job cards. Upon issuance of these cards, the state plans to offer alternative employment for 14 days to one month under schemes like Karmashree and Shramashree run by the Mamata Banerjee government. A preliminary list which the department has prepared shows that around 57,000 such prospective beneficiaries have been identified across the state, and among them, nearly 30,000 are from north Bengal districts. "We are already providing alternative work under the 100-day



Our chief minister Mamata Banerjee has taken up the initiative to provide alternative work to those with (MGNREGA) job cards, and now, the state is extending the same facility to migrant workers. What's the BJP's problem with that?

--TMC president, Jalpaiguri

work framework. A new list of names has reached us for enrollment under the Karmashree and

Shramashree schemes. We are currently verifying the details," said Shama Parveen, the district magistrate of Jalpaiguri. During the Covid-19 pandemic, migrant workers who returned from other states were offered employment under the 100-day work scheme across districts.

However, as the Centre halted funding for the scheme in Bengal, citing alleged irregularities, many workers had to go to other states for employment. In due course, the Trinamool government introduced its own alternative employment initiatives, providing work through various departmental construction

projects to individuals holding valid job cards. "Now, the focus has shifted to verifying and consolidating existing records of migrant workers between the MGNREGS offices and the data received from the state labour department. The idea is to offer jobs to these workers as well as to their family members," said a source. "The workers who do not have job cards are to be issued new ones. The verification process of the names has begun, although it remains unclear how many migrant workers would be willing, or able, to return home to avail this short-term employment in Bengal. A section of them who have stayed back, however, would benefit from the scheme," the source added. The apprehension seems to be correct as Nazimul Haque, a migrant worker from Berubari in Jalpaiguri who is currently employed in Kerala, said it is unlikely that the workers would return home.

"I earn around ₹800 a day here (Kerala). Why would I return to my district for a few days of low-wage work? However, it makes some sense if the state offers jobs to my family members, as our family income would increase then," Haque

BIHAR POLL: INDIA Bloc sets up host of 'friendly fights'



...I just want to say this to the people of Bihar: Come, let's just once come together and illuminate not only our homes but the entire Bihar. For Bihar, your Tejashwi is ready to burn day and night as a diya and bati.

--Tejashwi Yadav

MI News Service, Patna: The Rashtriya Janata Dal released a list of 143 candidates for the 243-member Bihar Assembly, signalling what party insiders said was a "no compromise" stand on its share and choice of seats.

Although the list left out Kutumba, where the Congress has fielded its state president Rajesh Ram, it named candidates for at least five seats that the Grand Old Party too had claimed, setting up "friendly fights". These seats are Hajipur, Lalganj, Kahalgaon, Narkatiaganj and Sikandra (Scheduled Caste). The RJD also named candidates for two constituencies — Tarapur and Gaura Boram — where junior ally Vikassheel Insaan Party had already fielded nominees. This apart, Mahagathbandhan partners Congress and CPI are both in the fray in Bachhwara, Rajapakar and Rosera. Five of the 10 seats facing "friendly fights" go to the polls in the first phase, on November 6. On Monday, the last date for withdrawal of nominations, there was no clarity on whether any partner had pulled out any candidate to avoid a "friendly fight".

Nominations can be withdrawn till November 6 for the second phase of polling on November 11, so there's time left to break the deadlock on the remaining five seats. "The Congress will have to withdraw its candidates because our leaders are in no mood to relent. Talks are on but there seems to be very little progress," an RJD leader said. RJD sources said their list — released on the last day for withdrawals for the first phase — represented the full complement

JAPAN elects its first female Prime Minister

MI News Service, Tokyo: Leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Sanae Takaichi reacts as she receives applause after being elected as prime minister, at the Lower House of Parliament in Tokyo.

Japan's parliament elected ultraconservative Sanae Takaichi as the country's first female prime minister Tuesday, a day after her struggling party struck a coalition deal with a new partner expected to pull her governing bloc further to the right. Takaichi replaces Shigeru Ishiba, ending a three-month political vacuum and wrangling since the Liberal Democratic Party's disastrous election loss in July. Ishiba, who lasted only one year as prime minister, resigned with his Cabinet earlier in

the day, paving the way for his successor. Takaichi won 237 votes — four more than a majority — compared to 149 won by Yoshihide Suga, head of the largest opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, in the lower house, which elects the prime minister. As the results were announced, Takaichi stood up and bowed deeply. The LDP's alliance with the Osaka-based rightwing Japan Innovation Party, or Ishin no Kai, ensured her premiership because the opposition is not united. Takaichi's untested alliance is still short of a majority in both houses of parliament and will need to court other opposition groups to pass any legislation — a risk that could



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee along with MP Abhishek Banerjee and other relatives during Kali Pujo at her Kalighat residence, in Kolkata, West Bengal.

KALI PUJO IMMERSION: Cuttack mobilises 64 platoons & Anti-Terror units

MI News Service, Cuttack: Cuttack has been placed on high alert ahead of Diwali and Kali Puja, with the immersion procession of Goddess Kali scheduled for October 24. Around 64 platoons of police, along with 800 auxiliary police personnel (APR) and anti-terror squads, have been deployed across the city to ensure a peaceful celebration. "The 1,000-year-old city is known for its bhaichara (brotherhood) and communal harmony. Whatever happened is a thing of the past. We are hopeful that nothing will go wrong," said Cuttack mayor Subhas Singh. The height-

ened vigil follows the communal violence that broke out during Durga Puja immersion last month, when clashes between the police and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) activists left several shops torched and a dozen police personnel, including DCP Rishikesh Khilari Dnyandeo, injured. The city had been under curfew for 36 hours and internet services were suspended. DCP Dnyandeo told The Telegraph that the administration is taking no chances this time. "More than 300 officers, 64 platoons of police, 800 APR personnel and anti-terrorist squads have

been mobilised for crowd control and law enforcement. We have also strengthened our intelligence network," he said. He confirmed that the immersion route will remain the same as during Durga Puja but with tighter surveillance and additional deployment. "We have intensified patrolling and stressed on strategic deployment. We appeal to citizens to cooperate and ensure nothing goes wrong," he added. Over the past 24 hours, the police executed four non-bailable warrants, checked 522 vehicles and collected ₹5.66 lakh in fines.



Leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Sanae Takaichi reacts as she receives applause after being elected as prime minister, at the Lower House of Parliament in Tokyo, Japan.

24 DEATHS: India must do more to stop toxic cough syrup sales, says WHO

MI News Service, New Delhi: India has more work to do in halting sales of toxic cough syrup, despite some progress, a World Health Organization official told Reuters, after at least 24 children died following consumption of a domestically-made medicine. The children died after taking the Coldrif cough medicine made by Sresan Pharma, which tests showed contained the toxin diethylene glycol in quantities nearly 500 times the permissible limit.

They came just two years after global pledges to tighten the system following the deaths of at least 300 children around the world linked to similar toxins in syrup-based medicines made in India and Indonesia. But enforcement issues persist, the WHO said. "They have made some strides," said the official, Rutendo Kuwana, referring to a new Indian rule requiring medicine to be tested for contaminants



like diethylene and ethylene glycol before export.

However, no such rule exists for syrups sold locally — a "regulatory gap" the WHO has flagged. "It's a work in progress," added Kuwana, the WHO team lead for incidents involving substandard and falsified medicines. "There's a lot that needs to be done. It's a big

market, with tens of thousands of manufacturers and many states to deal with." Last week Reuters reported that India plans to scrap its export rule once companies upgrade their facilities to international standards by a year-end deadline. India's health ministry and the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), the

federal pharmaceuticals regulator, did not return requests for comment on the plans. Representatives of Sresan Pharma did not respond

said countries including neighbouring Pakistan had attended WHO training on testing for the toxins, and a new, cheaper test had

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to repeated telephone calls. A WHO spokesperson said by email on Monday the agency welcomed all steps to improve medicine quality.

However, in response to a question about dropping the export tests, the spokesperson said medicines, including raw materials, should be tested throughout the production process, not just at the end. By law, Indian drugmakers must test each batch of raw materials and the final product, but CDSCO said in October some firms had not been doing this. Kuwana

has developed. Representatives from India did not attend but it has confirmed to the WHO that it is using the method, he added. There has also been a lack of accountability for the previous incident, Kuwana said, which he described as a "big disappointment". Despite the deaths abroad, there is no record of anyone being jailed in India. "This is not just selling fake shoes," said Kuwana. "This is a moral issue but if you don't follow the rules, it's criminal, because it has devastating consequences."

Kerala accepts Centre's PM SHRI scheme funds

MI News Service, Kochi: The Kerala government has decided to join hands with the BJP at the Centre to avail its share of ₹1,500 crore under the PM SHRI education programme after months of dilly-dallying and right before the state elections in the summer of 2026.

The CPI, the second largest ally in the Left Democratic Front government, and the Opposition United Democratic Front have strongly opposed PM SHRI, fearing it could lead to the implementation of the National Education Policy in Kerala. Early this year, the state government had claimed that it would not sign the MoU on PM SHRI as it entails implementing multiple recommendations endorsed by the NEP, introduced by the Modi govern-

ment in 2020.

Chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan had said the NEP poses a threat to the country. It was twice taken up for discussion in the state cabinet. But owing to opposition from the CPI, the idea was dropped. But on Monday, general education minister V. Sivankutty said: "Why should the education department not accept the Centre's funds when the health and agriculture departments had already claimed their assistance?" Sources in the education department said Kerala was facing a financial crunch in the lag end of the Pinarayi-led second LDF government's term, and any amount coming from central grants is acceptable as it would help them to undertake development activities in the school sector.

Political heat in Bhanghar Clash over firecrackers turns violent



MI News Service, Bhangarh: Political tensions flared into violent confrontation late Monday in Bhangarh's Bhogali Gram Pamchayat area, as TMC and ISF worker clashed over the bursting of firecrackers-an incident that quickly escalated into streets battles, counter-allegations, and arrests on both sides.

Local sources and police report that the chaos begun in Bhumru village, where TMC activists Rabbani Mollah, Sabir Mollah, Nawab Mollah, and Shahid Mollah were reportedly celebrating by bursting firecrackers. ISF supporters, however, claimed that actual bombs were thrown, not just firecrackers—a charge that sharply raised tempers and triggered a heated verbal exchange between the rival fac-

tions. The dispute soon devolved into physical violence. Both groups accused each other of brutal beatings, with Trinamool alleging that ISF members attacked their workers with iron rods, resulting in head injuries. ISF leadership dismissed the accusation as fabricated, countering that their own supporters were targeted and assaulted by Trinamool's so-called Ghasful camp. Canning East MLA Sawkat Mollah weighed in, claiming, "The entire incident was orchestrated in advance by anti-social elements sheltered by the ISF, targeting our party workers." As tensions spiraled, a significant police force from Uttar Kashi-pur police station was deployed to Bhumru village late at night. Police intervened to prevent further escalation and began questioning residents and party members from both sides. Two individuals were taken into custody as police launched a formal investigation. Regional authorities remain on high alert, with law enforcement monitoring the area amid ongoing volatility. The pre-election climate has heightened anxieties across Bhangarh, raising fears of further political violence in the months ahead.

Superstition turns deadly: Witchcraft allegation triggers brutal murder

MI News Service, Purulia: In a chilling reminder of deep-rooted superstition and mob violence, a 37-year-old woman was dragged out of her home and hacked to death on suspicion of witchcraft in Chapuri village under Para Police Station in Purulia on Monday night. The victim, Padavi Tudu, was struck on the head with a sword allegedly wielded by her sister-in-law Jaleshwari Tudu after being accused of practising witchcraft. Witnesses said blood-curdling cries tore through the night as armed family members and neighbours stormed into the courtyard and assaulted her mercilessly. Padavi's husband, Subhash Tudu, recounted the horrifying sequence. "They came accusing my wife of being a witch."

Everyone carried weapons. I pleaded with them to hold a vil-

lage meeting if there were any doubts, but no one listened. They struck her on the head with a sword. She collapsed instantly," he said. The victim was rushed to Para Primary Health Centre, where doctors declared her dead on arrival. Blood stains and signs of struggle were still visible at the site on Tuesday morning. Local police arrested six individuals, including the primary accused Jaleshwari Tudu, who was later produced before the Raghunathpur Sub-Divisional Court. Police sources confirmed that Jaleshwari initially showed no remorse and denied witchcraft as the motive, claiming, "There was a fight; I hit her with a rod, not because of witchcraft." Investigators, however, maintain that superstition and long-standing tension between family members were central to the killing. Condemning the

incident, Dr. Nayan Mukherjee of the District Science Forum said, "This is a shameful act for our society. Despite years of awareness campaigns, these witch-hunt killings persist. We urge the administration to ensure exemplary punishment for those responsible." Padavi's husband has called for the harshest possible sentence, demanding that the killers face the gallows. "They took my wife's life in the name of blind belief. They should be hanged," he said, his voice breaking. The brutal attack has once again exposed the dangerous mix of superstition and violence that continues to claim lives in rural Bengal, despite decades of legal prohibitions and awareness drives. Police have tightened security in Chapuri as investigations continue, fearing possible retaliation or unrest in the area.

Two Nadia girls make India proud at Asian Yoga Championship

MI News Service, Kalyani: Nadia's sports fraternity is beaming with pride as two young girls from the district, Pramiti Barman and Preyamsi Chakraborty, have brought laurels to India at the International Yoga Championship held in Malaysia.

In a remarkable performance, Pramiti Barman, a resident of Priyanagar under Madanpur-I Gram Panchayat clinched the Champion of Champions title as well as the Asia Champion title in two separate categories. This adds to her already illustrious record, seven-time National Yoga Champion and one-time National School Champion.

According to her coaches, Pramiti began her yoga journey a decade ago when she was just a little girl, holding her mother's hand as she entered the Shimurali Yoga Training Centre. "From the very beginning, she showed exceptional discipline and flexibility," said her trainer, Bijon Ghosh. "It's a proud moment for us. She is now eyeing the World Cup Yoga Championship."

Adding another feather to Nadia's cap, Preyamsi Chakraborty from Kalyani bagged the second position in one category and first place in the Yoga Nitya segment at the same Asian Championship. She, too, is preparing to represent India at the upcoming World Yoga Championship.

The president of the Shimurali Yoga Training Centre, Debashis Mukhopadhyay, expressed joy



over the girls' achievements. "I'm extremely happy and proud that both of them have become Asian Yoga Champions. They are an inspiration for young learners," he said.

Interestingly, the centre also trains several elderly yoga enthusiasts aged between 70 and 80 years, including Geeta Bandopadhyay, Bhagabati Biswas, Aradhana Pal, and Nirmala Singh Roy, who expressed their pride in the success of their young0er peers.

Former secretary of the centre, Mrinmoy Maitra, added, "We plan to take out a celebratory procession in the area. Their achievement will encourage more people to take up yoga training."

Both girls now aim to shine at the global stage, representing not just Nadia or West Bengal, but the spirit of India in the World Yoga Championship.

Observance of Police Martyrs' Memorial Day



Nurul Islam Khan
Numerous police officers have sacrificed their lives while performing their

duties for the country or protecting society. Police Martyrs' Memorial Day is observed every year on Octo-

ber 21st in memory of those brave police members. This special day was commemorated with great respect at the Howrah Paniyara Police Lines on Tuesday. Howrah Rural Superintendent of Police IPS Subimal Pal paid deep tribute to the martyred police personnel. Other high-ranking police officers and police personnel of various ranks were present. It was discussed on this day that the heroism and sacrifice of those martyred police personnel will be remembered forever.

Solemn observance of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtij's 35th Mahaprayan Divas through 120 hours six day Akhanda Kiirtan

MI News Service, Kolkata: The solemn observance of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtij's 35th Mahaprayan Divas through 120 hours six day (21-26 Oct) Akhanda Kiirtan at His memorial in Tiljala Ashram began on 21st October 2025. The programme was organized by Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha. The devotees in thousands from all over the world gathered at the memorial at 2.00 pm and after singing of Prabhat Samgiita and a short Kiirtan, they did collective Sadhana and Gurupuja and listened to His Ashhivavacan. In the solemn atmosphere, the announcement of six day Kiirtan was made in Bengali, English and Hindi and exactly at 3.30 pm the 120 hour Kiir-



tan began. The President of the Central committee of Ananda Marga, Ac. Vikashananda Avadhuta led the devotees in garlanding the Pratikriti of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii. When he entered the memorial, he was given guard of honour by 100 volunteers. The devotees came from all over

the world and are still arriving every hour to join this solemn observance to pay homage to their most beloved Gurudev. Already 2000 devotees have arrived; the arrivals are continuing and are expected to reach about 5000 by 26th October when this Maha Kiirtan ends.

4- year- old's murder exposes grim family tragedy

MI News Service, Sonarpur: A gruesome murder in Sonarpur has stunned the state—a four-year-old girl allegedly killed by her own grandfather inside their home in the Kadamtala area of Kodalia. The chilling incident, which police describe as "rare and horrifying," has raised grave questions about mental instability, motive, and the depths of human depravity. According to investigators, the child's screams pierced through the neighborhood Sunday evening. When locals rushed inside, they discovered the girl lying motionless in a pool of blood. She was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead on arrival. The scene inside the house was one of unimaginable brutality.

The child's grandfather was arrested on Monday, and during interrogation, he confessed to the murder. However, the motive remains shrouded in uncertainty. Police are examining whether the act stemmed from a perverse impulse, deep-seated rage, or psychological breakdown. "This appears to be an extreme case of aberrant behavior. Such incidents are exceptionally rare and deeply disturbing," said a senior officer of Sonarpur Police Station. According to interrogation details, the accused claimed he killed the girl because she

"had been troubling him for days." Taking advantage of a quiet moment while the child slept, he allegedly took a kitchen knife and attacked her repeatedly. Investigators, however, suspect underlying mental illness or emotional instability drove the act. "We are seeking medical reports to confirm his mental condition," a police source said. The tragedy has shattered the family and shaken the community. The girl's mother collapsed after the incident and remains under treatment, while her father is away in Mominpur. The grandmother and a domestic help have been detained for questioning. Police are also probing whether anyone else in the household had prior knowledge of the crime or ignored warning signs of the accused's instability. Residents of Kadamtala described the accused as a volatile, irritable man who often shouted at children. "No child in the lane went near him. He kept his granddaughter locked indoors most of the time," said a neighbor. The accused reportedly developed respiratory issues during questioning and has been admitted to Baripur Hospital under police watch. As Sonarpur reels from the horror, investigators face a chilling question: was this a crime born of rage, illness, or something even darker.

Son arrested for killing father in Drunken attack

MI News Service, Bardhaman: A shocking case of domestic violence turned fatal in East Bardhaman's Khandaghosh area when a 26-year-old man allegedly beat his father to death with a bamboo stick studded with nails. The accused, Pradeep Roy, was arrested early Monday by Khandaghosh Police on charges of brutal patricide. The victim, Bipattaran Roy, 50, suffered severe head and body injuries after being reportedly attacked by his son inside their home at Raipara, Sagrai. According to locals, Pradeep returned home drunk around 6 p.m. on Sunday and began assaulting his father without provocation.

This wasn't the first such incident—residents said the accused had frequently beaten both parents during drunken rages for months. During the latest outburst, Pradeep allegedly picked up a bamboo pole fitted with nails and struck his father repeatedly until he collapsed in a pool of blood. Neighbours rushed in after hearing desperate cries and found Bipattaran grievously injured. He was first taken to Khandaghosh Block Primary Health Centre, then shifted to Burdwan Medi-

cal College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead around 1 a.m. The brutality has sent shockwaves through the quiet village community. Bipattaran's wife, who was away during the attack, returned home to find her husband lifeless on the floor. In tears, she demanded the harshest possible punishment for her own son. "He killed his father in cold blood. He should be hanged," she said, her grief mingled with fury. Neighbours echoed her sentiment, describing Pradeep as short-tempered and violent, with a history of abusing both his parents and wife. Locals revealed that his wife had recently left home with their young child due to constant torture. Police have launched a full investigation into the incident. "The accused has been arrested and is being interrogated. We are verifying prior complaints from the family and the locality," said a senior officer from the Khandaghosh Police Station. The gruesome killing has once again underscored the growing frequency of alcohol-fueled domestic assaults in rural Bengal—acts that now blur the line between familial conflict and outright barbarism.

Youth held for alleged Kidnapping of two minors

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: Panic gripped South Dinajpur's Nazirpur area after a man allegedly tried to lure and kidnap two minors on a motorbike under the pretext of asking for directions to a relative's house. The dramatic incident unfolded on Monday afternoon in Kashipur village, under the Patiram Police Station limits, and led to a swift rescue operation by police within an hour.

According to official sources, the accused, Suman Mahato of Kundu Colony in Balurghat, approached two children—aged 10 and 11—who were fishing near Boyrakuri Jora Bridge. Claiming he was lost, Suman requested their help to locate a relative's home in a nearby village. When the unsuspecting minors agreed, he allegedly persuaded them to get on his bike. Moments later, villagers noticed the scene and grew suspicious. As the rider sped away with the children, panic erupted. Word of a possible kidnapping spread quickly, and within minutes, locals mobilized, raising an alarm and alerting police. Officers from Patiram Police Station, led by DSP (VHQ) Vikram Prasad and OC Satkar Sangbo, coordinated with personnel from Balurghat and Hili stations to track the suspect. After an intense 55-minute search, police intercepted the bike in Kashipur and



rescued both children unharmed. The accused was immediately arrested and taken into custody. As enraged residents attempted to beat him, forces had to step in to prevent mob assault. Police later said initial questioning suggested Suman's explanation of "asking for directions" was dubious, and the veracity of his statement is under investigation. The rescued minors, students of Class V and VI at a local school, are safe and reunited with their families. Their emotional parents thanked police for their swift response, which likely prevented a potential tragedy. Authorities have launched a detailed probe to determine whether Suman acted alone or had any ulterior motive. A senior officer said, "We are verifying his background and cross-checking possible links to other suspicious activities." The incident has reignited concerns over child safety in rural Bengal, where quick community vigilance and rapid police action averted what could have been another horrifying headline.

Massive Paint Factory Fire Guts Industrial Belt

MI News Service, Khardaha: Panic swept through the Ishwaripur industrial belt of Khardaha on Tuesday morning after a devastating fire ripped through a paint factory, reducing it to rubble and sending thick plumes of smoke billowing across the skyline. The inferno broke out around 7 a.m., rapidly engulfing the chemical-filled facility before spreading toward nearby units. Eyewitnesses described scenes of chaos as explosions echoed from within the factory, spewing flames several stories high. Initially, five fire tenders were deployed, but the blaze soon overwhelmed containment efforts. Within an hour, 20 fire engines from multiple stations joined the operation as firefighters struggled in suffocating heat to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent factories. "The intensity was terrifying. We've surrounded the fire



from all sides and prevented it from crossing to neighboring plants. Had it spread further, this could have turned catastrophic," said a senior fire official at the site. By 9:30 a.m., after nearly three hours of relentless firefighting, the blaze was brought "largely under control." Preliminary findings suggest the fire was triggered by a short circuit, though officials caution that a full forensic examination is underway. Authorities confirmed that no casualties had been reported so far. However, the factory was completely gutted. Secondary damage was also reported in a nearby jersey manufacturing unit, caught briefly in the inferno's path before crews contained the flames. Fire-

fighters described the operation as both "intense and precarious," citing poor industrial spacing and the clustering of multiple small factories without adequate fire gaps. "Factories here are virtually stacked on one another. Such density makes these areas death traps during a fire," added another official. Khardaha's air remained thick with smoke hours after the blaze was subdued, while fire department units continued cooling operations. Senior officials from the Barrackpore Police Commissionerate and the West Bengal Fire Services remained on-site to supervise damage assessment and ensure no secondary outbreaks occurred. The incident underscores mounting safety concerns in North 24 Parganas' industrial pockets, where lax safety compliance and unplanned construction continue to leave workers and residents vulnerable to disaster.

Ausgram PS organizes various events during Kali Puja, SP Sayak Das praises

MI News Service, Ausgram: Purba Bardhaman District Superintendent of Police Sayak Das urged more people in the locality to participate in the police station's kali puja and cultural programmes. He visited Ausgram police station on Tuesday on the occasion of the Kali Puja of the Gram Rakshi Bahini. There, he presented awards to the winners of the cultural competition. He presented special certificates of appreciation to 20 people, including civic volunteers and traffic home guards, for their special work. Earlier, he visited an art exhibition. The Superintendent of Police said that Kali Puja is organized in every police station on the initiative of the Gram Rakshmi Bahini. Ausgram police station has organized it very well. For this, he praised the police station officials and the members of the Gram Rakshmi Bahini. He said, "Considering the safety of the common people, police personnel are on the streets during the festive season and throughout the year. They always provide security to the people. Therefore, he also said that if there is any problem, inform the police immediately." District Additional Superintendent of Police (Headquar-



ters) Arka Banerjee, DSP (Discipline and Training) Subrata Mondal were present. Inspector Shantanu Adhikari of Ausgram Police Station said that a tricycle was given to a person with special needs and clothes to 1,000 needy people on that day. A drum playing exhibition by female drummers was held on this day. The Superintendent of Police was present at a function at Guskara outpost on that day. On the occasion of Kali Puja, a drawing and recitation competition was held at Ausgram High School on Monday under the initiative of Ausgram Police Station. Shantanu Adhikari said, near about 130 contestants participated in the competition.

Man killed after speeding Scorpio loses control, CCTV captures horror crash

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: A man died after being hit by a speeding Scorpio that lost control and rammed into a roadside shop in Krishnanagar on Tuesday morning. The chilling moment was caught on a CCTV camera installed at the shop.

The deceased has been identified as Sujit Mahato (45), a resident of Baruihuda area under Krishnanagar.

According to local sources, Mahato was standing near a shop at Palpara More along National Highway-12 waiting to board a bus when the incident occurred. The Scorpio, reportedly moving at high speed, suddenly swerved off the road, hit him, crashed into



the shop and overturned. Locals rushed Mahato to Shaktinagar District Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

Police said the vehicle has been seized and an investigation is underway to trace the driver, who reportedly fled the spot.

Residents said reckless driving has become a regular menace along national highways, particularly on NH-12 and NH-34, with accidents oc-

ccurring almost daily.

Administrative sources admitted that overspeeding, rash overtaking, violation of traffic rules and mobile phone use while driving are among the major causes behind the rising number of fatal road mishaps.

Police data reveal that in the past month alone, nearly 100 accidents have occurred in Nadia and Murshidabad districts, claiming several lives.

Road safety experts have stressed on enhanced surveillance, strict enforcement of traffic rules, and awareness drives to curb such incidents. Authorities have appealed to drivers to prioritise safety over speed, "Drive safe, not fast."

Home Guard arrested in alleged assault on an on-duty govt doctor in a Uluberia hospital in Howrah district

MI News Service, Howrah: A Home Guard and one of his accomplices have been arrested after they physically assaulted an on-duty junior woman doctor in the government-run Saratchandra Chatopadhyay Medical College and Hospital at Uluberia in Howrah district.

The incident happened on Monday during Kali Puja when the Home Guard, identifying himself as a senior police officer, entered the maternity department leading about 10/12 people and charged a junior lady doctor on duty about the treatment of a pregnant woman and ordered the medic to check further. The pregnant woman was then resting in a room. The doctor alleged that

despite checking the woman, one of her relatives suddenly kicked her and another twisted her hand with a warning that she would face dire consequences once she was out of the hospital.

The Home Guard and his associates reportedly attacked the junior doctor with kicking and hitting her in the neck and threatening her with rape.

Following the attack, other doctors and staff protested demanding the arrest of the perpetrators. The police subsequently detained the home guard and his associate after an FIR was lodged in the local police station.

The Home Guard identified as Sk Babulal, is a part timer in the force, was arrested along with his accomplice in

the assault case, which was already condemned by the West Bengal Junior Doctors Front and West Bengal Doctors Forum and opposition political parties.

West Bengal Health services principal secretary Narayan Swaroop Nigam said the Police took action after getting a report from the hospital on the assault case. The authorities have also sought a report from the hospital. West Bengal Junior Doctors Front has condemned the assault on the doctor and sent a team to Uluberia to seek a report, front spokesman Dr Aniket Mahato said.

Police said the Home guard and his associate to be produced before a court on Tuesday.

Faruk Ahmed Honoured by Mamun National School

MI News Service, Kalyani: At the "Reunion Festival" of Mamun National School in South 24 Parganas, Faruk Ahmed, editor and publisher of the bilingual literary journal Udar Akash, was felicitated for his outstanding contribution to literature and social awareness. The school's secretary, Kazi Muhammad Yaseen, presented him with a shawl, uttariya, and a memento in recognition of his achievements.

The historic institution, founded by renowned scholar Golam Ahmed Mortoza (Rah.), also honoured several distinguished personalities, including Ahmad Hasan Imran, Sheikh Nurul Haque, Syed Nasiruddin, Amanullah Shah, Sofikul Islam Dulal, Sanauallah Mondal, Kazi Md. Tohosin, and Md. Mozharul Islam Shah.

For over two decades, Udar Akash publication has played



a vital role in promoting literature, social consciousness, and the rights of marginalized communities. Its founder, Faruk Ahmed, has been a torchbearer of humanistic thought, inspiring new generations toward empathy and education.

Rising from a humble rural background, Ahmed now serves at Kalyani University,

where he is pursuing a PhD in History. Under his editorial guidance, Udar Akash and its publishing house have released more than 121 books, leaving a significant mark on Bengal's literary and cultural landscape. The school authorities recognized his enduring contribution to literature and social harmony with deep appreciation.

Kali Puja turns tragic:
Multiple blazes engulf
across Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: What began as a night of devotion and celebration during Kali Puja turned tragic across Kolkata and its suburbs, as multiple fire incidents disrupted festivities and caused significant property damage. The most serious blaze occurred in Behala's Charkatala area (Ward No. 116), where a massive fire engulfed the Kali Puja pavilion of the Purbasha Regional Youth Association around 8:30 p.m. on Monday night.

Eyewitnesses said the fire spread rapidly, consuming the entire temporary structure made mostly of flammable materials before firefighters arrived. Local residents and puja organizers attempted to douse the flames, but by the time one fire engine reached the scene, the pavilion had been reduced to ashes. Fortunately, the idol of Goddess Kali was miraculously saved. Preliminary reports suggest stray fireworks may have ignited the fire. In another major incident in Howrah district's Amta region, two shops were gutted in the Khalna area. The fire reportedly started when candles lit at a shop selling petroleum-based products triggered an explosion, which quickly spread to an adjoining electrical appliance store. The fire intensified rapidly, prompting the fire service to deploy initially five engines, later reinforced by three more units when the blaze grew uncontrollable. Local residents assisted the fire brigade in battling the flames. Though there were no reported casualties, the damage to property is still being assessed. Police have launched inquiries into both incidents to determine the exact causes. These tragic events highlight the pressing need for stricter fire safety protocols, particularly during festivals that involve fireworks, open flames, and temporary structures. Authorities have urged puja organizers to ensure all necessary precautions are in place to prevent such disasters in the future.

Kamalgazi flyover car-nage: Speeding bikes
trigger festive tragedy

MI News Service, Kolkata: The festive cheer of South 24 Parganas was shattered on Monday morning when a devastating accident on the Kamalgazi flyover left a young man critically injured and underscored, yet again, the lethal consequences of reckless riding. According to police, Arun Naskar, 35, a private-sector employee from Dhopagachi, Barulpur, was traveling towards Kolkata when tragedy struck. Another biker, identified as Apurva Mandal of Khudiram Metro area, was speeding on the opposite lane, reportedly returning home after purchasing firecrackers. In a moment of pure chaos, Apurva's bike rammed into Arun's with such force that Arun was flung over the flyover railing, both bikes hurtling off the edge. Another rider, caught up in the incident, suffered injuries as well. Local residents, alarmed by the crash and blood-stained roads, rushed to the scene, managing to send all three injured to hospital. Hospital sources indicate Arun remains in a critical state but has survived thus far. City police have seized both bikes and have launched an investigation, citing excessive speed and negligence as probable causes behind the horrific crash. The incident comes as a grim reminder of the deadly risks on the city's roads—risks that escalate perilously during the festive season when unruly riding spikes. In a separate incident late Sunday, tragedy struck again on South 24 Parganas' Basanti State Highway. Two motorcycles collided head-on at Dhuri near Basanti Police Station No. 7. Three young men—including Abdul Hamid Molla, Arsaifuddin Gharami, and Hossain Molla—were rushed to local hospitals.



Immersion of idol of Goddess Kali taking place at River Ganges in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Smokey skies, arrests, and denials
Kolkata's diwali under fire

MI News Service, Kolkata: The night sky over Kolkata glittered with fireworks this Diwali- but by dawn, the city had turned into a smoky chamber of toxins. Residents woke up coughing as air quality nosedived across several neighborhoods. Yet, in a striking statement, Mayor Manjor Kumar Verma asserted the Kolkata pollution levels were "significantly better" than those of other Indian cities. For hours after midnight, thick smog blanketed the metropolis, blurring streetlights and suffocating entire neighborhoods. Data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) showed that by 12 a.m. on Monday, Kolkata's Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 227 near Victoria Memorial, 190 in Bidhannagar, 166 in Ballygunge, 198 in Jadavpur, 134 near Rabindra

Bharati, and 166 in Belur- levels that fall squarely within the "poor" to "moderate" category. Despite visual evidence of heavy pollution and relentless explosions of crackers, the Mayor maintained the city's air quality remained "comparatively better" than most other urban centers nationwide. The Kolkata police, too had predicted trouble. In the run-up to Kali Puja, the mayor had warned residents against using banned firecrackers, stressing that offenders would face strict legal action. His warning proved prescient. By Monday night, authorities had arrested 183 people for bursting illegal fireworks and another 451 for violating related restrictions. Over 850 kilograms of banned firecrackers were seized across multiple zones. A senior police officer described the night as "Chaotic but

controlled" saying sustained monitoring and swift intervention prevented any large-scale accidents. Ordinary citizens, however, described a different reality. Across Kolkata, residents complained of burning eyes, breathlessness, and choking streets. One local from south Kolkata said, "It was unbearable. There were crackers everywhere. The air was so polluted I could feel it even inside my house." By late morning on Tuesday, hospitals reported a noticeable rise in patients suffering from respiratory distress, particularly among the elderly and children. Mayor Defends the City's Record Addressing the media on Tuesday, Mayor Manoj Verma acknowledged the pollution spike but insisted that Kolkata compared favorably with other metros. "Even with incidents of banned fire-

crackers, the overall pollution and noise levels were lower than last year and considerably less than other major Indian cities," he asserted. Environmental activists, however, questioned the mayor's optimism. "Numbers don't change the reality of smog and poor enforcement," said one activist. "The city may not be Delhi, but the air is still far from breathable." The Data Behind the "Poison" According to CPCB guidelines, an AQI reading between 0-50 is considered good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor, and 401-450 severe. Any value beyond 450 falls under the "hazardous" category. With large parts of Kolkata registering values above 200, the city, once again, finds itself grappling with air laden with particulate matter long after the fireworks fade.



Firecracker's live performance in Salt Lake, Kolkata, during Kali Puja celebrations.

Mohammedan in Peril: Naushad accuses
officials of betraying legacy

MI News Service, Kolkata: As one of Kolkata's oldest and most storied football institutions battles for survival, Bhangar MLA Naushad Siddiqui launched a fierce attack on Mohammedan Sporting Club's management, alleging mismanagement and lack of accountability for its deepening financial crisis. The legislator also appealed for collective political and administrative intervention to restore the club's lost glory. Speaking to reporters after meeting with Mohammedan supporters on Monday, Naushad accused sections within the club of reckless conduct, saying, "If it weren't for the army's surveillance, parts of the Mohammedan Sporting ground would have been sold off." He alleged that vested interests within the management nearly compromised on the club's property and legacy, which, according to him, has put the institution's future at risk. Reaffirming his commitment to safeguarding Mohammedan's tradi-

tion, Naushad said, "Mohun Bagan, East Bengal, and Mohammedan have shaped not just Bengal's football, but India's sporting identity. Why then has Mohammedan fallen so far behind? The government, the ruling establishment, and the management must recognize this crisis. Politics should have limits—when every seat turns political, the soul of the club suffers." The MLA argued that investor hesitation stems from mistrust created within the system. "Investors want transparency. They will not invest when a 'cut system' interferes with their business interests," he remarked, alluding to alleged irregularities in negotiations with potential financiers. Urging the management to make way for reform, Naushad said, "If the administrators step aside, we will restore the club's dominance. Mohammedan will once again stand shoulder to shoulder with Mohun Bagan and East Bengal."

JAPAN elects its first
female Prime Minister

From PG 1 make her government unstable and short-lived. "Political stability is essential right now," Takaichi said at Monday's signing ceremony with the JIP leader and Osaka Gov. Hirofumi Yoshimura. "Without stability, we cannot push measures for a strong economy or diplomacy." The two parties signed a coalition agreement on policies underscoring Takaichi's hawkish and nationalistic views. Their last-minute deal came after the Liberal Democrats lost its longtime partner, the Buddhist-backed Komeito, which has a more dovish and centrist stance. The breakup threatened a change of power for the LDP, which has governed Japan almost uninterrupted for decades. Analysts have highlighted the challenges facing Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi as she assumes office, noting both domestic and international pressures. Miekko Nakabayashi, a political science pro-

fessor at Waseda University, observed that Takaichi has never handled foreign affairs directly, making her diplomatic approach difficult to predict. While she has previously made statements that appeal to right-wing constituents, including pledges to visit the controversial Yasukuni Shrine and adopt a tough stance toward South Korea, Nakabayashi cautioned that such positions may be more about rallying political support than long-term strategy, warning that full implementation could complicate Japan's security environment. Economists and financial strategists have also weighed in on the economic landscape Takaichi inherits. Masamichi Adachi of UBS Securities highlighted the multiple pressures on her government, from rising prices and a supplementary budget to Japan's commitments on defense spending and relations with the United States.

Kolkata police cracks
down: 183 arrested,
852 kg banned fire-crackers seized

MI News Service, Kolkata: In one of the most extensive festival crackdowns in recent years, Kolkata Police arrested 183 people and seized 852 kilograms of banned firecrackers during Kali Puja night, amid escalating concerns over air and noise pollution in the city. The decisive overnight operation spanned multiple precincts, with police teams maintaining round-the-clock surveillance across neighbourhoods notorious for illegal fireworks activity. According to city police sources, the drive intensified following a surge in complaints from across central and fringe areas on Monday night. Kolkata Police Commissioner said, "Pollution remained largely under control compared to recent years and other major metros. We received numerous public complaints last night, particularly from newly added zones. Over a hundred people were arrested, and strict legal action is being taken." Despite the arrests and seizures, the city experienced a brief rise in pollution during the peak of celebrations. Air Quality Index (AQI) readings showed that between 11 p.m. and midnight, the pollution level touched 373—classified as "very poor" under Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) standards. By Tuesday morning, however, the average AQI across Kolkata subsided to 166, falling into the "moderate" range. CPCB data indicated that, even with the spike, Kolkata fared better than other major Indian cities where pollution levels breached alarming thresholds. "Due to geographical location, pollution from northern states drift into Bengal.

CM hosts Kali Puja, cooks
and greets guest at Kalighat



MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again blended political clout with personal tradition as she led Kali Puja festivities at her ancestral Kalighat residence. In scenes repeated year after year, the state's most powerful political figure was seen firing on all cylinders—single-handedly overseeing rituals, cooking for the gathering, and playing host to a who's who of the city's political, administrative, cultural, and industrial elite. This year's celebrations saw Trinamool General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee returning from Lake Kalibari to join the Chief Minister and pay floral tributes, accompanied by his wife, mother Lata Banerjee, and family.

The guest list underscored Mamata Banerjee's networking firepower: State Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, Home Secretary Nandini Chakraborty, former Chief Secretary Harikrishna Dwivedi, DGP Rajiv Kumar, Mayor Firhad Hakim, MLAs Ratna Chatterjee, June Mallya, and Sayantika

Banerjee, along with business luminaries—all gathered under one roof to mark the occasion. Even as officialdom and industry mingled, it was Mamata Banerjee's personal touch that stood out. Reports and videos from inside the Mamata Banerjee household showed the Chief Minister personally preparing meals, ringing temple bells, and receiving guests. The domestic atmosphere was reinforced by the participation of her sister-in-law, Lata Banerjee, seen assisting the Chief Minister throughout the busy day. Sharing moments from the puja on social media, Mamata Banerjee extended greetings to the people of Bengal and unveiled a self-written and composed Kali Puja song, performed by Sri-radha Banerjee. For a leader accustomed to the storm of state politics, the Kali Puja at Kalighat remains a carefully curated tradition—at once intimate and powerfully symbolic—cementing her public image as both Bengal's chief administrator and devoted cultural matriarch.

Strength in the pillar: Jadavpur
puja celebrates faith and stability

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid the dazzling lights and grandeur of Kali Puja, the Central Park Youth Association of Jadavpur has chosen a theme that stands apart—celebrating not extravagance, but endurance. In its 67th year, the club pays homage to the silent force that holds everything together—the 'pillar', or khooti, the foundation of both a mandap and a meaningful life. This year's artistic concept transforms the traditional Puja pavilion into a symbolic tribute to stability, devotion, and moral strength. The structure, crafted from bamboo and wood, mirrors the resilience of faith that withstands even the fiercest storms. Just as the pillar upholds the mandap, the club's theme reminds visitors that unity, integrity, and belief form the spiritual arches upon which society rests. Club officials explained that the Mandap's design draws inspiration from the Kalighat Kali temple, one of the revered 51 Shakti Peeths. The goddess—embodying strength and steadfastness—is depicted through intricate installations that blend religious essence with artistic discipline. "The 'pillar' is not merely structural—it signifies the endurance of faith in times of turbulence," said Gaurav Kumar Dutta, General Secretary of the club. Financial manager Ayan Chakraborty, who co-conceptualized the design, described the space as a "prayer in architecture."

BIHAR POLL: INDIA Bloc sets
up host of 'friendly fights'

From PG 1 contest, suddenly reversing its earlier decision to go solo and field six candidates. The JMM, part of the Opposition INDIA bloc and the ruling party in Jharkhand, had earlier sought a few seats to contest in Bihar and was refused by the RJD and the Congress. The RJD list has 50 candidates from the Muslim and Yadav communities, reflecting the party's focus on its key support bases. The party has also fielded more than half-a-dozen non-Yadav backwards in what seems an attempt to cut into rival JDUs votes. It has nominated 24 women to try and broaden the party's appeal among a vote bank widely

perceived to be happy with the Nitish Kumar government's cash doles. Tejashwi on Monday pitched himself as the candidate for chief minister in a post on X conveying Diwali greetings, while remaining silent on his party's candidate list. "I, Tejashwi, pledge to you that we all will light such a lamp of change and transformation that not only the country but the whole world will see it," he tweeted. "...I just want to say this to the people of Bihar: Come, let's just once come together and illuminate not only our homes but the entire Bihar. For Bihar, your Tejashwi is ready to burn day and night as a diya and bati."

Centre blocks MGNREGA funds

From PG 1 told The Telegraph over the phone. The initiative has also led to ripples in political circles. The Opposition, especially the BJP, has accused Trinamool Congress, which is seeking a fourth consecutive term in the 2026 Assembly polls, of using the scheme as a poll gimmick. "The Centre stopped funding the 100-day work scheme in Bengal due to the state government's financial irregularities. Now the state government is dangling a lollipop for the migrant workers by promising them work. If there were real job opportunities in Bengal, these youths wouldn't have to leave for other states," said Shyamal Roy, the BJP's Jalpaiguri district president. Mahua Gope, the Trinamool president of Jalpaiguri, however, countered the charge sharply. "Our chief minister Mamata Banerjee has taken up the initiative to provide alternative work to those with (MGNREGA) job cards, and now, the state is extending the same facility to migrant workers. What's the BJP's problem with that?" she said.

Name Change
I, MUNSHI MANIRUDDIN AHAMAD (old name) son of MUNSI MUJIBAR RAHAMAN , residing at VILL-NOADA NARAYANPUR, PO+P.S- KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712406, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MUNSI MANIRUDDIN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MUNSI MANIRUDDIN (new name) and MUNSHI MANIRUDDIN AHAMAD (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MUNSHI MUDDASSIR AHAMAD (old name) son of MUNSI MANIRUD-DIN, residing at VILL-NOADA NARAYANPUR, PO+P.S- KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712406, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MUNSHI MUDDASSIR AHAMED (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MUNSHI MUDDASSIR AHAMAD (new name) and MUNSHI MUDDASSIR AHAMAD (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I Nazish Parween, W/O Md Belal Hasan, R/O Ever Green Road Sosti Nagar Asansol, Po-Asansol, Ps-Hirapur, Dist. Paschim Bardhaman, 713301, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nazish Parween, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/10/2025. That Nazish Parween And Nazish Parween All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Naymonnessa (Old Name) W/O Md Kalim Akhter Ansari Residing at Prenchand Muniroard, Survey View Park, Po - Bandel, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712123, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Naimum Nesa (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 21-10-2025. Naymonnessa (Old Name) and Naimum Nesa (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saddam Hussien Mondal (Old Name) S/o Kuddus Ali Mandal Residing at Vill - Huda Bishnupur, Po - Shimulia, P.S - Gopalanagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743262 West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Saddam Hossain Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 21-10-2025. Saddam Hussien Mondal (Old Name) and Saddam Hossain Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Josna Ara Khatun W/O Golam Eas-dani Mistry D/o Yeasin Jamadar (as per Madhyamik School Certificate) Residing at Vill - Rajakgohalia, Po- Dosoting, Ps- Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Namira Bibi Mistry (as Per Aadhar No- 9937 5071 2827, Voter ID- UBL1752989, Pan No - FMAPM4773D) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 21-10-2025. Josna Ara Khatun (Old Name) and Namira Bibi Mistry (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Moktar Sarder (Old Name) S/o Late Abbach Sarfar Residing at Vill - Ballartop, Po - Shibganj, P.S - Basanti, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743312 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Moktar Sarder (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit no 43374 Dated 08-07-2025. Moktar Sarder (Old Name) and Moktar Sarder (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manirul Sarder (Old Name) S/o Moktar Sarder Residing at Vill - Ballartop, Po - Shibganj, P.S - Basanti, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743312 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Manirul Sarder (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit no 43374 Dated 08-07-2025. Manirul Sarder (Old Name) and Manirul Sarder (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Surajit Hazra, S/o Manik Hazra, residing at Villa.P.O- Nonakundu, P.S- Domjir, Dist - Howrah Pin - 711405, W.B., declare that in my Passbook is issued by IDBI Bank being A/c No. XXXXXXXXXX0101820, my name has been wrongly recorded as Surjot Hazra instead of my actual name Surajit Hazra as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card. That Surajit Hazra and Surjot Hazra both are same and one identical person i.e. myself vide affidavit 7534 dated 12.09.25 before 1st. Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah.

I, Salamat Sk, S/o Mohammad Sk, residing at Vill & P.O. Gunanandabati, P.S. Bharatpur, Dist. Murshidabad do hereby declare that my son Sahajahan Sk's name has been recorded as Sajahan Sk in my passport. On 15.10.2025 vide an affidavit before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kandi, Murshidabad. I affirm that Sahajahan Sk & Sajahan Sk is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

That in my Voter identity Card vide no.- YGV1252436 where my name inadvertently written/ recorded as MAFUJA KHATUN in place of NUPURJAN BIBI. NUPURJAN BIBI and MAFUJA KHATUN is the same one and identical person vide Affidavit no.- 4414/BC-/25 sworn before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court on 17-10-2025, W.B.

Name Change
I, Nasira Khatun (old name) W/o Sk Jahir Uddin, resident of Vill- Balia-hatta, P.O. & P.S.- Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712149, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nasira Begum (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Hooghly Sadar, vide an affidavit No 8538 dated 04/09/2025. Nasira Begum (new name) and Nasira Khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PRADIP KUMAR JAISWAL son of LATE HIRA LAL SHAW, aged about 65 years by faith Hindu, by occupation- business, residing at 13, SARKAR LANE, BARABAZAR, KOLKATA-700007, West Bengal, India, hereby state that in my Voter's id card being no.-YM1946144, my father surname was wrongly resored as "Hira Lal Jaiswal" instead of "Hira Lal Shaw and I say that "Hira Lal Shaw" and "Hira Lal Jaiswal" is same and identical person as declared before The LD 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, ALIPORE at CALCUTTA vide an affidavit no-24077 vide dated 08/10/2025.

Name Change
I,MOHAMMAD AMANULLAH (old name) son of MD GOLAM, residing at 621,TOPسيا ROAD, PO & PS-TIL-JALA,KOLKATA- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD AMANULLAH(new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/10/2025. MD AMANULLAH(new name) and MO-HAMMAD AMANULLAH(olad name) both are same and one identical person and there is no separate identity.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMAD ARAFAT (old name) son of MD AMANULLAH, residing at 621,TOPسيا ROAD, PO & PS-TIL-JALA,KOLKATA- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD ARAFAT (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/10/2025. MD ARAFAT(new name) and MO-HAMMAD ARAFAT(olad name) both are same and one identical person and there is no separate identity.

Name Change
I, Tanjim (old name) W/o Mohammad Younus Siddique, resident of Vill- Furfura Sharif, PO- Furfura, Jangpura, Hooghly-712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Begam Tanjima (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Begam Tanjima (new name) and Tanjim (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruhulakuddus Molla (old name) S/o Abdul Kader Molla, resident of Vill & P.O.- Dutta Para, P.S.- Swarnnagar, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743286, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ruhul Kuddus Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Ruhul Kuddus Molla (new name) and Ruhulakud-dus Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahesh Kanofia (old name) S/o Sukhdev, resident of 2-FR, FL-2B, 8/4/4, PUDDAPURKUR SQUARE, P.O.- KIDDERPORE, P.S.- WATGUNJ, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahesh Kumar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Mahesh Kumar (new name) and Mahesh Kanofia (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rohana Zulfaqar (old name) W/o Zulfaqar Ali Bhutto, resident of 9, Guru Saday Road, P.O.- Ballygunge, P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Re-hana Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Rehana Begum (new name) and Re-hana Zulfaqar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Jahangir (old name) S/o Shaikh Osman, resident of Champadali, Panskura, Purba Medinipur, 721139, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Jahangir (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sk Jahangir (new name) and Shaikh Ja-hangir (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Huzaifah Rahman (old name) S/o Shawkat Hossain, resident of 2B/1/2, Ekhal Pore Lane, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Huzaifah Rah-man (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Md Huzaifah Rahman (new name) and Md Huzaifah Rahman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rubi Parveen (old name) W/o Md Akram Khan, resident of B-3/H/22, Bhukalita Road, P.O.- Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ruby Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Ruby Khan (new name) and Rubi Parveen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MD AYUB S/O MOHAMMAD JUBBAR declare that my said name MOHAMMAD AYUB (old name), residing at BAGPUL, PURBA PARA Po.- joykul, north 24 Parganas pin- 743234, West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and i shall henceforth be known as MD AYUB (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD AYUB (new name) and MOHAMMAD AYUB (old name) both are same and one identical person.

GRSE strengthens indigenous research shipbuilding

MI News Service, Kolkata: In keeping with its commitment towards Atmanirb-harta, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd laid the keel for an advanced Acoustic Re-search Ship (ARS) that it is building for the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), a unit of the Defence Research and Development Organi-sation (DRDO).

The contract for the advanced ARS was signed between GRSE and NPOL in October 2024. With an overall length of 93 metres and width of 18 metres, the ARS will be a very advanced platform with state-of-the-art research equipment.

The ARS will be capable of speeds ranging from 4 knots to 12 knots. At top speed, the ship will have an endurance of 30 days or 4,500 nautical miles in a single mission. It will have a complement of 120 per-sonnel. The capabilities of the ARS will include de-



ployment, towing and re-treival of various equip-ment such as acoustic modules, carrying out tem-poral and/or spatial high-resolution surveys of sound velocity profiles and collec-tion of ocean tides/current information to be used for survey optimization, design of underwater moorings and offshore deployments.

The research vessel will also carry out meteor-ological surveys to under-stand the influence of atmospheric parameters in sound propagation studies and undertake shallow water acoustic reverbera-

tion studies. It will also be capable of launching, mooring and maintaining standalone buoys and col-lecting data from them. Its wide speed range will allow the ship to operate at mul-tiple speed regimes to carry out acoustic systems trials, while maintaining silence.

The ARS will also have a dynamic positioning sys-tem that will allow it to maintain position in intact condition up to Sea State 4. The vessel will have diesel-electric propulsion and three (3) deck cranes will be fitted on board to handle research equipment.

Swachhata Abhiyan and Special Campaign 5.0: Sealdah Division Conducts Extensive Cleanliness and Awareness Drives 'Amrit Samvaad' programme organised

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 :As part of the Special Campaign 5.0 and the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway continued its vigorous cleanliness and awareness initiatives across various stations, receiving an enthusiastic response from railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers alike. On October 21, 2025, the Environment & Housekeeping Management (ENHM) Department, Sealdah Division, conducted a series of impact-ful activities under the Swachhata Abhiyan at multiple stations including Bi-rati, Barrackpore, Chitpur, Dum Dum Junction, Ichhapur, Kolkata, Kanchra-para, Ranaghat, Sealdah, and Shirampur.

Mass Awareness Programmes and Cleanliness Drives were organised to educate passengers and railway staff about the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability. These drives aimed to

ensure a cleaner and more hygienic environment for all commuters. An 'Amrit Samvaad' – Interactive Session with Pas-sengers was also organised at Kolkata and Birati stations, where passengers ac-tively participated in discussions on clean-liness initiatives, sharing valuable feedback and suggestions to further im-prove station hygiene and passenger amenities.

The Swachhata Abhiyan held on Oc-tober 21, 2025, underscored the collective commitment of the ENHM Department, Sealdah Division, in collaboration with other departments, towards fostering public participation, environmental con-sciousness, and sustainable cleanliness practices across the division. This coordi-nated effort marks yet another significant step by Eastern Railway toward creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable railway environment.

ECoR GM Reviews Massive Passenger Convenience & Safety Drive for Festive Rush – 367 Special Trains, 24 7 Monitoring in Place

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : ● 367 special trains planned under ECoR to handle festive rush ● Round-the clock War Room monitoring at ECoR Headquarters ● En-hanced crowd control, security checks, and 900+ CCTV surveillance active. The General Manager, East Coast Rail-way (ECoR), Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, reviewed and closely monitored the elaborate arrangements made to ensure passenger convenience, safety, and smooth travel during the ongoing festive season at the 24-hour War Room set up at the ECoR Headquarters in Bhubaneswar.

With the sharp rise in passenger traffic during this period, East Coast Railway has implemented extensive measures to manage the surge efficiently and ensure seamless operations across all its divisions. To facilitate hassle-free travel, Indian Railways is operating over 12,000 special trains across the country, out of which East Coast Railway is running 367 special trains. Since 1st October 2025, a total of 76 special trains have already been operated, carrying over 70,000 pas-sengers so far.

Name Change
I, ASGAR SIDDIKI AND MOHAM-MAD ASGAR SIDDIQUE (old name) S/o MD JULFIKAR SIDDIQUE, res-ident of VILL-FURFURA, P.O-FUR-FURA, PS-JANGIPARA, HOOGHLY, PIN-712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD ASGAR SIDDIQUE (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD ASGAR SIDDIQUE (new name) and ASGAR SIDDIKI AND MOHAMMAD ASGAR SID-DIQUE (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ASGAR SIDDIKI (old name) S/o MD ASGAR SIDDIQUE, resident of VILL-FURFURA,P.O-FURFURA,PS-JANGIPARA, DIST-HOOGHLY,PIN-712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as MD TAYEM SID-DIQUE (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD TAYEM SIDDIQUE (new name) and TAYEM SIDDIKI (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMED NASIRUDDIN MOL-LAH (old name) S/o AZIZAR RA-HAMAN, resident of VILL-UTTAR MOULI, PO MALANCHIA, PS-MI-NAKHAN, NORTH 24 PGS-743425, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD NASIR UDDIN MOL-LAH (new name), as declared Be-fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. MD NASIR UDDIN MOLLAH (new name) and MOHAMMED NASIRUD-DIN MOLLAH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sakif Sk(Old Name), Son Of Israfli Sk, Residing At Vtc - Lakshminikanta-pur, Po - Dosatina, Ps- Bishnupur, South24parganas- 743503, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sakif Sekh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/10/2025. Sakif Sk And Sakif Sekh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, Tinku Singh (Old Name) S/O Bijju Sing And Bijju Singh, Residing At 64/56, Q.Road, Belgachia, Howrah-711108, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Tuni Singh (New Name) As Declared Before The No-tary Public At Kolkata On 21/10/25. Tinku Singh (Old Name) And Tuni Singh(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rekha Kumari (Old Name) D/O Tuni Singh, Residing At Benaras Road, Kona Naskar Parka, Liluah, Howrah-711114, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Rekha Singh (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/10/2025. Rekha Kumari (Old Name) And Rekha Singh(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, inspects Crowd Management at Anand Vihar Railway Station, Interacts Directly with Passengers

MI News Service, New Delhi, 21 Oct.25 :Union Minister for Railways, In-formation & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Informa-tion Technology, Shri Ash-wini Vaishnaw, conducted a surprise inspection of Anand Vihar Railway Sta-tion today, to ensure pas-senger safety and convenience during the fes-tive season.

The Minister inspected the Holding area at the sta-tion. He also interacted di-rectly with passengers. During the interaction, he took feedback from pas-sengers regarding the cleanliness of the station premises and the facilities being provided.

Speaking to the media, Shri Vaishnaw stated that the Railways have made comprehensive arrange-ments to ensure that pas-sengers face no inconvenience despite the



huge rush. Passenger con-venience and safety are our top priority. He stated that strict action is initiated against those who circulate fake videos about Railways on Social media. He also ap-pealed that no fake videos shall be circulated about Railways on Social Media.

During the inspection, Shri Satish Kumar, Chair-man & CEO Railway Board, and Shri Ashok Kumar

Verma, General Manager Northern Railway, along with several other senior railway officials, were present. The Minister expressed confidence that these com-prehensive arrangements for crowd management and passenger facilities will ensure smooth and safe travel for millions of pas-sengers during the upcom-ing major festivals like Diwali and Chhath.

Swachhata Abhiyan 2025: Sealdah Division Continues Cleanliness & Awareness Initiatives



MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 :The Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, launched nationwide, has been receiving an enthusi-astic response in the Seal-dah Division of Eastern Railway. The campaign, which runs from August 1 to October 31, aims to fos-ter cleanliness and sustain-ability across the railway network, involving railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers.

As part of the campaign activities on October 20, 2025, the Environment & Housekeeping Management (ENHM) Department of Seal-

dah Division organised various cleanliness and aware-ness initiatives at stations including Kolkata, Naihati , and Titagarh.

Mass awareness pro-grammes and intensive cleanliness drives were con-ducted to educate pas-sengers and railway staff about the importance of maintain-ing hygiene and adopting sustainable practices. The efforts focused on ensuring a cleaner and more hygienic environment for daily com-muters and rail users.

The continued drive un-derlines the collective com-mitment of the ENHM Department, Sealdah Divi-sion, along with support from other departments, towards making the railway premises cleaner, greener, and more passenger-friendly — mark-ing another meaningful step in Eastern Railway's ongoing journey towards a sustain-able future.

General Manager Launches Improved Aamar Kolkata Metro App



MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : Shri Subhransu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway launched the improved Aamar Kolkata Metro App to provide additional pay-ment facility with HDFC Smart Gateway today (i.e. 20.10.2025) on the oc-casion of Kali Puja and Deepavali in presence of senior officers of Metro Railway, and CRIS. This will help Metro commuters to complete their ticket payment process faster with wider payment facili-ties including UPI Intent.

Howrah Division Undertakes Intensive Cleaning Drive under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 :Continuing its commitment to the nation-wide cleanliness initiative, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted an Intensive Cleaning Drive on 20th October, 2025, as part of Special Campaign 5.0. The cleanliness activity covered a wide area of Howrah Station and its sur-rounding premises — in-cluding platforms, circulating areas, tracks, toilets, roads, and drains. The campaign witnessed active participation from staff across multiple departments who worked collectively to ensure a com-prehensive clean-up of passenger and op-erational zones.



Special attention was devoted to the cleaning of railway tracks and drains to prevent waterlogging and to promote a healthier and more hygienic environ-ment for passengers and employees. This sustained cleanliness effort reflects Howrah Division's dedica-tion to the Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat vision. Reg-ular monitoring and follow-up inspections are being carried out to maintain the improved standards of hy-giene achieved through the drive. Reaf-firming its commitment under Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division continues to strive for a cleaner, safer, and more passenger-centric railway ecosystem.

Metro Railway Conducting Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 :As part of the on-going Special Campaign 5.0, Metro Railway organized intensive cleaning drives at different Metro stations today. Commuters were also requested to ex-tend 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, clear-ing unwanted bushes and grass, and cleaning drainage systems. Cleanli-ness remains priority to Special Campaign 5.0, with co-ordinated efforts of of-ficers and staff to enhance hygiene and efficiency in workplaces.

Commuters are also being encouraged to con-tribute towards keeping the Metro premises clean and litter-free. Announce-

ments are being made through the Public Address System requesting passen-gers not to spit or litter in-side the Metro premises. Offenders can be easily identified through CCTV surveillance and fined ₹500. Metro authorities have also requested all commuters to use the dust-bins placed at stations whenever required. Let us all join hands to keep our Metro system clean, safe and commuter-friendly.

Lexus performs well amid SUV growth momentum

MI News Service, Kolkata: Lexus India has an-nounced a performance update for its RX SUV, which has witnessed a 18% increase in sales for the calendar year January to September '25 as com-pared to the same period last year. In the month of September RX recorded a growth of 38% as com-pared to September last year. The RX continues to play a pivotal role in driv-ing Lexus India's growth, underscoring its strong market acceptance and contribution to the brand's expanding footprint in the luxury SUV segment.

Hikaru Ikeuchi, Presi-dent of Lexus India, said, "The luxury SUV segment in India continues to wit-ness remarkable growth, driven by evolving lifestyles and a growing preference for versatile mobility solutions."

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APPENDIX IV [See rule 8.1(i)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Phoenix ARC Private Limited (acting in its capacity as a trustee for Phoenix Trust FY23-10), under the Securitisation 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 Demand notice dated 15/06/2024 calling upon the borrowers GOUTAM MONDAL, RUPA GEORGE AND APARNA MONDAL to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2769906 I- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Six Only) pertaining to loan account No. HMM26AH19100007 as of 17/05/2024 with further interest applicable along with other contractual dues which may fall due till realization thereof until payment in full within 60 days (Sixty days) from the date of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the abovementioned amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic 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 15.10.2025.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Phoenix ARC Private Limited (acting in its capacity as a trustee for Phoenix Trust FY23-10), for an amount of Rs. 2769906 I- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Six Only) as of 17/05/2024 with further interest applicable along with all cost, charges and expenses until payment in full.

The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
All That Piece & Parcel Adm. 6.8732 Decimals Of R.S & L.R. Dag Nos. 78, 79, 83, 99, LR.Dag No. 423/1205, L.R. Khatian No. 1087 And 192, J.L. No. 81 And 87, Touzi No. 37, Mouza-Parulia And Joydevpur P.S. Parulia, Dist-South 24 Parganas 24 Paraganas(S) Pin 743368 Bounded By: East: Pond Of Owner's And Other's, West: 5' Wide Passage And 2 Storied Building Of Prankrishna Mondal, North: Pond, South: Pond.

NAME OF THE MORTGAGOR: GOUTAM MONDAL, RUPA GEORGE AND APARNA MONDAL
Date: Parulia, West Bengal For Phoenix ARC Private Limited (Trustee for Phoenix Trust FY23-10) Place: 15.10.2025 (Authorized Officer)

Metro staff wins gold medal in Chess - 2025 Championship, Quiberon



MI News Service, 21 Oct,

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. Elect-OT-25-26-SPP2-29. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division acting on behalf of President of India invites open tender from respective Eligible contractors through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. Respective contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in www.ireps.gov.in website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender. Please read the tender document carefully uploaded in the documents section for details. **Name of the work :** Santragachi : Supply, Installation and Erection of Solar Power Plant at Santragachi jurisdiction (Phase 2). **Tender Value :** ₹ 14,97,07,778.57. **EMD/Bid Security :** ₹ 8,98,500/-. **Tender Closing date & time:** 12.11.2025 at 10:30 hrs. Tender Notice, tender document and other details are given in the www.ireps.gov.in (PR-750)

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/706, Date: 17.10.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 invites Open e-Tender for the under-mentioned electrical works. **SI.No.:-1. Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3496. Name of work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Renovation of Railway institute at Bandel, Bardhaman, Azimganj, Rampurhat under Howrah Division. **Tender value:** ₹ 95,09,960. **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit):** ₹ 1,90,200. **Completion Period:** 180 days. **SI.No.:-2. Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3501. Name of work:** 'B' check and 'C' check maintenance of different capacity DG sets with repairing by replacement of spare parts over Howrah Division for two years. **Tender value:** ₹ 48,60,588. **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit):** ₹ 97,200. **Completion Period:** 24 months. **Closing date and time of tender :** 06.11.2025 at 15.00 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). In case the date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-351/2025-26) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/705, Date: 17.10.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 invites Open e-Tender for the under-mentioned electrical works. **SI.No.:-1. Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3433. Name of work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Replacement of Steel O.H. Tank by RCC O.H. Tank of capacity 50000 gallon with pipeline & other ancillary works at Rampurhat (4 nos.) & Nalhati (1 no.) under AEN/Rampurhat. **Tender value:** ₹ 41,85,433. **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit):** ₹ 83,700. **SI.No.:-2. Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3477. Name of work:** Electrical (General) work in connection with Construction of Ladies Dress Changing Room along with attached toilet to facilitate of all Ladies staff under section of ADE/Azimganj. **Tender value:** ₹ 7,88,987. **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit):** ₹ 15,800. **Completion Period:** 180 days (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). **Closing date and time of tender :** 07.11.2025 at 15.00 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). In case the date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-352/2025-26) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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GM/SER holds media briefing session regarding arrangements during festival rush

MI News Service, 21 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway held a media briefing session at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 21.10.2025. Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager and other Principals Head of the Departments also attended the session. In his address, General Manager stated that S.E. Railway is taking adequate steps so that extra rush of passengers can be taken care of during festival season.

Mitrabha Guha, a Metro Railway employee, was part of the Indian Railways Chess Team that has clinched the Gold Medal at the USC Chess Championship 2025, held at Quiberon, France from 6th to 10th October, 2025.

A total of 11 countries participated in this prestigious international tournament. The Indian Railways Team emerged victorious in the final round, defeating Germany and Switzerland to secure the top position. Shri Guha was one of the six key members representing Indian Railways in this championship.

Subhansu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway, has congratulated Shri Guha for this remarkable achievement and lauded him for bringing glory to the organization and the nation

Operation Sindoor is a reply to injustice on Indians: MODI

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday penned a letter to the citizens of the country on Deepavali, highlighting the successes of Operation Sindoor and the fight against Naxalism and asserting that Bharat has emerged as a symbol of stability at a time when the world is beset with crises.

The prime minister listed the decision to lower Goods and Services Tax rates among the historic achievements of his government and said that citizens are saving thousands of crores of rupees during the 'GST Bachat Utsav'.

He also urged citizens to adopt swadeshi to promote the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat', to respect all languages, prioritise health and embrace yoga.

"All these efforts will rapidly take us towards a Viksit Bharat," Modi said in his letter, which he wrote a day after he celebrated Diwali with Navy personnel onboard the indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.

"I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you on the auspicious occasion of Deepavali, a festival filled with energy and enthusiasm. This is the second Deepavali after the grand construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya," he said.

"Lord Shri Ram teaches us to uphold righteousness and also gives us the courage to fight injustice. We have seen a living example of this a few months ago during Operation Sindoor. Bharat not only upheld righteousness but also avenged injustice," the PM said.

He said that this Deepavali is particularly special because for the first time, lamps will be lit in many districts across the country, including remote areas.

"These are the districts where Naxalism and Maoist terrorism have been eradicated from the root. In recent times, we have seen many individuals abandoning the path of violence and joining the mainstream of development, expressing faith in the Constitution of our country. This is a major achievement for the nation," Modi said.

The prime minister said amid these historic achievements, the country has also embarked on next-generation reforms in recent days.

"On the first day of Navratri, lower GST rates were implemented. During this 'GST Bachat Utsav', citizens are saving thousands of crores of rupees," Modi said.

He said in a world going through multiple crises, Bharat has emerged as a symbol of both stability and sensitivity.



Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway holding a media briefing session at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 21.10.2025. Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager and other Principals Head of the Departments also attended the session.

while boarding or after de-boarding, temporary holding areas have been developed at major stations this year. Stations have been identified for permanent holding areas for next year and beyond.

War rooms are functional at South Eastern Railway

Headquarters and all the four divisional Headquarters for CCTV monitoring through live feed and immediate solving of complaints/grievances/problems of passengers.

South Eastern Railway currently operating 6 regular special trains and 11 additional festival specials. 16

Sealdah division successfully implements robust crowd management for Kali Puja and Diwali



senior officers and dedicated staff maintain 24x7 vigilance via real-time monitoring of CCTV feeds. This allows for immediate, coordinated action to manage any developing crowd situation.

• Holding Areas and Queue Discipline: The strategic use of large holding areas proved highly effective in regulating passenger entry. This process was maintained through disciplined queue management,

strictly enforced by specially deployed RPF personnel.

• Flow Segregation: Clear segregation of entry and exit gates successfully streamlined passenger flow, preventing bottlenecks in the circulating areas.

• Enhanced Ticketing and Information: The opening of extra booking counters and the active promotion of M-UTS (Mobile Unreserved Ticketing System) reduced

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

MI News Service, 21 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: In alignment with Indian Railways' commitment to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the nationwide Special Campaign 5.0, the Howrah Division conducted a large-scale cleanliness drive over the division and hosted an Amrit Samvaad session at Dankuni Station on October 21, 2025. This campaign aims to enhance cleanliness, hygiene, and passenger satisfaction across the railway network.

The cleanliness drive was carried out comprehensively across major stations including Bandel, Azimganj, Tarakeswar, Rampurhat, Bolpur, Kamarkundu, Pakur, and Bardhaman. Additionally, several railway colonies

at Bardhaman, Bandel, Katwa, and Bamanagachi were also covered under this initiative. Special attention was given to surrounding areas to ensure a thorough and sustainable impact.

A joint effort by railway officers, supervisors, and house-keeping staff ensured high standards of cleanliness were achieved. Intensive cleaning activities were undertaken at platforms, waiting halls, toilets, drains, circulating areas, and other key parts of station premises. Their dedication and teamwork played a vital role in creating a cleaner, more passenger-friendly environment.

As part of the outreach component of Special Campaign 5.0, an Amrit Samvaad was orga-



nized at Dankuni Station, where senior railway officials interacted directly with passengers, staff, and local stakeholders. The session served as an open platform to share updates about ongoing initiatives and gather

Ashwini Vaishnav reviews crowd management at New Delhi Railway Station with passengers



MI News Service, 21 Oct, 2025, New Delhi: Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, conducted a surprise inspection of New Delhi Railway Station this evening,

October 21. The Minister inspected the control room on platform No. 1, which monitors the entire station. He interacted directly with passengers on platforms No. 12/13. He also interacted with sleeper-class passengers on the

Amrit Bharat Express train on platform No. 16 to learn about their experiences and gather feedback. Following this, he inspected Yatri Suvidha Kendra, where he gathered feedback from passengers on the facilities provided by the Railways.

Speaking to the media, Vaishnav said, "Indian Railways has made extensive arrangements to ensure that passengers do not face any inconvenience despite the heavy rush. 1.2 million railway employees are engaged in serving passengers day and night."

Chairman and CEO, Railway Board, Satish Kumar, General Manager, Northern Railway, Ashok Kumar Verma and other senior officers were also present during the inspection.

Iconic ASRANI passes away at 84

MI News Service, Mumbai: Veteran actor Asrani, who entertained generations with his comic timing but was equally at ease in a wide gamut of roles that straddled films as diverse as Sholay, Abhimaan, Mere Apne, Bawarchi, Guddi and Parichay, passed away in a hospital here on Monday, his manager said. He was 84.

A veteran of over 350 films in a career spanning five decades, Govardhan Asrani, known popularly by the mononym Asrani, cemented his place in the hearts of the audiences through his portrayal of the eccentric jailer in Sholay. His dialogue, "Hum angrezon ke zamane ke jailor hai" in Sholay has achieved a cult status since. The character was modelled on Charlie Chaplin in The Great Dictator.

The end came on Monday afternoon, four days after he was admitted to Bharatiya Arogya Nidhi Hospital in suburban Juhu.

"He was a bit unwell. He was admitted following breathing issues. He passed away today at 3pm. We were told by the doctors that water had accumulated in his lungs," Asrani's manager Babubhai Thiba told PTI.

specials run by other zonal Railways are also being run over SER jurisdiction now.

Daily monitoring of footfalls per day is being monitored at major stations. Footfall at Ranchi station has increased from 53000 to 58000 as compared to last year. Tatanagar and Shalimar are having same footfall as compared to last year.

By gathering all the spare coaches, 20 extra rakes have been formed by South Eastern Railway so that special trains according to demand can be run .11 rakes are being utilised by South Eastern Railway whereas 9 rakes have been deputed by Railway Board to run special trains from other parts of India.

To ensure safety of passengers, all trains are being escorted by RPF and commercial staff to control unauthorised entry in reserve coaches and for guidance of passengers.

Schedule of special trains of ER for next few days to cater the Chhath rush

MI News Service, 21 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: A good number of special trains are being operated by Eastern Railway towards various destination to facilitate the movement of passengers of the occasion of the Chhath festivals. The following trains will be originated from different stations of Eastern Railway over next four days, are given below.

22 nd October 2025				
Train No.	From	To	Schedule Departure	
04063	Bhagalpur	→ Delhi	13:40 Hrs.	
04457	Bhagalpur	→ Anand Bihar	18:00 Hrs.	
04451	Howrah	→ New Delhi	01:30 Hrs.	
05048	Kolkata	→ Banaras	08:25 Hrs.	
01146	Asansol	→ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	21:00 Hrs.	
09082	Bhagalpur	→ Udhna	22:50 Hrs.	

23 rd October 2025				
Train No.	From	To	Schedule Departure	
03131	Sealdah	→ Gorakhpur	18:15 Hrs.	
04457	Bhagalpur	→ Anand Bihar	18:00 Hrs.	
05063	Kolkata	→ Mau	13:20 Hrs.	
09624	Asansol	→ Udaipur	07:55 Hrs.	
09082	Bhagalpur	→ Udhna	22:50 Hrs.	

24 th October 2025				
Train No.	From	To	Schedule Departure	
03005	Howrah	→ Lumding	07:15 Hrs.	
03101	Sealdah	→ Malatipalpur	23:50 Hrs.	
03527	Asansol	→ Gorakhpur	13:20 Hrs.	
04154	Kolkata	→ Kanpur Central	10:45 Hrs.	
04457	Bhagalpur	→ Anand Bihar	18:00 Hrs.	
04451	Howrah	→ New Delhi	01:30 Hrs.	
09082	Bhagalpur	→ Udhna	22:50 Hrs.	
05055	Asansol	→ Barhni	12:30 Hrs.	

Intending passengers are requested to grab this opportunity of passengers special trains for a hassle free journey.

queuing at booking windows. Furthermore, the public address system provided proper and timely announcements, ensuring passengers were well-informed.

• Special trains for Kali Puja and Diwali towards Naihati, Dankuni, Barasat, Barupur and Bangaon from 20/21.10.2025 to 22/23.10.2025.

In this context DRM Sealdah Rajeev Saxena stated that these changes are a direct response to the operational challenges and the paramount need for passenger safety and comfort. By implementing systematic crowd management, we aim to eliminate confusion, manage the high footfall efficiently, and provide every commuter with a safer and more hassle-free journey.

valuable feedback on station facilities, cleanliness, and passenger services.

Passengers were encouraged to take an active role in maintaining cleanliness and to share suggestions for further improve-

ment. The Amrit Samvaad highlighted the spirit of community participation, reinforcing the shared responsibility between the Railways and the public in maintaining a hygienic travel environment.

The Howrah Division reaffirms its unwavering commitment to building a cleaner, safer, and more inclusive railway network. The success of this campaign reflects the dedication of railway personnel and the growing awareness among passengers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all travellers who support these efforts—your cooperation is helping shape a cleaner and better India for the generations to come.

Office of the Councillors of Taherpur Notified Area Authority
E-Tender Notice
Online tenders are invited by the Chairman, Taherpur Notified Area Authority for different works under APAS Scheme within Taherpur Notified Area Authority from experienced Contractors. (1)Tender reference No- WBMD/ULB/TNA/A/NIT-06/2025-26, Ref. memo no 552/2025-26/TNAA, dated:- 13/10/2025 and WBMD/ULB/TNA/A/NIT-10e/2025-26, Ref. memo no 553/2025-26/TNAA, dated:- 13/10/2025. Bid submission started on 15/10/2025 from 18:00 hrs. & 20/10/2025 from 11:00 hrs. respectively. And bid submission will be closed on 06/11/2025 upto 11:00 hrs. & 08/11/2025 upto 11:30 hrs. respectively. For detail information please go to e-tendering portal www.wbtenders.gov.in. Corrigendum/ Addendum will be published in website only. Sd/- Chairman, Taherpur N.A.A

Office of the Councillors of Taherpur Notified Area Authority
E-Tender Notice
Online tenders are invited by the Chairman, Taherpur Notified Area Authority for Water body Rejuvenation of Bat Pukur at Taherpur Picnic Garden at Ward No. - 04 under Taherpur Notified Area Authority under AMRUT 2.0 Scheme. (1)Tender reference No- WBMD/ULB/TNA/A/NIT-08e/2025-26, Ref. memo no 551/2025-26/TNAA, dated:- 13/10/2025. Bid submission started on 15/10/2025 from 18:00 hrs. Bid submission will be ended on 03/11/2025 upto 11:00 hrs. For detail information please go to e-tendering portal www.wbtenders.gov.in. Corrigendum/ Addendum will be published in website only. Sd/- Chairman, Taherpur N.A.A

हेतु संदर्भित करने की सूचना (साधारण प्रारूप)
न्यायालय अप्रत्यक्ष प्रमाण पत्रिवाचित न्यायाधीश कक्षा सं. 4 इलाहाबाद न्यायविक वार संख्या 682 सं. 2025
आश्वी सिंह आयु लगभग 29 वर्ष पुत्र ज्ञान सिंह निवासी-87/ए बेली, थाना कमलज, पोस्ट आफिस कच्छही-न्यायपाराज 3090, 211002,वादी ब्रजाम अग्रवानी सान्ना आयु लगभग 24 वर्ष पुत्री श्री उषल सान्ना माता श्रीमती न्यायिनी सान्ना निवासी पुराना पता अज्वालपुर, ददरहा हुस्ली बेट बंगाल हाल पता टी.एम.सी. पार्टी कार्यालय के सामने खंया कुली धनिया खली हुस्ली कोलमता, बेट बंगाल-712302.....प्रतिवादिनी/विपक्षी अंतर्गत धारा 9 HMA कूट उपर नमोक्ति ने इस न्यायालय से यह आवेदन दिया है कि अग्रज अपको एतद द्वारा चोवानी दी जाय है कि आप उप आवेदन के खिलाफ हेतु संदर्भित करने के लिए 2025 के 11 के 24 दिवस को 10 बजे पूर्वान्न मे स्वयं या सम्यकरूपेण अनलिट् अग्रने अधिवक्त द्वारा उपस्थित हो और एसा करने मे अग्रफल होत पर जो आवेदन एक पक्षीय से सुना जायेगा और अधिवक्ति किया जायेगा। मेरे हस्ताक्षर और न्यायालय की मुहर सहित आज के दिवस को निकाला गया।
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APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the PhoeniX ARC Private Limited (acting in its capacity as a trustee for PhoeniX Trust FY23-10), under the Securitisation 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 Demand notice dated 21/05/2024 calling upon the borrowers KISHORE ADHIKARY AND RATNA ADHIKARY to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 12,03,712/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Only) pertaining to loan account No. HF0011H19100334 as of 17/05/2024 with further interest applicable along with other contractual dues which may fall due till realization thereof until payment in full within 60 days (Sixty days) from the date of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the above-mentioned amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession (of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (6) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on 16.10.2025. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the PhoeniX ARC Private Limited (acting in its capacity as a trustee for PhoeniX Trust FY23-10), for an amount of Rs. 12,03,712/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Only) as of 17/05/2024 with further interest applicable along with all costs, charges and expenses until payment in full.
The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
All That Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Of Plot Of Land Measuring About 12 Chittaks And 24 Sq. Ft. Along With Structure Standing Thereon Forming Part Of R.S. Dag No. 1958, Under R.S. Khaitan No. 158, J.L. No. 2, In Mouza Garla, Under P.S. - Nalhati, In The District - North 24 Parganas, Pending And Numbered As Municipal Holding No. 63M, B.B. Mukherjee Road (As Per Deed) And 63M/1/1, B.B. Mukherjee Road (As Per Tax) Under Municipal Ward No. 15 (Old) / (New), Within The Limits Of Nalhati Municipality, And Boundaries Of The Plot North-By Land Of 50 Feet, East-By Land Of 50 Feet, South-By House Of Anupam Adhikary East-By 6' Ft. Wide By Lane, West-By Land Of 40 Feet And 40 Feet.
NAME OF THE MORTGAGOR: MR. KISHORE ADHIKARY AND MRS. RATNA ADHIKARY
Date: Nalhati, West Bengal
Place: 16.10.2025
For PhoeniX ARC Private Limited
(Trustee for PhoeniX Trust FY23-10)
(Authorized Officer)



Researchers discover protein that help prevent cancer treatment-related heart damage



Washington [US] : Blocking the protein CDK7 could prevent heart damage caused by a routinely used cancer chemotherapy treatment, according to a study conducted by scientists at Washington State University. Importantly, the researchers discovered that blocking CDK7 could improve the medication's cancer-killing efficacy.

Based on an animal model, the study's findings potentially lay the groundwork for future treatment options to decrease chemotherapy-related heart damage and improve treatment efficacy. This has the potential to help people with cancer live longer lives. Heart damage caused by chemotherapy can manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Cardiovascular Research, the WSU

study focused on doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer, lymphoma, leukemia and other cancers.

Capable of killing a wide range of cancer cells, doxorubicin and other similar chemotherapy medications are known to be toxic to the heart. Despite this toxicity, the drug still sees a lot of use.

"Doxorubicin remains the mainstay treatment for certain cancer types for which targeted therapies or other better treatments are not available," said senior study author Zhaokang Cheng, an associate professor in the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.Cheng has been working to unravel the underlying mechanisms of doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity to make the use of doxorubicin safer for patients who rely on the drug. This new study builds on findings from earlier research that showed that doxorubicin

activates a protein known as CDK2. That protein then activates another known as FOXO1, which causes heart cells to die. Cheng's team collaborated with WSU cancer biology researcher Boyang (Jason) Wu to take a closer look at CDK7, a protein that helps fuel cell growth and has been shown to play a role in the development of cancer.

The researchers found that CDK7 activated CDK2, which set off the chain of molecular signals that eventually led to heart cell death. They also showed that mice that lacked the CDK7 gene were protected from doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity. Next, they used a CDK7 inhibitor drug known as THZ1 to block the protein's activity and examine the impact on heart health and cancer growth. A similar inhibitor is currently being tested as an anti-cancer drug in clinical trials, but its effect on the heart is still not clear.

"We are the first to study the effect of THZ1 on the heart and tumour growth in the same model," said study first author Jingrui Chen, a WSU research associate. "And what we found is that this CDK7 inhibitor drug can increase heart function and at the same time inhibit tumour growth."

Though more research is needed, the researchers said their findings suggest that combining doxorubicin and THZ1 could help prevent heart damage and increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatment.

The researchers' next step is to test the effect of THZ1 on heart damage and cancer growth in younger mice and follow them longer. This would more closely mimic long-term doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity seen in childhood cancer survivors. They also plan to look at other proteins that may somehow be involved in the signaling pathway that underlies doxorubicin-related heart damage.

Semaglutide ingredient can help protect kidney function in people with obesity: Study

WASHINGTON [US], : Semaglutide, a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist, has been shown in the SELECT Trial to be effective in preventing the loss of kidney function in people who are overweight or obese and have established cardiovascular disease but do not have diabetes.

The remarkable secondary analysis from the SELECT (Semaglutide Effects on Heart Disease and Stroke in Patients with Overweight or Obesity) experiment, a randomised trial with a participant pool of 17,604 people, was unveiled by researchers today at the 61st ERA Congress.

The study's findings, according to experts, give individuals who suffer from obesity hope since this illness is known to increase the risk of renal function decline and macroalbuminuria, or abnormally high levels of the albumin protein in urine.

With an average follow-up of approximately 3.5 years, among patients who were administered a once-weekly subcutaneous injection of semaglutide 2.4 mg (n=8,803) adverse kidney-related events were experienced by 22% fewer persons (1.8%) compared to those receiving placebo (n=8,801) (2.2%) (p<0.05). These events included death from kidney causes, initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy, significant (>= 50%) decline in kidney function, or onset of persistent macroalbuminuria. Semaglutide's ability to prevent the onset of macroalbuminuria was highlighted as a pivotal factor in reducing



the likelihood of kidney-related complications.

The study also assessed the impact of semaglutide on estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), a measure of kidney function in removing waste and excess water from the blood through urine. The findings indicated a significantly lesser decline in eGFR among semaglutide recipients compared to the placebo group, with the effect being more pronounced in participants with baseline eGFR below 60 ml/min/1.73 m² (p<0.001). These results indicate the potential for semaglutide to particularly protect kidney function in individuals with a pre-existing kidney

impairment. The reduction in urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (UACR) further substantiated semaglutide's beneficial effect on kidney health, with a significant decrease observed in semaglutide-treated individuals compared to placebo (p<0.001). UACR analysis measures the ratio of albumin (a protein) to creatinine (a waste product) in urine, aiding the detection of albuminuria, which can signal kidney damage or dysfunction. With semaglutide, there was a net 8.1% decrease in UACR in those with normal albumin levels at baseline, a 27.2% decrease in those with microalbuminuria (slightly raised albumin) at baseline, and a 31.4% decrease

in those with macroalbuminuria at baseline relative to placebo.

Importantly, the study found no increased risk of acute kidney injury associated with semaglutide treatment, irrespective of baseline kidney function.

Over one billion people worldwide are affected by obesity.3 Rates of obesity are rising significantly, having doubled among adult women (8.8% to 18.5%) and nearly tripled in adult men (4.8% to 14.0%) between 1990 and 2022. The total number of children affected by obesity in 2022 was nearly 160 million, compared to 31 million in 1990.

Professor Helen M. Colhoun, lead study author, commented, "By addressing key markers of kidney health, semaglutide 2.4 mg weekly may contribute to a significant reduction in the risk of kidney-related complications, including chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. This could lead to improved management of comorbidities and, ultimately, enhance the quality of life for individuals with obesity."

"The observed benefits in eGFR and UACR are particularly encouraging, suggesting potential for the enhanced management of kidney complications in the patient population with overweight and obesity without diabetes. The findings also underscore the importance of continued research into the possible renal benefits of semaglutide and highlight its role as a promising therapeutic option in the multifaceted management of cardiovascular and renal health in this high-risk population."

Study reveals key protein that helps prevent excessive bone loss in osteoporosis

Tokyo [Japan], Osteoporosis, a disorder characterised by porous and weak bones, is a major hazard to skeletal health. As the foundation of the human body, bones provide critical structural support. When bone mass decreases, it not only weakens this support but also lowers general function, resulting in a lower quality of life.

With an ageing population and a rise in osteoporosis cases, the burden on healthcare resources for long-term care is clear. As a result, there is a need to understand the mechanisms that cause osteoporosis and develop effective targeted therapeutics to mitigate its long-term effects.



Osteoblasts and osteoclasts are two types of cells that play critical roles in bone tissue maintenance and remodelling. Osteoblasts are bone-forming cells that synthesise and deposit new bone tissue, whereas osteoclasts break down and remove old or damaged bone tissue. Increased proportion of osteoclasts causes bone mass loss in situations such as osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis (joint inflammation), and bone metastases (cancer that has spread to the bones). Osteoclasts develop from the development of macrophages or monocytes, two types of immune cells. Suppressing osteoclast differentiation could thus be used as a therapeutic technique to prevent bone loss. However, the precise molecular pathways driving the complicated process of bone remodelling are unknown.

In a new groundbreaking study, Professor Tadayoshi Hayata, Mr. Takuto Konno, and Ms. Hitomi Murachi from Tokyo University of Science, along with their co-workers, delved deeper into the molecular regulation of osteoclast differentiation. Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand (RANKL) stimulation induces the differentiation of macrophages into osteoclasts. Further, bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) and transforming growth factor (TGF)- β signaling pathways have been implicated in the regulation of RANKL-mediated osteoclast differentiation. In the current study, the researchers sought to investigate the role of

Ctdnep1 - a phosphatase (an enzyme that removes phosphate groups) that has been reported to suppress BMP and TGF- β signaling.

Giving further insight into their work set to be published on July 30, 2024, in Volume 719 of Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, Prof. Hayata states, "RANKL functions as an 'accelerator' for osteoclast cell differentiation. Driving a car requires not only the accelerator but also the brakes. Here, we find that Ctdnep1 functions as a 'brake' on osteoclast cell differentiation."

First, the researchers examined the expression of Ctdnep1 in mouse-derived macrophages treated with RANKL and untreated control cells. They noted that Ctdnep1 expression remained unchanged in response to RANKL stimulation. However, it localized in the cytoplasm in granular form in the macrophages and differentiated into osteoclasts, distinct from its normal peri-nuclear localization in other cell types, indicating its cytoplasmic function in osteoclast differentiation.

Further, Ctdnep1 knockdown (downregulation of gene expression) resulted in an increase in tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase-positive (TRAP) osteoclasts; wherein TRAP is a marker for differentiated osteoclasts. Additionally, Ctdnep1 knockdown led to an increase in the expres-

sion of crucial differentiation markers including 'Nfatc1', a RANKL-induced master transcription factor for osteoclast differentiation. These results support the 'brake function' of Ctdnep1, whereby, it negatively regulates osteoclast differentiation.

Moreover, Ctdnep1 knockdown also led to increased absorption of calcium phosphate, suggestive of the suppressive role of Ctdnep1 in bone resorption. Lastly, while, Ctdnep1 knockdown did not alter BMP and TGF- β signaling, cells deficient in Ctdnep1 showed elevated levels of phosphorylated (activated) proteins downstream of the RANKL signaling pathway. These findings suggest that the suppressive effect of Ctdnep1 in osteoclast differentiation may not be mediated by BMP and TGF- β signaling, but, through the negative regulation of RANKL signaling and Nfatc1 protein levels.

Overall, these findings provide novel insights into the process of osteoclast differentiation and reveal potential therapeutic targets which can be pursued to develop treatments that address bone loss due to excessive osteoclast activity. In addition to diseases characterized by bone loss, Ctdnep1 has also been reported as a causative factor in medulloblastoma - a childhood brain tumor. The authors are, therefore, optimistic that their research can be extended to other human diseases beyond bone metabolism.

Researchers use 'cloaked' proteins to deliver cancer-killing therapeutics into cells

Ithaca (New York) [US], : Researchers at Cornell University have created a generalized method for "cloaking" proteins, which may allow for the recycling of materials like antibodies for biological research and therapeutic applications.Lipid nanoparticles, which resemble tiny bubbles of fat, have the ability to ensnare the "cloaked" proteins. Because of their microscopic size, these bubbles are able to secretly deliver their cargo into living cells, where the proteins unfold and begin to work as medicine. The group's paper published in ACS Central Science. The lead author is doctoral student Azmain Alamgir, who works in the labs of the paper's co-senior authors, Chris Alabi, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and Matt DeLisa, professor of engineering.

For some drugs to impact a cell's biology, and ultimately treat disease, they need to get inside the cell and reach a specific space. Protein-based therapeutics have



many virtues - they can have more specific effects, with lower toxicity and diminished immune response - but ease of delivery is not one of them. Proteins are large and cumbersome and don't freely diffuse into cells as easily as small molecules do.

"We had been looking for a clever way to efficiently get our engineered proteins inside of cells, especially in a translational context that would not only work in lab-cultured cells, but that would also be effective and safe in animal models and eventually in humans," DeLisa said. The researchers had the broad idea of using a bioconjugation approach that would allow the proteins to be loaded into lipid nanoparticles, which form around nucleic acids.

A major advantage of this approach was that lipid nanoparticles were a key component in the successful COVID-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Those vaccines worked by delivering a payload in the form of messenger RNA, which are nucleic acids. The researchers now would use the same lipid nanoparticle delivery concept - the same materials even - but with a protein payload. The trick would be to make proteins look more like nucleic acids. The researchers found they could accomplish this by "cloaking" the proteins with a negatively charged ion, so they would join with the positively charged lipids electrostatically.

"The crux of our strategy is conceptually very simple," Alamgir said. "We're taking proteins and specifically remodeling their surfaces with negative charges, so they look like nucleic acids and can similarly assemble into nanoparticles when formulated with the characteristic lipids."

Light therapy helps in brain connectivity following injury

Illinois [US] : A study suggests that low-level light treatment may have an impact on the healing process in the brains of individuals who have experienced serious brain injuries.

The findings of the study were published in Radiology, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA).

The ability of various wavelengths of light to heal wounds has been researched for many years. Low-level light treatment was used by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) on 38 patients who had experienced moderate traumatic brain injury, which is defined as a head injury severe enough to affect cognition and/or be detectable on a brain scan. Within 72 hours of their injury, patients underwent light therapy using a near-infrared light-emitting helmet.

"The skull is quite transparent to near-infrared light," said study co-lead author Rajiv Gupta, M.D., Ph.D., from the Department of Radiology at MGH.

"Once you put the helmet on, your whole brain is bathing in this light."

The researchers used an imaging technique called functional MRI to gauge the effects of the light therapy. They focused on the brain's resting-state functional connectivity, the communication between brain regions that occurs when a person is at rest and not engaged in a specific task. The researchers compared MRI results during three recovery phases: the acute phase of within one week after injury, the subacute phase of two to three weeks post-injury and the late-subacute phase of three months after injury.

Of the 38 patients in the trial, 21 did not receive light therapy while wearing the helmet. This was done to serve as a control to minimize bias due to patient characteristics and to avoid potential placebo effects.

Patients who received low-level light therapy showed a greater change in resting-state connectivity in seven brain region pairs during the acute-to-sub-



acute recovery phase compared to the control participants.

"There was increased connectivity in

those receiving light treatment, primarily within the first two weeks," said study coauthor Nathaniel Mercaldo, Ph.D., a

statistician with MGH. "We were unable to detect differences in connectivity between the two treatment groups long term, so although the treatment appears to increase the brain connectivity initially, its long-term effects are still to be determined."

The precise mechanism of the light therapy's effects on the brain is also still to be determined. Previous research points to the alteration of an enzyme in the cell's mitochondria (often referred to as the "powerhouse" of a cell), Dr. Gupta said. This leads to more production of adenosine triphosphate, a molecule that stores and transfers energy in the cells. Light therapy has also been linked with blood vessel dilation and anti-inflammatory effects.

"There is still a lot of work to be done to understand the exact physiological mechanism behind these effects," said study coauthor Suk-tak Chan, Ph.D., a biomedical engineer at MGH.

While connectivity increased for the light therapy-treated patients during the

acute to subacute phases, there was no evidence of a difference in clinical outcomes between the treated and control participants. Additional studies with larger cohorts of patients and correlative imaging beyond three months may help determine the therapeutic role of light in traumatic brain injury.

The researchers expect the role of light therapy to expand as more study results come in. The 810-nanometer-wavelength light used in the study is already employed in various therapeutic applications. It's safe, easy to administer and does not require surgery or medications. The helmet's portability means it can be delivered in settings outside of the hospital. It may have applications in treating many other neurological conditions, according to Dr. Gupta.

"There are lots of disorders of connectivity, mostly in psychiatry, where this intervention may have a role," he said. "PTSD, depression, autism: these are all promising areas for light therapy."



Afghan-Pak conflict easy to solve: TRUMP

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump has declared that the conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan would be an “easy one” for him to solve, if he chose to. His remarks, delivered during a lunch with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, have once again spotlighted his claims about his role in ending global wars.

“I do understand Pakistan attacked or there is an attack going on with Afghanistan, that’s an easy one for me to solve if I have to solve that,” Trump said on Friday, downplaying a conflict that has already claimed several lives and triggered a wave of airstrikes and retaliatory violence.

Pakistan launched fresh air strikes targeting terrorist hideouts inside Afghanistan hours after both countries extended a fragile two-day ceasefire. The strikes followed a deadly gun-and-bomb assault on a military



installation in North Waziristan. Even as fighting raged, Trump shifted the conversation to his own record. “I like stopping people from being killed. I have saved millions and millions of lives, and I think we are going to have success with this war,” he said, referring to his ability to mediate between Kabul and Islamabad.

For Trump, this fits a familiar pattern, claiming credit for conflicts he says he ended, and expressing

frustration that the world refuses to reward him. “You know we resolved eight others, it’s funny how people say this, if you get this one, every time I do one, they forget about that one. I solved eight wars,” he told reporters. “Every time I solve one, they say if you solve the next one, you are going to get the Nobel prize,” he added, before taking a dig at the Nobel Committee. “I did not get the Nobel prize. Somebody got it was a very nice woman,

very nice, I don’t know who she is, but she was very generous, so I don’t care about all that stuff, I just care about saving lives.”

Venezuelan Opposition leader Maria Corina Machado won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. In Trump’s version of events, he has stopped “eight wars in eight months”, a claim that stretches from Gaza to the Congo. He cited peace efforts in Israel and Gaza, the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict, tensions between Kosovo and Serbia, Egypt and Ethiopia, and even Rwanda and Congo. “I brought more pressure, again, on Prime Minister Netanyahu than any other American President has to make this moment happen. I’m very personally committed to hostages... I love Israel. I’m with you all the way. God bless you. God bless the United States of America, and God bless the Middle East,” Trump said, hailing the Gaza ceasefire as his “eighth war” solved.

Power cuts haunt war-hit Ukraine

MI News Service, Kiev: As the lights went out in her hometown, 40-year-old Zinaida Kot could not help but think about her next dialysis treatment for kidney disease. Without electricity, the machine that keeps her alive stops working. Kot is among millions of Ukrainians who are bracing for another winter of power cuts and possibly blackouts as Russia renewed its campaign of attacks on the country’s energy grid. In some regions — mostly those closer to the front line in the east — the season of buzzing generators has started, as well as long hours of darkness with no power or water. The attacks have grown more effective as Russia launches hundreds of drones, some equipped with cameras that improve targeting, overwhelming air defences — especially in regions where protection is weaker. The consequences are already reshaping daily life — especially for those whose survival depends on electricity. For Zinaida Kot, who has been on dialysis for seven years, this is far worse than mere discomfort. In early October, a Russian strike left the small northern town of Shostka — with a prewar population of nearly 72,000 — without electricity, water, or gas. The town lies just 50 kilometres (31 miles) from the front line in northern Sumy region. Gas service was later restored, and electricity returned for only a few hours each day.

Afg accuses Pak of ceasefire violation, pulls out of tri-series

MI News Service, Kabul: Tensions flared anew between Afghanistan and Pakistan after fresh Pakistani airstrikes reportedly hit southeastern Afghanistan, killing at least ten people including three local cricketers, even as both sides extended a fragile ceasefire ahead of peace talks in Doha. Afghan officials accused Pakistan of violating the truce by bombing multiple locations in Paktika province’s Argun and Barmal districts. “At least ten people were killed,” Taliban officials said, claiming the strikes targeted residential areas.

Police spokesman Mohammadullah Amini Mawia said a civilian house in Khanadar village was among those hit but gave no further details. Pakistan has yet to comment on the allegations. The escalation came just hours after a temporary two-day ceasefire expired. Despite continued violence, both governments agreed to extend the truce until talks in Qatar conclude. Qatar has offered to mediate negotiations between Kabul and Islamabad.

Afghanistan pull out of upcoming tri-nation T20I series. The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) announced that it would with-



draw from the upcoming Tri-Nation T20I Series involving Pakistan and Sri Lanka, originally scheduled to be held in Rawalpindi and Lahore between November 17–29, calling the attack “a cowardly act carried out by the Pakistani regime.” “The Afghanistan Cricket Board expresses its deepest sorrow and grief over the tragic martyrdom of the brave cricketers from Urgun District in Paktika Province, who were targeted this evening in a cowardly attack carried out by the Pakistani regime,” the ACB said in a statement.

“The ACB considers this a great loss for Afghanistan’s sports community, its athletes, and the cricketing family.” The board identified the slain players as Kabeer, Sibghatullah, and Haroon, who were returning home from a friendly match in Sharana when the incident occurred. Seven others were injured. “In response to this tragic incident and as a gesture of respect to the victims, the Afghanistan Cricket Board has decided to withdraw from participating in the upcoming Tri-Nation T20I Series involving Pakistan,” it added. “May Allah grant the martyrs the highest ranks in Jannah and bless the injured with a speedy recovery.”

USA Army taps Wall Street for modernisation boost: Report

MI News Service, Washington: The initiative reflects Trump administration’s push to align the \$13 trillion private capital industry with US defence and technology goals; projects under consideration can include data centres and rare earth processing facilities. The US Army has enlisted Wall Street’s top private equity firms, including Apollo, Carlyle, KKR and Cerberus, to

help fund a \$150 billion modernisation of ageing equipment and bring Silicon Valley-style innovation to boost military readiness. The outreach marks an attempt to bring private investors into the heart of America’s national security plans. Army secretary Daniel Driscoll and treasury secretary Scott Bessent last week convened about 15 top buyout firms, in-

cluding Apollo, Carlyle, KKR, Advent International and Cerberus, to discuss potential “meaty” strategic projects. Driscoll said he urged the groups to identify “clever” or “unique” financing models to bridge the funding gap. “We are in a hole that we are not going to be able to dig out of without creative solutions coming in from outside parties,” he told the newspaper.

Mass Explosion at Beldubi Meeting



Nurul Islam Khan : On Monday, Isale Sawab was held at Uttar Beldubi Sheikh Para in Howrah Paniyara on the occasion of Bishwa Nabi Diwas. Popular and eloquent speakers Furfura Sharif’s Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Abbas Siddiqui and Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Safiri Siddiqui were present as invited speakers at the meeting. Due to the huge crowd of people in the meeting, Abbas Siddiqui spoke for a short time, forcing the Jalsha Committee authorities to postpone the meeting. In fact, the mass explosion that occurred at Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui’s meeting is needless to say. His short speech inspired the youth. He advised to stand by those public representatives who are engaged in the welfare of the people. Pirzada Safiri Siddiqui said that we have to keep a cool head and work in the current changing situation. We must forget about different ideologies and work in unity. He requested everyone to come under one umbrella. He wished the country well by giving a message of peace and harmony in the state.

Message of harmony in prayer gathering

M Nurul Islam : Recently, a huge prayer gathering was held in Furfura Sharif, Hooghly. People from many districts were present at this meeting of Pir Abu Nasr Muhammad Abdul Hai Siddiqui. In the evening, Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui taught and he prayed for the country and the world by performing the final prayer. Many students of the educational institution participated in the multifaceted Islamic cultural competition and won valuable prizes. The meeting raised its voice against the barbaric Israel by making special prayers for SIR, New Waqf Bill and Palestine. On this day, several journalists including Salman Ali, Arif and Mehdi Hasan of SS TV were honored. Prayers were offered for the founder of the meeting, Pir Hazrat Ansar



Siddiqui, and other Pirsahbehs. Pir Abdullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Taha Siddiqui, Pirzada Madani Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pirzada Uzayer Siddiqui, Pirzada syed atfabbuddin and many other Pirsahbehs were present at the meeting. This time, the students of the madrasa were honored. The meeting was initiated by the Furfurar Hizbullah organization. Maulana Tanzil Ahmed was in charge.

RPF Eastern Railway Observes Police Commemoration Day – 2025 with Solemn Reverence

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 :The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Eastern Railway, observed Police Commemoration Day – 2025 with deep reverence at the RPF Camp Headquarters, Liluah, on 21st October 2025. The solemn occasion marked a heartfelt tribute to the valiant RPF personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty while safeguarding railway passengers and property across the nation.



Sri Amiya Nandan Sinha, IRPFS, Inspector General-cum-PCSC/RPF, Eastern Railway, graced the ceremony and addressed the gathering. In his speech, he recalled the historic significance of Police Commemoration Day, observed annually on 21st October in memory of the brave Indian soldiers who were

martyred during an encounter with Chinese troops at Aksai Chin, Ladakh, in 1959. He highlighted how the day serves as a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication of police and security personnel in upholding the nation’s integrity and ensuring the safety of its citizens.

On this occasion, the IG-cum-PCSC/RPF/ER read out the names of 09 RPF personnel and 177 personnel from other Police/Forces who laid down their lives in the line of duty during the preceding year (2024–25).

The names of the 09 RPF martyrs are as follows: 1. Badshah Singh, Constable, East Central Railway 2. Sanjay Omprakash Mishra, Con-

stable, Central Railway 3. Mandala Srinivas Rao, Head Constable, East Coast Railway 4. Srikanth Venkat Waghmare, Constable, Central Railway 5. Ramesh Kumar Singh, Asst. Sub-Inspector, East Central Railway 6. Arvind Tomar, Constable, Northern Railway 7. Hari Narayan Sarkar, Asst. Sub-Inspector, Northeast Frontier Railway 8. P. Ayyappan, Head Constable, Southern Railway 9. Theodore Soreng, Head Constable, South Eastern Railway. Following the parade, senior officers, superior officers, and staff laid wreaths at the RPF Martyrs’ Memorial to pay homage to the fallen heroes. A two-minute silence was observed in their memory, honouring their dedication, bravery, and supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw personally monitoring the war room – keeping a close watch on stations across India – ensuring no passenger misses celebrating Diwali

MI News Service, New Delhi, 21 Oct.25 : To ensure that people across the country can celebrate the grand festival of Diwali happily with their families, more than 1.2 million railway employees are working round the clock. On Diwali day, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw was seen monitoring train operations nationwide from the war room at Rail Bhavan. Railway Board Chairman and CEO Satish Kumar was also present. The minister interacted with senior officials from the Northeast Railway, East Central Railway, and Eastern Railway, instructing them to ensure all trains run on time. For the past several days, Minister Vaishnaw has been conducting 24-hour monitoring of railway operations.

Late last night, he visited Anand Vihar, one of Delhi’s busiest railway stations, to inspect passenger facilities and personally interact with travelers. On Diwali day, he remained stationed in the Railway Ministry’s war room with his full team, keeping a close watch on major railway stations across the country.

The Indian Railways is making every possible effort to provide the best facilities to passengers, ensuring that no one faces inconvenience and that every traveler reaches their destination on time.

Dhaka airport fire incurs loss in billions

MI News Service, Dhaka: The fire at the import section of Dhaka’s Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport’s Cargo Village has dealt a severe blow to Bangladesh’s export supply chain ahead of the crucial Christmas season, with losses estimated to exceed \$1 billion (Tk12,000 crore). The blaze, which broke out on Saturday afternoon, gutted vast quantities of goods and raw materials belonging to sectors including garments, pharmaceuticals, electronics, telecom, and small businesses. According to the Exporters Association of Bangladesh (EAB), items such as garment samples, zippers, buttons, pharmaceutical ingredients, telecom components and cosmetics were destroyed — many essential for production and shipment cycles.

Flow of Order, Spirit of Service-Howrah Division Ensures Smooth Boarding

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : Eastern Railway’s Howrah Division once again upheld its commitment to passenger safety and convenience by demonstrating outstanding efficiency in managing heavy passenger footfall at Howrah Station today.

Through meticulous planning and coordinated action, railway officials ensured the smooth boarding of multiple major trains, including Train No. 12303 UP Howrah–New Delhi Poorva Express from Platform No. 9, Train No. 11448 Howrah–Jabalpur Shaktipunj Express from Platform No. 9, and Train No. 12369 Kumbh Express from Platform No. 11, among others.

The operation witnessed seamless teamwork between the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the Commercial Department, who jointly regulated crowd movement, assisted passengers, and ensured disciplined and safe boarding. Their proactive approach, clear communication, and on-ground presence prevented congestion and contributed to a positive travel experience for passengers.

Commuters expressed appreciation for the courteous and coordinated efforts of the railway staff, acknowledging the Division’s effective crowd management and passenger-centric service.



Howrah Division remains firmly committed to ensuring the safety, comfort, and satisfaction of passengers. The Division continues to maintain efficient operations and effective crowd management, especially during busy travel periods at Howrah—one of the busiest railway stations in the world.

Indian Railways’ Midnight Miracle: A Lost Watch, A 40-Minute Recovery & A Lesson in Dedication

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : In a time when public service is often met with skepticism, an ordinary train journey turned into an extraordinary example of responsiveness, efficiency, and human dedication — courtesy of Southern Railways and the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

The Incident: ● On 17 Oct 2025, The traveler had just arrived at Egmore Station at 11:00 PM after a journey on the Vande Bharat Express. Only after reaching home, they realized a wristwatch had been left behind in the train restroom — a common lapse, but one that could easily have led to permanent loss. ● Instead, this happened: Time Action Taken: **12:28 AM** Complaint lodged on RailMadad with PNR, coach & seat details, **12:31 AM** Call from Railway Helpline confirming the issue, **12:34 AM** SMS acknowledgement from Railways, **12:49 AM** Call from RPF informing that the train had moved to the yard — they were initiating a trace **01:12 AM** WhatsApp message received — photos of the lost wristwatch! **01:13 AM** Second call from RPF confirming the watch had been found and requesting verification **What Happened Behind the Scenes? - Silent heroes behind the recovery** ● A helpdesk agent processed the complaint at midnight ● An RPF team responded and coordinated ● Someone checked train status and confirmed it had moved to the yard ● Instructions were relayed to the yard team ● Yard staff boarded the coach and located the item ● Photos were taken and passed back via internal systems ● The chain of communication was rapid, secure, and flawless ● The passenger was updated at every step **Takeaway**

“To be honest, this wasn’t even a complaint — I made the mistake. And yet, within 40 minutes, a dozen people had worked through the night to resolve it. That’s the power of a responsive system.”

Redefining Comfort At Stations: A Heartwarming Experience At Thanjavur Junction

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : In a shining example of Indian Railways’ continued focus on passenger comfort and accessibility, an incident at Thanjavur Junction recently underscored the value of upgraded passenger amenities — especially for elderly travelers. Recently, Two senior citizens, aged 71 and 87, were scheduled to board Train No. 16751 (RRM Express) at 1:10 AM — an inconvenient hour for those needing rest and comfort. To bridge the time gap, they booked a retiring room at the station — a facility provided in partnership with IRCTC and the private hospitality provider “Fresh Up.” To their pleasant surprise, the room offered much more than basic shelter: Spacious, air-condi-

tioned room, Clean white towels & soap kits, Secure, quiet environment — ideal for rest during odd hours What stood out was not just the hygiene and professionalism, but the thoughtful attention to passenger comfort, especially for elderly travelers who often find travel at night challenging. This small but impactful experience at Thanjavur showcases Indian Railways’ steady transformation — from a mode of transport to a service-focused ecosystem, where comfort, cleanliness, and dignity are placed at the forefront of passenger experience. Such stories serve as a reminder that passenger comfort is a journey — not a destination — and Indian Railways is clearly on the right track.

Enjoy The Festivity Of Chhath With Special Arrangements Of Eastern Railway For A Pleasant Journey

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Oct.25 : Eastern Railway is dealing with more than 1300 trips of special trains to cater to the need of passengers moving from one place to another during Diwali & Chhat and also in the entire festive season this year.

332 trips of Puja Special trains of Eastern Railway are being run from Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Asansol, Malda, Bhagalpur etc. to different destinations all over India so that the people can move to any corner of the country for enjoying the festivity. Apart from this, 662 trips of special trains from other Zonal Railways are also terminating & originating in the Eastern Railway jurisdiction. 320 trips of special trains from other zonal Railways are also passing through Eastern Railway network catering the passengers of enroute stations. After effectively dealing with the festive rush during Durga Puja and Diwali by making all arrangements for comfortable movement of passengers, Eastern Railway is now geared up to cater to the Chhath rush. The Chhath festival is very popular all over India especially in Northern and Eastern states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh etc. Regular trains originating from Eastern Railway terminal stations like Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Malda Town, Bhagalpur etc normally have long waitlist of reserved accommodation.

To facilitate movement of passengers to their desired destination for enjoying the Chhath by uniting with their family members, Eastern Railway has arranged a good number of Special Trains. A total of 176 trips of Special Trains will be run during 21 st to 27 th October, 2025 catering to

all popular destinations.

Chhath Special trains between 21 st to 27 th October, 2025 :

Catering to Raxaul, Madhubani, Jaynagar, Barauni Jn, Patna, Buxar, Saharsa Jn, Purnia Court, Gorakhpur, Mau, Barhni, Banaras area. Catering to Anand Vihar Terminal, Delhi, New Delhi, Yog Nagari Rishikesh, Lal Kuan Jn, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Khatipura, Vadodara Jn, Udhna Jn, Gandhidham Jn area. Total Trips: 108 trips 68 trips 176 trips.

Apart from this, a good number of trips of Unreserved Special Trains from Eastern Railway have been planned to cater the Chhath rush. These Unreserved Special Trains include : ● 03045/03046 Howrah – Raxaul – Howrah Unreserved Special, leaving Howrah at 23:10 hrs on 23.10.2025 and leaving Raxaul at 17:45 hrs on 24.10.2025. ● 03185/03186 Kolkata – Madhubani – Kolkata Unreserved Special, leaving Kolkata at 23:55 hrs on 25.10.2025 and leaving Madhubani at 15:30 hrs on 26.10.2025. ● 03133/03134 Kolkata – Gorakhpur – Kolkata Unreserved Special, leaving Kolkata at 23:55 hrs on 24.10.2025 and leaving Gorakhpur at 21:00 hrs on 25.10.2025. ● 03529/03530 Asansol – Gorakhpur – Asansol Unreserved Special, leaving Asansol at 20:30 hrs on 22.10.2025 and 24.10.2025 and leaving Gorakhpur at 13:45 hrs on 23.10.2025 and 25.10.2025. ● 03003/03004 Barddhaman – Fatuha – Barddhaman MEMU Express Special train will leave Barddhaman at 10:45 hrs from 21.10.2025 to 25.10.2025 and will leave Fatuha at 23:00 hrs from 21.10.2025 to 25.10.2025. ● Sahibganj – Bhagalpur – Sahibganj Additional MEMU Pas-

senger train will run upto 30.10.2025, leaving Sahibganj at 10:00 hrs and leaving Bhagalpur at 12:30 hrs. ● Bhagalpur – Banka – Bhagalpur Additional DEMU Passenger train will run from 24.10.2025 to 30.10.2025, leaving Bhagalpur at 20:50 hrs and leaving Banka at 23:00 hrs.

Holding area created at different stations to reduce crowd :

RPF Personnel and field staff of Eastern Railway are maintaining crowd at all terminating as well as important stations for smooth boarding and de-boarding of passengers. Special holding area has been created at different stations for providing shelter to the passengers before entering platform so that no excess crowd could be accumulated at platform. At Howrah station, the holding area is of 558 sq metres, at Sealdah station the holding area is 200 sq metres, at Asansol station the holding area is 210 sq metres, two holding areas created at Jasidih having a total area of 595 sq metres and two holding areas have been created at Bhagalpur station having a total area of 508.8 sq metres. With this endeavour, the passengers at all the stations are expressing their satisfaction about the initiatives of Eastern Railway towards hassle-free boarding or de-boarding of trains during Chhath rush. Eastern Railway is also appealing to the passengers to maintain proper queue at the stations, not to carry any inflammable or contraband items with them, not to lean out from train compartments, not to unnecessarily obstruct entry or exit of the train compartment and above all, perform their journey with a valid ticket.

Women's WC: How can India grab last remaining semifinal spot?



NEW DELHI : Team India, after winning their opening two games of the ongoing Women's World Cup, have lost three consecutive matches at the tournament and

are currently in a mix as they seek to secure a semifinal place. With three teams - Australia, South Africa, and England - already securing a place in the top

four, India and New Zealand remain the leading contenders for the final spot as they prepare to face each other in a do-or-die match.

A victory against the White Ferns on Thursday will secure India's place in the semifinal, but a loss would leave them in misery as the Women in Blue will need to rely on other results.

If India suffer a defeat against the Sophie Devine-led side, they'll have to beat Bangladesh in their final group-stage encounter on Sunday and hope for the New Zealand to lose their last group stage contest to England.

In that case, India and New Zealand will finish with six points each and their qualification will depend on their Net Run Rate (NRR). Harmanpreet Kaur and Co. are currently tied with New Zealand on four points but are placed above them courtesy of a higher NRR.

The India vs New Zealand contest, if washed out, will also benefit the hosts even if they lose to Bangladesh. However, terms and

conditions apply. Even in this scenario, they'll gain the advantage only if England beat New Zealand and also if Sri Lanka and Pakistan don't get to six points on the table.

India are to face New Zealand and Bangladesh at the same venue in Navi Mumbai, and if both their matches get washed out, they'll be through the semi-final. But then again, England will have to beat the Kiwis, or that encounter too will have to be washed out.

In the case of the above scenario, India will finish with six points, getting a point each from the washed-out games. In addition to this, if Sri Lanka or Pakistan finish at six points, the Women in Blue will progress to the semi-final, given a higher NRR.

India and New Zealand will face off on Thursday at the DY Patil Sports Academy in Navi Mumbai.

AIFF announces INR 21 lakh reward for India U17 Women after historic AFC qualification

NEW DELHI : The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) announced a reward of USD 25,000 (INR 21.99 lakh approx) for the India U17 women's national team on Tuesday, following their extraordinary achievement of qualifying for the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup for the first time in history.

The Young Tigrisses completed a perfect qualification campaign in Bishkek, defeating both hosts Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan by identical 2-1 margins to finish atop Group G with six points.

This qualification marks a significant milestone for Indian women's football. India last featured in the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup in 2005, but that edition did not include qualification rounds.

The 2025 qualification, therefore, represents the first-ever instance of the team earning its spot through competitive matches. Their spirited performances in Bishkek have not only brought pride to the nation but also validated the federation's strategic investment in youth development.

"The All India Football Federation (AIFF) is pleased to announce a reward of USD 25,000 for the India U17 women's national team after their extraordinary performance that saw them secure

qualification for the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup for the first time," AIFF said in a release.

The AIFF credited the team's success to consistent planning and the exposure provided through domestic and international opportunities. The U17 squad, which featured as the Indian Arrows Women Juniors last season, had gained invaluable experience competing in the Indian Women's League 2 against senior opponents. That experience, according to the federation, played a key role in the players' composure and tactical maturity during the qualifiers.

The AIFF, in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), has also introduced several initiatives to build a strong grassroots and youth ecosystem. Among the most impactful has been the ASMITA Women's Football Leagues, which successfully conducted 155 leagues across India between 2023 and 2025 at the U13, U15, and U17 levels. The 2023-24 season saw participation from 6,305 players, a number that rose to 8,658 in 2024-25. The 2025-26 edition began last month with the U13 ASMITA Leagues, featuring around 8,000 players from 400 teams across 26 states.

BCCI WRITES TO ACC CHIEF MOHSINNAQVI TO HAND OVER ASIA CUP TROPHY TO INDIA: REPORT

NEW DELHI : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has written an email to Mohsin Naqvi, President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), to return the Asia Cup trophy to India, which won the title in Dubai recently.

After beating Pakistan by five wickets in the summit clash, the Indian team refused to accept the Asia Cup trophy from Mohsin Naqvi during the post-match presentation ceremony because the ACC chief also serves as the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and also Pakistan's Interior Minister.

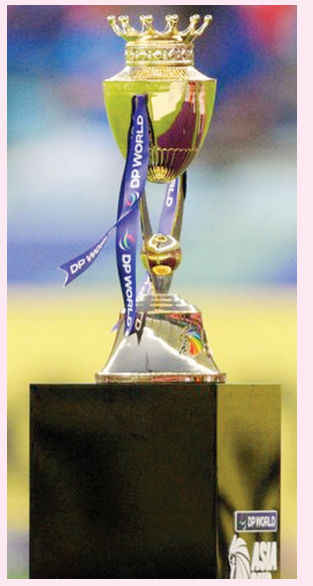
As per a media report, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said the board is awaiting a response from Naqvi, and if there is nothing from his side, we will escalate the matter to ICC with an official mail, adding that the board is "going step by step with the process and will keep pursuing the matter".

After the Asia Cup final, the Indian team management had enquired who would be presenting the silverware and indicated willingness to receive it from Emirates Cricket Board vice-chairman Khalid Al Zarooni, but Naqvi is said to have rejected the proposal.

When the presentation ceremony began, India spinner Kuldeep Yadav, opener Abhishek Sharma, and batter Tilak Varma received their individual awards from other dignitaries on stage. When Naqvi finally stepped onto the dais, the Indian side made clear they would not accept the trophy from him. Moments later, the trophy was discreetly removed from the venue, leaving the champions without their prize.

BCCI, however, had raised strong objections in the ACC meeting on September 30 over the decision not to hand over the winner's trophy to the Indian team and the drama created by the ACC chairman during the post-match presentation ceremony.

BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla, who represented the BCCI at the meeting, had confronted Naqvi with tough questions. "Why was the trophy not handed over to the winning team? The ACC trophy is not the personal property of any individual," Shukla reportedly said during the discussions.



Goa CM Pramod Sawant unveils FIDE World Cup 2025 logo, anthem

PANAJI : Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday unveiled the official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025. Returning to India after 23 years, the tournament will feature 206 players from 82 countries.

The FIDE World Cup 2025, one of the most prestigious tournaments on the global chess calendar, will be held in North Goa from October 31 to November 27, 2025, bringing together elite players from across the world in a knockout contest for a prize purse of USD 2 million (approx. INR 17.58 crore).

While the logo reflects Goa's vibrant, culturally rich identity, capturing the essence of the state's coastal charm and the strategic elegance of chess-the anthem, sung by legendary artist Daler Mehndi, adds a touch of grandeur and mystique to the event.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, CM Sawant said, "It is a moment of immense pride for Goa to host the FIDE World Cup 2025, one of the most prestigious events in global chess. This milestone not only reaffirms our state's commitment to becoming a premier destination for international sport but also celebrates India's rising prominence on the world chess stage. The official logo and anthem reflect the very soul of Goa - vibrant, creative, and deeply rooted in culture - while capturing the strategic elegance of chess. We are ready to welcome the world's finest players to our shores for 28 days of top-class competition, camaraderie, and an experience that blends the spirit of Goa with the brilliance of the game."

The Indian contingent will be



led by reigning World Champion D. Gukesh, alongside top talents such as Arjun Erigaisi, R. Praggnanandhaa, Nihal Sarin, Vidit Gujrathi, and Women's World Cup Champion Divya Deshmukh will be playing her first home game since the historic win.

The tournament will also feature the 12-year-old Argentinian prodigy, Faustino Oro, also called the "Messi of Chess" his participation will be historic as the youngest player of the 2025 edition. Complementing the visual identity of the event is its official anthem - a dynamic celebration of India's strategic prowess and youthful energy. Featuring the Prime Minister in its music video, the anthem brings together the spirit of the nation with the brilliance of chess. Iconic singer

Daler Mehndi, known for his powerful and distinctive voice, infuses the anthem with his signature vibrancy, rhythm, and energy.

Centred around the empowering theme "It's Your Move," the song captures the essence of India's growing might in world chess while highlighting the vibrancy of its culture. The video also showcases India's leading chess grandmasters and stars like World Champion D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, Koneru Humpy, Tania Sachdev, and Vidit Gujrathi, symbolising the new generation that is taking Indian chess to unprecedented heights.

AICF president Nitin Narang thanked the Goa government for their support for the event and said, "Securing the hosting rights for the FIDE World Cup 2025 is a landmark moment for India and

a testament to our growing credibility in the global chess community. Bringing a tournament of this magnitude to our shores - after 23 years - is not just a sporting success, but a proud national achievement. It will give Indian fans a rare opportunity to witness the world's best players compete on home soil, inspiring a new generation to take up the sport. The anthem, with its energy and emotion, will revitalise chess across the country and take the game from clubs and academies into every home in India."

At the World Cup, the players will compete against each other in a knock-out format with the top three finishers qualifying for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, the penultimate stage leading to the World Chess Championship.

Smriti Mandhana continues her reign as No. 1 ODI batter in latest rankings



DUBAI : India's opener Smriti Mandhana has strengthened her position at the top of the ICC Women's ODI Batter Rankings as the top players in the ongoing ICC Women's Cricket World Cup made progress in the latest rankings update.

Mandhana notched up consecutive half-centuries in the tournament, most recently scoring 88 against England in Indore in what was a close loss for India.

Mandhana's performance helped her improve her overall rating and extend her lead as the No. 1 ranked ODI batter to 83 points. England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt was her nearest competitor, having scored 191 runs in the tournament.

Mandhana has been in excellent form recently, earning the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for September 2025 due to her performances in the ODI

series against Australia prior to the World Cup.

Australia captain Alyssa Healy moves up one place to equal third overall after scoring consecutive centuries at the World Cup. Meanwhile, in-form South African Tazmin Brits also makes progress inside the top 10, rising one spot to ninth, thanks to her own batting efforts.

There is also movement outside the top 10, with India captain Harmanpreet Kaur (rising three places to 15th), Australia's opener Phoebe Litchfield (advancing five spots to 17th), and England veteran Heather Knight (climbing 15 places to 18th), all recognised for their excellent batting performances at the World Cup.

England spinner Sophie Ecclestone continues to hold a strong lead at the top of the ODI bowlers' rankings, while India's Deepti Sharma gains ground by climbing three spots to third overall after taking 13 wickets in five World Cup matches.

Australia's spinner Alana King rises two spots to seventh overall. Meanwhile, three Pakistan players receive boosts: Nashra Sundhu moves up three places to 11th, Sadiqbal advances five positions to tie for 14th, and Fatima Sana climbs five spots to 24th.

Fatima also moves up the ODI all-rounders list, improving five places to 15th, with Australia's Ash Gardner leading. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's captain Chamara Athapaththure rises one spot to seventh.

PVL 2025: Bengaluru Torpedoes eye strong finish to league stage against Mumbai Meteors

HYDERABAD : With both sides already assured of semi-final spots, Bengaluru Torpedoes will aim to finish the league stage on a high when they face Mumbai Meteors in their final Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia encounter at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad, on Wednesday.

The Torpedoes have been one of the most consistent teams this season, winning five of their six matches so far. However, they come into the contest after a 2-3 defeat to Hyderabad Black Hawks in what was their first loss of the campaign, and will be eager to bounce back and regain momentum ahead of the knockout stage.

Among Bengaluru's top performers this season have been American universal Jalen Penrose and Indian attackers Joel Benjamin and Sethu TR, whose consistent displays have been vital to the team's success.

Mumbai Meteors have enjoyed a similarly strong run, also winning five of their six matches this season to secure a final four position. The exceptional form of Amit Gulia and Norwegian attacker Mathias Loftnes has aided the Meteors.

Speaking ahead of the match, Bengaluru Torpedoes Head Coach and two-time Olympic medallist David Lee said:

"We've had a good run so far,

and while the last game didn't go our way, it's part of the process. The important thing is that we're learning and building and getting better all the time. The group has shown great energy and resilience throughout the season, and there's a lot of confidence in what we can achieve as we head into the playoffs."

Lee further emphasised the importance of the upcoming fixture, he added:

"Mumbai are a well-organised unit with some excellent individual players, so it'll be a good test for us before the knockout stage. We want to keep pushing ourselves and take that winning mindset into the semi-finals."

