

Kali Puja keeps politics close: CM sends prasad to Pahelgaon victim's parents

In a display of state-notch ethnic and religious ceremony, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee observed Kali Puja at her official residence and extended a personal gesture to the bereaved families of Bitan Adhikari, who was killed in the Pahelgaon incident. The gesture—sending prasad to Bitan's parents—arrives amid a calendar of high-profile visits and ceremonial duties as ministers, MPs, and party officials gathered for Kali Puja events. The day's schedule mirrored a blend of political theatre and solemn remembrance. Mamata Banerjee, who has long used Kali Puja as a platform to project continuity and oversight, presided over morning and afternoon rituals within a setting crowded by party insiders, bureaucrats, and security personnel. PG 3



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JAMMU: Security forces conducting 120 ANTI-TERROR OPERATIONS daily

MI News Service, Srinagar: Jammu police chief Bhim Sen Tuti said security forces were conducting 120 anti-militancy operations daily in the region's 10 districts. The stunning revelation points to the monumental challenge posed by a resurgent militancy adept in jungle warfare in an area which had remained militancy-free for years before the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in 2019. A total of 120 operations a day amounts to 44,000 missions annually, and the disturbing reality is that security forces achieve only limited success despite their relentless efforts, which at times require the involvement of troops for days on end.

"Every day, around 120 operations are launched in the entire Jammu zone. This is a daily duty. Whether they are speculative operations or precise, pinpointed information-based operations. It keeps happening continuously," Tuti, the Jammu zone inspector-general of police, told reporters in Jammu. "In the last two years, it (strikes by foreign militants) has emerged as an important challenge. We are strengthening our counter-terrorism grid, strengthening the border-protection grid. We will soon succeed in taking the foreign terrorists in these forests to task. I hope so." The Jammu region comprises 10 districts spread over 26,000 sqkm. The re-



Inspector General of Police, Jammu zone, Bhim Sen Tuti

gion was a success story for security forces, which, with massive local support, managed to keep militancy at bay for nearly two decades.

But the scrapping of Article 370 in 2019 was followed by a revival of militancy, made deadlier by militants trained in jungle warfare. They succeeded in inflicting significant casualties on security forces, police and civilians before melting into the forests. The success of troops has only been modest. The forces are tight-lipped about the number of militants operating in the Jammu region or the details of improvisation in their counter-insurgency strategies. But police sources put the number of militants in the dozens. The last time security forces suc-

ceeded in neutralising a militant — Haider alias Maulvi in the Dudi Basantnag forests of Udhampur — was in June. His associates had managed to escape. Hundreds of operations launched in four months after that have borne no fruit. Instead, one soldier was killed in Basantgarh, Udhampur, on September 20, while the militants involved gave the forces the slip. Security forces lost several men to militant attacks earlier too. Four policemen were killed in March in Kathua district after militants took a team led by a deputy superintendent of police by surprise. In the past, top central government ministers or the security forces brass had set lofty targets to wipe out militancy in Jammu. Rashmi Ranjan Swain, as

the then director-general of police, had said last year that the Jammu region would be free of

militancy in the decade up to the mid-2000s. But security forces, with local help, had largely suc-

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militancy in two to three months. "You know, from 1995 to 2005-07, they tried and hatched a conspiracy but didn't succeed. We took some losses (then), but who won finally? Now they (militants) have come with this fight. We should show courage and we are doing that. We are trying, after taking minimum losses, we will destroy them in two to three months," Swain had told a media conference. In 2023, Union home minister Amit Shah had told a media conference in Jammu, soon after militants killed seven Hindu residents and injured many, that the forces would form a "complete 360-degree security grid" in three months to secure Jammu. Instead of containing militancy, it spread to newer areas. Parts of the Jammu region witnessed a massive upsurge of

ceeded in restoring calm before the 2019 developments saw Jammu reemerge as a terror hub. In addition to huge security redeployment in recent years, the Centre has strengthened the civilian Village Defence Guards militia, arming thousands of them with sophisticated weapons. Tuti was speaking to reporters after leading a wreath-laying ceremony at the Police Martyrs Memorial to pay tributes to policemen who sacrificed their lives for the country on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day.

The day is observed in commemoration of 10 martyrs of the CRPF who died in the line of duty on October 21, 1959. The men lost their lives to an ambush laid by heavily armed Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh, at an altitude of 4,681mt.

India reopens door for Indian-origin researchers to return



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MI News Service, New Delhi/Washington: The government's plan to get Indian-origin faculty or researchers settled abroad to return and teach or conduct research at Indian institutions is gaining momentum, according to sources. While a similar plan has been considered in the past, it has been hit by several roadblocks, including procedural delays and uncertainties. The plan is being considered afresh against the backdrop of the recent developments in the United States, where most of these faculty members or scientists are employed.

According to the sources, a scheme is being designed in consultation with ministries of Education and Science and Technology with an aim to bring back established Indian-origin scientists and researchers with significant academic work to their credit who are willing to spend a defined period in India to pursue research or teach. "The IITs have already been trying to attract reputed foreign faculty, including Indian-origin ones who are now settled abroad or have their major body of work there," a source said. Earlier this month, the White House asked at least nine US universities to sign an agreement pledging to uphold the Donald Trump administration's higher education priorities or risk losing out on preferred access to federal funding. At the same time, top universities such as Harvard University have had billions of dollars in federal

grants frozen as part of demands to overhaul admissions, governance and faculty policies — actions critics say amount to coercive suppression of institutional independence. At present, the Ministry of Science and Technology runs Visiting Advanced Joint Research (VAJR) Faculty Scheme to bring back overseas scientists and academicians, including Non-resident Indians (NRI) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), to work in public funded institutions and universities for a specific period of time. The Ramanujan Fellowship provides attractive avenues and opportunities to Indian researchers of high calibre living abroad to work in Indian institutes and universities in all areas of science, engineering and medicine. Also, the Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) provides an opportunity to early, intermediate and senior level researchers to establish their research and academic career in basic biomedical or clinical and public health in India. These fellowships are open to all eligible researchers who wish to relocate or continue to work in India. In 2015, the Bengaluru government cleared a "Welcome Home proposal" to bring back scholars and professors settled in universities and institutions abroad to ensure jobs in Karnataka-run universities and colleges for Indian-origin scientists, research scholars and professors if they return to the state.

PRESIDENT'S COPTER SINKS INTO HELIPAD



Sources said the helipad was prepared overnight after the decision to divert the President's helicopter from Nilakal to Pramadam due to adverse weather conditions in the hill region

MI News Service, New Delhi: The wheels of the helicopter which carried President Droupadi Murmu for her Sabarimala visit got stuck in a depression in the newly concreted helipad at

the concrete. A senior police officer of the district said that the stadium was fixed as the location for landing the helicopter at the last moment and therefore, the helipad was cre-

Copter snag: MAMATA tweets
West Bengal Chief Minister promptly tweeted after the helicopter snag of President Murmu. She wrote, "Thank God that our President Droupadi Murmu ji could avert a major accident during her visit to Kerala. Pray for her long and healthy life."

the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium at Pramadam here when it landed on Wednesday morning. After the President left for Pamba by road, visuals on TV channels showed several policemen and fire force personnel pushing the helicopter's wheels out of the small depressions created when it landed on

ated there late on Tuesday. The landing was originally planned at Nilackal near Pamba, but it was changed to Pramadam due to inclement weather. "The concrete had not set completely and therefore, it could not handle the helicopter's weight when it

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AI misuse: Centre proposes strict IT rules

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government on Wednesday proposed that artificial intelligence and social media firms should clearly label AI-generated content to tackle the spread of deepfake and misinformation, prompted by similar moves by the European Union and China. With nearly 1 billion internet users, the stakes are high in a sprawling country of many ethnic and religious communities where fake news risks stirring up deadly strife and AI deepfake videos have alarmed officials during elections. The new rules require platforms to label AI-generated content with markers covering at least 10% of the

surface area of a visual display or the initial 10% of the duration of an audio clip, placing more responsibilities on the likes of OpenAI, Meta, X and Google. Social media companies will also have to obtain a user declaration on whether uploaded information is AI-generated, and deploy reasonable technical measures to ensure checks and balances, the Indian government's draft proposal said. The rules will "ensure visible labelling, metadata traceability, and transparency for all public-facing AI-generated media," IT ministry said, inviting suggestions from the public and industry by

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Vehicles parked on a snow-covered road following fresh snowfall in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.

DIWALI: Delhi chokes under toxic smog

MI News Service, New Delhi: The national capital woke up to a toxic haze on Tuesday following Diwali celebrations, with air quality plunging to "very poor" levels because of widespread bursting of firecrackers. The sharp deterioration in air quality has reignited a political tussle between the ruling BJP and the Opposition AAP.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi's average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 351 at 4pm on Tuesday, firmly in the "very poor" category. Similar readings were recorded earlier in the day: 352 at 8am, 346 at 5am, and 347 at 6am. The post-Diwali average AQI in 2024 was 339, despite a complete ban on firecrackers. This year, the Supreme Court permitted the use of "green crackers" for a limited time. Amitabh Kant, former CEO of Niti Aayog and India's G20 Sherpa in 2023, took to X to voice his concern. "The Supreme Court has prioritised the right to burn crackers over the right to live and breathe," he said.

Kant, who has always advocated the Centre's policies, made strong remarks against pollution, saying the readings at 36 of 38 monitoring stations hit the red zone with AQI above 400. "Delhi's



air quality lies in shambles. Only ruthless and sustained execution can save Delhi from this health and environmental catastrophe," he wrote. The political blame-game also hung heavy, just like the smog. Delhi's environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa of the BJP pointed fingers at the AAP-led Punjab government for allegedly encouraging stubble burning in the neighbouring state.

In a media conference, Sirsa presented videos purporting to show farmers in Punjab burning crop residue with their faces covered. "The AAP is deliberately forcing farmers to burn stubble in Punjab so that the smoke impacts Delhi," he al-

leged. "Farmers don't want to burn stubble but are being made to." AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj denied this and questioned the BJP for stopping the live-streaming of pollution data from Monday night. "No farmer in Punjab would burn crop residue to malign Diwali. As per reports, compared to the last five years, cases of crop residue burning were far less this time," he said. According to a study, the 2025 post-Diwali period was the most polluted since 2021 when average PM2.5 concentration touched 488 micrograms per cubic metre, three times more than the pre-festival level of 156.6 micrograms per cubic metre.

Tech issue: AI flight makes precautionary landing at Mumbai

MI News Service, Mumbai: A Newark-bound Air India flight, operated with a Boeing 777 aircraft, returned to Mumbai on Wednesday morning due to a technical issue. The Boeing 777 plane, which took off at around 1.50 am for Newark on Wednesday, was airborne for over three hours before returning to Mumbai, according to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar 24.com. "The crew of flight AI191 operating from Mumbai to Newark on 22 October, made a precautionary air-return to Mumbai due to a suspected technical issue. The flight landed safely back in Mumbai, and the aircraft is undergoing necessary inspections," the airline said in a statement. Air India said AI191 and AI144 (scheduled to operate from Newark to Mumbai) were cancelled. All affected passengers at Mumbai have been provided hotel accommodations and have been rebooked on alternative Air India and other airlines' flights to their destination. Details about the number of passengers were not disclosed.

Trump celebrates DIWALI



President Donald Trump participating in Diwali celebrations at the White House.

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump hosted a Diwali celebration in the Oval Office on Tuesday, lighting ceremonial lamps alongside senior Indian-American officials, diplomats, and business leaders. The event underscored his message of faith, prosperity, and the enduring strength of US-India relations. Joined by FBI Director Kash Patel and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, Trump lit diyas and extended Diwali greetings to the global Indian community and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Diwali is a time of great joy, love, and unity. It reminds us that light will always triumph over darkness, and good will always prevail over evil," Trump said, before adding that India and the United States "share a very good relationship." "I just spoke to your prime minister today. We had a great conversation.

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We talked about trade, we talked about a lot of things, but mostly the world of trade. He's very interested in that," Trump said, describing Modi as "a great person" and "a great friend of mine over the years." The Oval Office celebration also touched on global and

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Man prisoned for rape and murder of minor, now accused of raping an elderly woman

MI News Service, Alipurduar: He has served seven years in jail for raping and murdering a minor. He is currently out on bail. While out on bail, the young man was accused of raping an old woman. Not only rape, but also an attempt to murder the old woman has been made. The allegation has created a stir in Alipurduar's Joygaon police station area. The police have arrested the accused young man.

It is learnt that the old woman's house was left empty-handed on Tuesday night. The old woman was alone at home. It is alleged that the young man, her neighbor, entered the old woman's house on that occasion. He raped the old woman. Not only that, it is also alleged that he tried to kill the old woman. He cut off the old woman's lip. After that, the accused young man fled from there.

The old woman's son reached home after receiving the news. He saw that his mother's lip was cut off and bleeding continued. The old woman was admitted to Alipurduar District Hospital for treatment. After receiving the complaint, the police of Joygaon police station started searching for the young man. The accused was arrested last night. The police sent the accused young man to the Alipurduar court on Wednesday. The court has ordered him to be kept in jail custody for 14 days.

Police said accused has previously prisoned for rape and murder of a minor girl. He spent seven years in jail. He got bail in that case from the Calcutta HC in 2023. That case is still pending. In the meantime, the youth has been accused of attempting to murder an old woman after raping her.



The ritual of immersion in Ganga is underway on Wednesday in Kolkata.

Champdani Chairman inspects Ghat ahead of Chhath Puja



MI News Service, Hooghly: In preparation for the upcoming Chhath Puja on October 27, Champdani Municipality Chairman Suresh Mishra conducted a thorough inspection of the cleanliness and maintenance status of the Indra Maidan Ghat, a key site on the Ganga river for devotees in the district. Marking a continuation of longstanding tradition, Mishra's visit was accompanied

by former and current councilors Jitendra Singh, Vikram Gupta, Vikram Saw, Suraj Gupta, as well as local youth leaders Rahul Roy and Vishal Jaiswal.

This review focused on ensuring that all necessary cleaning operations and repair works at the ghat are progressing as scheduled to accommodate the influx of thousands of worshippers expected during the festival.

Recognizing the sacred importance of Chhath Puja, Mishra appealed to devotees to exercise personal caution and maintain hygiene standards while performing rituals. "Chhath Puja is a festival of devotion that draws thousands of mothers, sisters, and children to the ghats. It is imperative that while observing these sacred rites, everyone remains vigilant about their safety and the cleanliness of the surroundings," he stated. The Chairman reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to providing all essential facilities to ensure a secure and hygienic environment, as has been the practice in previous years. This proactive approach underscores local authorities' resolve to uphold public health and sanctity during major religious events in the region.

Local youth arrested after rape on a minor



MI News Service, Palashipara: A minor girl was called out by a local youth while heading to the bathroom at midnight. The youth then raped her near a tractor within the premises of her house. The incident occurred on the night of Kali Puja.

After returning home, the girl informed her family, who lodged a complaint at the police station. The police swiftly arrested the 19-year-old accused and sent him to court. The minor was also sent for a medical examination, as stated by the officer-in-charge of the concerned police station. The incident took place in the Palashipara police station area in Nadia.

According to local sources, shortly after, the minor returned home and recounted the entire incident to her family. The family immediately filed a complaint against the youth at Palashipara police station. Based on the complaint, the police arrested the accused Tuesday.

A police officer from Palashipara police station stated that the accused was arrested promptly, and measures would be taken to ensure the culprit receives stringent punishment.

TMC reshuffles Krishnanagar organisational district, New Presidents in four Blocks



MI News Service, Krishnanagar: Ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress has carried out a major organisational reshuffle in its Krishnanagar organisational district, appointing new presidents in four blocks.

The move follows a meeting held in early September,

where TMC's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee instructed local leaders to work in unity and focus on performance.

The Krishnanagar organisational district covers eight Assembly constituencies, Krishnanagar North and South, Chapra, Karimpur, Tehatta, Kaliganj, Palashipara, and Nakashipara, comprising a total of 12 blocks. Of these, four have new block presidents.

Soumalya Ghosh, who switched from the Congress to the TMC, has been made the new block president of Krishnanagar town. Youth leader Sushanta Mondal takes charge of Krishnanagar North. In Tehatta-1, former Zilla Parishad member Dilip Poddar has been appointed, while Hasiful Malita takes over in Tehatta-2.

There are no changes in the remaining eight blocks. State minister Ujjwal Biswas said, "Most of the existing leadership remains in place, but a few new faces have been added. We expect the team to work collectively toward achieving strong results in the 2026 Assembly polls."

Selection Camp for Distribution of Employment-Friendly Tricycles



MI News Service, Thakuranirabad: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 10 am, a "Selection Camp for Distribution of Employment-Friendly Tricycles" was organized at the premises of Subarnadwip Ashram, Thakuranirabad, in the new project area of Joygram Social Welfare Society. This camp was organized by the initiative of Joygram Social Welfare Society, under the management of Yaqeen Welfare Foundation and in

collaboration with the Rubber Foundation.

The selection process was completed with the aim of providing employment-friendly tricycles with various products to a total of 100 physically disabled and special needs people in the camp. Special needs people aged 18 years and above from different block areas of North 24 Parganas district attended this camp.

During the selection process, copies of disability

certificates, recent life photographs and mobile numbers of the participants were collected. It was informed in the camp that each tricycle distributed free of charge will have business or self-employment-friendly items as per the local needs.

Present on behalf of Joygram Social Welfare Society were—Secretary Peer Ali Gain, Treasurer Maruf Billa Gazi and Program Coordinator Afsar Ali Gazi, Soma Bibi, and two other representatives from Yaqeen Welfare Foundation, including social workers Md. Arif Omar and Omar.

At the event, Secretary of Joygram Social Welfare Society Peer Ali Gain said that in the coming days, the society has taken a plan to provide various services for the overall development and welfare of special needs and orphaned children at the Subarnadwip Ashram.

Durgapur court sets TI Parade for accused in MBBS students gang-rape

MI News Service, Durgapur: The Durgapur court on Wednesday ordered a Test Identification (TI) parade of six accused individuals implicated in the alleged gang-rape of a 23-year-old second-year MBBS student from Odisha. The incident reportedly occurred outside the IQ City Medical College on October 10. The TI parade is scheduled for October 24 at the Phooljhora Correctional Home, where all accused are currently incarcerated.

The court action followed a petition by the survivor's advocate, Partha Ghosh, who emphasized the urgency of conducting the parade to aid the investigation. Wasef Ali, a 23-year-old classmate of the victim, has been identified as

the prime accused in a premeditated attack. Of the six arrested suspects, four—Wasef Ali, Nasiruddin Skalias Samrat (23), Apur Bauri (21), and Firdous Sk (23)—were remanded to judicial custody until October 26 following their production before the Durgapur Mohokuma Court. The remaining two accused, Sk Riazzuddin and Sk Safiq, who have recorded their judicial confessions, have likewise been remanded until October 26. Police have reportedly pressed for these two to turn approvers in the case. According to the investigation, the victim and Wasef Ali had left the medical college campus around 8 p.m. on October 10 to purchase dinner. During this time, three of the arrested accused discovered

them in a forested area near the campus. The accused demanded money from the pair; while the male friend was sent to procure the cash, the victim was allegedly raped by one assailant as two others stood guard. Subsequently, two more accused arrived at the scene. The victim's mobile phone was seized during the assault. After the male friend returned with the money, both were released. Police are currently scrutinizing the statements of the survivor, her male companion, and five youths from the village. However, numerous inconsistencies remain in their accounts as investigators continue the painstaking task of correlating evidence and establishing the facts in this high-profile case.

Firecracker Chaos: 5 houses burn in Arambagh

MI News Service, Howrah: A devastating fire erupted in Howrah during Diwali celebrations, caused by falling lanterns, prompting widespread alarm and destruction. The incident occurred late Tuesday night in the Bantra police station jurisdiction on Narsingh Dutt Road, where a burning lantern reportedly ignited the tiled roof of a residential house. The fire rapidly consumed the premises, reducing the entire structure to ashes.

Emergency response teams arrived promptly, breaking down the door to contain the blaze. Despite these efforts, the house was entirely gutted. Fortunately,

no casualties have been reported. The proximity of the fire to a private hospital across the street heightened tension and panic throughout the area. The Howrah Fire Brigade's timely intervention prevented a larger catastrophe in a densely populated neighborhood. Simultaneously, a separate fire incident has been reported in Arambagh, within a Khanakuli's Benapukur area. Here, five houses were engulfed by flames during firecracker festivities. The initial conflagration is believed to have originated from a household in the Rajhathi No. 1 Gram Panchayat, owned by a prominent BJP figure. The fire escalated rapidly due to the

combustible environment created by the celebrations. Reports confirm two individuals sustained injuries, and two others suffered panic attacks. Local political actors from both BJP and Trinamool Congress mobilized at the site, with the area MLA arriving swiftly to oversee containment efforts. Children playing with firecrackers near the initial fire source may have unintentionally triggered this dangerous flare-up. This series of accidents starkly underscores the urgent need for stringent safety measures and public awareness during festival celebrations to prevent such tragic occurrences in the future.

House gutted in fire; locals allege delay by fire department

MI News Service, Shantipur: A massive fire gutted a house in Shantipur's Baktarg hat Shibhala area on Wednesday night, triggering outrage among locals who alleged a delayed response from the fire department.

The house, belonging to Uttam Pramanik, was completely destroyed in the blaze. According to local sources, the fire is suspected to have started from a sky lantern released during Kali Puja immersion celebrations.

Eyewitnesses said that despite repeated calls to the Shantipur fire station, located barely one kilometre away, the fire tenders reached the spot only after the flames had largely subsided.

"The fire station is so close, yet the engines arrived nearly half an hour late. By then, everything was gone," said a resident in anger. Several agricultural tools and household items were reduced

to ashes in the fire. Locals, however, managed to rescue a cow tied inside the house just in time.

Police from Shantipur station reached the spot soon after and brought the situation under control. When contacted, fire officials declined to comment on the delay. The incident has sparked resentment in the locality, with residents demanding an inquiry into the alleged negligence by the fire brigade.

Deaf-Mute rescued from brick Kiln after assault

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: A harrowing of sexual assault has come to light in Dattapukur, North 24 Parganas, where a 15-year-old deaf and mute girl was allegedly raped after being taken to a brick kiln in Pirgachha. The victim, who is also reported to be mentally unstable, went missing from 1 pm on Sunday and was found naked late Sunday night by the police at the brick kiln. She was immediately rescued and admitted to a hospital before being reunited with her family. The victim's family lodged a formal complaint with the Dattapukur police station and demand stringent action against the accused. The girl's uncle recounted the agonizing search that spanned several

days before receiving police confirmation of her rescue. Preliminary medical examinations reveal multiple injuries on the girl's body, strongly indicating sexual assault. Local eyewitnesses cited CCTV footage capturing a man transporting the girl on a bicycle, though authorities have yet to ascertain whether others were complicit in the crime. The victim's inability to communicate verbally complicates the investigation, intensifying calls for a thorough and transparent inquiry. Political fallout has been immediate. Opposition parties, including the BJP and CPM, have forcefully criticized the ruling government over lapses in women's security, accusing police of negligence in handling

the investigation. In response, Additional Superintendent of Police Atish Biswas defended the law enforcement agency, stating that the Kadambagachi police acted promptly upon receipt of the complaint, recovered the bicycle involved, and maintained diligence throughout the investigation.

Minibus rolls down into deep gorge near Mirik

MI News Service, Kolkata: At least four people were killed, including two women, and remaining sixteen occupants of the minibus, in which they were travelling to Mirik from Indo-Nepal border of Kakarvitta, skidded off the road and rolled down into a 200-ft gorge near Naldehra under the Mirik Police station in Darjeeling district, police said on Wednesday. The injured people have been admitted to the different hospitals Panighata, Naxalbari, and North Bengal Medical College and Hospital. The deceased identified as Sahini Chhetri (37), the resident of Nirpani Bustee of Naxalbari, Wangchu Tamang (40) of Sourini of Mirik, Dhan Bahadur Katuwal (73) and Binita Tamang (26) the residents of Nepal. The accident occurred when the driver of the minibus lost control over his steering skidded off the road and rolled down into the 200-ft gorge near Naldehra on way to Mirik this afternoon. Late last week six people were killed and as many injured in two separate car accidents in Kalimpong and Pankhabari in the hills.



Cultural program organized at Haltu Milan Sangha in celebration of Kali Puja.

Newborn snatched from Mother at Sherampur Hospital, recovered quickly

MI News Service, Hooghly: In a dramatic incident at Walls Hospital in Sherampur, Hooghly, a newborn baby was forcibly snatched from the mother's lap by a woman posing under false pretenses. The child was successfully recovered following swift police intervention, and the accused woman has been taken into custody. However, the incident has raised serious concerns about hospital security protocols.

According to sources, Neha Kurmi, a resident of Ghosal Bagan, Konnagar, was admitted to Walls Hospital last Wednesday for delivery. Following a cesarean section, she remained hospitalized until her scheduled discharge on Wednesday morning around 11:30 am. As her family arranged transportation, a veiled woman approached Neha, feigning distress over

pital. Promptly alerted, police officials, including the Sherampur IC and Chandannagar ACP, reviewed CCTV footage confirming the suspect's escape. Rapid deployment of personnel led to a comprehensive search across Sherampur, including checkpoints and key intersections. The woman was apprehended at the Konnagar intersection, and the baby was safely reunited with the mother. Authorities are currently interrogating the suspect to determine her motives and possible involvement in organized crime networks. In recognition of the exemplary police response, Chandannagar Police Commissioner Amit P. Javalgi awarded Traffic Sub-Inspector Pinto Nandi and his team a commendation along with a monetary reward of Rs. 10,000 for their timely action in recovering the



her own sick grandchild and requested to hold the newborn. Trusting the woman, Neha handed over the infant, only to witness the suspect fleeing the premises immediately. The act triggered panic within the hos-

infant and arresting the suspect within hours. The incident underscores the urgent need for enhanced security measures at healthcare facilities to safeguard patients and prevent similar breaches.

Violence Erupts in Narendrapur Over Missing Wife, Woman and Son Hospitalized

MI News Service, Narendrapur: In a disturbing incident in Narendrapur, a neighbor assaulted a woman and her 12-year-old son after failing to provide information about his missing wife. Niloy Biswas, a painter by profession, reportedly returned home on Tuesday evening to find his wife absent. Seeking answers, he approached the woman next door, who claimed ignorance of his wife's whereabouts.

According to eyewitness accounts, Niloy's frustration quickly escalated into violence. Furious, he allegedly struck the woman on the head with a brick. Hearing her cries, her young son rushed to intervene but was reportedly beaten as well while attempting to protect his mother. Both victims were left severely injured and were taken to a nearby hospital by local residents. The

injured woman later filed a formal complaint with the Narendrapur police, prompting authorities to register a case against Niloy under multiple sections, including assault, attempted murder, and indecent assault. An investigation is currently underway. The incident has sent shockwaves through the community, with residents demanding immediate arrest and stringent punishment for the accused. The victim described the harrowing ordeal, stating, "The boy came looking for us, but I told him we weren't home. That's when he suddenly attacked me. He threatened us, grabbed my collar, and dragged me. He nearly killed my son. I tried to protect him." Local law enforcement assures a thorough probe into the matter as the community seeks justice and security from such violent acts.

TMC panchayat member's husband attacked with scythe!

MI News Service, Raninagar: Trinamool panchayat member's husband attacked with a scythe! Incident occurred in Bhatu Konnagar area of Raninagar police station in Murshidabad.

It is alleged that the husband of gram panchayat member Rehana Bibi was attacked with a scythe. The victim Abdul Hamid was seriously injured in the incident. There was a lot of excitement in the area.

After receiving the information, the police of Raninagar police station reached the spot. According to local sources, a few days ago, a decision was taken to construct roads in various areas from the 'Paray Samadhan' camp. Accordingly, on Wednesday afternoon, Abdul Hamid, the husband of the gram panchayat

member, went to Bhatu Konnagar area of Kalinagar-1 panchayat to see the road measurements with an engineer.

While measuring the road, a man named Masadul Islam was building a new toilet next to the road. At that time, Abdul Hamid requested him to move him a little further away and build the toilet. An argument started with him. Then, it is alleged that Abdul Hamid was suddenly hit with a sledgehammer. Abdul Hamid fell down in a bloody state in the incident.

He was rescued by the locals and first taken to Godhanpara Rural Hospital, later shifted to Murshidabad Medical College Hospital. The accused Masadul Islam has been absconding since the incident. Police are investigating the incident.

Tragic incident with street dogs in Chandannagar

MI News Service, Chunchura: Inhuman! There have been incidents of brutal torture on stray dogs in the Chunchura Mainadanga area. There have been incidents of cutting off ears, cutting off tails, hitting eyes and even cutting off genitals.

It is learnt that several stray dogs have taken shelter in the house of a doctor couple, PK Ghosh and Reena Ghosh, in Mainadanga. The doctor couple has made arrangements for them, from accommodation to food. The dogs did not want to leave the house due to the noise of the fireworks during Kali Puja.

Homeopathy doctor PK Ghosh said, "We have had dogs in our house for a long time. Wherever I do my chambers, there are also many dogs. And I take food for the dogs. Even though they are street dogs, they stay in our house. Yesterday I saw that the dogs were tortured. I don't know

who did this to these helpless creatures. But humans cannot do this."

Sanchita Pal from a volunteer organization in Chandannagar that works with stray dogs and cats, said, "We mainly work with sick dogs on the streets. I received news that five dogs in the Mainadanga area of Chunchura were subjected to inhuman torture. Their ears, tails, and eyes were cut off. Their private parts were cut off. I don't know what happened to the people. The torture on these helpless creatures is increasing day by day. A few days ago, in the Lalbag area of Chandannagar acid thrown in the eyes of a dog. Later, it was learned that a person from the neighborhood had done this heinous act. We are making people aware. However, the cruelty on animals is increasing. This is unacceptable in any way. Arrangements are being made for the treatment of the sick dogs."

KreditBee lights up Diwali in West Bengal, empowering families to celebrate without compromise

MI News Service, Kolkata: KreditBee, India's leading online credit solution provider, continues to expand its reach across metros as well as Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. With a current loan count of 5.59 crore the company serves a rapidly growing and diverse customer base nationwide.

Recently, the brand launched its latest Diwali campaign, 'Har Tarakki Mein Saath', showing how KreditBee continues to enable individuals and families to move ahead without compromise. In West Bengal alone, the platform has disbursed over Rs. 3,100 crores across all products, serving over 20 lakh customers. The 25-34 age group represents the most active demographic, underscoring how young professionals are embracing digital credit to fuel upward mobility and achieve their aspirations. The brand's campaign is designed to connect with consumers through relatable humour over the theme of festive aspirations. The campaign underscores KreditBee's role as a trusted financial partner, empowering families to upgrade their lifestyle, take meaningful steps toward achieving their dreams, and celebrate without compromise. It features KreditBee's personal loan, two-wheeler, and business loan offerings, showing how these products support customers in meeting their financial needs during festivals and beyond. In addition to its core lending offerings, the platform provides value-added services such as 24K Digital Gold, and Credit Report solutions, catering to the evolving financial needs of its customers.

Mamata expresses sigh of relief after Murmu's helicopter makes safe landing

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesdayprayed for the long and healthy life of President ofIndia Droupadi Murmu and thanked God after a helicopter carrying thecountry's top leader made a safe landing during her visit to Kerala.Helicopter carrying President Droupadi Murmu got stuck on the helipadduring Sabarimala visit. The chopper made a safe touchdown at thenewly prepared helipad around 9.05 a.m., but its tyres sank slightlyinto freshly laid concrete soon after the President disembarked.President, however, continued her journey to Pampa by road without any delay.The issue also raised concern about the security system of the topleader of the country." Thank God that our President Droupadi Murmu ji could avert a majoraccident today morning during her visit to Kerala.Pray for her long and healthy life," Bengal CM said to her X handle.

Kali Puja turns deadly: Man killed in festive clash

MI News Service, Kolkata: Maheshwala witnessed a grave tragedy that has cast a dark shadow over the Kali Puja festivities in Gopalpur Malipara, Ward No.13, South 24 Parganas. What began as a celebration dance in front of the local Kali Puja mandap descended into brutal violence late Tuesday night, culminating in the death of 41-year-old Varun Mandal. Eyewitness accounts reveal that the atmosphere turned hostile following a heated argument between Varun Mandal and Chiranjit Mintra, allegedly fueled by intoxication.



A Kolkata-bound private bus caught fire on the Second Hooghly Bridge on Wednesday. No casualties were reported. The completely burnt bus is now under the jurisdiction of Hastings Police Station.

11-yr-old's tragic death exposes brutal abuse in Sanjay Roy's family

MI News Service, Kolkata: Vidyasagar Colony in Bhavanipur has been gripped by outrage and sorrow following the mysterious death of an 11-year-old girl, an incident that has brutally exposed the dark underbelly of domestic violence and systematic abuse within the family of convicted RG Kar tax case accused Sanjay Roy.

The minor girl, niece of Sanjay Roy and daughter of his elder sister Babita, was found lifeless, hanging from a cupboard under circumstances that locals and family alleged are deeply suspicious. This tragedy comes as a continuation of a distressing family saga, marked by the enigmatic death of girl's mother, Babita, four years prior-a death surrounded by its own shadow of mystery. Shocking revelations have surfaced about the prolonged and in-

humane physical and mental torture inflicted upon the girl from her tutor and neighbors details relentless abuse: severe beatings, forced prolonged study sessions stretching forced prolonged study sessions stretching from midnight to 8 a.m., denial of playtime, and incessant psychological torment. The minor was reportedly forced to bang her head against walls if she failed to meet harsh academic expectations, and punishment was meted out mercilessly regardless of exam results. The girl was repeatedly assaulted with a belt, a fact confirmed by her grandmother. The grandmother's allegations add a chilling dimension to the case. Following the mother's death and the subsequent marriage of Babita's widower to her younger sister Pooja—who is also Sanjay Roy's sister—the familial atmosphere

reportedly worsened. The grandmother claimed she was barred from visiting her granddaughter, and the girl was isolated from her own family. "They lived separately and would not let me enter the house. The girl wanted to come to me but was kept away," she stated. Community members express rising anger and demand decisive legal action against the accused stepmother and father whose names are now under intense scrutiny for their role in this ongoing nightmare of abuse and neglect. The case has ignited fierce debate and condemnation over the abuse of minors and the failure of familial protection in this household. This tragic episode unfolds an alarming narrative of abuse, neglect, and the consequences of unresolved family trauma that demand urgent intervention and justice for the victims.



New Year celebrations begin on Kartak Sud 1, the day after Diwali, with the Annakut ritual—offering a mountain of vegetarian delicacies to Bhagwan. Devotees arrive at temples for the first morning aarti, greet each other with "Nutan Varsha Abhinandan" and "Saal Mubarak," and seek blessings for a prosperous year ahead. At BAPS temples worldwide, thousands of vegetarian dishes are prepared and offered to Bhagwan, including a substantial offering at the Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in Joka to mark Annakut and the Gujarati New Year.

ED again Summons Bengal prison Minister in recruitment probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has once again summoned West Bengal State Prison Minister Chandranath Sinha, marking the third time the central agency has sought to question him in connection with the ongoing teacher recruitment corruption case. Despite earlier interrogations, the ED remains unsatisfied with the minister's responses, prompting renewed scrutiny. Chandranath Sinha, who was implicated in the scandal that has rocked the state's education and administrative sectors, has been under the ED's intense examination since March 2024. At that time, the ED conducted a raid on his Bolpur residence, seizing cash amounting to Rs 41 lakh. Although a chargesheet naming him was filed, the minister was not taken into custody.

On September 6, 2025, Sinha voluntarily surrendered before the special ED court, which had sought a seven-day custody period for deeper interrogation. However, the court granted him bail, a decision reaffirmed with subsequent extensions. His legal counsel contested the necessity of prolonged



custody, stating, "There is no need to take him into custody for investigation. After submitting the chargesheet, why are they repeating the same investigation?" The court acquitted the minister but stipulated that no stringent detention could follow; Sinha is to be released daily by 5 p.m. Furthermore, the court allowed the agency to issue fresh summons should the ongoing interrogations prove insufficient. Acting on this directive, the ED has summoned Chandranath Sinha once more for questioning this Wednesday. This continued investigation underscores the ED's commitment to dismantling entrenched corruption, even as political tensions rise. The outcome of these proceedings is eagerly awaited by both the public and political observers, reflecting broader concerns over accountability in governance.

Bengal braces for rain and thunderstorms this weekend

MI News Service, Kolkata: After a period of clear skies and stable weather conditions, West Bengal is poised to experience a notable change starting this weekend, as the Meteorological Department issues warnings of increased rainfall and thunderstorms across multiple districts. Currently, the region remains largely dry with no imminent threat of precipitation. The skies over Kolkata and surrounding areas are clear, with light morning fog appearing intermittently. Temperature readings have stayed close to seasonal norms, registering a minimum of 24.6°C and a maximum of 33.9°C as of Tuesday. Relative humidity levels fluctuate between 46 and 92 percent, with water vapor gradually decreasing in the atmosphere. However, the status quo is expected to shift by Friday, when coastal and hill districts—including North and South 24 Parganas, East and West Midnapore, and Jhargram—are forecast to receive light to moderate rain. This precipitation is likely to be accompanied by thunderstorms, adding volatility to the region's weather. North Bengal's hilly

areas such as Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, and Malda will also see scattered rainfall during the weekend, potentially intensifying into Monday, albeit with short-lived showers. The Meteorological Department highlights that the deepening of a low-pressure system in the southwest Bay of Bengal into a deep depression is a primary factor driving this weather transition. This depression is advancing towards the Tamil Nadu coast, while a new cyclone has simultaneously emerged in the south Andaman Sea, further complicating the atmospheric conditions. Residents are advised to stay alert for weather updates over the coming days as scattered rain and thunderstorms are predicted to affect all districts, including Kolkata, by Saturday and Sunday. The department cautions that although rainfall intensity will mostly remain light to moderate, localized disruptions cannot be discounted. This weekend's changing weather pattern marks a significant break from recent stability and demands close monitoring to mitigate potential public inconvenience and hazards.

Kolkata to reclaim direct flight link with Guangzhou after 5 years

MI News Service, Kolkata: After about five years hiatus, Kolkata is set to become the first Indian city to have a direct aviation link with mainland China as IndiGo Airlines has decided to launch a daily non-stop flight between Kolkata and Guangzhou, China starting October 26 (Sunday). The day will also witness the private airliner resume its one-stop flight between Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport and London in the United Kingdom. "In yet another milestone for the nation's growing aviation network, @IndiGo6E Airlines is all set to re-establish direct air connectivity between Kolkata Airport and Guangzhou, China. This revived route marks a renewed chapter in international air travel, while opening fresh horizons for growth," the Airports Authority of India (AAI) posted on, its X handle. The restoration of the aviation connectivity between the two most populous nations in the world follows a series of diplomatic engagements, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to China for the SCO meet, where he met Chinese President Xi Jinping. The two discussed strategies to enhance trade ties amidst global economic uncertainties, setting the stage for renewed air connectivity. Guangzhou, historically known as Canton, is a major port city north-west of Hong Kong on Pearl River. It is renowned for hosting the massive Canton Fair and is home to a vast network of wholesale markets and shopping malls that cater to both domestic and international businesses. As a global trade hub, Guangzhou's connection with Kolkata is expected to significantly boost trade and tourism, not just for Kolkata and West Bengal, but for the entire region as Kolkata is a gateway for 11 states, including the entire landlocked northern states of the country. The Kolkata-Guangzhou direct flight will be operated on IndiGo's state-of-the-art Airbus A320neo aircraft, departing Kolkata at 10 pm and reaching Guangzhou at 4.05 am local time.

PRESIDENT'S COPTER SINKS INTO HELIPAD

From PG 1 landed and depressions were formed where the wheels touched the ground," the officer said. The President, who arrived in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday evening for a four-day official visit to the southern state, left for Pathanamthitta district, where the hill shrine is located, this morning. From Pramadam, Murmu is travelling to Pamba, the foothills of Sabarimala, via road.

Kali Puja keeps politics close: CM sends prasad to Pahelgaon victim's parents



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a display of state-notch ethnic and religious ceremony, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee observed Kali Puja at her official residence and extended a personal gesture to the bereaved families of Bitan Adhikari, who was killed in the Pahelgaon incident. The gesture—sending prasad to Bitan's parents—arrives amid a calendar of high-profile visits and ceremonial duties as ministers, MPs, and party officials gathered for Kali Puja events. The day's schedule mirrored a blend of political theatre and solemn remembrance. Mamata Banerjee, who has long used Kali Puja as a platform to project continuity and oversight, presided over morning and afternoon rituals within a setting crowded by party insiders, bureaucrats, and security personnel. Senior Trinamool leaders, including Abhishek Banerjee, joined alternately for puja cere-

monies and public ceremonies. Meanwhile, Bitan Adhikari, a victim connected to the Kashmir Pahelgaon attack, remains a focal point of community grief. His family's outreach to the public has kept his memory in the political spotlight, with Mamata Banerjee's prasad gesture presented as a sign of ongoing support. The family's earlier appearances at public events, and Mamata Banerjee's attendance at related ceremonies at Kalighat and Lake Kalibari, highlight the administration's ongoing attempt to balance commemoration with governance amid ongoing security concerns and political pressures. Officials disclosed that the day's engagements included a routine review of Kali Puja arrangements, with Abhishek Banerjee and other party figures participating in the evening schedule following a day of formal and informal engagements.

Trump celebrates DIWALI

From PG 1 domestic issues. Trump highlighted key economic indicators — including gas prices at \$3.02 per gallon, 2.9 per cent inflation, and easing grocery costs — and projected major drug price cuts ahead. He also referred to an upcoming \$230 million Justice Department settlement related to previous investigations, saying any funds would be directed to charity. The comments have since prompted new Democratic-led probes into possible conflicts of interest.

Trump praised Indian-American entrepreneurs for their contributions to the US economy. "The Indian American business leaders, the biggest in the world... Really, if you look at these companies, what they've done... they're the biggest in the world," he said, citing figures such as Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen, Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra, and IBM CEO Arvind Krishna. In his Diwali message, Trump reflected on the festival's symbolism. "In a few moments, we'll light the diya as a symbol of faith in the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. The glow of the diya flame reminds us to seek the path of wisdom and to always give thanks for our many blessings," he said. FBI Director Kash Patel, sharing a clip from the ceremony on X, wrote: "A real honor to be celebrating Diwali in the Oval Office with @realDonaldTrump — thank you Mr.

President for your leadership and hospitality as always." The Indian Embassy in Washington said in a statement that Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra joined the celebration "alongside distinguished Indian-American business leaders and members of the diaspora."

"Ambassador Kwatra conveyed warm Diwali greetings to President Donald J. Trump and the Indian diaspora on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the Embassy wrote on X, adding that Trump "reflected on the festival's timeless meaning—the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil."

Kwatra later posted: "Wished him on behalf of Prime Minister @narendramodi a Happy Diwali and thanked him for this beautiful gesture. Warm Diwali greetings to all celebrating, especially the vibrant 5 million-strong Indian diaspora in the U.S." The event concluded with traditional music and lamp-lighting, as Trump called the festival "a celebration of hope, humanity, and the enduring friendship between India and the United States." The White House Diwali celebrations were initiated by Barack Obama following years of requests from the Indian-American community. In 2009, Obama became the first president to personally celebrate Diwali at the White House, lighting a diya in the Oval Office alongside Indian-Americans in his administration.

AI misuse: Centre proposes strict IT rules

From PG 1 November 6. The potential for misuse of generative AI tools "to cause user harm, spread misinformation, manipulate elections, or impersonate individuals has grown significantly," the government added. OpenAI, Google and Meta did not respond to Reuters queries. Indian courts are hearing high-profile lawsuits related to deepfakes. Bollywood stars Abhishek Bachchan and his wife Aishwarya Rai Bachchan have asked a New Delhi judge to remove and prohibit creation of AI videos infringing their intellectual property rights, and challenged YouTube's AI training policy. The rules about covering 10% of surface area are "among the first explicit attempts globally to prescribe a quantifiable visibility standard," said Dhruv Garg, founding partner at public policy research firm, Indian Governance and Policy Project. If implemented, the rules will require AI platforms in India to build in automated labelling systems to identify and mark AI-generated content at the point of creation, he added. India is emerging as a big market for AI firms. OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said in February that India was its second-largest market by number of users, which have tripled in the past year.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMED MAINUL HOQUE S/o- LATE DANESH ALI Residing at, Vill- Panchanandapur, Loaitola, Post- Panchanandapur, Ps- Mothabari, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732207, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD HAMMED MAINUL HOQUE To MD MAINUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I shall be Known as (New name) MD MAINUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, MD MAINUL HOQUE and MOHAMMED MAINUL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. No. 14548169L, Ex Nk (TS), Samir Kumar Dey residing at Vill. & P.O. - Khatul, P.S. - Goghat, Distt. - Hooghly (W.B.), PIN - 712616 have changed my spouse name and date of birth from Namita (DoB : 1969/age-30) to Namita Dey (DoB : 04-01-1969) vide affidavit dated 15-10-2025 before the Court of the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. No. 9208656F, Ex Sep, Banshi Charan Das residing at Vill. - Basantapur, P.O. & P.S. - Arambagh, Distt. - Hooghly (W.B.), PIN- 712601 have changed my spouse name and date of birth from Purbul Rani Das (Age - 53 yrs) to Purbul Rani Das (DoB : 10-05-1956) vide affidavit dated 14-10-2025 before the Court of the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

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

Name Change
I, Chandan Basu (Old Name), S/o- Lt. Rampada Bose, residing at Subhaspally North, P.O. Khalisani, P.S. Bhadreswar, Dist. Hooghly have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chandan Kumar Basu as declare before the first class Judicial Magistrate Chandannagore Court, Hooghly District vide Affidavit No. 6358, Dated 17/10/2025. Chandan Basu and Chandan Kumar Basu both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Abdul Khalek (old name) son of Sk Mohararak Ali, residing at Vill: Padampur, P.O - Simulia, PS - Tam-luk, Dist: East Medinipur, Pin: 721649, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Abdul Khalek (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 22/10/2025. Sekh Abdul Khalek and Sk Abdul Khalek both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Farhat Jahan (Old Name) W/o Md Shahnawaz Islam Residing at 85/X/2, Topsis Road, Po+Ps - Tiljala, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700039, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Farhat Islam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-10-2025. Farhat Jahan (Old Name) and Farhat Islam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ali Bux (Old Name) S/o Elahi Residing at Jan Masjid, Po - Mallickpur, PS - Baruipur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700145, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ali Bux (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-10-2025. Md Ali Bux (Old Name) and Ali Bux (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Agnes Rumi Shedrick (Old Name) W/o Shirshendu Sarkar Residing at 001, Chotodewri Para, Po+Ps - Kalna, District - Purbia Bardhaman, Pin - 713409, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Agnes Shedrick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-10-2025. Agnes Rumi Shedrick (Old Name) and Agnes Shedrick (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Tanushree Sardar, R/O- Sonarpur, Hasanpur, South 24 PGS, Pin-700150, India. So now I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tanusree Sardar as declared before Notary Public, Sealdah Court vide affidavit no 3284 Dated 13/10/2025 Tanushree Sardar and Tanusree Sardar both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
In my son, MUSTAK AHAMMED'S Birth Certificate (vide Regi. No.- 163 dt. of Regi. 04/02/1998 dt. of Birth- 12-01-1998, Dhanyakuria BPHC) father's name MOCHIBAR RAHAMAN and mother's name RUBINA BEGAM has been recorded and in School Register it has been recorded as RUBINA. On 15-10-25 vide affidavit no. 23053 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat I affirm that father MASIBAR RAHAMAN & MOCHIBAR RAHAMAN and mother RUBINA BEGUM & RUBINA, RUBINA BEGAM both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Reshma Khatun (old name) D/o Rahim Mallick, resident of Vill-Aturia, P.O.- Aturia, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743427, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Reshma Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Reshma Bibi (new name) and Reshma Khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Roshida Bibi (old name) D/o Ech-tallulla Gazi, resident of Vill- Katiahat, P.O.- Katiahat, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743427, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rashida Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Rashida Bibi (new name) and Roshida Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Muzammil Ahmed (old name) S/o Md Gazanfarullah, resident of MERLIN REGALIA BL-1,5TH FL,F1-5D,10 CONVENT LANE, KOLKATA PO TANGRA, Kolkata, 700015, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Muzammil ahmed (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Md Muzammil ahmed (new name) and Mohammad Muzammil Ahmed (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sheikh Hosibul Hossain (old name) S/o Rowsan Ali, resident of Vill-Kalyanpur, P.O.- Kalyanpur, Howrah-711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Hosibul Hossain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Sk Hosibul Hossain (new name) and Sheikh Hosibul Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Alka Ajay Mehta (old name) W/o Ajay Mehta, resident of 144/A, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, P.O.- Bhowanipore, P.S.- Bhowanipore, Kolkata- 700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alka Mehta (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Alka Mehta (new name) and Alka Ajay Mehta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajay Pravin Mehta (old name) S/o Pravin Chandra Mehta, resident of 144/A, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, P.O.- Bhowanipore, P.S.- Bhowanipore, Kolkata- 700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Mehta (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Ajay Mehta (new name) and Ajay Pravin Mehta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Siddharth Ajay Mehta (old name) S/o Ajay Mehta, resident of 144/A, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, P.O.- Bhowanipore, P.S.- Bhowanipore, Kolkata- 700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Siddharth Mehta (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Siddharth Mehta (new name) and Siddharth Ajay Mehta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SERAJUL SK S/o- DOST MAHAMMAD SK Residing at, Vill- 16 mile, Post- Malatiptur, Ps- Kallachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732127, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SERAJUL SK To SERAJUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SERAJUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, SERAJUL HOQUE and SERAJUL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ABDUL SALIM S/o- MANTAJ Residing at, Vill- Rajnagar, Post- Matlia, Ps - Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732102, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ABDUL SALIM To ABDUL SALAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ABDUL SALAM in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, ABDUL SALAM and MD ABDUL SALIM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) EMTAJ HOSSAIN MONDAL S/O- MUJIBAR MONDAL Residing at, Vill- Jayantipur, Post- Petrapole, Ps - Petrapole, Dist- North 24 Pargana, Pin- 743405, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from EMTAJ HOSSAIN MONDAL To IMTIAZ MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) IMTIAZ MONDAL in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, EMTAJ HOSSAIN MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD MONIRUDDIN SHAIKH S/O- MASIM SEKH Residing at, Vill- Najipur, Post- Naskipur Balagachi, Ps - Bursatia, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD MONIRUDDIN SHAIKH To MD MONIRUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD MONIRUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, MD MONIRUDDIN SK and MD MONIRUDDIN SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Federal Bank performs well

MI News Service, Kolkata: Federal Bank delivered another strong quarter for the period ended 30 September 2025, marked by all-time highs in both Net Interest Income and Fee Income, and consistent growth across core metrics.

- Record NII at ₹2,495 crore, reflecting stable margins.
- Highest-ever fee income at ₹886 crore, underscoring continued momentum in non-interest revenue streams.
- CASA ratio improved to 31.01%, up 94 bps YoY; CASA deposits grew 10.71% YoY to ₹89,591 crore.
- Operating profit stood at ₹1,644.17 crore, up 5.65% QoQ.
- Net profit rose 10.85% QoQ to ₹955.26 crore, driven by robust operating income



flecting balanced franchise growth. Asset quality remained among the best in the decade with GNPA at 1.83% and NNPA at 0.48%.

- CRAR stood strong at 15.71%, ensuring a comfortable capital position.

Provision Coverage Ratio remained robust at 73.45%. Total Business of the Bank reached Rs. 533,576.64 Cr. registering a growth of 6.84% YoY.

Maruti Suzuki set to cross 4 lakh vehicle exports this fiscal

MI News Service, Mumbai: Maruti Suzuki India is on track to export over 4 lakh vehicles this fiscal year, having already shipped more than two lakh units in the April-September period, according to a senior company executive.

The country's largest car-maker has reported a 52 per cent year-on-year growth in exports to 42,204 units in September, compared to 27,728 units in the same month of the previous year.

"In Q1, we exported about 1.10 lakh units, and in the first half (April-September), we have done over 2.07 lakh units. So, we are on track to achieve the 4 lakh unit forecast that we have given," Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Corporate Affairs) Rahul Bharti stated. He noted that the company's exports are more than double those of the nearest domestic competitor. "Normally, we talk about cutthroat competition. There are 18 players in the market...the exports of Maruti Suzuki are more than double our nearest exporter in the country," Bharti said.

So, just like in the domestic sales, the automaker now has a huge lead over the nearest

and efficient cost management.

- ROA at 1.09% and ROE at 11.01%, maintaining healthy profitability metrics.
- Net Interest Margin improved 12 bps QoQ to 3.06%.
- Total deposits increased 7.36% YoY, while net advances grew 6.23% YoY, re-

gistering a growth of 6.84% YoY.



player in the overseas shipments as well, he added. "What is also very interesting is the absolute growth. I recall that about four years ago, we used to do about one lakh unit exports in a year. This time in the second quarter, over 1 lakh units," he stated. In FY 2020-21, the company's total exports stood at 96,139 units. Maruti has also exported 6,068 units of its electric model eVITARA in August and September, Bharti said.

"We think it's a very strong statement for Make in India and for the world," he added. Bharti noted that India's recent free trade agreements have also helped in improving overseas car shipments. The company's sub-4 metre models, Fronx, Jimny, Swift, Baleno and Dzire were the most imported models during the April-September period. South Africa, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Chile and Colombia were the best export markets for the company in the period.

India may settle Vodafone Idea dues to boost UK ties

MI News Service, New Delhi/London: India is weighing a one-time settlement of its long-pending demand for billions of dollars in past dues from Vodafone Group Plc's struggling local venture, as part of a broader effort to strengthen ties with the UK, Bloomberg reported.

The proposed resolution in the nearly ₹2 lakh crore (\$22.5 billion) dispute could involve waiving interest and penalties, followed by concessions on the principal amount owed by Vodafone Idea Ltd, according to the report.

A deal would provide a much-needed lifeline to India's third-largest wireless operator, help sustain competition in a market dominated by Reliance Jio and signal to global investors that New Delhi aims to move past its reputation for unpredictable policy shifts.

The move is also seen as a diplomatic gesture toward the UK, coming soon after the two nations signed a trade pact and ahead of British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to India this week. With ties with the US under strain and relations with China only beginning to thaw, India may use the Vodafone Idea settlement to deepen its partnership with the UK.

Officials are drafting a framework for the settlement while considering safeguards to prevent similar claims from other telecom operators, the report added.

Name Change
I, SHAIK KABIL MOHAMMAD (Old Name) as per Passport No. :- (X3275595) S/O - LATE SK NUR MAHAMMAD, Residing at VILL- MUKUNDAPUR, PO - SAGARESWAR, PS - RAMNAGAR, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721446, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SK KABIL MAHAMMAD (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 22/10/2025. SK KABIL MAHAMMAD (New Name) and SHAIK KABIL MOHAMMAD (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Coal India & IIT Madras Join hands to Establish Centre for Sustainable Energy

MI News Service, New Delhi, 22 Oct.25 : Coal India Limited (CIL), on Wednesday, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to establish the "Centre for Sustainable Energy" at the IIT Madras. The MoU was signed by Shri Achyut Ghatak, Director (Technical), CIL, and Shri V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, in the presence of Shri P.M. Prasad, Chairman, CIL, along with senior officials from both CIL and IIT Madras.



The Centre will serve as a hub for cutting-edge R&D and capacity-building initiatives in sustainable energy technologies. Supported by CIL's funding and aligned with its strategic diversification goals, the Centre will focus on developing solutions for repurposing coal mines, creating low-carbon technologies, and reimagining coal as a valuable feedstock in India's clean energy future. This partnership underscores a shared commitment to leading India's energy transition through indigenous research, innovation, and technology development to achieve the nation's net-zero ambitions by 2070.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri P.M. Prasad, Chairman, CIL, said that Coal India is transforming from being the nation's energy provider to becoming a key enabler of India's clean energy transition. "This MoU marks a historic step in Coal India's journey toward sustainable growth. Through this collaboration with IIT Madras, Coal India aims to generate indigenous solutions that ensure energy security, decarbonization, and socioeconomic progress," he added. Shri V.

Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, stated that industry-academia collaborations have been a cornerstone of IIT Madras' journey toward leading India's transition to a low-carbon economy. "The partnership with Coal India epitomizes the institute's commitment to this cause. Together, we aim to develop scalable and impactful solutions that support India's sustainable energy future," he emphasized. The Centre will also contribute to human capital development through Ph.D., postdoctoral, and internship programs, nurturing the next generation of researchers and engineers to lead India's green energy transformation.

Salaries in India set to rise 9% in 2026: Reports

MI News Service, New Delhi: Salaries in India are likely to rise by 9 per cent next year, on the back of resilient consumption, investment and policy support despite global economic growth uncertainties, a survey said.

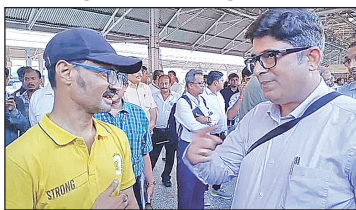
The nine per cent projection for 2026 marks a slight increase from the actual 8.9 per cent salary growth observed in 2025, even as global economic growth slows, according to global professional services firm AON's 'Annual Salary Increase and Turnover Survey 2024-25 India.

Despite headwinds, India's economy remained resilient, supported by strong domestic consumption, investments and policy measures, it noted. The 30th edition of AON's 'Annual Salary Increase and Turnover Survey 2024-25 India is based on inputs from 1,060 organisations across 45 industries. Further, its survey stated that salary increases are projected to vary across industries, with real estate/infrastructure (10.9 per cent) and non-banking financial companies (10 per cent) seeing the highest increases in 2026. The automotive or vehicle manufacturing is expected to witness 9.6 per cent salary growth, followed by engineering design services (9.7 per cent), retail (9.6 per cent) and life sciences (9.6 per cent), reflecting continued investment in critical talent pools.

"India's growth story remains strong, supported by infrastructure investments and policy measures. Our survey shows that key sectors like real estate and NBFCs are leading the way in talent investment and businesses are taking a strategic approach to compensation to ensure sustainable growth and workforce stability, even amid global uncertainty," said Roopank Chaudhary, partner and rewards consulting leader, Talent Solutions for India at Aon.

Further, the survey revealed that overall attrition rates have declined to 17.1 per cent in 2025, down from 17.7 per cent in 2024 and 18.7 per cent in 2023.

DRM/Howrah Reviewed Chhath Rush Management Arrangement At Howrah Station And Also Took Feedback Of Passengers Regarding Crowd Management



MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : Shri Vishal Kapoor, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, briefed the media today (22.10.2025) at Howrah station regarding various measures undertaken by Howrah Division to ensure seamless travel for passengers during the Chhath Festival. During the visit, Shri Kapoor interacted with passengers on board the Mithila Express, taking feedback from those travelling to their native places. The passengers expressed their satisfaction and appreciated Railways endeavour for crowd management at Howrah facilitating smooth boarding of passengers in different trains. DRM/Howrah also reviewed the crowd management arrangements at Howrah station, where the RPF/Eastern Railway efficiently handled the heavy rush of passengers.

More Than 1 Lakh Employees Of Eastern Railway Working Tirelessly To Cater To The Passenger Movement During Chhath Festival

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : This year, Indian Railways have planned for more than 12000 trips of Special Trains during the festive season to transport the passengers to their desired destinations. Previous year, 7724 Special Trains were run over Indian Railways, thus setting an all-time record in a number of trips of festive special trains over Indian Railways this year. Eastern Railway is dealing with more than 1300 trips of festival special trains this year to cater to the need of passengers wherein, 329 trips of festival special trains of Eastern Railway are being originated from Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Asansol, Bhagalpur, Malda Town etc. to different destinations. 663 trips of special trains from other Zonal Railways are also terminating & originating in the Eastern Railway jurisdiction and 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. About 1 lakh employees of Eastern Railway are working tirelessly for seamless movements of trains including festival specials during Chhath festival and crowd management at different stations. 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 21st to 27th October, 2025 catering to all popular destinations. These trains are mainly targeting to cater the passenger movements to and from Raxaul, Madhubani, Jaynagar, Barauni Jn, Patna, Buxar, Saharsa Jn, Purnia Court, Gorakhpur, Mau, Barhni, Banaras, Anand Vihar Terminal, Delhi, Yag Nagari Rishikesh, Lal Kuan Jn, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Khatipura, Vadodara Jn, Udhna Jn, Gandhidham Jn area.

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 Bardhaman – Fatuha – Bardhaman MEMU Express Special train leaving Bardhaman at 10:45 hrs from 21.10.2025 to 25.10.2025 and leaving Fatuha at 23:00 hrs from 21.10.2025 to 25.10.2025.

- Sahibganj – Bhagalpur – Sahibganj Additional MEMU Passenger train will run up to 30.10.2025, leaving Sahibganj at 10:00 hrs and leaving Bhagalpur at 12:30 hrs.

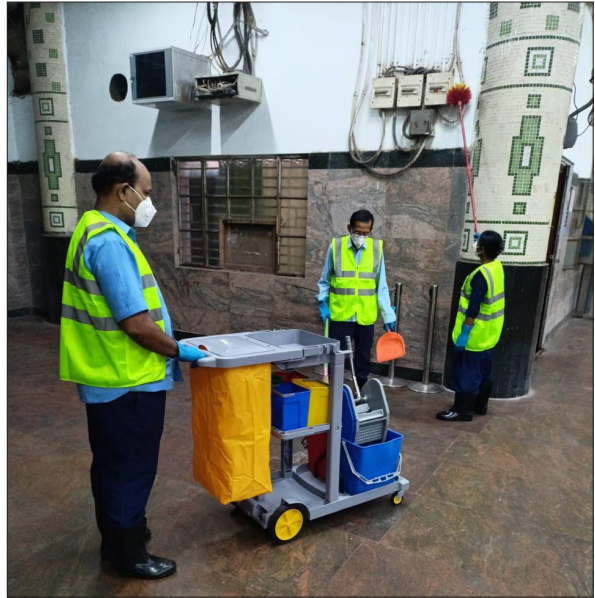
- Bhagalpur – Banka – Bhagalpur Additional DEMU Passenger train will run from 24.10.2025 to 30.10.2025, leaving Bhagalpur at 20:50 hrs and leaving Banka at 23:00 hrs.

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 like Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, Jasidih, Bhagalpur etc. for providing shelter to the passengers before entering platform so that no excess crowd could be accumulated at platform.

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.

Metro Railway conducting Special Campaign 5.0



MI News Service, 22 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Metro Railway organized intensive cleaning drives at different Metro stations today. Commuters were also requested to extend their co-operation in maintaining cleanliness within Metro premises.

Under this campaign, Metro authorities have been conducting extensive cleaning activities at stations, offices, tracks, and railway colonies. The drives include garbage removal, clearing of unwanted vegetation, and cleaning of drainage systems. Cleanliness remains a key focus area of Special Campaign 5.0, with officers and staff

working in close coordination to ensure enhanced hygiene and efficiency in workplaces.

Commuters are also being encouraged to contribute towards keeping the Metro premises clean and litter-free. Regular announcements are being made through the Public Address System requesting passengers not to spit or litter inside Metro premises. Offenders can be identified easily through CCTV surveillance and fined ₹500. Metro authorities have further requested all commuters to use the dustbins provided at stations whenever required.

Let us all join hands to keep our Metro system clean, safe, and commuter-friendly.

Kolkata scientist bags 'Young Women Scientist Award – 2025'



MI News Service, Kolkata/ New Delhi: Dr. Sukanya Dutta of Kolkata has been conferred the "Young Women Scientist Award 2025" in recognition of

her outstanding contributions to the field of Agronomy.

She is the Assistant Professor of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, JIS University.

The award was presented at the 2nd International Conference on Frontiers in Science & Technology for Agricultural Transformation (FSAT 2025), jointly organized by the ICAR – National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) and the Agriculture Entrepreneurship Environment & Technical Development Society, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

EASTERN RAILWAY
Bid Number: GEM/2025/B/6807769, **Date:** 18.10.2025. **Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Eastern Railway, 88/1, Adhar Das Road, Budge Budge, Kolkata, Pin-700137, West Bengal** invites bid for the following work: **Bid End Date/Time:** 08.11.2025 at 12.00 hrs. **Bid Opening Date/Time:** 08.11.2025 at 12.30 hrs. **Bid Offer Validity (From End Date):** 120 (Days). **Office Name:** Carriage and Wagon Workshop, Liluah. **Item Category:** Customized AMC/CMC for Pre-owned Products– Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 02 nos. 10T and 2T capacity Hand operated EOT Cranes make Krane Mfg India Pvt Ltd of BMF Budge Budge for a period of 5 years: Krane Mfg India Pvt. Ltd; Comprehensive. **Contract Period:** 5 years 1 day. **Minimum Average Annual Turnover of the bidder (for 3 years):** 11 Lakh(s). **Years of Past Experience Required for same/similar service:** 1 year. **Past experience of similar services required:** Yes. **MSE Exemption for years of experience and turnover:** No. **Startup exemption for years of experience and turnover:** No. **Document Required from seller:** Experience Criteria, Bidder Turnover, Certificate (Requested in ATC). "In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Experience/ Turnover Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer. **Do you want to show documents uploaded by bidders to all bidders participated in bid?:** Yes (Documents submitted as part of a clarification or representation during the tender/bid process will also be displayed to other participated bidders after log in). **Minimum number of bids required to disable automatic bid extension:** 1. **Number of days for which bid would be auto-extended:** 7. **Number of Auto Extension count:** 1. **Bid to RA enabled:** No. **Type of Bid:** Single Packet Bid. **Time allowed for Technical Clarifications during technical evaluation:** 2 Days. **Estimated Bid Value:** ₹ 20,69,100. **Evaluation Method:** Total value wise evaluation. **Financial Document Indicating Price Breakup required:** Yes. **Arbitration Clause:** No. **Mediation Clause:** No. **Advisory Bank:** State Bank of India. **EMD Amount:** ₹ 41,380. **ePBG Percentage (%)**: 5.00. **Duration of ePBG required (Months):** 62. (MISC-246/2025-26)

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E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/02/25/61, **Dated :** 21.10.2025. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata -700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items: **Sl.No.; Tender No.; Description; Tender Cost; EMD & Tender Opening Date & Time** are as follows: [A] 1; **14255146;** Procurement of Electric Point machine IRS type 220 mm throw, high thrust (AC immunity 160V AC), Non-trailable to operate on 110V, DC complete with Lock and Detector slides, Cable Termination Box and clamp lock 60 Kg. conforming to IRS: S 24/2002 (Amdt. 1) & Assy. Drg. No. RDSO-S/11000 & for Motor IRS: S 37/82 etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,57,400 & 11.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **2; 20251103;** Electro Pneumatic Brake Unit Complete for EMUs; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,57,100 & 15.12.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **3; 11251823;** Procurement of Controlled Discharge Flush Valve Assembly etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,24,320. **4; 16251007A;** 42 KV, 10KA, Metal Oxide Gasless type Lightning Arrestor; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,48,420 & 10.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. (for Sl.No. 3 & 4 each.). **5; 21251011A;** Side Frame Key etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 5,91,180 & 12.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **6; 11251023A;** Yaw damper for all type of LHB Coaches fitted with Flat Bogie to RDSO's Drg. No. RDSO/CG/ DRG/21048, Alt. No.-2 and RDSO's Spec. No. RDSO/CG-18005, Rev.-1 of July 2023; ₹ 0; ₹ 6,07,980 & 06.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **7; 11251519;** Procurement of Glass Unit for Emergency Window etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 2,00,940 & 11.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **8; 20251074;** Procurement of kit of spares for EP unit (M/s. ESCORTS Make) etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 6,98,380 & 11.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **9; 20252142;** EMU/MEMU Motor Coaches, KPC make Air Compressor Type 3HC-55, 18 Month Overhauling Kit; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,01,470. **10; 11251118;** Air Spring Bellow Assly. Complete with 4-hole base plate etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 15,16,690. **11; 04255017;** Main hoist Gear as per Annexure A; ₹ 0; ₹ 9,89,650. **12; 10251141;** B.L. Switch box complete; ₹ 0; ₹ 2,59,840. **13; 10251093;** Brake Gear arggt.; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,08,020 & 10.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. (for Sl.No. 9 to 13 each). **14; 11251801;** Procurement of ICF Head Stock complete to ICF Drg. etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,30,520 & 11.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **15; 11251816;** Procurement of Brake Beam Complete etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 5,37,760 & 12.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **16; 12254007;** Running Contract for HVN Insulating Liner 66 to RDSO Drg No. T-3706; ₹ 0; ₹ 20,00,000 & 07.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **17; 22251625;** Tab/Cap Ruxolitinib 20 mg [ITEM Code M251024] AI 25-26; ₹ 0; ₹ 0 & 03.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **18; 22255227A;** Inj Luspatercept 25 mg item Code No.: M251033, AI 25-26; ₹ 0; ₹ 0 & 04.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. [B] Corrigendum: (1) **Tender No.:** 12254007. (ii) Tender Closing Date & Time should be read as **07.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** instead of 22.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs. (ii) **Delete–** Document Description: Drawing T 3706 & File Name: RT-3706to3708Alt.8.pdf. (iii) **Additions–** Document Description: IRS Specification & File Name: IRS-T-44-20253rdRev.pdf. (2) **Tender No.:** 60110806. (i) Description should be read as **Manufacturing & supply of High Viscous Nylon-66 Insulating Liner (HVN Liner) to RDSO Drg. No. 3706, Alt.-9 and conforming to IRS specification No. T-44-2025 (Third Revision) for use with PSC Sleeper suitable to 60KG (UIC)/60E1/52 KG rail** instead of existing Description. (ii) **Delete–** Document Description: IRS Specification & File Name: 2025-07-10-Finalspecification-44foruploadingdated10_07_25.pdf. (iii) **Additions–** Document Description: Drawing T 3706 ALT 9 & File Name: T-3706Alt-92.pdf. [C] **Tender No.:** 52256477. **Description:** Design, Develop, Programming, Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Training for (i) Drive trainer kit with motor and auxiliary power electronics kit, (ii) PLC trainer kit with I/O simulation and Auxiliary Digital electronic kit, (iii) Simulation software for six PC, (iv) LCD Digital Read Out System for 4 axis with one set scale, (v) CNC turning trainer kit, (vi) Detailed scope of training for Liluah Modernization of training with setting up Mechatronics Lab at BTC/Liluah as per technical specification attached as Annexure-A to Annexure-F. **Estimate Tender Value:** ₹ 99,41,500. **Tender Closing Date:** 17.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs. **Note:** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.irops.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

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Metro to run special services on Bhatri Dwitiya

MI News Service, 22 Oct, 2025, Kolkata: Metro Railway will run Special Services in Blue Line and Green Line on the occasion of 'Bhatri Dwitiya' i.e. on 23.10.2025 (Thursday). **BLUE LINE**

- Metro will run 182 services (91 UP & 91 DN) on 23.10.2025 (Thursday) instead of 272 services.
- First Service: -**
- At 06:50 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram (No Change)
- At 06:54 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change)
- At 06:55 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar (No Change)
- At 06:55 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change)
- Last Service: -**
- At 21:28 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change)

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- At 21:32 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change)
- At 21:44 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum (No Change)
- GREEN LINE**
- Metro will run 148 services (72 UP & 72 DN) on 23.10.2025 (Thursday) instead of 226 services.
- First Service: -**
- At 06:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)

● At 21:32 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change)

- At 21:44 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum (No Change)
- GREEN LINE**
- Metro will run 148 services (72 UP & 72 DN) on 23.10.2025 (Thursday) instead of 226 services.
- First Service: -**
- At 06:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)

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

- **Last Service:-**
- At 21:45 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)
- At 21:47 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No Change)
- Normal services will be available in Yellow Line, Orange Line and Purple Line on that day.

SC acquits 4 convicts in 35-yr-old murder case

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court has exercised its extraordinary constitutional powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to acquit four convicts sentenced to life in jail for a murder dating back 35 years, although only one of them had filed an appeal.

The court noted that the prosecution's claims were "full of contradictions and inherent improbabilities".

A bench of Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Sandeep Mehta passed the judgment on the appeal filed by Kannaiya challenging the concurrent findings of guilt recorded against him by a sessions court and affirmed by Madhya Pradesh High Court.

Under criminal law jurisprudence, every individual convict has to file an appeal against the conviction. But in this case, the three other convicts – Govardhan, Raja Ram and Bhima – had not done so. Under normal circumstances, only Kannaiya was entitled to be acquitted, but the top court exercised its extraordinary powers under Article 142, which empowers it to pass any order, judgment or decree to render complete justice, to acquit all four in one go.

In October 1999, the first additional sessions judge of Mhow in Indore had sentenced the four to life imprisonment in a murder case. In 2012, Madhya Pradesh High Court affirmed their conviction and sentence.

It was the case of the prosecution that the four convicts, armed with axes and other lethal weapons, killed Ramesh when he resisted their attempts to demolish his hut in Chak village on September 28, 1990.

Allowing the appeal, Justice Sandeep Mehta of the Supreme Court wrote in the judgment: "In the present case, the prosecution has failed to establish the genesis of occurrence and the shifting of the place of incident demolish the very substratum of the prosecution case."

The apex court said it

would not be safe to uphold the conviction of the accused-appellant and the three co-accused "as the testimony of the so-called eyewitnesses Madho Singh (PW-5) and Puniya (PW-12) is full of contradictions and inherent improbabilities".

It added: "Since the entire case of the prosecution has fallen, all four convicted accused persons are entitled to be extended the benefit of doubt. Hence, we are inclined to extend the benefit of this judgment, in exercise of our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India, 1950, to the three co-accused, namely, Govardhan, Raja Ram and Bhima, who have not challenged their conviction before this Court."

"Accordingly, the appellant and the said co-accused are acquitted of the charges. They shall be released from custody forthwith, if not wanted in any other case. The appeal is, accordingly, allowed."

sis of the occurrence and the place of incident with any degree of certainty. The FIR speaks of the demolition of a hut by the accused persons near the residence of Jagya (PW-3).

"However, Madho Singh (PW-5) shifted the crime scene to nearby his own house and denied any demolition. Puniya (PW-12) claimed that the assault occurred in the field of Gopya. Both of these witnesses (PW-5 and PW-12) have contradicted each other as well as the documentary evidence, viz. the site inspection plan (Exh. P-6). They do not acknowledge each other's presence at the crime scene. Such conflicting versions cannot co-exist within a credible narrative."

"The suppression of the genesis of occurrence and the shifting of the place of incident demolish the very substratum of the prosecution case."

The apex court said it

Karnataka fiasco: Kiran Mazumdar meets Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Tuesday met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar amid a growing debate over whether Bengaluru's infrastructure is hurting businesses.

"Good discussion about Bengaluru's growth, innovation, and the way forward for Karnataka's development story," Shivakumar posted on X.

The chief minister's office called the meeting with Mazumdar-Shaw a "personal visit" and stated that she invited Siddaramaiah to a wedding in the family.

In a post on X a day before Diwali, Shaw quoted a post of Shivakumar in which he mentioned that the work on the elevated corridor of the Ejipura Flyover will be completed by June 2026.

The Biocon chief said it was indeed a positive development "which will greatly relieve traffic congestion and has been 10 years in the making which previous BJP and JDS governments did not prioritise. Putting this on a priority track is a good move DKShivakumar."

The controversy over the city's infrastructure started on October 13, Shaw shared on X that a visiting foreign business executive to Biocon had questioned the state of Bengaluru's roads and garbage management. The post, which tagged Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar, and IT minister Priyank Kharge, triggered a debate over the city's infrastructure and the government's handling of civic issues.

Shaw detailed the foreign guest's unpleasant experience on what she called pothole-ridden and garbage-strewn roads. The state administration defended the work carried out under the ruling Congress government.

Later, Shivakumar dismissed Shaw's criticism of Bengaluru's roads and infrastructure as "personal agenda" and questioned why such issues were not raised when the BJP was in power.

Shaw clarified that she had voiced similar concerns during both BJP and JD(S) governments as well. "Our agenda is simple, to clean up the roads and fix them," she had said.

Congress leader Mansoor Ali Khan too added that her outrage seemed selective, focusing only on Karnataka and not other states like Maharashtra. Shaw responded, saying she has a vested interest in her city and state, emphasising her plea is driven by civic concern, not politics.

The exchange between Shaw

and Shivakumar comes amid growing public support for Shaw's stance. Residents have echoed her concerns, sharing their own experiences with poor roads and garbage issues.

Other prominent figures from India Inc, including former Infosys CFO TV Mohandas Pai, have been vocal about the worsening traffic situation and pothole-ridden roads in Bengaluru.

"Minister DK Shivakumar and Priyank Kharge, some feedback. This is not the result of growth but huge corruption and bad governance," Mohandas wrote on X.

The former Infosys CFO pleaded for urgent action, saying, "Please help... can we have roads without potholes? This is not AI work but has been done for more than 200 years!"

Mohandas Pai shared the post while highlighting the troubles that people were coming out with on X.

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IIMs offering of UG courses spark debate

MI News Service, Kozhikode: IIM Kozhikode and IIM Sambalpur have this year launched undergraduate courses while IIM Bangalore will offer two such programmes from 2026-27, marking a trend of diversification that, some academics fear, will turn the B-schools into general universities and dilute their standards.

Pushed by the National Education Policy (NEP) and the Union government, the elite management institutions are starting undergraduate courses. Some B-schools have limited their UG courses to management studies, but several others like IIM Bangalore



Keto diet metabolite may power up CAR T cells to kill cancer: Study

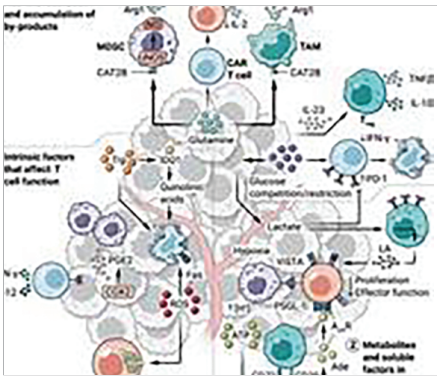
PENNSYLVANIA [US] : Researchers at Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Centre and the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine have found that a straightforward dietary supplement may offer a novel way to enhance CAR T cell performance.

The early research, presented at the 66th American Society of Haematology (ASH) Annual Meeting and Exposition (Abstract 4), suggests a potentially economical way to enhance CAR T cell function and cancer-fighting capabilities, even though the strategy needs to be evaluated in clinical trials.

CAR T cell therapy is a personalized treatment approach, pioneered at Penn Medicine, that reprograms patients' own immune cells to kill their cancer.

"Thousands of patients with blood cancers have been successfully treated with CAR T cell therapy, but it still doesn't work for everyone," said co-lead author Shan Liu, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow who presented the study at ASH. "We took an outside-the-box approach to improve CAR T cell therapy, by targeting T cells through diet rather than further genetic engineering."

Liu co-led the study with Puneeth Guruprasad, PhD, who earned his PhD at Penn and is now a medical student in the Perelman



School of Medicine. The lead authors worked under the mentorship of co-senior authors Marco Ruella, MD, an assistant professor of Hematology-Oncology, a researcher with the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies and the scientific director of Penn Medicine's Lymphoma Program; and Maayan Levy, PhD, an assistant professor of Microbiology.

First, the research team tested the effect of several different diets, including ketogenic, high-fiber, high-fat, high-protein, high cholesterol, and a control diet, on CAR T cell's tumor-fighting capabilities using a mouse model of

diffuse-large B-cell lymphoma. They found improved tumor control and survival in the mice receiving a ketogenic diet compared to all other diets. In subsequent studies, they found higher levels of beta-hydroxybutyrate (BHB), a metabolite produced by the liver in response to a ketogenic diet, was a key mediator of this effect. The research builds on previous work from Levy's team, which found that BHB strongly suppressed the growth of colorectal tumors in lab experiments. "Our theory is that CAR T cells prefer BHB as a fuel source rather than standard sugars in our body, such as glucose," Guruprasad said. "So, increasing the levels of BHB in the body gives the CAR T cells more power to take out the cancer cells." Next, the research team tested a BHB supplement combined with CAR T cell therapy in laboratory models of human cancer (on a standard diet); the results showed complete obliteration of the cancer in the vast majority of mice and resulted in higher CAR T cell expansion and activation. To see if BHB, which occurs naturally at various level in our bodies, had a similar effect in humans, the team assessed blood samples from patients who had recently received CAR T cell therapy and found that greater BHB levels were associated with better CAR T cell expansion in patients.

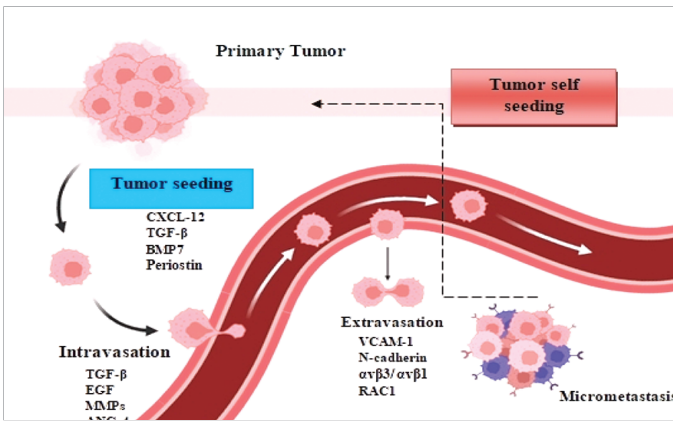
Researchers discover that unique immune cells stop metastatic cancer

New York [US] : The majority of cancer deaths are caused by metastatic disease, which occurs when cancer spreads from the primary tumour to other areas of the body, and researchers understand how cancer cells escape the primary location to seed new tumours, it is unclear why some cancer cells produce new tumours decades later and others do not.

A research team at the National Cancer Institute-designated Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Centre (MECCC) has uncovered a natural immunological response in mice that prevents escaping cancer cells from growing into tumours elsewhere in the body. The study was published today in the journal Cell.

"Preventing or curing metastases is the most critical challenge in cancer," said study leader Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, Ph.D., director of MECCC's Cancer Dormancy Institute. "We think our findings have the potential to point to new therapies to prevent or treat metastatic disease." The study's co-first authors are Erica Dalla, Ph.D., a former student, and Michael Papanicolaou, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso's lab.

Cells that migrate from primary tumors and seed metastatic tumors are called disseminated cancer cells (DCCs). Some DCCs



behave aggressively, immediately starting tumors in new tissue, while others remain in a state of suspended animation referred to as dormancy. "It's long been a mystery how some DCCs can remain in tissues for decades and never cause metastases, and we believe we've found the explanation," said Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso, who is also professor of cell biology, of oncology, and of medicine and the Rose C. Falkenstein Chair in Cancer Research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Breast cancer and many other types of cancer metastasize to the lungs. In research involving three mouse models of metastatic breast cancer, Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso and colleagues determined that when breast cancer DCCs spread

to the lung's air sacs (alveoli), they are kept in a dormant state by immune cells known as alveolar macrophages.

"Alveolar macrophages are the lung's first responders, defending the organ against bacteria and dangerous substances like environmental pollutants," said Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso. These specialized macrophages, he notes, appear early in embryonic development and reside within lung tissue for life.

"Our findings demonstrate a new role for these macrophages, in which they recognize DCCs and actively interact with them, and—by secreting a protein called TGF-β2—produce signals in the cancer cells that keep them in a dormant state," Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso said.

"Since every organ in the body has its own set of tissue-resident macrophages, they may function to keep DCCs in check in those organs as well. Our study has shown for the first time that these specialized macrophages function to actively induce dormancy in DCCs."

Confirming the importance of alveolar macrophages in keeping DCCs dormant, Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso and his team found that depleting them in the mice significantly increased the number of activated DCCs and subsequent metastases in their lungs compared to mice with normal levels of the immune cells.

As DCCs become more aggressive, the researchers found, they become resistant to the pro-dormancy signals produced by alveolar macrophages. Ultimately, this evasion mechanism enables some DCCs to "wake up" from dormancy and reactivate to form metastases.

"Understanding how immune cells keep DCCs in check could lead to new anti-metastatic cell therapies among other strategies," Dr. Aguirre-Ghiso said. For example, he noted, it may be possible to strengthen macrophage signaling so that DCCs never awaken from dormancy or find ways to prevent other DCCs from becoming resistant to dormancy signaling.

Researchers find how cells recognize, repair DNA damage

Wurzburg [Germany] : When cells divide, there is a substantial risk of genetic harm. After all, the cell must repeat its whole genetic material, including billions of genetic letters, before it can divide. This repeatedly produces "reading errors" in the genome. Other factors, including as exposure to sunlight, alcohol, and cigarettes, are also responsible for the buildup of DNA damage over a person's lifetime.

Of course, the cell is not impotent in the presence of such injuries. It contains a large library of biological mechanisms that are activated in response to DNA damage. The precise term for this is DNA damage response (DDR). Specific signaling pathways are usually responsible for the immediate recognition and repair of DNA damage, ensuring the cell's survival.

A team of scientists from Julius-Maximilians-Universitat Wurzburg (JMU) in Bavaria, Germany, has recently conducted a closer examination of one of these signaling routes. The researchers discovered a new mechanism for the DNA damage response that is mediated by an RNA transcript. Their findings serve to widen the conceptual perspective of the DNA damage response and link it more closely with RNA.

Dr Kaspar Burger, junior research group leader at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was responsible for this study. The group has published the results of their investigations in the journal Genes & Development.

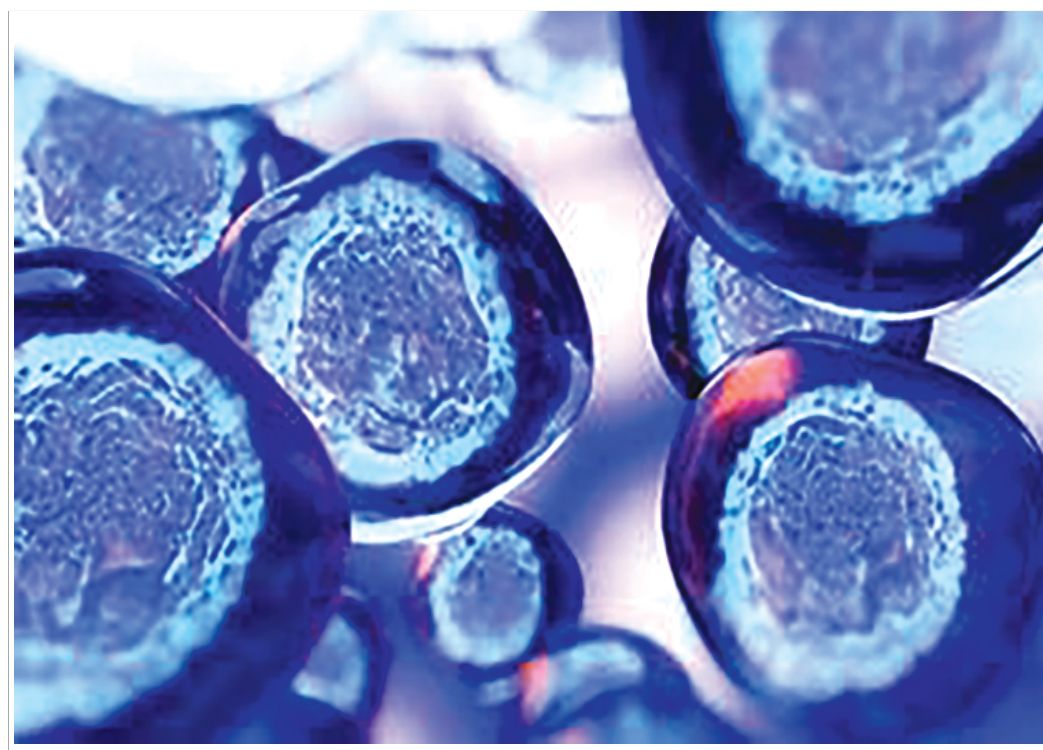
"In our study, we focused on so-called long non-coding RNA

transcripts. Previous data suggest that some of these transcripts act as regulators of genome stability," says Kaspar Burger, explaining the background to the work. The study focused on the nuclear enriched abundant transcript 1 - also known as NEAT1 - which is found in high concentrations in many tumor cells. NEAT1 is also known to react to DNA damage and to cellular stress. However, its exact role in the DNA damage response was previously unclear.

"Our hypothesis was that RNA metabolism involves NEAT1 in the DNA damage response in order to ensure the stability of the genome," says Burger. To test this hypothesis, the research group experimentally investigated how NEAT1 reacts to serious damage to the genome - so-called DNA double-strand breaks - in human bone cancer cells. The result: "We were able to show that DNA double-strand breaks increase both the number of NEAT1 transcripts and the amount of N6-methyladenosine marks on NEAT1," says the scientist.

Methyladenosine marks on RNA transcripts are a topic that scientists have not been dealing with for very long. They fall into the area of epitranscriptomics - the field of biology that deals with the question of how RNA modifications are involved in the regulation of gene expression. Methyl groups play a key role in this. It is known, for example, that RNA modifications are often misplaced in cancer cells.

The experiments conducted by Kaspar Burger and his team show that the frequent occurrence of DNA double-strand breaks causes excessive methylation of NEAT1,



which leads to changes in the NEAT1 secondary structure. As a result, highly methylated NEAT1 accumulates at some of these lesions to drive the recognition of broken DNA. In turn, experimentally induced suppression of NEAT1 levels delayed the DNA damage response, resulting in increased amounts of DNA damage.

NEAT1 itself does not repair DNA damage. However, as the Wurzburg team discovered, it enables the controlled release and activation of an RNA-binding DNA repair factor. In this way, the cell

can recognize and repair DNA damage highly efficiently.

According to the scientists, knowledge about the role of NEAT1 methylation in the recognition and repair of DNA damage could open up new therapeutic options for tumors with high NEAT1 expression. However, it must first be clarified whether these results, which were obtained in simple cell systems, can also be transferred to complex tumor models.

Kaspar Burger's research was supported by the German Cancer Aid and the Mildred Scheel Early

Researchers identify new potential treatment for cardiac arrhythmias

Arizona [US] : A recent study by researchers at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix and the University of California Davis Health discovered a new target for developing a medication to treat atrial fibrillation, the most prevalent kind of irregular heart rhythm.

According to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, atrial fibrillation, also known as AFib or AF, accounts for approximately one in every seven strokes and is associated with a considerable increase in morbidity and death. The American Heart Association predicts that more than 12 million people will have AFib by 2030, and existing treatment approaches are inadequate, according to researchers.

Proteins involved in physiological processes of the heart have been a target of research for AFib for some time. Until recently, most research suggested that treating AFib through inhibition of specific small-conductance calcium-activated potassium channels, or SK channels, could either reduce or worsen arrhythmias under different conditions.

"Our study used pioneering experimental and computational approaches to decipher how the human SK2 channel can be dynamically co-regulated. The study is especially timely considering inhibitors of SK channels are currently in clinical trials to treat AFib, making further insight into their regulatory mechanisms paramount," said Nipavan Chiamvimonvat, MD, chair of the Department of Basic Medical Sciences at the U of A College of Medicine - Phoenix. The paper, "Atomistic Mechanisms of the Regulation of Small Conductance Ca2+-Activated K+ channel (SK2) by PIP2," was published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.



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"Structural insights from our study will be useful to design novel inhibitors of SK2 channels to treat cardiac arrhythmias," said Vladimir Yarov-Yarovoy, PhD, a professor at UC Davis Health.

Co-senior author Igor Vorobyov, PhD, an associate professor at UC Davis Health, said the team is already using similar computational approaches to study other SK channel subtypes.

"I am thrilled to participate in this collaborative multi-university and multidisciplinary research study and looking forward to a continued collaboration," Vorobyov said. "We are currently working on applying a similar pioneering experimental/computational approach to modulation of SK channels by drug molecules, which may enhance or inhibit function of these ion channels and can be used as prospective treatment options for AFib and other cardiovascular diseases." A new study by researchers at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix and the University of California Davis Health identified a new target for developing a therapy to treat atrial fibrillation, the most common type of abnormal heart rhythm.

Atrial fibrillation, commonly called AFib or AF, causes about 1 in 7 strokes, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is associated with a significant increase in the risk of morbidity and mortality. More than 12 million people are expected to have AFib by 2030, according to the American Heart Association, and current treatment paradigms remain inadequate, researchers say. Proteins involved in physiological processes of the heart have been a target of research for AFib for some time. Until recently, most research suggested that treating AFib through inhibition of specific small-conductance calcium-activated potassium channels, or SK channels, could either reduce or worsen arrhythmias under different conditions. "Our study used pioneering

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"Because PIP2 plays such an essential role in multiple ion channels, regulating cardiac ion channels through PIP2 presents a new mechanism for the lipid regulation of cardiac excitability and function," said computational biologist Ryan Woltz, PhD, the paper's co-first author and an assistant research professor at the College of Medicine - Phoenix.

Currently, SK channels are the only known potassium channels that are upregulated in heart failure, and their regulation plays a critical role in cardiac excitability and how disturbances in the heart's rhythm develop.

"Since PIP2 is known to be dysregulated in heart failure, our study provides critical translational insights into possible mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias in heart failure," said co-first author Yang Zheng, PhD, a postdoctoral research fellow at the College of Medicine - Phoenix. Using comparative modeling, the research team generated human SK2 channel models in closed, intermediate and open states. They then used molecular dynamics simulations to explore the molecular mechanisms of SK2 channel modulation by PIP2. "Structural insights from our study will be useful to design novel inhibitors of SK2 channels to treat cardiac arrhythmias," said Vladimir Yarov-Yarovoy, PhD, a professor at UC Davis Health.



Fresh Russian offensive kills 6 at Kiev

MI News Service, Moscow/ Kiev: Russia launched a massive drone and missile attack on Ukraine's capital, killing at least six people, Ukrainian officials said.

Emergency services rescued more than 10 people after a fire caused by drone debris hit the sixth floor of a 16-story residential building in the Dnipro district of the capital. Kyiv, where two people were found dead, local authorities reported. The attack also blew out windows of a medical facility and debris was found at another residential building. Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko reported on his Telegram channel.

In the Darnytskyi district of the capital emergency services were responding after drone debris hit a 17-story residential building causing a fire on five floors. Fifteen people had to be rescued including two children.

In the Desnianskyi district, 20 people were rescued after the façade of a 10-story building was damaged and a gas pipe caught fire. Debris from a drone also fell on a dormitory building and rescue workers were headed to the scene, Klitschko said.

The large-scale overnight aerial attack also targeted other cities in Ukraine including Zaporizhzhia and the port city of Izmail in the southern Odesa region. The attack came as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been trying to strengthen Ukraine's position by seeking long-range Tomahawk missiles from the United States, although President Donald Trump has waffled on whether he would provide them.

Sealdah Division Sets New Benchmark in Festive Readiness with Record Train Services and Advanced Crowd Management System

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway has implemented comprehensive arrangements to manage the massive passenger rush anticipated during the Chhat Puja festivities. Demonstrating a strong commitment to ensuring a comfortable and safe travel experience, Division has significantly augmented the number of special train services and deployed state-of-the-art technology for crowd control and following plans are executed..

Record Special Train Services- In a major relief to thousands of commuters traveling from Kolkata and Sealdah, Division has ramped up its special train offerings. This year, a record 146 special train services run to facilitate the movement of passengers, marking a substantial increase compared to the 82 special trains operated during the corresponding period last year. This local effort mirrors a massive national push by Indian

USA-Aus critical minerals pact sparks optimism

MI News Service, Washington: Donald Trump's backing of Australia's critical minerals will bring much-needed financial support to the industry, but experts say the U.S. president will have to wait longer to shift the supply chain away from China and weaken its market dominance.

In a wide-ranging agreement signed on Monday, U.S. and Australia committed a combined \$3 billion to mining and processing projects, and to a price floor for critical minerals, a step long sought by Western miners. The countries will also sign off on financing that includes offtake rights.

The White House said U.S. investments into Australia would unlock deposits of critical minerals worth \$53 billion, without offering many details.

Trump said in a year they would have "so much critical mineral and rare earths that you won't know what to do with them." "They will be worth about \$2," Trump told reporters in a news conference later.

Global mining industry experts gathered at a conference in Sydney on Tuesday welcomed the news, which they said would open up investment opportunities, but they were sceptical of Trump's time horizon.

"The time frame for various projects to be ready even for 2027 would be heroic, and unachievable in the case of many projects," Barrenjoey analyst Dan Morgan told Reuters.

"In general in the rare earths industry nothing



can happen quickly. I don't think we are going to be swamped with supply growth and there's no way we will be swamped in a year. We might have supply growth in 5-7 years," he said.

China accounts for 90% of the world's refining capacity for rare earths which have crucial uses in sectors such as clean energy, defence and automobiles. In a note on Monday flagging risks of supply disruptions, Goldman Sachs noted China also controls 69% of global rare earth mining, and 98% of magnet manufacturing.

While rare earths are common in the Earth's crust, China has mastered the technically difficult and environmentally-harmful refining process, comparatively cheaply.

With trade tensions and security concerns rising, the U.S. and its Western allies have been looking to loosen China's grip. In April and May, Beijing squeezed global automakers with export curbs on a range of rare earths items and related

magnets, and earlier this month expanded its export controls.

Benchmark prices in China for the most popular type of processed rare earths, NdPr oxide rallied by 40% to \$88 a kilogram in August, after several years of weakness.

They have since tailed back to \$71, but western world developers are calling for governments to support a higher floor price that will enable them to build production.

It's unrealistic to expect prices to drop further and the market to be swamped with supply in the short term, said Dylan Kelly, head analyst at fund Terra Capital.

"Prices right now aren't necessarily reflective of a market dynamic that can see prices fall any further," Kelly said, adding that Monday's announcement had increased the investment allure of Australian projects.

"There's lot out there to sink our teeth into that could really shift the gear on a number of different projects for us."

Chhath Special Run Between Kolkata & Jodhpur

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : Additional 1040 berths will be generated by running of Kolkata – Jodhpur – Kolkata special train. Running special trains on the occasion Chhath Puja holds significant benefits for passengers. The special trains cater to increased travel demand, offering more convenient and efficient transportation options for people wanting to celebrate. These initiatives contribute to a sense of national unity and celebration during Chhath Puja. Keeping in the view to clear extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to run one special train between Kolkata & Jodhpur.

04837 Jodhpur – Kolkata Special will leave Jodhpur at 22:30 hrs. on 24.10.2025 to reach Kolkata at 12:25 hrs. on the 3rd day and 04838 Kolkata – Jodhpur special will leave Kolkata at 15:25 hrs. on 26.10.2025 to reach Jodhpur at 04:00 hrs. on the 3rd day. The train will stop at Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions.

Media Tour Organized At Shalimar To Showcase Measures Taken During Festival Rush

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : South Eastern Railway organized a special media tour on 22.10.2025 at Shalimar Railway Station to highlight the various amenities and passenger-friendly measures implemented to ensure smooth travel during the ongoing festive season.

The tour covered key facilities including Holding areas, upgraded waiting hall, assistance booths, ticket counters, and improved crowd management mechanisms. Special emphasis has been placed on maintaining cleanliness, punctuality and safety. Extra security personnel have been deployed and help desks established to assist passengers with queries and travel guidance. SER is focusing to provide a safe, comfortable, and convenient travel experience for all passengers. The festival season brings a surge in traffic, and every department is working round the clock to ensure smooth operations.

The 80th All India Railway Football Championship (League Phase) 2025-26 inaugurated in CLW

The opening match was played between CLW and RWF. CLW won by 4-1.

Football teams from various railway zones and units across the country are participating.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : The 80th All India Railway Football Championship (League Phase) 2025-26 was formally inaugurated today, October 22, 2025, at the indoor stadium ground of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW).

Shri A.K. Meshram, Principal Chief Material Manager and President of CLW Sports Association inaugurated the championship in the presence of the heads of key departments of CLW.

Organized by the CLW Sports Association, teams from host CLW, CR, NFR, RCF, RWL, WR, SER, NR, RPF, ECR, RB, SWR, and others are participating in



the championship.

CLW Sports Association General Secretary Shri Ravindra Prasad, along with senior officials from various departments, sports organization officials, employees, and sports enthusiasts were present during the inauguration and also enjoyed the match. The opening match was played between CLW and RWF, and other two matches are played between Central Railway vs. Southern Railway and RCF vs RWF.

In the first preliminary match, CLW won by 4-1 defeating RWF, in the second match, Central Railway won by 3-1 against Southern Railway, in the third match, RCF won by 1-0 against NFR.

The spectators present thoroughly enjoyed the match. The matches between the various teams during this tournament will be held at the Indoor Stadium Football ground and Sriata Ground. The winning team will receive a prize.

Howrah Division Conducts Extensive Cleanliness Drive Under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : As part of Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway carried out an extensive cleanliness drive on 22nd October, 2025, with a focus on maintaining sanitation and hygiene standards across railway premises.

The drive encompassed intensive cleaning of platforms, waiting halls, tracks, toilets, circulating areas, and drains within Howrah Station and nearby facilities. Teams from various departments actively participated in the operation, ensuring cleanliness in both passenger interface areas and operational zones.

Special emphasis was laid on clearing garbage, desilting drains, and removing plastic waste to ensure smoother drainage and to promote a cleaner, more sustainable environment. The initiative also included awareness among staff and passengers about the importance of cleanliness and waste segregation. Additionally Amrit Samvaad was conducted at Dankuni station



with a view to eliminate waste.

Through regular supervision and dedicated efforts, Howrah Division continues to reinforce its commitment to the Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat mission. These sustained drives aim not only to enhance the travel experience for passengers but also to foster a culture of cleanliness and environmental responsibility across the railway ecosystem.

Howrah Division remains steadfast in its endeavour to deliver a clean, safe, and passenger-friendly railway experience under Special Campaign 5.0

Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025: Sealdah Division Conducts Extensive Cleanliness and Awareness Activities



MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway continued its concerted efforts towards promoting cleanliness and sustainability across railway premises. The nationwide campaign, which runs from August 1 to October 31, 2025, has received an enthusiastic response from railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers alike.

On October 22, 2025, the Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division organized a series of activities across various stations under its jurisdiction.

Key Highlights of the Day:

Mass Awareness Programmes and Cleanliness Drives were conducted at stations such as Bangaon Jn., Dum Dum Jn., Kolkata, Naihati among others station . These initiatives focused on educating passengers and railway staff about the importance of cleanliness and sustainability, ensuring a cleaner and more hygienic environment for all commuters.

An "Amrit Samvaad" (Interactive Session) was organized at JYG Station, where passengers actively participated in discussions about cleanliness and shared valuable feedback and suggestions.

The activities conducted under the Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign on October 22, 2025, underscored the collective commitment of the Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department, Sealdah Division, in collaboration with other departments, to foster a culture of cleanliness and environmental responsibility. The day's initiatives marked another significant step towards achieving a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable railway environment.

Festive Season Train Travel Management – Khurda Road Division Ensures Safe, Clean and Comfortable Travel During the Festive Season

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Oct.25 : Indian Railways has made extensive arrangements to manage the festive season rush, ensuring safe, comfortable and punctual travel for passengers. Hon'ble Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw is personally monitoring the operations through the Railway Board War Room, reviewing real-time passenger movement, appreciating staff working 24x7 and conveying Diwali greetings to all railway employees.

Similar War Rooms have been set up at East Coast Railway Headquarters, Bhubaneswar and at the Divisional Headquarters, Khurda Road, for real-time coordination and crowd monitoring. Senior officials are continuously supervising these control rooms to ensure efficient management.

CCTV feeds at major stations are being continuously monitored by officers to manage crowds effectively during the festive rush. Indian Railways facilitated travel for passengers in special trains, streamlining crowd management through holding areas, additional ticket counters, clean washrooms and potable water facilities for a comfortable festive journey.

To cater to the surge in passenger demand during Puja, Diwali and Chhath festivals, Indian Railways is operating 12,011 special trains, a significant increase from 7,724 trains during the same period last year.

Crowd Management

Khurda Road Division has implemented a strict queue system at major stations including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Brahmapur and Khurda Road to regulate passenger flow in both reserved and unreserved areas.

● RPF and GRP personnel are deployed round-the-clock for security and crowd discipline. ● Holding areas have



been created at high-footfall stations for smooth dispersal during peak hours. ● Public announcements and guidance counters assist passengers with real-time train information. ● Awareness drives are being conducted to counsel passengers on safe travel behaviour—avoid trespassing, boarding/deboarding moving trains and maintain proper queue discipline.

Special Trains

East Coast Railway has operated 367 Special Trains (18 pairs) to meet festive travel demand. Additional special services are being planned based on real-time Passenger Profile Management within ECoR jurisdiction.

On Diwali day, a special train was operated from Daspalla to Puri and back, while the Puri-Khurda Road MEMU was extended to Daspalla to accommodate heavy rush.

Cleanliness & Passenger Amenities

● Intensive cleanliness drives are being carried out under Special Campaign 5.0. ● Platforms, waiting halls, restrooms and drinking water points are maintained for passenger comfort.

● Plastic-free initiatives and awareness campaigns encourage passengers to avoid single-use plastics. ● Housekeeping staff are deployed in shifts for continuous cleaning during peak hours. ● Adequate potable water and

clean washrooms are ensured at all key stations.

Safety & Security

● Joint drives by RPF and Commercial Department are being conducted to detect inflammable or explosive materials in parcels and luggage. ● Passengers are advised not to carry crackers or flammable substances during travel. ● Regular inspections are being carried out in parcel godowns, cloakrooms and platforms to prevent safety hazards. ● In case of emergency, passengers may contact RPF personnel or dial Helpline No. 139.

Operational Efficiency

● Continuous monitoring of special train operations and crowd management ensures timely departures and arrivals. ● Close coordination between Operating, Mechanical and Security departments is being maintained for seamless train movement and enhanced passenger comfort.

Awareness & Passenger Outreach

● Under Amrit Samvaad, passengers are being directly engaged to share feedback on cleanliness, amenities and crowd management. ● Public address systems and pamphlet distributions reinforce messages of safe, clean and responsible travel. ● Railways are working hand-in-hand with passengers to maintain Swachhata, discipline and safety across the network.

Khurda Road Division and East Coast Railway are fully geared up to ensure that every passenger enjoys a Safe, Clean and Comfortable journey during this festive season. Our dedicated staff are working round the clock to manage the crowd, maintain punctuality and deliver the best possible service," informed Additional Divisional Railway Manager Shri P. K. Behera in a media brief at Khurda Road.

AUS VS IND: KOHLI, IYER, GILL SKIP OPTIONAL TRAINING SESSION AHEAD OF 2ND ODI

ADELAIDE : Team India's senior pro Virat Kohli, vice-captain Shreyas Iyer, and skipper Shubman Gill opted out of the team's second training session ahead of their second ODI contest against Australia at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday.

While fans gathered in good numbers to get a glimpse of India's top guns practising in the nets, the three senior cricketers skipped the optional training session, and only Rohit Sharma from India's top-order lineup trained.

The veteran Indian opener did some knocking and faced some casual throwdowns and focused on his timing in the 15-20 minutes that he spent in the nets.

Kohli and Gill did not have a memorable outing against the Aussies in the first ODI as the former was dismissed for an eight-ball duck, while the latter walked back scoring just 10 runs off 18 balls.

Iyer too struggled to get going in the rain-marred affair and

ICC RANKINGS: BUMRAH CONTINUES TO HOLD TOP TEST BOWLER SPOT; SIRAJ GAINS BIG IN ODI

DUBAI : India's star pacer Jasprit Bumrah remains at the top of the ICC Men's Test bowler rankings, but the latest update has brought some movement among Indian players and increased competition.

Fellow India quick Mohammed Siraj made a strong return to the ODI rankings, re-entering at 17th position after his first appearance in over a year, following an impressive outing in the recent ODI series against Australia.

Meanwhile, Bumrah's lead at the top of the Test rankings has been reduced to just 29 points by Pakistan's Noman Ali, who achieved a new career-high rating after his standout performances in Lahore.

Noman's 10-wicket performance in Pakistan's 93-run victory over South Africa lifted him four places to second overall, with a total of 853 rating points. His teammate Shaheen Afridi also rose three spots to 19th after taking four wickets in the second innings of the same Test.

Among Pakistan's batters, Mohammad Rizwan moved up four places to 16th, Babar Azam gained two to 22nd, and Salman Agha jumped eight positions to 30th. The Test batting charts, however, continue to be led by England's Joe Root.

In the South African camp, Ryan Rickelton's first-innings score of 71 in the first Test against Pakistan earned him a maiden entry into the top 50, while Tony de Zorzi's century propelled him to 54th.

Elsewhere, several Australian and English players were rewarded for stand-out performances in white-ball cricket. In Perth, Australia's stand-in captain Mitchell Marsh moved up two places to 42nd in the ODI batting rankings after his Player of the Match performance against India.

Pacers Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc also made gains, rising to 10th and 21st, respectively, among ODI bowlers. Bangladesh spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz climbed six spots to 18th after consistent performances against the West Indies.

England's white-ball squad saw significant upward movement following their T20I victory over New Zealand in Christchurch. Harry Brook advanced 18 places to reach 20th among T20I batters, while Adil Rashid climbed three spots to secure third place in the T20I bowling rankings.



could manage only 11 runs in the 24 deliveries that he faced, before being dismissed by Josh Hazlewood.

KL Rahul and Dhruv Jurel also batted in the nets, and the former was also seen going through some wicketkeeping drills.

Team India majorly focused on the bowlers and their bowling practice during the session. Bowling coach Morne Morkel was also seen in a deep discussion with pace spearhead Mohammed Siraj, focusing on seam position and loading.

Some markers were also placed at the good length area as Siraj and Prasidh Krishna bowled in the nets. Nitish Kumar Reddy, who looked in good form with the bat as he made his debut in the series opener in Perth on Sunday, focused on his bowling in the second training session.

While Kuldeep Yadav continued practising in the nets, Yashasvi Jaiswal also rolled his arm over.

Rajnath Singh confers rank of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel to javelin star Neeraj Chopra

NEW DELHI : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formally conferred the gleaming insignia of the Honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army to star javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra during the pipping ceremony in South Block on Wednesday.

Enrolled in the Indian Army as a junior commissioned officer in the rank of naib subedar on August 26, 2016, Neeraj has served with The Rajputana Rifles. The javelin ace made history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. He continued his outstanding performance by winning gold at the World Athletics Championships in 2023 and a silver medal at the Paris Olympics in 2024.

Interacting with Lt Col (Hony) Neeraj Chopra and his family members, Rajnath Singh described him as "an epitome of perseverance, patriotism and the Indian spirit of striving for excellence." Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other senior officials of the Indian Army and Territorial Army were present on the occasion.

"Lt Col (Hony) Neeraj Chopra embodies the highest ideals of discipline, dedication and national pride, serving as an inspiration to generations within the sporting fraternity and the Armed Forces alike," said



Rajnath Singh. Neeraj also has multiple gold medals at the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Diamond League events. His personal best throw of 90.23 metres (2025) stands as a milestone in Indian sporting history.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and exemplary service to the nation, Lt Col (Hony) Neeraj Chopra was granted an Honorary commission in the Territorial Army by President Droupadi Murmu on April 16, 2025.

Earlier, he was conferred with the Padma, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Param Vishisht Seva Medal, and Vishisht Seva Medal.

Spanish midfielder Dani Ramirez joins Punjab FC ahead of Super Cup



MOHALI : Punjab FC have strengthened their first team with the signing of Spanish attacking midfielder Dani Ramirez Fernandez, who becomes the club's second overseas signing of the season after Samir Zeljkovic.

The 33-year-old has joined Punjab FC on a one-year contract on a free transfer. Ramirez last played for Manisa FK in Turkey's TFF First League.

Born in Leganes, Spain, Dani Ramirez began his youth career with his hometown club CD Leganes before moving to Real Madrid, where he spent four seasons developing through the youth setup and featuring for Real Madrid C. In 2014, he joined Valencia CF B, continuing his pro-

gression in Spain's competitive lower divisions.

Ramirez's journey also saw him represent Getafe CF and Internacional de Madrid before moving abroad in 2017 to join Polish club Stomil Olsztyn SA. His impressive performances earned him a move to LKS Lodz, where he played for two seasons before signing with Lech Poznan, where he won the Ekstraklasa title in the 2021-22 season.

Following his success in Poland, Ramirez had a spell in Belgium with Zulte Waregem before returning to LKS LODZ.

Most recently, with Manisa FK in Turkey during the 2024-25 season, he made 34 appearances, contributing seven goals and four

assists, showcasing his creativity and experience in midfield.

A technically gifted playmaker known for his vision, passing range, and attacking intelligence, Dani Ramirez brings valuable experience from multiple European leagues and is expected to play a key role in Punjab FC's campaign ahead of the AIFF Super Cup 2025, starting October 25 in Goa.

Speaking about joining Punjab FC, Ramirez said, "Joining Punjab FC feels like the perfect next step! I'm genuinely thrilled to start this new chapter and contribute. Having played in various leagues globally, I'm eager to use that experience to help the team achieve its goals. The club's vision is inspiring, and I'm ready to dive in, meet the squad, and give absolutely everything for the club and our supporters."

Technical director of Punjab FC, Nikolaos Topolitis said, "Our approach to recruitment has always been strategic by identifying players who fit our system but also bring strong character and professionalism to the squad. In Dani, we have a player with a proven track record and experience across multiple countries.

This signing was carefully considered to strengthen key areas of the team and ensure balance across the pitch. We are confident he will not only elevate the performance level but also positively influence the development of our younger players."

FIDE World Cup 2025: Vidit Gujrathi shares excitement as India gears up to host global tournament

NEW DELHI : Vidit Gujrathi expressed his excitement ahead of the FIDE World Cup 2025 as India prepares to host the global tournament in Goa in November.

He shared a video of the anthem on his X account and captioned the post, writing: "The World Cup anthem is out! Goa in Nov will witness the chess intensity of the highest level! #Itsyourmove #Fideworldcup2025"

The anthem also features video clips of the chess players' meetup with PM Narendra Modi, from the time when the Indian

contingent clinched historic wins at the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest.

On Tuesday, Goa's chief minister Pramod Sawant unveiled the official logo and anthem for the FIDE World Cup 2025. After 23 years, the tournament returns to India and will feature 206 players from 82 nations.

The FIDE World Cup 2025, one of the most esteemed events on the global chess calendar, will take place in North Goa from 31 October to 27 November 2025, attracting top players from around the world in a knockout



format for a prize fund of USD 2 million (approximately INR 17.58 crore).

While the logo embodies Goa's vibrant, culturally rich identity-highlighting the state's coastal charm and the strategic sophistication of chess-the anthem, performed by legendary artist Daler Mehndi, adds an air of grandeur and mystique to the occasion.

The Indian contingent will be led by reigning World Champion D. Gukesh, alongside top talents such as Arjun Erigaisi, R. Praggnanandhaa, Nihal Sarin,

Vidit Gujarathi, and Women's World Cup Champion Divya Deshmukh will be playing her first home game since the historic win.

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

At the World Cup, players will compete in a knockout format, with the top three finishers qualifying for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, the second-to-last stage before the World Chess Championship.



RANCHI Readies for High-Voltage India-South Africa ODI, JSCA Administration Review Arrangements

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RANCHI : Excitement is building ahead of the much-awaited One-Day International (ODI) between India and South Africa, scheduled for November 30, 2025, at the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) International Stadium in Dhurwa. To ensure flawless organization of the marquee event, senior officials from JSCA and the Ranchi district administration convened a high-level coordination meeting on Wednesday to finalize arrangements related to security, crowd management, and traffic control.

The meeting, attended by senior officials from JSCA and the Ranchi district administration, focused on ensuring smooth conduct of the high-profile match, with special emphasis on law and order, crowd management, security arrangements, and traffic

control. JSCA president Ajay Nath Shahdeo, Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantre, Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Ranjan, JSCA vice-president Sanjay Pandey, secretary Saurabh Tiwary, joint secretary Shahbaz Nadeem, treasurer Amitava Ghosh, and several other key officials, including SDO (Sadar) Utkarsh Kumar, SP (Traffic) Rakesh Singh, ADM (Law and Order) Rajeshwar Nath Alok, DSP (Hatia) Pramod Kumar Mishra, and JSCA life members Rajeev Kumar Singh, Binay Bihari Karn, and Kishore Chandra, were present during the meeting.

Discussions were held on strategies to handle the expected large turnout of cricket fans, streamline entry and exit routes, strengthen security protocols, and ensure efficient traffic movement around the stadium.

JSCA president Ajay Nath

Shahdeo appreciated the continued support of the district administration, emphasizing that "coordinated efforts between JSCA and local authorities will be key to the success of this international event." Sharing details of the ongoing preparations, JSCA secretary Saurabh Tiwary said that the association is fully committed to providing world-class facilities and a seamless match-day experience for spectators.

Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantre assured full administrative cooperation for the upcoming ODI, stating that "the district administration will extend every possible support to ensure the event is conducted in a grand and well-organized manner."

The India-South Africa ODI in Ranchi is expected to draw massive crowds, marking one of the most anticipated cricketing events of the season.

PSG crush Leverkusen 7-2 in Champions League

LEVERKUSEN : Paris Saint-Germain showcased its relentless attacking power with a resounding 7-2 victory over Bayer Leverkusen in the UEFA Champions League's league.

Leverkusen entered the match buoyed by a strong domestic run but were swiftly overwhelmed by PSG's precision and pace. Former Eintracht Frankfurt defender Willian Pacheco opened the scoring with a header inside seven minutes, capitalizing on hesitant defending by the hosts.

Leverkusen responded with determination as Alejandro Grimaldo struck the post from the penalty spot after a handball, missing the chance to equalize.

The game turned chaotic midway through the first half. Leverkusen's Robert Andrich was dismissed following a VAR review for elbowing Desire Doue, and shortly after, PSG's Ilia Zabarnyi received a second yellow card for fouling Christian Koufane in the box.

Alexis Garcia calmly converted the resulting penalty to level the score at 1-1, but PSG quickly restored control. Within minutes, Doue netted twice and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia added another to the defending champion raced into a 4-1 halftime lead.

After the break, Nuno Mendes extended PSG's advantage with a composed finish following a fine assist from Vitinha. Garcia briefly reignited Leverkusen's hopes with a stunning long-range strike, but Ousmane Dembele, returning from injury, scored minutes after coming on to make it six. Vitinha then capped off the performance with a fine strike, sealing a resounding victory for Luis Enrique's side.

The defeat leaves Leverkusen still searching for its first win of the campaign, while PSG continues to assert its credentials as Europe's most formidable force. Leverkusen's next challenge comes away to Benfica on November 5.



"Today we cannot be positive in anything," rued Leverkusen's Garcia. "We need to analyze and improve from this defeat. Paris is one of the best teams in the world. At 1-1 they had a red card, and we should have pushed forward, but instead they scored three goals before half-time. We are a young team, but this defeat hurts a lot."

Elsewhere in the Champions League's third round, Inter Milan overcame early struggles at Union Saint-Gilloise, scoring twice before halftime to set the tone for a commanding 4-0 victory, mark-

ing their third consecutive win in the competition.

Borussia Dortmund continued its scoring run, securing a 4-2 win in Copenhagen, while Napoli collapsed defensively after the break in Eindhoven, where PSV transformed a narrow 3-2 lead into a stunning 6-2 rout.

Newcastle United pulled away from Benfica after the interval, with substitute Harvey Barnes netting twice in a convincing 3-0 win. Meanwhile, Kairat Almaty and Pafos shared the points in a goalless draw.