

In a major milestone for West Bengal's public health sector, the state is finally set to produce its own Anti-Venom Serum (AVS), ending years of dependence on supplies from southern India. The Health Department has granted final approval to two pharmaceutical firms for the production of Bengal's indigenous AVS. Both companies have been directed to submit finalized contracts by November 10, after which the manufacturing process will begin.

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Mamata Banerjee writes and composes unique song to mark the 'Bhai Phonta'

MI News Service, Kolkata: To celebrate the occasion of the Brothers' day on Thursday, commonly khown as "Bhai Phonta' in a befitting manner West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee posted her heartfelt greetings for the people of the state with the composition of a song, written by her, on social media.

Wishing the people of the state on the occasion of brothers' day Mamata Banerjee has posted a 25-second music video of the song on her X

The song titled "Bhaiyer Kapale Dilam Phonta, Mangaldipe Jwaluk Shikha", and sung by upcoming singer Ayitjhya was also posted on the social media by the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister wrote on social media , "My greetings to everyone on the brothers'day.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has written and composed a large number of songs at various events, especially during Durga Puja and on other festivities. This time, Mamata Banerjee has composed a new song on the occasion of 'Bhai phonta'. Apart from writing songs, Mamata Banerjee's creativity in writing poems, rhymes, and stories is astonishing. She is also adept at drawing. The Chief Minister also wrote songs during this year's Kali Puja, which she posted in the form of a video of about two minutes on her X handle. Renowned singer Sriradha Banerjee sang that

Today is also the death anniversary of popular Bengali writer Sunil Gangopadhyay. Apart from releasing songs written and composed by herself, the Chief Minister also paid tributes to the late writer on this day in a separate post on her X handle.



Mamata Banerjee celebrates **Bhai Phonta with party leaders**

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee celebrated Bhai Phonta, signifying the deep bonds between brothers and sisters, at her Kalighat residence on Thursday, with Trinamul Congress leaders and others, including former Kolkata mayor Sovan Chatterjee, turning up for the ceremony.

Sovan Chatterjee, who had defected from the Trinamul Congress to the BJP in 2019, only to leave the saffron party two years later, has been a familiar presence at Mamata Banerjee's Bhai Phonta ceremonies even after their political estrangement, and this year was no different.

Sovan Chatterjee, accom-



panied by Baisakhi Banerjee, visited his 'didi' Mamata's house this time as well. As in every year, mayor Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) Firhad Hakim and others also received the blessing. Former state irrigation minister Rajib Banerjee was also present. As always, this year too, the Bhai Phonta ceremony was organised at the chief minis-

Several state ministers and Trinamul leaders attended the event. After the event, Sovan Chatterjee said: "Didi's blessings mean everything to me. I wait all year for this day." Although Sovan has severed ties with the BJP, he has not officially joined any party. However, his relationship with Mamata Banerjee has repeatedly indicated that he was, is, and will be with the Trinamul. When asked about formally joining the party, Sovan mentioned that he would announce it himself if he becomes active. Rajib Banerjee was also present at the Bhai Phonta event. Having once joined the BJP, he has now returned to the fold

On this day, he commented that leaving the TMC was a mistake. He said: "I wait all year to receive Didi's blessing." He added: "Many things happen in a person's life. I have also faced setbacks. I am regretful. I have apologised and repeatedly said that it was a mistake.

PM Modi to join **ASEAN-India Summit** in Malaysia 'virtually'

hi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not attend the ASE-AN-India Summit in Malaysia next week, but would join

there 'virtually'.
Conveying his decision
to his Malaysian counterpart Anwar İbrahim during a phone call on Thursday, Prime minister Modi said 'Had a warm conversation with my dear friend, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia. Congratulated him on Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship and conveyed best wishes for the success of upcoming Summit," Modi said in a post on X.

PM Modi's decision not to travel to Kuala Lumpur later this week in person for the ASEAN summit and instead attend it virtually had also put to rest all speculations over his possible face to face meet-ing with US President Donald Trump there.

Instead External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is likely to represent India at the summit, which will be held from October 26 to 28.

However, only a few days ago, Trump, in a Truth Social post, said he was looking forward to meeting Modi in the 'coming weeks", as India and the US looked to reset ties speculation that the two leaders may meet at the ASEAN

But his decision to attend the summit virtually was taken by the PM Modi himself in an X post on Thursday.

Incidentally, PM Modi has been a regular feature at the annual ASEAN summit, attending it in person every year from 2014 to 2019. The 2020 and 2021 editions were held virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The only year PM Modi did not attend the summit was in 2022.



years, India the Over has cultivated ties with the 10-member ASEAN grouping as part of PM Modi's Act East policy. Thus, the Prime Minister's decision not to attend the summit in person has raised eyebrows and invited jabs from the opposition that he

wanted to avoid Trump.

Speculation was rife that Modi and President Trump might meet on the sidelines of the ASEAN sumtariff issues after the US President decided to attend the meet following an invitation from Malaysia.

It is uncommon for US presidents to attend the ASE-AN summit, as America is not a member and serves as a dialogue partner. Trump attended once in 2017, and Joe Biden was present in the 2022

Relations between India and the US have come under strain in recent months after Trump imposed steep tariffs of up to 50% on India over New Delhi's continued imports of Russian oil. The US has alleged that the oil imports were sustaining Moscow's war in Ukraine. Stalled negotiations for a

bilateral trade deal over the Trump administration's insistence on larger access to India's agricultural and dairy markets have added to the

However, ties have been on an upswing, with both leaders speaking over the phone twice in as many months. The latest took place on Tuesday as Trump wished Modi on Di-

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INDIA bloc names Tejashwi Yadav as Bihar CM face: Mukesh Sahni to be one of his two deputies



MI News Service, Patna: Clearing the rumours of rift in Mahagathbandhan, the opposition INDIA bloc declared RJD leader and former Deputy Chief minister Tejashwi Yadav as its Chief ministerial candidate on Thursday for the upcoming Bihar assembly elections.

Making the announcement at a crowded press conference here this afternoon in presence of all coalition partners, senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief minister Ashok Gehlot asserted that the decision was backed by his party's de facto leader Rahul Gandhi and National President

Mallikarjun Kharge.

Gehlot also said Vikassheel Insan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahni would be one of the Deputy Chief ministers if the INDİA bloc forms the government, along with "another leader from backward classes" who would occupy the same post. Addressing the press Confer-

ence Gehlot, who is also the All India Congress Committee (AICC) senior observer for the Bihar Assembly polls, said the INDIA bloc Coordination Committee Chairman and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav was unanimously declared as the Chief ministerial face of the Mahagathbandhan alliance in Bihar along with the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani as the Deputy Chief Ministerial face of the alliance.

Among those present during the announcement was Tejashwi Yadav himself, along with

Rahul Gandhi missing from Mahagathbandhan poster, sparks row

MI News Service, Patna: Triggering a major controversy before the next month's elections to the 243 member Bihar Assembly, the photographs of top INDIA bloc leaders were found missing from a banner at the much-awaited joint press conference of the Mahagathbandhan here on Thursday.

The photograph of the banner, which has gone viral on social media today, carried only a large photograph of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as a joint press conference of the Mahagathbandhan leaders is scheduled in the state capital today.

This is the first press conference of the Mahagathbandhan leaders amid the stalemate over seat-

After days of squabbling that left them sharing arrangements among the INDIA bloc constitu-

bly polls.pitted against each other in several constituencies of poll-bound Bihar, the Congress and the RJD on Wednesday tried to mend fences and put up a cohesive fight against the formidable ruling NDA. Senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief minister Ashok Gehlot flew down to hold talks with RJD president Lalu Prasad Yadav and his son and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav

"I had a good discussion with Lalu ji. An impression has been created as if the INDIA bloc was fraying at the seams in Bihar. It is far from the truth. If there is a friendly fight in five or ten seats out of 243, it is not something very big. We are going to take on the NDA as a team. There will be a press conference soon

on Wednesday.

where all doubts will be put to

● Continued to Pg 3 | ents for the two phase assem-'Bhai Phonta' celebrated in Bengal with 'Messi' sweet

MI News Service, Kolkata: 'Bhai Phonta' was celebrated across West Bengal on Thursday as sisters prayed for long life of their brothers. The festival marked the end of the festivities from Kali Puja and Diwali. Markets across the state witnessed a cha-

otic rush as beelines were witnessed outside

fish, mutton, and chicken stalls, with families preparing for feasts for their kin. Meanwhile, the 175-year-old confectionery at Rishra has earned a reputation not only in India but also abroad. For those seeking variety and superior quality in sweets, 'Felu Modak' has become a house-

hold name among sweet lovers in Hooghly

district-and now, even beyond national Sandesh (a sweet made from curdled milk) is one of Bengal's most traditional delicacies. Felu Modak confectioners have excelled in preserving the originality of its texture, taste, and flavour-leaving the taste buds craving more. Over time, Felu

mark for authentic Bengali sandesh. Amitava Dey, the fifth-generation proprietor of the confectionery, takes immense pride in maintaining the same quality and

Modak has practically become a trade-



vourite both in India and overseas

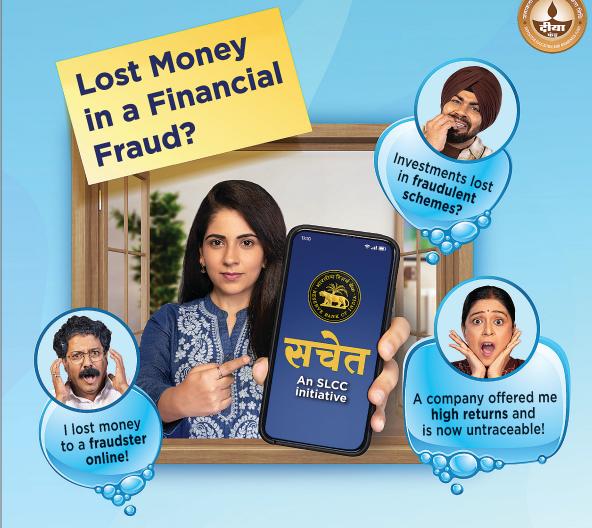
For this year's Bhai Phonta celebrations, Amitava said that three special varieties have been prepared — malai sandesh, mirer sandesh, and Messi sandesh (in honour of the legendary footballer Leonel Messi, who is expected to visit Kolkata). The Messi sandesh, depicting the legendary footballer of Argentina with a football and his name, is expected to be a major attraction for football enthusiasts. Additionally, six different flavours of malai rabri are on offer as a special attraction. Traditional sweets such as khaja, goja, lavanga latika, and sor bhaja continue to remain in

high demand alongside the new creations. "This Bhai Phonta marks a perfect blend of traditional favourites and innovative new sweets," said Amitava. "We are equally mindful of those suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, thyroid issues, and other ailments. For them, we have prepared special low-sugar sweets infused with herbal spices, maintaining the natu-

ral flavour and taste.' Among other popular items are amralipi, which carries the delicious taste of ripe mango; mihi dana sandesh, combining the essence of mihi dana and sandesh in each bite; and mango-flavoured amrit rabri, which is also in great demand.

Bengali communities in the USA and the UK, particularly from London, also demand Felu Modak's traditional sandesh, said the confectioners. "No Bengali or Hindu festival abroad is complete without our sweets," Amitava said, adding that to meet the growing global demand, the unit has procured modern machinery from China and Japan.

Dey further emphasised that they strictadhere to the Food Safety Act and use no chemical preservatives or artificial colours. "Every ingredient we use is 100 per cent natural and herbal," he asserted



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Mass Bhai Phonta Brings Joy at Manmathpur Pranab Mandir

MI News Service, Kakdwip: On Bhai Phonta (Bhai Dooj), Manmathpur Pranab Mandir in Rabindra Gram Panchayat, Kakdwip Block, hosted a special Mass Bhai Phonta ceremony that brought cheer to children without siblings.

The event commemorated the 130th birth anniversary Pranabanandaji Maharaj, Bharat Sevashram Sangha. 130 brothers and sisters who had no siblings participated, applying phonta (sacred mark) on each other's foreheads in a ritual known as "Yamer Dware Kanta," symbolizing protection and goodwill.

Students from Man-Pranabananda Vidyamandir, local residents, and temple committee members joined the celebration. The ceremony allowed children who normally miss out on the tradi-



tional Bhai Phonta ritual to experience the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood, making the day lively and memorable.

As part of the tradition, participants received five varieties of sweets, five types of fruits, and gifts. The initiative was supported by Kolkata-based social workers Prasad Ganguly and Dr. Shambhu Nath Chowdhury.

Residents and parents expressed their appreciation, praising the temple

for providing a sense of belonging and emotional connection siblingless children. The day highlighted the importance of community, harmony, and cultural values.

Through this initiative, Manmathpur Pranab Mandir ensured that even children without brothers or sisters could celebrate Bhai Phonta with joy and dignity, honoring both the festival and the legacy of Pranabanandaji Swami Maharaj.

Historic blast: 80-year-old bomb rocks Bolpur

MI News Service, Birbhum: A chilling reminder of World War II history resurfaced in Birbhum's Bolpur as a bomb believed to date back to the wartime era was safely defused — more than eight decades after it was dropped. The controlled explosion sent a powerful shock wave through Laudah village, shaking nearby houses and stunning residents who had been living in fear for over a month.

The metallic, cylinder-shaped device was first discovered a month ago by local fishermen on the banks of the Ajay River. Alarmed by its unusual shape and size, they alerted authorities, who quickly cordoned off the area. Police, disaster management officials, and the district administration maintained a tight security perimeter, keeping villagers at a distance and guarding the spot round-the-clock. Experts suspected from the outset that the device could be an unexploded World War II bomb, possibly left behind from wartime air operations. On Thursday, a team of central armed forces and ordnance specialists conducted a controlled defusion operation under strict supervision. The detonation created a loud blast that reverberated across the surrounding hamlets, confirming the bomb's potency even after so many decades. Eye-

witnesses described the explosion as "spine-chilling," with tremors spreading through the village moments after the device was neutralized. The operation concluded without casualties, bringing immense relief to locals who had been living under constant tension. Officials later confirmed that the device had indeed contained active munitions and was safely neutralized by specialized army personnel. The administration has since lifted the security cordon and restored normalcy to the area Interestingly, this is not the first World War II-era bomb recovery in West Bengal. Last year, a similar ordnance was unearthed in Jhargram's Bhulanpur village, where a defusion operation had been carried out successfully. Historical records indicate that during the Second World War, a runway had been constructed at Balivasa, Jhargram, for Allied fighter planes. Pilots reportedly dropped bombs in the surrounding forests to lighten their aircraft while returning, leaving behind a legacy of unexploded remnants still surfacing today. For residents of Laudah and nearby areas, Thursday's echoing blast was not just a sound — it was a haunting echo of history, reminding them how the shadow of a global war still lies buried beneath their soil.

Fish trader killed in horrific accident on NH-12 near Krishnanagar

MI News Service, Kolkata: A 42-year-old fish trader was killed after being hit by a speeding car on National Highway 12 near Dignagar Bazaar in Nadia district on Thursday morning. The deceased, iden-



tified as Shamsur Daffadar, was reportedly crossing the road when a four-wheeler coming from Shantipur towards Krishnanagar hit him and sped away. Shamsur collapsed on the spot, bleeding profusely. He was later declared dead.

Police from Krishnanagar station reached the spot, recovered the body, and sent it for post-mortem at Shaktinagar District Hospital. The victim was a resident of Dignagar Bazaar area. News of his death triggered tension in the locality, and several residents rushed to the highway, staging a road blockade in protest. Locals alleged that repeated appeals for an underpass or overbridge at the accident-prone stretch have gone unheard. "People are dying one after another because of reckless speeding and lack of a safe crossing," said a resident. The blockade continued for nearly two hours before police officials persuaded protesters to clear the road, assuring them of steps to improve road safety.

Over the past week, NH-12 has witnessed a spate of accidents. Just two days ago, a man was killed after being mowed down by a speeding Scorpio, the CCTV footage of which went viral on social media. Traffic department officials said overspeeding remains the key reason behind most such mishaps despite increased fines and patrolling. "Strict enforcement and awareness are both needed," an officer said.

A girl give Bhai Dooj to traffic police personnel during the celebration of Bhai Dooj festival in Kolkata on Thursday.

Bride-to-be found dead in **Ganga days before wedding**

MI News Service, Chandannagar: Festive cheer turned to heartbreak in Chandannagar and Serampore as the body of a young woman, who went missing two days earlier, was recovered from the Ganga Ghat on Thursday — the day of Bhaiphonta. The death has sent shockwaves across the region, with her grieving family blaming workplace harassment for driving her to suicide. The deceased has been identified as Manami Ghosh (25), a resident of Boubazar, Chandannagar, who had been working at a gold jewelry store in Bagbazar. Police sources revealed that Manami's wedding was just months away — booked for February 2 next year. Her family had already completed the lodge and catering arrangements, and most of the wedding shop-

ping was done. According to preliminary police information, Manami went missing around 12 noon on Tuesday. Witnesses said she was seen sitting alone near the Chandannagar bus stand before walking toward the Ganga ghat. It is believed she jumped into the river shortly afterward. Her mobile phone reportedly contained a note revealing hermental distress.After an intensive two-day search operation involving disaster response speedboats, and teams. divers, her body surfaced at the Serampore Ganga Ghat on Thursday. Police retrieved the remains and sent them for autopsy at Serampore Walsh Hospital. Sources in Chandannagar Police Station confirmed that a case has been registered under sections related to abetment of suicide. Officers have detained Mamata Das, the wife of the gold shop owner where the victim worked, for interrogation following family's

allegations. Speaking to re-

porters, Manami's relatives said she had been subjected to persistent humiliation and harassment at her workplace. "She was could have been avoided if someone had listened to her," said a family member, struggling to hold back tears. For the Ghosh family, preparations for celebration have turned into rituals of mourning. The decorated lodge, booked catering, and the new clothes now stand as haunting reminders of a wedding that will never happen. Police have intensified the investigation, gathering evidence from her workplace and phone data to determine if anyone's actions directly contributed to her death.

BJP team attacks the office, working on CAA Assistance

MI News Service, Kolkata: A late-night attack on Wednesday on the office of Kalvani Shvamaprasad Seva Sanstha at Central park has triggered tension in Kalyani. The organisation's president, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Biswas, has lodged a written complaint alleging that a group of men led by Kalyani MLA Ambika Roy vandalized and looted the office on Wednes-

According to the complaint, around 11 PM on Wednesday, around eight men, Sajal Das, Dr. Tapas Byapari, Bishwarup Kulvi, Krishnendu Kar, Shyamal Sarkar, Subir Bhowmik, Souvik Saha, and Amit Saha, stormed into the office located behind the Kalyani Cyber Police Station and went on a rampage.

The accused allegedly smashed Wi-Fi routers, computers, printers, chairs, and tables, tore down a cutout of Union Minister Shantanu Thakur, and destroyed important documents, including those related to CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) assistance. Dr. Biswas claimed the attackers looted about Rs. 7,500 kept in the office drawer.

When local members, Niren Halder, Subayan Mallik, Barun Biswas, and Rohan Sahu, tried to resist, they were allegedly beaten with bamboo sticks. Rohan Sau sustained serious injuries, receiving



three stitches on his lip, and was admitted to Kalvani JNM Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Biswas stated that the CAA Help Centre at the office had been inaugurated Union Minister of State Shantanu Thakur on September 16, 2025, for assisting citizens with CAA applications. "All related documents and materials were destroyed during the attack," he said, adding that Bishwarup Kulavi even sent a threat message to the MP (copy attached with the complaint).

The complainant has urged police to take strict action against those involved and ensure security for the organisation's members. Police sources said a formal investigation has been initiated based on the complaint lodged at Kalyani Police Station. According to locals, it was an internal feud of BJP in Kalyani.

Chaos at health centre: Nurse assaulted by drunken attacker



MI News Service, Birbhum: Another shocking attack on a woman health worker has come to light in Birbhum's Mohammad Bazar area, raising renewed concerns over the safety of front-line medical staff in remote regions. A nurse was left grievously injured after a drunken man allegedly entered a rural health center, hurled stones, and hit her on the head, leaving her bleeding and unconscious.

The incident took place at Kainjuli BPHC late Wednesday evening. The victim, identified as Rina Mondal, was preparing to leave for home after finishing duty when the accused Rajiv Kahar, a

local resident, allegedly barged into the facility under the influence of alcohol. Sources said he demanded medicines and began verbally abusing the staff before suddenly turning violent. Eyewitnesses reported that Kahar picked up a heavy stone and struck the nurse on the head multiple times, causing deep wounds. Local residents, alerted by her screams, rushed to the scene, managed to overpower the attacker, and handed him over to the Mohammad Bazar police. Rina Mondal was rushed to Siuri Super Specialty Hospital, where doctors administered 22 stitches to her head. Her condition, though stable, remains serious. Police have arrested the accused and initiated legal proceedings under relevant sections of assault and attempt to outrage the modesty of a woman. Santosh Ghosh. the victim's husband, expressed fear and anger over the incident. "I saw blood all over her head when I reached the hospital. My wife was quietly finishing her work when the man locked the door and attacked her. It's an isolated area — I no longer want her posted there," he said. The attack follows a series of recent incidents involving assaults on women healthcare workers across the state, sparking outrage and calls for tighter security measures inside government-run medical centers, especially in remote areas like Mohammad Bazar.

Tragedy in Bishnupur: Missing youth found dead in pond

MI News Service, Bankura: A tense search operation in Bakura's Bishnupur ended in tragedy on Thursday morning when the body of a young man, identified as Tara Karmakar, was recovered from a pond in the Chhutarburi Bailapara area of Ward No. 15. According to official sources, Tara Karmakar a resident of the same locality, had gone missing around 9 p.m. on Wednesday. Witnesses reported seeing him fall into the pond, prompting immediate alarm in the neighborhood. Locals initially plunged into the water in a desperate rescue attempt but failed to locate him. Upon receiving the alert, a DRF team arrived on the scene and launched an extensive overnight search. The operation stretched into the early hours, culminating in the recovery of the body on Thursday morning. Police have launched an investigation a determine whether Tara Karmakar's death results from an accidental fall or if the foul play was involved. Officers from the Bishnupur police station have seized the area awaiting the post-mortem report for clarity on the cause of death.

Youth brutally killed after dispute over loud music during Kali puja MI News Sérvice, South 24 Parganas: A Kali puja celébration in Sonarpur turned into a night of bloodshed when a youth was allegedly hacked to death by a neighbor following a dispute over playing loud music. The deceased, Sanatan Naskar, a resident of the Kustia area, was reportedly attacked with a knife after refusing to increase the sound volume during the festivities.

According to police and local sources, Sanatan had been playing a sound system at his home as part of the Kali Puja celebration. A heart patient living next door had fallen ill due to the loud noise, prompting Sanatan to switch off the system around midnight out of consideration for the family. Soon after, neighbor Pintu Saha and his wife arrived at Sanatan's house and allegedly demanded that he resume playing the bass system at the nearby puja mandap. When Sanatan refused, a heated argument broke out. The confrontation quickly spiraled out of control. Evewitnesses claimed that Pintu and his wife assaulted Sanatan's family members, including his mother and brother. When Sanatan intervened to stop the violence, Pintu allegedly attacked him with a knife, inflicting multiple stab wounds. Sanatan was rushed to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Panic and outrage gripped the neighborhood as locals captured Pintu and his wife while they attempted to flee. Both were handed over to the Sonarpur police, who later arrested them. Investigators believe two other relatives of the prime accused were also involved in the assault and have launched a manhunt for their arrest. Police teams visited the crime scene late at night, collected forensic samples, and recorded witness statements. Authorities are treating the case as premeditated murder and are verifying whether the attack was fueled by a long-standing feud between the families. The brutal killing has sent shockwaves through the area, raising questions about community tensions and the lack of restraint during public celebrations.

Nabadwip Ras Festival 2025 to Get Tech Touch: **QR Codes for Idols, Single-Window Permit System**



MI News Service, Kolkata: : The historic Ras festival of Nabadwip is set to embrace technology this year. In a first-of-its-kind move, idols participating in the grand procession will carry QR codes, allowing authorities and visitors to track each idol's route in real time. The festival will be cele-

brated on November 5, marking the full moon of Kartik, while the traditional procession will take place on November 6, officials said. To ensure smooth coordination and safety during the festivities, the Krishnanagar Police District and Nabadwip Police Station held a joint coordination meeting at Rabindra Cultural Mancha in Nabadwip. The meeting was attended by the local MLA, municipal chairman, officials from various departments, and members of several Puja committees.

District police officials announced that only those Puja committees with official permission will be allowed to participate in the procession. Each approved committee will receive a unique QR code linked to details of the idol and its designated route. In an enhanced security measure, the administration plans to set up police assistance camps every 100 metres along the route. These camps will provide basic first aid, lost-andfound help, and public assis-

Additionally, each Puja committee will be assigned five trained volunteers who will wear official uniforms and ID cards to assist the police in crowd management and maintaining order. To streamline the permission process, the Nabadwip Municipality will introduce a single-window system for all Puja committees this year. With these initiatives, the district administration aims to make Ras Utsav 2025 safer, more organized, and tech-enabled, giving the centuries-old tradition a mod-

Bathroom spy arrested: Barrackpore locals demand strict action

MI News Service, Barrackpore: Shock and anger gripped Barrackpore's Kalia Niwas area after a young man was caught red-handed secretly filming a woman while she was taking a bath inside her home bathroom. The disturbing incident unfolded in Ward No. 2 of Barrackpore Municipality, triggering public outrage and leading to the immediate arrest of the accused.

Police identified the

accused as Malay Halder,

a tenant residing in the same locality for the past two years. According to the victim's statement, she was bathing when she suddenly noticed a flash through the bathroom window. Turning around, she was horrified to find the man holding his phone aimed inside."I suddenly looked sideways and saw him standing with the phone's flash on," the terrified woman recounted tearfully. "I screamed immediately. My father came running and caught him. He said he saw me as a sister — but refused to over hand phone."Local residents gathered swiftly at the scene and detained the man before alerting the Titagarh police, who arrived to defuse the situainitial denials, the mounting anger of the crowd forced police to intervene and take him into custody for questioning. The phone has been seized and sent for forensic examination to verify whether any photos or videos were taken. The young woman, still in shock, said she now fears the man may have spied on her previously. "I don't know if this happened before. I never imagined something like this could occur so close to home," she told the police. Enraged locals have demanded that the accused be immediately evicted from the neighborhood, calling for strict legal action to set an example against such violations of privacy. The Titagarh police are investigating the case under sections related to voyeurism, criminal intimidation, and violation of a woman's dignity. Meanwhile, the chilling nature of the incident has reignited concern over women's safety in residential areas and the growing misuse of mobile technology for preda-

Rampaging elephant kills three, including child



uar: A wave a terror swept Alipurduar's Madaihat region after a wild elephant went on a rampage, killing three people including a one-and-ahalf-year-old child, in two separate incidents near the Jaldapara National Park. The attacks occurred between Wednesday night and early Thursday, leaving the community reeling in fear.

The first incident took place in the Madhya Chekamari area Wednesday night, when Quader Ali, a resident returning home from the market, was suddenly attacked by a wild elephant right outside his house. Witnesses said the elephant charged and struck him with its trunk, leaving him critically injured. Locals rushed him to Madarihat Rural Hospital, where

doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Before the shock could subside tragedy struck again. Late the same night, in the Madhya Khayerbari area, Sonia Munda was sitting in the daughter, Lakshmi Munda, on her lap when the same another elephant stormed into the village. animal reportedly grabbed both mother and child with its trunk and them violently to their deaths. The twin tragedies have plunged the region into mourning and sparked widespread outrage among villagers, who accused forest authorities of negligence. Residents allege that elephant incursion have become a daily menace, with herds straying into human settlements at dusk, destroying property and endangering lives. Locals sources say residents have repeatedly appealed to wildlife officials for elephants, but little has done. With fear adjoining forest-edge villages, calls for immediate intervention and long-term conflict mitigation are growing louder.

Tears on the embankment: Shyamoli's cry amid Jalpaiguri flood MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: The floodwaters that swallowed large parts of Jalpaiguri's Mainaguri block have left behind nothing but broken homes and helpless tears. On the embankment of the Jaldhaka River, among hundreds waiting in line for a single meal, stood Shyamoli Roy, clutching a plate her voice trembling more from grief than hunger.

By now, it was past 3 p.m., and the relief workers were still cooking at the temporary camp. Shyamoli's three daughters had not eaten since morning. "They

can't bear the hunger anymore,' she said, her eyes welling up. "Every year Bhaiphonta (brother's day). Some years I go to my brother's house, and some years he comes to mine. But this time, the flood has taken everything — even that joy."She spoke standing on what was once her home's highland, now reduced to mud and memories. "How can I give alms to my brother when I don't even have rice to feed my children?" she asked, the words barely escaping her choked throat. Local residents say



Mainaguri's devastation is worse than anyone imagined. Entire villages have been cut off, homes buried in slush, and families displaced to makeshift shelters. "Everything is gone," said a local youth. "Only the walls remain. Without surrounding the house with soil again, it's impossible to live."For residents like Shyamoli, this year's floods have not only swept away homes and belongings but also traditions and the emotional anchors that tie families together. Festivals once filled with laughter now echo with hunger and loss. Even as the administration ramps up relief efforts, survivors across flood-hit Jalpaiguri are pleading for more — not just food and shelter, but the dignity of rebuilding lives that the river's fury has snatched away.

Over 400 arrested in Kolkata for disorderly conduct and bursting banned fireworks

MI News Service, Kolkata: Altogether 153 people have so far been arrested on various charges in the city including for legal violations like disorderly conduct and bursting banned fireworks, during post-Diwali celebrations, an officer said on Thursday.

Of the total arrests made on Wednesday, 146 were for disorderly conduct, while seven persons were picked up for bursting prohibited firecrack-

No arrests were made under gambling-related offences, the officer said, adding that police also initiated 383 traffic prosecutions during the day.

Traffic violation cases included 85 instances of riders without helmets, 37 cases of pillion riders without helmets, 73 for rash driving and 64 for drunken driving. Another 124 cases fell under the "other" category of offences, the officer

Over 180 kg of banned fireworks and more than 30 litres of illicit liquor were also seized during raids conducted yesterday, he said.

Police also arrested 273 people for disorderly conduct and 43 for bursting prohibited fireworks on Tuesday, the official

In addition the Kolkata Police arrested 316 people for violating the law, including disorderly conduct and bursting banned fireworks on Tuesday, a day after Diwali, an official

Besides, the Kolkata Traffic Police prosecuted 366 people on Tuesday for various offences, he added.

Payment and Invoice Efficiency

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tally Solutions has integrated NPČI Bharat BillPay's Bharat Connect for Business into TallyPrime, enabling seamless invoice exchange, automated supplier invoice recording, instant payment notifications, and streamlined AR & AP reconciliation, improving cash flow, reducing delays, and enhancing operational efficiency.

Minor Girl Allegedly Molested Inside Hospital; Accused **Employee Arrested**



News Kolkata: A disturbing incident has emerged from SSKM Hospital in Kolkata, where a 14-year-old girl was allegedly molested inside a restroom by a hospital employee on Wednesday night. The accused has since been arrested, sparking serious concerns about safety inside one of the city's largest government hospitals.

According to hospital sources, the accused had earlier worked at Shambhunath Pandit Hospital and was currently employed on a temporary basis at NRS Medical College and Hospital. The incident occurred when the minor, accompanied by her family, had come to SSKM Hospital to obtain an OPD ticket.

As per the family's complaint, the accused, dressed in a ward boy's uniform, approached them and claimed that he could arrange an OPD ticket without the need to stand in the queue. Trusting him, the family allowed the man to take the girl with him. He allegedly took her to another section of the hospital where there was a restroom

and molested her there. After the incident, the family immediately lodged a complaint at Bhawanipore Police Station. Acting swiftly, the police traced the accused to the Dhapa area

and arrested him. On receiving verbal information about the incident, Bhowanipore police contacted the victim and recorded her statement," a

police official said. Investigations are underway to determine how a staff member from NRS Hospital gained access to SSKM and why he was roaming around in a ward boy's attire.



Girls give Bhai Dooj to underprivileged children during the celebration of Bhai Dooj festival in Kolkata on Thursday.

Bengal to Produce Its Own AVS After Nearly Two Decades

Kolkata: In a major milestone for West Bengal's public health sector, the state is finally set to produce its own Anti-Venom Serum (AVS), ending years of dependence on supplies from southern India. The Health Department has granted final approval to two pharmaceutical firms for the production of Bengal's indigenous AVS. Both companies have been directed to submit finalized contracts by November 10, after which the manufacturing process will begin.

The process will Involve venom extraction, injecting it into horses to develop antibodies, and then using the plasma to produce AVS under strict medical guidelines. Unlike before, the serum will be available not only in liquid form but also in powder format — a crucial advancement that allows storage without refrigeration, benefiting patients in remote areas.

The serum will target the "Big Four" venomous snakes of India — Russell's viper, saw-scaled viper, spectacled cobra, and common krait. However, since the saw-scaled viper is not native to Bengal, its venom received Bengal's approval.



ing composition. According to Dr.SnehenduKonar of the Avoidable Death Network, the entire process - from venom collection to serum production — will take at least 18 months. If all goes as planned, Bengal could have its first locally produced AVS

ical trials lasting seven to

eight years. To avoid further

delay, the Health Depart-

ment has retained the exist-

At present, only four companies in India manufacture AVS. Of these, two have now The finalized rates are ₹650 per 10 ml vial of powdered AVS and ₹399.60 for the liquid injection. The prepared vials will be supplied to the Central Medical Store of the state. Experts say Bengal's

snakes have different venom protein structures from those in southern India, leading to reduced efficacy of existing AVS. Dr.Som-nath Das of BankuraSammilani Medical College said, "The AVS made from Tamil Nadu's venom often fails against Bengal's Russell's viper bites.

After nearly 20 years Bengal Chemical since stopped production in 2007, the state is once again on the path to manufacturing its own life-saving anti-venom - a step hailed by doctors and citizens alike.

Fires Erupt at Amherst Street and C.R. Avenue

Service, News Kolkata: Panic gripped Amherst Street on Thursday morning after a fire broke out at a two-storey printing press, enveloping the entire area in thick black smoke. The incident occurred around 10:00 a.m. at 106/3 Amherst Street, sending residents rushing out of their homes in fear. Three fire engines were deployed to the spot to douse

According to sources, the ing press on the ground floor and quickly spread known for its congested lay-

out and narrow lanes, made firefighting operations difficult. Firefighters, wearing protective masks, climbed ladders and entered the building to bring the situation under control. Several nearby shops sustained damage due to the intensity of the fire.

After nearly an hour of effort, the flames were largely contained. Officials are still checking for any "pocket fires" that may reignite within the debris. No casualties fire started inside the print- have been reported so far.

Personnel from Amherst Street Police Station were due to the presence of flam- also present at the site to mable materials. The area, assist with crowd control and safety measures. Preliminary reports suggest an electrical short circuit could be the cause, though an official investigation is under-

In a separate incident

later on intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, another fire broke out around 2:30 a.m. at a plywood shop on 45 Chittaranjan Avenue. At least five fire tenders and a team from Kolkata Police's Disaster Management Group rushed to the scene. The presence of highly combustible materials intensified the flames, but firefighters managed to bring the situation under control after an hour of relentless effort.

Rahul Gandhi missing from Mahagathbandhan

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Wednesday after meeting Lalu Prasad Yadav and his son Te-

However, commenting on the poster controversy, BJP's state media in-charge, Danish Iqbal, in a social media post, wrote, "The ongoing infighting within the INDIA bloc is now out in the open... Earlier, Rahul Gandhi did not consider Tejashwi as the face (of the alliance). Now, Tejashwi has removed Rahul Gandhi from the posters. This poster itself is a declaration of the breakup of the Grand Alliance."

However, no RJD leaders were available for comments on the issue.

The 243-member Bihar Assembly will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and 11, with results set to be announced on November 14. Moreover, during the Mahagathbandhan press meet where Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Ťejashwi Yadav may be named the alliance's Chief Ministerial face for the Bihar election, the BJP has taken a swipe at the Congress, pointing out that its leader Rahul Gandhi's photo is missing from the posters. As the posters carry only Tejashwi Yadav's photograph. Ashok Gehlot, has decided to join him at the press conference to send

Meanwhile, the BJP taking a fresh swipe at Rahul Gandhi's missing photograph on the poster said, "Joint PC? But only one picture. Rahul Gandhi and Congress ka 'samman chori'. Showed Congress and Rahul his place?" BJP spokes-

a message of unity among the

opposition bloc today.

person Shehzad Poonawalla posted on X. The 'samman chori' phrase is a wordplay on Gandhi's 'vote chori' campaign that accuses the Election Commission of massive poll irregularities in collusion with the ruling BJP. Both the poll body and the BJP have trashed the charge.

Poonawalla also claimed that RJD has "virtually bullied and threatened Congress" to accept Tejashwi Yadav as its face. He added that RJD shot off a "chilling threat" to its ally, saying that it would give the Congress "zero seats" if it did not agree.

"So much for Rahul's macho man bravadogiri. .. If alliance partners are threatened imagine Janta ke saath kya hoga," he said, adding, "save the tweet and share if Rahul Gandhi does capitulate"

PM Modi to join ASEAN-India Summit

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Modi was on the cards in the "coming weeks", expressing optimism that they could finalise a trade deal.

It was believed that the leaders would meet during the ASEAN summit. But, with Modi set to attend it virtually, there may not be another opportunity to meet the US President this

PM Modi last met Trump when he travelled to Washington in February for a bilateral meeting. However, the duo have not crossed

paths at any global forum since then.

The Prime Minister was also invited to the Gaza Peace Summit in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, where Trump was also present, but he did not attend.

Against this backdrop, the opposition Congress asserted that the Prime Minister was wary of being "cornered" by Trump.

"The reason why Modi is not going is simple. He just doesn't want to be cornered by President Trump... The PM may well be recalling that old hit Bollywood number: Bachke re rehna re baba, bachke rehna re," Congress MP Jairam Ramesh tweeted.

"Posting messages in praise of President Trump on social media is one thing. But to be seen hobnobbing physically with the man who has claimed 53 times that he stopped Operation Sindoor and has claimed 5 times that India has promised to stop buying oil from Russia is another matter. It's far too risky for him," Ramesh further said.

New Hooghly Bridge Planned for Varanasi-Kolkata Expressway

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is set to get a new bridge over the Hooghly River as part of the ambitious Varanasi-Kolkata four-lane expressway project. Officials from the state Public Works Department (PWD) revealed that the proposed bridge will be constructed at Bagnan in Howrah district, linking to Pujali in South 24 Parganas on the opposite bank.

Currently, Kolkata has three major bridges spanning the Hooghly - the iconic Howrah Bridge (Rabindra Setu), built before Independence; Vidyasagar Setu, connecting the city to NH-2 (Bombay Road); and Nivedita Setu, which provides a route to NH-2 (Delhi Road). The upcoming bridge will become the fourth significant link over the river, officials noted.

A senior PWD official explained, "Initially, the plan was for the Varanasi-Kolkata expressway to enter West Bengal via Purulia and merge with Bombay Road at Bagnan. The state government later suggested a revised alignment, proposing a new bridge over the Hooghly to connect Bagnan with Kolkata at Pujali. The Centre has approved this idea, although the final alignment is still under consid-

In response to a query from BJP MP Samik Bhattacharya, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari informed Parliament that land acquisition notifications had been issued in Purulia, Bankura, and Hooghly districts. However, the project faced delays due to the state government's revised alignment. "Construction of the Varanasi-Kolkata Expressway has been awarded in Ûttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand, except at certain stretches. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation for West Bengal has also been awarded," Gadkari stated in the Rajya Sabha.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is overseeing the project, while land acquisition falls under the West Bengal government's responsibility. Spanning 620 km and estimated at around Rs 35,000 crore, the expressway aims to cut travel time between Varanasi and Kolkata from 12-14 hours to approximately six hours. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone in February 2024, with an initial completion target of March 2028. Officials noted that the alignment changes could delay the timeline by at least a year.

Authorities highlighted that the expressway and the new bridge will not only reduce travel time between Varanasi and Kolkata but also help alleviate congestion on the existing Grand Trunk Road, a crucial corridor

INDIA bloc names Tejashwi Yadav as Bihar CM Continued from Pg 1

Sahani and other leaders of the alliance. Bihar Congressin-charge Krishna Allavaru, Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) president Rajesh Ram and leaders from Left parties were also present. The name of "One more Deputy CM faced would be announced lat-

er," said Mr. Gehlot. VIP Chief Mukesh Sahani was named as the Deputy Chief Ministerial face of the alliance. Mr. Gehlot said, "One more Deputy CM will be announced later.'

Notably, while there are five seats where candidates of both RJD and Congress are in the fray, in three others, the grand old party is pitted against a smaller alliance partner, the

Gehlot adds, "Now we have our CM face, the NDA should tell who is their CM face. It's not like contesting an election under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. They should declare their CM face".

Meanwhile, clearing the rumours of rift in Mahagathbandhan, Congress leader Pawan Khera says, "...Like I said, whatever has to be decided to win, all those decisions have been made.

He says, "...We are very confident. We are getting the blessings of Bihar.'

On senior Congress leaders not accompanying candidates during nomination, he says, "Let those who want to show off, do it. We are contesting elections on issues. Our alliance is contesting the polls on issues. This is not an era or the time of showing off. Bihar is troubled; its youth is troubled. So, do you want to show off with 'band baaja'? Do it



State Sports Minister Aroop Biswas receives Bhai Phonta from the residents of Nabaneer Old Age Home and actresses from the Tollygunge film industry in Kolkata on Thursday.

Mayor Firhad Hakim Takes Oath to Protect Women

ata: Against the backdrop of growing incidents of sexual assault and violence against women across West Bengal, Kolkata Mayor and Minister Firhad Hakim took a solemn oath on Bhai Phonta to stand for the safety and dignity of women. His remarks come at a time when opposition parties have been repeatedly raising their voices over women's security in the state.

Every year, the Bhai Phonta celebration is organized at ChetlaAgrani Club, where women from different parts of the city apply phonta (the ceremonial mark) to the Mayor. Continuing the tradition this year, Hakim received blessings from numerous women and, while addressing the media, pledged to defend women's honour at all costs.

"Brother-sister relationships transcend religion. to stand united against such

This is the true spirit of Bengal's culture," the Mayor

said. "Those who disrespect

women are not human.

They should be socially os-

tracized. The dishonour of a

woman is the shame of the

entire human race." Hakim further added, As our sisters pray for our long lives today, we brothers must also take a vow — to fight for their honour, even if it costs us our lives. Everyone must remember that each household has a mother and a sister. Those who disrespect women act like beasts. It's time for society

His statements carry weight in the wake of several recent incidents of violence against women that have shaken the state. Since the brutal rape and murder of a young doctor at RG Kar Medical College, multiple cases of sexual violence have

emerged from areas such as

Kasba, Joynagar, New Town,

and Joka, drawing wide-

spread public outrage. More recently, tension gripped Durgapur following allegations of rape involving a medical student. On Tuesday night, in Gaighata, a man was attacked while trying to defend his sister's honour.

Amid these distressing events, Mayor Hakim's public vow on Bhai Phonta has struck an emotional chord, symbolizing a call for collective responsibility and moral courage to ensure women's safety and dignity

TMC to Organize Major Rally in Kolkata Against Proposed SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has announced plans for a massive rally in Kolkata to protest the proposed Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal. Party leader Kunal Ghosh confirmed that the state's Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee will be at the forefront of the demonstration, which is expected to take place in the second week of November.

Ghosh warned against any attempts at voter harassment under the SIR exercise, stressing that "not a single voter should be removed from the revised list." He also stated that TMC will conduct a detailed campaign opposing what it calls the BJP's "vot-er list politics," adding that the party's top leadership would soon announce the official schedule of the protest.

This is not the first time TMC has expressed opposition to the SIR process in Bengal. Previously, Trinamool leader Rajib Banerjee issued stern warnings regarding the exercise, even asserting that the party would resist the revision at all costs and cautioning that "blood will flow" if eligible voters are removed from the rolls.

On the other hand, the BJP has hit back at the state government's opposition. Central leader SukantaMajumdar criticized the TMC's stance, describing the SIR as a routine exercise by the Election Commission. Majumdar added that if the TMC had objections, it could approach the Election Com-



mission or the Supreme Court rather than opposing the process publicly.

The Election Commission is undertaking the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in preparation for the 2026 West Ben gal Assembly elections. The move is aimed at updating and verifying voter information ahead of the polls to ensure accuracy and transparency in the electoral process.

In September, a team led by Deputy Election Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti visited West Bengal to assess the state's preparedness for the SIR exercise. The team also conducted training sessions for district election officers to ensure smooth implementation of the revision.

With both the ruling party and the BJP actively voicing their positions, the SIR exercise has become a flashpoint in Bengal politics, and the upcoming TMC rally in Kolkata is expected to draw significant attention from voters and political observers

TMC Slams Centre for Denying Flood Relief to Bengal

The Trina-Kolkata: mool Congress (TMC) has launched a scathing attack on the central government, accusing it of deliberately depriving West Bengal of disaster relief funds despite the severe floods and landslides that recently devastated parts of North Bengal. While the region is slowly recovering from the calamity caused by incessant rainfall and water flow from Bhutan, the state's ruling party claims that no financial assistance has been extended by the Centre.

Earlier, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had publicly expressed her displeasure over the lack of central support. Now, the TMC has intensified its criticism, alleging that while disaster-hit Maharashtra and Karnataka have received generous allocations, Bengal has once again been "ignored and discriminated against."

In a post tagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the TMC wrote on social media, "Severe floods and landslides have ravaged North Bengal, destroying lives, homes, and livelihoods. Yet, the Centre remains completely silent. Not a single rupee has been allocated for West Bengal." The party further highlighted that Maharashtra and Karnataka were swiftly sanctioned ₹1,950.80 crore in relief funds, accusing the BJP-led Centre of sidelining Bengal's



legitimate demands.

The TMC alleged that this exclusion is politically motivated, claiming that the Modi-Shah leadership is taking "revenge" for the BJP's electoral setbacks in West Bengal during the 2021 Assembly elections. The post added that while other states have received ₹13,603.20 crore from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and ₹2,189.28 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), Bengal has been

"deliberately left out." Calling it "political vendetta in the guise of governance," the TMC lashed out at the Centre, branding it "anti-Bengal" and even comparing it to "colonial landlords ruling from Delhi." The party asserted that the people of Bengal would respond to this injustice through the ballot box in the upcoming elections.

Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved ₹1,950.80 crore in relief aid — ₹1,566.40 crore for Maharashtra and ₹384.40 crore for Karnataka — to tackle rain-related floods and landslides. The official statement claimed that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the Centre is committed to supporting all affected states. However, the absence of Bengal's name from that list has sparked strong political

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I, Mahesh Tanwani (old name) S/ Late Kanhaiyalal Tanwani, residing at 63/40 Bamacharan Roy Road, Behala,Kolkata - 700034,West Bengal INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ma hesh Kumar Tanwani (new name) as declared Before The Notary Pub lic at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 17/10/2025. Mahesh Kumar Tan wani (new name) and Mahesh Tanwani (old name) both are same and identical person.

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Keshri Chand Sukhani (old nam S/o Manmall Sukhani, residing at Flat No-617, Block-B, 138, G T Road, Shibpur Howrah Pin- 711102 West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known name) as declared Before The Notar Public at Kolkata, vide an affidav dated on 17/10/2025, Keshari Chand Sukhani (new name) and Keshr Chand Sukhani (old name) both are same and identical person.

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I, Rina (old name) D/o Md Kamrud din, residing at Z-3/238/74, Bagd Para Road, P.O.- Badartala, P.S.- Na dial, Kolkata- 700044, W.B, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nagma Khatoon (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 17/10/2025 Nagma Khatoon (new name) and Rina (old name) both are same and

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, Mahedur Molla (Old Name), Son C Abul Hussain Molla, Residing A Koria Dakshin Para, Po-Bainan, Ps Bagnan, Howrah-711308, West Ben gal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahidur Rahaman Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be fore The Notary Public At Kolkata Or 17/10/2025 Mahedur Molla And Mahidur Rahaman Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

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I. Rojina Mudi, wife of Abdul Jabba Mudi, residing at Village – Ishwaripur, PO – Suryapur, PIN -700121, would like to state the following:That in the birth certificate of my younger son Samir Mudi, Date of Birth – 01.11.2010, Registration No. WB_BR_2010/20021/1/2490, Registration Date – 21/12/2010, my name was mistakenly recorded as Rojina Khatun instead of Rojina Mudi.It is hereby declared that Ro-jina Mudi and Rojina Khatun refer to the same person.

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, Sara Bano (old name) wife of Lat Md. Yakuib, residing at 30, Madan Mohan Burman street, P.S – Jorsankho, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saira Bano (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 23/10/2025. Sara Bano (old name) and Saira Bano (new name) both are same and one identical person.

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Sanjih Kr Bhattacharya (Old Name S/o A L Bhattacharya Residing at 135/8. Diamond Harbour Road, P.o Thakurpukur, P.s - Thakurpukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700063, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sanjib Bhattacharya (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-10-2025. Sanjib Kr Bhattacharjee (Old Name) and Sanjib Bhattacharya New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Suman Bhattacharjee (Old Name) S/o Sanjib Bhattacharya Residing at 135/8, Diamond Harbour Road, P.o Thakurpukur, P.s - Thakurpukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700063, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Suman Bhattacharya (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-10-2025. Suman Bhat-tacharjee (Old Name) and Suman Bhattacharya (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Chandrawati Shaw (Old Name) W/o Late Durga Prasad Shaw Residing at 243/2C/H/16, A.P.C Road, P.c Beadon Street Ps - Burtala Dis-Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth Known as Chandrabati Shaw (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-10-2025. Chandrawati Shaw (Old Name) and Chandrabati Shaw New Name) both are same and one identical person.

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I, Md Obaidulla Fokir (Old Name) S/o Samsuddin Fakir Residing at Vill Gokarnee, P.s - Magrahat, District South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743355 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Obai Dulla Fakir (New Name) as declared before the Notar Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-10-2025. Md Obaidulla Fokir (Old Name) and Md Obai Dulla Fakir (New Name) both are same and one

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identical person.

I Prabha Shaw W/o Rajeev Ranjan Residing at 68 Sri Aurobindo Road 2nd flr, piccadilly point Salkia Howrah- 711106, have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Prabha Devi Shaw as declare before the notary public/ First class Magistrate Bansal court, Kolkata, vide affidavit no. 43AB765020 Dated. 01/02/2020. Prabha Shaw and Prabha Devi Shaw both are same and identical person.

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iyanka Gupta, D/o Sri Nanda R/o- 46/7, Ramkrishna Nagar Paschim Barisha, PS Paschim Barisha, Pro-Paschill Ballisha, Pschakurpukur, Dist-South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700064 shall be known as Priyanka Das changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court (No.24874) Dated 23.04.2025. Priyanka Das & Priyanka Gupta is same & identical person

BSNL 4G towers to be upgraded to 5G: Telecom Min

MI News Service, New Delhi: The indigenously developed 4G network of BSNL will be upgraded to 5G in the next six-eight months, Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said. While speaking at the Kautilya Economic Enclave 2025, the minister said that India has entered into the club of 4G technology, which was dominated by just five companies in the world — Huawei, ZTE, Samsung, Nokia and Ericsson based out of four countries - Sweden, Finland, South Korea and China. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 92,564 towers that connect Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Bharuch to Arunachal Pradesh in India with our own domestic 4G standard.

'Today, India has entered the club with its own 4G standard. This is India's innovation capability and innovation enterprise. But we are not going to rest. Within the next six to eight months, we will be switching these 4G towers to 5G networks and providing end-to-end 5G network capability across the length and breadth of India," Scindia said. The minister said turbulence in geopolitical space has become a rhythm and reached its all-time high with conflicts and wars in every corner in the last five years, leading to protectionism that creates trade barriers.

Scindia said "climate shocks" are exposing economies to economic vulnerability and threat of inflation is affecting every household including those in developed nations. "Therefore, it begs the question of us as human beings today, to ask ourselves, where does prosperity lie? That turbulence is not a disruptor. Turbulence is also a catalyst. In this context, India has acted as a catalyst, growing at close to 7.8 per cent



GDP growth in the first quarter of FY25-26," the minister said. He said India has become a fulcrum for the Global South. "I submit to you that in this age of uncertainty, which has become the norm, India is not just another destination, India is the direction. India is not only the voice. India is the mission. And for those who seek prosperity in turbulent times, I urge all of them to look, move and invest in India. Scindia said. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, the minister said innovation is thriving in India where all the global majors are present in India in very large numbers. "We also have innovation from domestic startups and entrepreneurs. We have got the second largest mobile phone manufacturing happening in India. India today is really pioneering this communication AI Semicon value chain in the world. You are going to see a huge resounding echo of that in the India Mobile Congress (IMC)," Scindia said.

India's Services sector growth eases in Sept

MI News Service, New Delhi:

The growth of India's services sector eased in September from the recent high in August, as new business and activity expanded at slower rates, according to a monthly survey released on Monday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell to 60.9 in September, from a 15-year high of 62.9 in August, amid competitive conditions and cost-control measures

Notwithstanding moderation, the September Services PMI index was well above the neutral mark of 50.0 to signal another substantial upturn in output. In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contrac-

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Noyem And Abdul Nayim Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

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, Ashok Ramniklal Kothari (Old Name), Son Of Ramniklal V Kothari,

Residing At 35/13, Paddapukur Road, Vaishali 5th Floor, Flat-5c, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal,

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"Business activity in India's services sector eased in September from the recent high August level. Most trackers moderated, but nothing in the survey suggested there is a big loss in growth momentum in services," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC. As per the survey. part of the slowdown reflected softer improvements in international demand for Indian services.

External sales still rose in September, but did so to the least extent since March. Companies identified the supply of services at lower prices elsewhere as the main factor behind the slowdown in the growth of export orders.

On the price front, the report said that the pace of

inflation was modest, the slowest since March and broadly in line with the long-run series average, as prices charged for the provision of Indian services likewise increased at a weaker rate in September. According to the survey, job creation slowed during September. Employment rose at a modest pace, as fewer than 5 per cent of monitored companies reported hiring growth. Meanwhile, companies' assessments of growth prospects improved in September, with the overall level of positive sentiment reaching a six-month high.

Survey participants identified several tailwinds to the year-ahead outlook for activity, including advertising, efficiency gains, plans to price competitively and tax cuts.

Samsung launches Galaxy XR headset with Google AI

MI News Service, New **Delhi:** Samsung Electronics released its Galaxy XR extended reality headset on Tuesday, counting on AI features from Google to propel it into the nascent and uncertain market of computing-on-your-face that is dominated by Meta and Apple.

The headset, resembling those made by others such as Meta, will cost \$1,799, or about half of what Apple charges for its Vision Pro headset. It is the first of a family of new devices, powered by the Android XR operating system and artificial intelligence, in a long-term partnership with Alphabet's Google and Qualcomm. "There's a whole journey ahead of us in terms of other devices and form factors," said Google's vice president of AR/XR Sharham Izadi in an interview ahead of the launch.

Up next will be the release of lighter eyeglasses, executives said, declining to elaborate. Samsung has announced partnerships with Warby Parker and South Korea's Gentle Monster luxury eyewear. The race to find new form factors for entertainment and computing, underpinned by AI, has fueled a battle among the biggest technology companies. Instagram-

overwhelmingly dominates the VR headset industry with about an 80% market share, with Apple trailing behind.

ChatGPT-maker OpenAI is also diving into the market and spent \$6.5 billion to buy iPhone designer Ive's hardware startup io Products in May to figure out devices in the AI age.

Samsung has studied the extended reality segment for the past 10 years, and it was not until about four years ago that the lic At Kolkata On 17/10/2025. Dhananjoy Kumar Modak And Dhananjoy Modak Both Are The approached company Google to jointly develop the project, codenamed "Moohan," meaning "infi-nite" in Korean, said Jay Kim, executive vice president at Samsung's mobile division. "We have been agonizing over when to bring the product to the market, and considering various factors such as technology evolution and market situation, we believe that now is the best timing," he said at a briefing in Seoul.

The long-awaited Samsung Galaxy XR, first demonstrated last year, combines virtual reality and mixed reality features. The goggles immerse users watching videos, such as on Alphabet's YouTube, or playing games and viewing pictures, while also allowing users to interact with their surroundings.

The latter feature takes advantage of Google's Gemini service, which can analyze what users are seeing and offer directions or information about realworld objects by looking and circling objects with their fingers. In an interview last week, executives from Google and Samsung discussed how they believe extended reality headsets, which have yet to ignite mass consumer interest, would benefit greatly from the application of Google's powerful multimodal AI features throughout the device that can process information from different types of data such as text, photos and videos.

It's a set of software capabilities that Apple has yet to demonstrate, despite rolling out an updated Vision Pro with a more powchip. entering the fray again changes the dynamic in the ecosystem," said Anshel Sag, principal analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy, noting that Google's soft-ware added \$1,000 in value to the device by some estimates. "Google really wants people to get the full experience of Gemini when using this headset."

Howrah Division Strengthens Festive Rush Management with Enhanced Facilities, Real-Time Monitoring & Passenger Support

Effective Crowd Management Ensures Smooth Boarding Experience at Howrah Station

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25: In view of the festive season of Kali Puja, Diwali, and Chhath Puja, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has implemented a comprehensive series of measures to manage the surge in passenger traffic to ensure smooth boarding and dispersal of

Howrah Station, one of India's busiest terminals, handles an average daily footfall of around 6.43 lakh passengers. To cater to the increased travel demand, seven Festival Special Trains have been introduced in addition to 54 regular Mail/Express trains originating from Howrah.

Festival Special Trains: 1. Train No. 02023 - Howrah-Running Period: 13.07.2025 to 28.11.2025 | Frequency: Every Sunday | Departure:

14:15 hrs 2. Train No. 03005 - Howrah-Lumding Jn, Running Period: 26.09.2025 to 28.11.2025 | Frequency: Every Friday | Departure: 07:15 hrs

3. Train No. 03007 - Howrah-Khatipura Jn, Running Period: 28.09.2025 to 02.11.2025 | Frequency: Every Sunday | Departure: 23:00 hrs

4. Train No. 03043 - Howrah-Raxaul Jn, Running Period:

East Coast Railway Issues Stern Warning: Taking Selfies/Reels

Near Tracks or on Running Trains is a Punishable Offence

MI News Service, BHUBANESWAR, 23 Oct.25 : East Coast

Railway has launched a strict awareness drive, cautioning

the public—especially youth and social media enthusiasts—

against the deadly and illegal practice of taking selfies, shooting videos, or creating "Reels" on or near railway tracks and

on the footboard or rooftop of running trains. ECoR reiterated

that such reckless acts are not only life-threatening but also

individuals, in pursuit of social media fame, compromise their

safety and the security of railway operations, often leading to

tragic and fatal accidents. East Coast Railway urged that the

railway tracks, station premises, and moving trains are high-

risk operational areas, not backdrops for entertainment

videos. Trespassing or performing stunts in these locations is

a grave danger to life and an act of criminal negligence. The

Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Po-

lice (GRP) have been directed to adopt a 'Zero Tolerance' pol-

icy towards violators. Legal action will be swift and severe.

Anyone caught taking photos or videos near moving trains or

trespassing on tracks will face strict legal action. Violators

will be prosecuted under Sections 147 and 153 of the Rail-

ways Act, 1989, with imprisonment and imposition of fines.

teenagers, to understand and follow the safety guidelines, em-

phasizing that life is more precious than a post. The public is

advised never to venture onto railway tracks for any reason,

including photography, as trains move faster and cover dis-

tances quicker than they appear. People should avoid perform-

ing dangerous stunts such as leaning out of running trains,

travelling on the footboard, or climbing on the rooftop or engine

to film videos, as such acts can lead to fatal contact with high-

voltage Overhead Electric (OHE) lines. Everyone must respect

safety zones by maintaining a safe distance from the platform

edge, especially when a train is approaching or passing. Board-

ing or deboarding from a running train is also a punishable of-

fence. Parents and teachers are urged to counsel youngsters

about the real-world dangers and severe legal consequences of

seeking social media attention through risky railway stunts.

ECoR is intensifying its awareness campaign through public an-

nouncements, digital media messages, and physical patrolling to

prevent further unfortunate incidents. The Railway urges every-

one to prioritize safety over social media stunts.

ECoR appeals to all citizens, particularly students and

The move comes in response to a disturbing trend where

strictly punishable offences under the Railways Act, 1989.

27.09.2025 to 15.11.2025 | Frequency: Every Saturday | Departure: 23:00 hrs

5. Train No. 04451 - Howrah-New Delhi, Running Period: 22.09.2025 to 17.11.2025 | Frequency: Daily | Departure: 01:30 hrs 6. Train No. 03045 - Howrah-Raxaul Jn, Running Period: 17.10.2025 & 23.10.2025 | Frequency: Friday (Two Trips Only) | De-

parture: 23:10 hrs 7. Train No. 03003 - Barddhaman–Fatuha, Running Period: 21.10.2025 to 25.10.2025 | Frequency: Daily | Departure: 10:45 hrs

In addition, to further manage the festive rush, an Unreserved Special Train will operate between Howrah and Gorakhpur via Asansol, Jasidih, Kiul, Hajipur, and Chhapra as follows:

• Train No. 03047 HWH-GKP SPL: Departs Howrah at 16:50 hrs on 26.10.2025 and arrives Gorakhpur at 10:15 hrs the next day.

• Train No. 03048 GKP-HWH SPL: Departs Gorakhpur at 13:00 hrs on 27.10.2025 and arrives Howrah at 08:30 hrs on 28.10.2025.

To ensure smooth movement during the peak travel period from 22nd to 26th October, entry and exit routes at Howrah Station have been segregated. Passengers arriving from the Metro are requested to walk an additional 100 meters between 14:00 hrs and 24:00 hrs for safer station access. The Division regrets the temporary inconvenience and seeks public cooperation.

For better vehicular management, the Old Cab Road will remain restricted on 24th and 25th October from 17:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs.

To efficiently manage festive crowds, two large holding areas measuring 7360 sq. ft. and 4900 sq. ft. have been created at Howrah Station to serve as temporary waiting zones and prevent congestion. Passenger facilities have been upgraded with improved signage, strengthened public address systems, and directional markings for easy navigation.

Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its commitment to providing a safe, secure, and passenger-friendly travel experience. Through strengthened infrastructure, vigilant supervieffective and Division management, Howrah stands fully prepared to meet the surge in festive travel demand.

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

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25: In alignment with Indian Railways' commitment to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the nationwide Special Campaign 5.0, the Howrah Division conducted large-scale cleanliness drive over the division and hosted an Amrit Samvaad session at Dankuni Station on October 21, 2025. This campaign aims to enhance cleanliness, hygiene, and passenger satisfaction across the railway network.

The cleanliness drive was carried out comprehensively across major stations including Bandel, Azimganj, Tarakeswar, Rampurhat, Bolpur, Kamarkundu, Pakur, and Barddhaman. Additionally, several railway colonies at Barddhaman, Bandel, Katwa, and Bamangachi were also covered under this initiative. Special attention was given to surrounding areas to ensure a thorough and sustainable impact.

A joint effort by railway officers, supervisors, and housekeeping staff ensured high standards of cleanliness were achieved. Intensive cleaning activities were undertaken at platforms, waiting halls, toilets, drains, circulating areas, and other key parts of station premises. Their dedication and



teamwork played a vital role in creating a cleaner, more passenger-friendly environ-

As part of the outreach component of Special Campaign 5.0, an Amrit Samvaad was organized at Dankuni Station, where senior railway officials interacted directly with passengers, staff, and local stakeholders. The session served as an open platform to share updates about ongoing initiatives and gather valuable feedback on station facilities, cleanliness, and passenger services.

Passengers were encouraged to take an active role in maintaining cleanliness and to share suggestions for further improvement. The Amrit Samvaad highlighted the spirit of community parshared responsibility between the Railways and the public in maintaining a hygienic travel environment.

UCO Bank to add another 150 branches by Mar

MI News Service, New Delhi: State-owned UCO Bank plans to add another 150 branches in the next five months in a bid to expand its presence and business. Currently, the Kolkata-based lender has 3,322 branches across the country and with the addition of 150 branches; the network would rise to 3,472 by the end of the current financial year. The board has approved opening of 150 more branches by March, UCO Bank MD & CEO Ashwani Kumar said during a call after approval of second quarter numbers.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25 :For the smooth and safe execution of work related to the conversion of Ghantapara Level Crossing Gate into a Road Over Bridge (ROB) the following trains will be short-terminated /short-originated and some will be diverted as detailed below: Short-Termination / Short-Origination:

• Train No. 18125 Rourkela-Puri Express Will be short-terminated at Angul instead of Puri from 23rd to 27th October 2025.

• Train No. 18126 Puri-Rourkela Express Will be short-originated from Angul instead of Puri from 24th to 28th

Diversion of Trains: The following trains will be diverted via

Train Regulation For Safety Work in Khurda Road Division Angul-Talcher Road-Budhapank bypassing Talcher station during the block period:

> 24th October 2025. • 18422 Santragachi-Puri Express on 24th October 2025.

• 20862 Ahmedabad-Puri Express on

• 20831 Shalimar-Sambalpur Express on 24th & 27th October 2025. • 20807 Visakhapatnam–Amritsar Ex-

press on 24th & 25th October 2025. • 20808 Amritsar–Visakhapatnam Ex-

press on 25th October 2025. • 20832 Sambalpur–Shalimar Express

on 23rd & 26th October 2025.

The above six express trains will have a five-minute stoppage at Talcher Road during the above period.

East Coast Railway Appeals for Passenger Cooperation on Crowd Management Rules for Safe Travel

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25 :East Coast Railway has issued a heartfelt appeal to all rail passengers travelling across its network-including major stations such as Bhubaneswar, Puri, Brahmapur, Cuttack, Visakhapatnam, and Sambalpur—to strictly adhere to the crowd management and safety rules implemented at railway stations. The appeal aims to ensure a secure, comfortable, and efficient journey for everyone, especially during the ongoing festive season.

ECoR has implemented comprehensive measures, including the running of 367 special trains, augmentation of security with Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel, and establishment of 24x7 control rooms to monitor real-time passenger flow. However, the success of these extensive arrangements depends heavily on passenger cooperation and discipline.

ECoR has urged all passengers to maintain orderly queues while entering or exiting stations, purchasing tickets, and boarding trains. Passengers are advised to refrain from rushing, pushing, or creating disorder, particularly on Foot Over Bridges, escalators, and at platform edges, as the



ganized movement. Travellers should use designated holding areas at stations for waiting until the trains are ready for boarding to avoid dangerous overcrowding on platforms.

The Railway has also appealed to passengers to strictly follow the instructions of RPF, GRP, and other railway officials who are deployed to guide and manage passenger flow. Passengers are requested to arrive at stations well in advance of their scheduled departure, pay attention to announcements, verify platform numbers, and board trains in an orderly

ECoR has further cautioned passengers to avoid prohibited practices that endanger lives and disrupt operations. Travelling on the footboard, buffers, or rooftops of trains is extremely dangerous and constitutes a punishable offence. Crossing railway tracks is strictly prohibited; passengers must always use Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) to move between platforms. Pulling the alarm chain without a valid emergency not only invites legal action but also causes unnecessary delays for thousands of other passengers. Carrying inflammable materials, firecrackers, or other prohibited items on trains or station premises is banned, and strict action will be taken against violators. Passengers are also advised to keep their belongings secure and to report any unattended package or suspicious activity immediately to RPF personnel or the Railway Helpline No. 139.

Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, stated that though ECoR has significantly scaled up its resources—be it special trains, enhanced security personnel, or advanced monitoring systems—to manage the festive rush, the unwavering cooperation of passengers remains paramount. He appealed to all rail users to respect the queuing systems, follow the new access rules, and adhere to the directions of railway staff. This collective effort, he emphasized, is crucial to ensuring a safe, comfortable, and seamless journey for all.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Shaurya Van in Jaisalmer

Jaisalmer : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday inaugurated Shaurya Van in Jaisalmer, following which he also visited the 1971 Indo-Pak war museum.

Singh also witnessed the star attraction of Shaurya Van. Shaurya Van is a new light-and-sound show in Thar Desert, dedicated to the bravery of Indian soldiers. The purpose of the show is to honour the Indian soldiers and showcase their valour and sacrifices. The light-and-sound show takes place at the 1971 Indo-Pak museum in Jaisalm-

Earlier on Thursday, Rajnath Singh released the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025 at a function in South Block, New Delhi, as per a Ministry of Defence release.

Effective from November 1, the new procurement manual will facilitate revenue procurement of approximately Rs one lakh crore by the three Services and other establishments under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Appreciating the efforts of MoD and HQ Integrated Defence Staff in revising the manual, Singh expressed confidence that the new manual will simplify procedures, bring uniformity in functioning, and help provide the goods and services required by the Armed Forces for operational preparedness.

It will also provide more opportunities for MSMEs and start-ups in defence manufacturing and technology, while duly ensuring fairness, transparency, and

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For and on behalf of President of India,

the Senior Divisional Electrical Enginee

(G), S.E. Railway, Kharagpur-721301

invites e-tenders for the following work

before 12:00 hrs. on the date mentione

against items. SI. No., Tender Notice

No. & Description of work are as follows : (i) 114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-31

Electrical work for Increasing of CSL of

the UP Main line and UP Loop line of Bagnan Station. **Tender Value:** ₹

11,55,904.78. Bid Security/E.M.D.:

23,100/-. (ii) 114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-

32. Electrical work for construction of

over run line at Panskura end of line

no. 1 at Durgachak station. Tende

Value: ₹ 10,40,107.46. Bid Security/E.M.D. : ₹ 20,800/-. Date of

Opening: 12.11.2025 each. Cost of

Tender Document: ₹ Nil for each.

Completion Period: 06 months for

both Srl. No. (i) & Srl. No. (ii) from the

date of issue of Letter of Acceptance

Date of Submission: up to 12:00 hrs.

of 12.11.2025. Interested Tenderers

may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for

of the tender and submit their bids

online. In no case manual tender for

this work will be accepted. Note:

Prospective bidders may regularly visit

www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all

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E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/

E-Procurement/52 Dated:17/10/2025

PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the

President of India invites electronic bids

from established reliable manufacturer for

supply of the followings. The following

E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for

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Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested

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These are E-Tenders only electronic offer

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follows: [311]; 14252970B; Rubber Gasket

For Assembly of OCB and OCR To

DRG/Spec.No. CLW/ES/3/0667, Alt.2

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[312]; 14252596; (1) Illuminated Push

Button-1 To Drg./Spec. No.

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Emergency Flasher Light To Drg./Spec.

No. CLW/ES/3 /0072/I, (4) Illuminated

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(+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs];

As Per Tender/Document; 06/11/2025; ₹ 0.00. [313]; 14252508D; Scavenge Blower

To TM/OIL Cooling Unit Including Motor

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(2) SPEC/E-10/3/09 (Motor) With

Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06; As Per Tender/Document; 14/11/2025; ₹ 0.00.

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In this revised manual,

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All Request For Proposals

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Financial Advisor (Defence Services), Dr Mayank Sharma, gave a brief overview of DPM 2025 and highlighted how the manual has been prepared in close consultation with the services and other stakeholders.

Some key provisions have been altered to expedite decision-making and promote ease of doing business. Liquidated damages (LD), which are levied for delayed delivery of stores and services, have been relaxed, and the maximum LD of 10 per cent will be levied only in cases of inordinate delay.

This provision has been further relaxed for indigenisation, where only 0.1 per cent LD per week will be levied, instead of 0.5 per cent per week as applicable in other cases.

In addition, there are provisions for assured orders ranging up upto five years and beyond for items developed by public/private players under indigenisation. As per the revised provisions, a Limited Tender enquiry can be resorted to amended upto date.

has been issued in the past but has been retracted/to be retracted, and must be reissued on or after November 1, the provisions of DPM 2025 will govern it.

For the convenience of the users, DPM 2025 has been prepared in two volumes. The main provisions of the procurement procedures are incorporated in Volume I. Volume II contains all the forms, appendices, and Government orders referred to in Volume I.

There are fourteen chapters in Volume I, including three new chapters: Self-reliance Promoting through Innovation and Indigenisation, Information and Communication Technology Procurement and Consultancy, and Non-Consultancy Services.

The new chapter on promoting self-reliance will indigenous design and development of Defence items to achieve Aatmanirbharta in Defence manufacturing and technology. The soft copy of the DPM 2025 has been uploaded to the MoD website for easy access.

The ceremony was attended by Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of the Naval Staff, Chief of the Army Staff, Defence Secretary, Secretary Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman DRDO, Secretary (Defence Production), Sec-(Ex-servicemen Welfare), Financial Advisor (Defence Services), Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Controller General of Defence Accounts, Officer on Special Duty, Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare and other

Meeting of urban development ministers of South India in Bengaluru on Oct 30: DK Shivakumar

Bengaluru: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday said that Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal has agreed to hold the meeting of Urban Development Ministers of South Indian States in Bengaluru on October 30.

Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence and at Bannerghatta Road, he said, "Union Minister for Urban Development is participating in the meeting and we will submit our memorandum on Bengaluru development. We have already submitted our appeals to Union ministers and the PM several times in

Giving out details of areas

that may be included in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), he said that the committee headed by Lokayukta Justice BS Patil is preparing a report.

He said, "I have inspected areas which are likely to be added to GBA in the future. I have called for a meeting of officials to discuss this on Friday. A Committee under the leadership of BS Patil is preparing a report on this."

'We will hold meetings with IT-BT companies after winding up the Walk with Bengaluru programme this weekend. We will hold the company meetings in the KR Pura and Mahadevapura constituencies. There are about 25 lakh people on the periphery of GBA currently, and we will need to include them in GBA. We will need to ensure adequate developmental work in these areas. I visited these areas as I wanted to get a first-hand idea," the Dy CM added.

When asked about the deadline for pothole filling approaching, he said, "The officials have been given responsibilities and they are doing their job. In some places, we are asphalting entire stretches of roads. Rains are affecting the schedule.'

Meanwhile, he refused to comment when asked about no disciplinary action against Yathindra Siddaramaiah and other MLAs for their statements, sparking speculation about a potential leadership change in the state Congress govern-

He said, "I will not comment on this now. I will respond to it at an appropri-

Earlier, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, stated that his father is in the "final phase of his political career" and should mentor Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi.

MLC Yathindra said that his father, Siddaramaiah, will not contest the 2028 elections.

Addressing the SIT's report that 6000 votes were rigged in the Aland assembly constituency, he said, There is no doubt about it. Officials had complained at that time itself. Law will take its own course."

K Kavitha writes to CJI seeking cancellation of TGPSC Group 1 exam despite repeated appeals,

MI News Service, New Delhi: Telangana Jagruthi president K Kavitha on Thursday sought the suo motu intervention of the Supreme Court in Telangana Group-I recruitment and cancellation of the examination, alleging "serious procedural lapses" and "violation" of the Presidential Order under Article 371 D of the Constitution of India.

In her letter addressed to CJI BR Gavai, K Kavitha urged an independent judicial inquiry into the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) Group I examination and the associated recruitment process distressing is the indifference of the State authorities distributed authorities distributed distribut

to ensure transparency and accountability.

Referring to Article 371 D of the Constitution, K Kavitha said that the provision safeguards that guarantee fair and equitable opportunities for local candidates. She added that the Telangana government "disregarded this constitutional assurance."

"This violation is not just a legal lapse but a wound inflicted upon the very spirit of Telangana and the faith of its people in constitutional justice. What makes this situation even more

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for hiring competent software

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hotels, GAD guest houses and

The Chief Minister said

across all departments.

complaints, and growing public concern. This si lence has eroded the faith of lakhs of aspirants, many from modest backgrounds, who have worked tirelessly for years with integrity and commitment. Their dreams now lie shattered, replaced by frustration and disbelief in the system that was meant to protect their rights," the former BRS

leader wrote. She also pointed out that the examination, held nearly a decade after the formation of Telangana,

of aspirants anxious and disheartened.

Last month, the TGPSC released the results of the Group-I Services Main Examination, which was held in October 2024, with 562 candidates provisionally selected against 563 notified vacancies.

In line with the Commission, the examination was conducted from October 21 to October 27, 2024, in the conventional mode. The provisional selection list was drawn up based on the General Ranking List (GRL) published on March 30, 2025, and subsequent cer-

Himachal CM directs officials to prepare online portal for registration of home stay units

Eastern Coalfield Limited. Kunustoria Area

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ECL is in the process of acquisition of land for its North Searsole Opencast Project under Kunustoria Area. The tenancy land is to be acquired 2.5786 acres in mouza Kantagoria-34 & Bijpur-35. The details are given in the ECL website:

Notice

ECL is in the process of acquisition of land for its Parasea Belbaid Reorganization Underground Project under Kunustoria Area. The tenancy land is to be acquired 1.9947 acres in mouza Parasea-74 & Bansra-20. The details are given in the ECL website: https://www.easterncoal.nic.in/notices/

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over a meeting to review the tourism projects in the state here on Thursday, directed officials to prepare

an online portal for the reg-istration of home stay units

rest houses of various departments, including food bills payments, are made online.

He issued directions for empanelling professional architects both for the preparation of project designs for ADB and Tourism Development Board Projects, and the

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same should be advertised within ten days as well. "I want to ensure that there

should be no administrative limitations as far as promotion of the tourism industry is concerned, and the procedures should be made more simplified for ease of doing business," stated the Chief

CM Sukhu also suggested making a few changes in the proposed rules of the Tourism Investment Promotion Council (TIPC), which were discussed at length. It was also discussed in the meeting that the hotels under construction will also be considered in the TIPC. The Chief Minister desired

to expedite the process of operation and maintenance of loss-making HPTDC units to facilitate tourists Lost & Found

I, Adil Nawaz, have lost my original ICSE 2017 and ISC 2019 Marksheet, Pass Certificate, and Statement of Marks. ICSE Index No: 1172904/005. ISC Index No: 2192278/046 These documents were issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations. I was a student of St. Thomas' Day School, Free School St, Kolkata – 87. Being the resident of 94- ripon street block b 3rd

floor Kolkata 16.

Formal invitation of Tender for construction of school furniture (Benches with table) at WAHED MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, 33/1 Broad Street, Kol-19, For more specific details, applicants are requested to contact the school before submission of the Sealed Tenders during school hours (9am to 12 noon).

Last Date of Submission: 01.11.2025 till 12 Noon

Date of opening of Sealed Tender:

03.11.2025 at 11:30 am sharp Contact: 9883028682/9883547770

JM FINANCIAL ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED JM FINANCIAL Corporate identify Number: U67190MH2007PLC74287

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Area General Manager Kunustoria Area, ECL

Date:-11-08-2025

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Demand Notice Date and Description of secured asset Name of the Borrower(s)/ Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date Description of secured asse (immovable property)

-	(LC No. 19400044082 of Kolkata- Shakespeare Sarani Branch) Pranab Roy (Borrower) Rubi Ray (Co-Borrower 1)	Dt:22-09-2025/ Rs. 89,78,142/-(Rs. Eighty Nine Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Only) NPA (01-11-2015)	R.S. Dag No-797 & 800, J.L. No-34, Holding No-189, Mouza-Masunda, PS:- Khardah, Ward No-12 Under New Barrackpore Municipa Kolkata West Bengal In 700131		
	(LC No. 13700001952 of Kolkata - Shakespeare Sarani Branch) Jaydip Dasgupta (Borrower) Ruma Dasgupta (Co-Borrower 1)	Dt:22-09-2025/ Rs. 31,39,678/-(Rs. Thirty One lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight Only) NPA (12-05-2021)	Premises No. 1/50, Flat No 4 A, E- N- W Side 3rd Floor, Measuring 900 Sq. Ft. Super Built- Up Area, Sucheta Nagar, P.S. Kasba, Dist-South 24 Parganas Kolkata-700078		
	(LC No. 19400043540 of Kolkata- Shakespeare Sarani Branch) The Brewich Cafe (Borrower) Ankeet Sen Choudhuri (Co-Borrower 1) Debajyoti Sen Choudhuri (Co-Borrower 2) Susmit Sen Choudhuri (Co-Borrower 3)	Dt:22-09-2025/ Rs. 21,41,965/(Rs. Twenty One Lakh Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five Only) NPA (09-08-2021)	Flat No. A-3 Lying On The Third Floor Mesuring Super Built Up Area More or Less 670 Sq. Ft., Premises No-39, J.L No. 13, Ward No. 123, Raja Rammoha Roy Road, PS-Thakurpukur, Kolkata West Bengal In 700008		
	(LC No. 13700005359 of Kolkata- Shakespeare Sarani Branch) Ruhul Amin Gazi (Borrower) Tuhina Gulshan Bibi (Co-Borrower 1)	Dt:22-09-2025/ Rs. 30,32,425/-(Rs. Thirty Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five Only) NPA (11-04-2021)	Flat No. B-1, Entire Ground Floor, Mesuring About 804 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area, Housing Complex Known As 'Nilachal Apartment' South- West Back Side, Hold. No. 181/4, Lying and Situate At Municipal Primises No-118, Canel Street Sreebhumi, Ward No. 34, PS. Lake Town, Dist - North 24 Pgs Kolkata West Bengal In 700048		
	the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured ssets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the				

costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of JM. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/o

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited Date: 24-10-2025

'Govt to provide needed assistance': **Union Minister Manohar Lal meets** late IPS Y Puran Kumar's family



MI News Service, Rohtak: Union Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday met with the family of IPS Y Puran Kumar, who committed suicide, alleging caste discrimination, and assured them of assistance from the government.

Addressing a press conference in Rohtak, Manohar Lal said, "It was a very unfortunate incident, and I visited the bereaved family. The government will provide whatever assistance is needed to the family. The Chief Minister has already made announcements for assistance."

Earlier, sharing an X post, the Union Minister paid condolences to the IPS officer's family. He wrote, "Today, upon reaching the residence of IAS Amneet P. Kumar located in Chandigarh, tributes were paid to the late IPS Y. Pooran Kumar, and deep condolences were expressed to the family members. May the Lord pray to grant a place at His divine feet to the departed soul and bestow upon the bereaved family the courage and strength to bear this immense sorrow."

Amid the ongoing probe into the case, the police have taken possession of the deceased officer's laptop following court orders. The court had directed that the entire process of handing over and transferring the laptop be recorded to ensure data security.

The case took a turn when ASI Sandeep Lathar, who was found dead in suspicious circumstances in Rohtak on October 14, accused the late IPS ment to Baba Saheb's thoughts

his family of corruption.

Addressing the press conference, Manohar Lal also offered clarification on his remarks about Dr BR Ambedkar, following backlash from the Opposition, claiming his statement had been misquot-

"I have not said anything wrong, but the Opposition leaders derive a different meaning. Babasaheb Ambedkar is a 'mahapurush' and there would have been no Constitution without him. Everyone knows the history; he was the architect of the Constitution. Misquoting my statement is not correct," he

told the reporters. This comes after Haryana Congress shared a video of the Union Minister, where he can be heard saying, "One person did not write the Constitution. There was a committee chaired by Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar...Like the nation is run by the government, but credit is given to the Prime Minister...the credit goes to him (Dr Ambedkar) as he dedicated the Constitution to the nation.'

Calling it an insult to Dr Ambedkar, Haryana Congress wrote, "This statement by Union Minister Manohar Lal is not only an insult to the contributions of the Constitution maker Baba Saheb but also an affront to the sentiments of the country's Dalit, backward, and deprived communities. We remain steadfast in our commit-

Metro Railway, Kolkata

E-Tender is invited by the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/M/Co-Ordination, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf the President of India for the following work: **Name of Work**: Provision of High Conductivity Aluminium Third Rail in Elevated Section of North South Corridor of Metro Railway, Kolkata (Phase-III); Advertised Value: ₹43,20,84,214.46 only. Date and Time of closing: 15.00 hours (IST) of 10.12.2025; Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: 11.30 hours (IST) of 11.11.2025; Notice Board Address: Office of the Principa Chief Electrical Engineer, Metro Railway, 33/1, J.L. Nehru Road Kolkata 700 071. **Website Particulars**: https://www.ireps.gov.in Tender No. : ELM142R_ALRL_P3_D21-10-25

Eastern Coalfields Limited (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited) Sanctoria, Post: Dishergarh, Dist: Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal - 713333, CIN No.: - U10101WB1975G010302

All the tenders issued by CIL and its subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works & Services are available on

(i) Website of Coal India Limited: www.coalindia.in,

(ii) Website of ECL: www.easterncoal.nic.in,

iii) CIL e- Procurement Portal: www.coalindiatenders.nic.ir

(iv) Central Public Procurement Portal: www.eprocure.gov. in. In addition, procurement is also done through GeMPortal:

(By Order)

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TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Mutawalli, Sk. Hasnu Mian Waqf Estate Urdibazar Main Road, Chandannagar, Hooghly, Pin: 712136 Ref. No.: SHMWE/02/2025 Date: 23.10.2025

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced civil contractors for the constructional work of a G+4 storied residential-cum-commercial building on the waqf property situated at Urdibazar Main Road, Chandannagar,

Estimated Cost: Rs.3.89 crore (approx. @1,527 per sq.ft. for 25,476 sq.ft

Completion: project to be completed within 24 months as per approved plan. Eligibility: Registered and experienced civil contractors/firms having minimum 10 years' experience in RCC building works and completion of at least one project in last 10 years with Completion Certificate. EMD: Rs.5,500/- by Demand Draft in favour of "Sk. Hasnu Mian Wagf Estate."

Documents to be enclosed: Trade License, PAN, GST, work credentials completion certificate, project details, latest I.T. Return, and Demand Draft. Availability of tender Documents: Tender Details, detailed specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained from the office of the Mutawalli between 10:30 am to 02.00 pm upon payment of Rs. 500/-. Last Date of submission: 05/11/2025 (4:00 p.m.)

Mobile No.:+917003858575 Sd/- (Hafiz Muzzafar Hossain alias Md. Muzzafar Rahman) Mutawalli.

Sealdah-Jaynagar-Sealdah **Unreserved Special Train**

To clear extra rush of passengers during ensuing Chhath festival, 03183/03184 Sealdah – Jaynagar – Sealdah Unreserved Special train will run as per following abstract timings, stoppages, dates of run and composition:-

Sealdah – Jaynagar Special			(03183) (03184)	Jaynagar – Sealdah Special		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day
	_	17.00	▼ Sealdah	00.30	_	26.10.25
24.10.25	19.10	19.12	Barddhaman Jn	21.55	21.57	
	21.10	21.15	Asansol Jn	20.10	20.15	
	23.10	23.12	Jasidih Jn	17.25	17.27	25.10.25
25.10.25	04.40	04.45	Darbhanga Jn	11.00	11.05	
	07.00	_	Jaynagar 🕈	_	09.00	

The above special trains will also stop at Naihati Jn. Bandel Jn. Durgapur, Chittaranjan, Madhupur Jn, Jhajha, Kiul Jn, Barauni Jn. Samastipur Jn and Madhubani stations enroute in both directions. Dates of run: From Sealdah - 03183 on 24.10.2025 (Friday) = 01 trip and **From Jaynagar – 03184** on 25.10.2025 (Saturday) = 01 trip. **Composition:** Sleeper Class/General 2nd Class – 18, SLRD – 02 = 20 coaches (Unreserved). **Category: Chief Passenger Transportation Manager**

EASTERN RAILWAY

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What is Centre's crisis management plan to tackle zoonotic disease outbreaks?

outbreaks, including swine flu, Nipah virus and bird flu, threatening human health, the union government has come up with a crisis management plan (CMP) regarding animal health.

The plan aims at disease surveillance for early detection, early warning systems to predict outbreaks, and coordinated response strategies to manage crises effectively. The CMP also emphasised the need for rapid action and continuous monitoring to minimise the impact of these diseases.

Training veterinarians and farm staff, enabling them to make quick and informed decisions during disease outbreaks is also part of the capacity-building initiatives under the plan. The CMP ensures that stakeholders at national and local levels are involved in management and recovery efforts, fostering collaboration across government departments, veterinary services, and local communities.

The plan is designed to keep India's livestock sector resilient in the face of future disease challenges. A key pillar of the CMP is the digital infrastructure backbone established through the National Digital Livestock Mission



(NDLM), which aims to build a robust digital ecosystem for India's animal husbandry sector. The mission strengthens animal health surveillance too.

The mission also includes initiatives such as Unique Animal Identification, where all animals receive a unique ID linked to the

database to track individual animals, their movements and health records.

The digital infrastructure will also enable data-driven decisionmaking, providing insights into disease patterns, animal move-

Study finds techniques to protect neurons from harmful impact of high-fat diet on multiple sclerosis progression

New York [US] : The study, led by PatriziaCasaccia, founding director of the Advanced Science Research Centre at the CUNY Graduate Center's (CUNY ASRC) Neuroscience Initiative and Einstein Professor of Biology and Biochemistry at the CUNY Graduate Centre, investigated how enzymes known as ceramide synthase 5 and 6 are responsible for the toxic effect of a palm oilrich diet on neurones in the central nervous system, which leads to an increase in the severity of MS symptoms.

MS is an inflammatory autoimmune disease marked by extensive damage to the insulating myelin sheath that protects nerves throughout the body. Current treatments focus on controlling the immune system's response, but the precise mechanisms contributing to neurodegeneration in MS remain poorly understood. Previous work from the Casaccia lab and others had reported on the toxic effect of a highfat diet on the severity of MS symptoms. In their study, researchers explored potential mechanisms by which a diet rich in palm oil may hijack neuronal health. Using the experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) model of inflammatory demyelination, the research team found that diets high in palm oil led to a more severe disease course in mice.

"We reasoned that inside neuronal cells, palm oil is converted into a toxic substance called C16 ceramide by specific enzymes called CerS5 and CerS6," said principal investigator Casaccia. "This ceramide is responsible for inflicting mitochondrial damage, which deprives neurons of the energy they need to counteract inflammation in the brain. We therefore asked whether inactivation of these enzymes would confer neuroprotection." The

researchers found that when they genetically deleted the enzymes CerS6 and CerS5 in neurons they could prevent neurodegeneration in the experimental model of MS."This held true even when mice were fed a diet rich in palmitic acid," said the paper's co-first author Damien Marechal, a research associate with the Casaccia Lab. "This new information points to a specific metabolic pathway through which dietary fats can worsen MS symptoms." The paper's findings have significant implications for individuals diagnosed with MS as well as for clinicians treating patients and neuroscientists researching the disease. The work reinforces that lifestyle choices, such as diet, can

have a profound impact on the course of the disease. The study's results build on previous concepts about careful dietary choices in managing the symptoms of MS. The findings also identify potential molecules that could help

slow diet-induced symptom severity. "Our research provides a molecular explanation for how to protect neurons from the palm-oil-dependent creation of molecules that harm them," said Casaccia. "We hope this information can empower patients to make informed dietary decisions that could positively impact the course of the disease, while identifying strategies to counteract the effect of cerS5 and CerS6 in a neuron-specific fashion."



Researchers find how fatty acids plays key role in creating memories

Washington DC [US] Researchers at the University of Queensland have demonstrated the vital role that saturated fatty acids play in the brain's storage of memories.

A new cure for neurodegenerative illnesses may now be possible, thanks to research conducted by Dr Isaac Akefe of the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland. He has also discovered the genes that underlie the process of memory

The findings were published in the EMBO Journal.

"We've shown previously that levels of saturated fatty acids increase in the brain during neuronal communication, but we didn't know what was causing these changes," DrAkefe said.

"Now for the first time, we've identified alterations in the brain's fatty acid landscape when the neurons encode a memory

enzyme called Phospholipase A1 (PLA1) interacts with another protein at the synapse called STXBP1 to form saturated fatty acids.

The brain is the body's fattiest organ, with fatty compounds called lipids making up 60 per cent of its weight. Fatty acids are the building blocks of a class of lipids called phospholipids.

The work done in Professor Frederic Meunier's laboratory has shown that STXBP1 controls the targeting of the PLA1 enzyme, coordinating the release of fatty

tion at the synapses in the brain. "Human mutations in the PLA1 and STXBP1 genes reduce free fatty acid levels and promote neurological disorders," Professor Meunier said.

'To determine the importance of free fatty acids in memory formation, we used mouse models where the PLA1 gene was removed. We tracked the onset and progression of neurological and cognitive decline throughout their lives. We saw that even before their memories became impaired, their saturated free fatty acid levels were significantly lower than control mice. This indicates that this PLA1 enzyme, and the fatty acids it releases, play a key role in memory acquisition.

The research has important implications for understanding of how memories are formed.

"Our findings indicate that nanipulating this memory acquisition pathway has exciting potential as a treatment for neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's," Professor Meunier said. The research team acknowledges the contributions of PhD candidates Saber Abd Elkader from the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, and Benjamin Matthews from the Queensland

Brain Institute. This is a collaborative study with the University of New South Wales, University of Strasbourg, University of Bordeaux, the Scripp Research Institute and the Baylor

Study shows stress affects brain, psyche via immune system

Zurich [Switzerland] : Chronic stress has a wide-ranging impact on our bodies. Many stress-related mental disorders, including depression, are associated with immune system abnormalities. However, the basic mechanisms dictating how these changes affect the brain are largely unknown.

Enzyme from immune cells in the blood affects nerves in the

An international research team led by the University of Zurich (UZH), and the University Hospital of Psychiatry Zurich (PUK) and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, has now uncovered a novel mechanism. "We were able to show that stress increases the amount of the matrix metalloproteinase-8 (MMP-8), an enzyme in the blood of mice. The same changes were found in patients with depression," says first author FlurinCathomas. MMP-8 travels from the blood to the brain, where it alters the functioning of certain neurons. In the affected mice, this leads to behavioral changes: they withdraw and avoid social contact.

Potential for new treatments

for depression According to Cathomas, the findings are novel in two respects: "Firstly, they indicate a new 'body-mind mechanism', which might be relevant not only for stress-related mental illness, but also for other diseases that affect both the immune and nervous systems." And secondly, says the psy-



chiatrist, identification of the specific MMP-8 protein could be a potential starting point to develop new treatments for depression.

Changes to brain extracellular

The researchers were able to use animal models to show that stress increases the migration of a specific type of white called monocytes into the vascular system of the brain, particularly into the reward center regions. These monocytes produce MMP-8. MMP-8 is involved in the restructuring and regulation of the netlike frame that surrounds neurons in the brain - called the extracellular matrix. "If MMP-8 penetrates the brain tissue from the blood, it changes the matrix structure and thus disrupts the functioning of the neurons. Mice who are affected by this process display changes in behavior that are similar to those seen in humans depression,"

that MMP-8 was really responsible for the behavioural changes, the researchers removed the MMP-8 gene from some of the mice. Compared to the control mice, these animals did not disstress-related negative behavioral changes. "Blood analyses of patients with depression indicate that the findings from the mouse models are also relevant for humans: both the monocytes and MMP-8 were increased in the blood of people with depression in comparison to healthy partici-

Clinical studies with patients planned

Many more studies are needed before the results can be implemented in clinical practice. Nevertheless, says Cathomas, "our work once again demonstrates the importance of the interaction between the immune system and the brain in the development of psychiatric disorders. These insights are already being incorporated into psychiatric treatment today." On the PUK's special ward for integrative care led by Cathomas, the clinicians take a holistic mind-body approach based on the latest scientific findings when treating their patients. The research team is now planning clinical studies to investigate the extent to which the immune system can be influenced by stimulating certain areas of the brain. They will also look at whether any changes in the immune system cells of depressive patients influence their behaviour.

Pregnant women should try to avoid ultraprocessed, fast foods: Study



Washington DC [US] According to a study published in journal Environmental International, pregnant women should think twice before eating a cheeseburger or a boxed pastry. Surprisingly, the report focuses not on the food itself, such as fries, burgers, shakes, and cakes, but on what comes into contact with the meal before it is consumed.

Research shows that phthalates, a class of chemicals associated with plastics, can shed from the wrapping, packaging and even from plastic gloves worn by food handlers into food. Once consumed during pregnancy, the chemicals can get into the bloodstream, through the placenta and then into the fetal bloodstream.

The chemical can cause oxidative stress and an inflammatory cascade within the fetus, researchers noted. Previous literature has indicated that exposure to phthalates during pregnancy can increase the risk of low birth weight, preterm birth and child mental health disorders such as autism and ADHD. This is the first study in pregnant women to show that diets higher in ultraprocessed foods are linked to greater phthalate exposures, the authors wrote.

When moms are exposed to this chemical, it can cross the placenta and go into fetal circulation," said senior author Dr. SheelaSathyanarayana, a UW Medicine paediatrician and researcher at the Seattle Children's Research Institute.

This analysis involved data in Conditions Affecting Neurocognitive Development and Learning in Early Childhood (CANDLE) research cohort, which comprised 1,031 pregnant individuals in Memphis, Tenn., who were enrolled between 2006 and 2011. Phthalate levels were measured in urine samples collected from during the second trimester of pregnancy. The researchers found that ultraprocessed food composed 10% to 60% of participants' diets, or 38.6%, on average. Each 10% higher dietary proportion of ultraprocessed food was associated with 13% higher concentration of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, one of the most common and harmful phthalates. The phthalate amounts were derived through urine samples taken from the women in the study.

Ultraprocessed foods, accord ing to the researchers, are made mostly from substances extracted from foods such as oils, sugar and starch, but have been so changed from processing and the addition of chemicals and preservatives to enhance their appearance or shelf life that they are hard to recognize from their original form, researchers noted. These include packaged cake mixes, for example, or packaged french fries, hamburger buns and soft drinks.

When it comes to fast food, gloves worn by the employees and the storage, preparation, serving equipment or tools may be the main sources of exposure. Both frozen and fresh ingredients would be subject to these sources, said lead author Brennan Baker, a postdoctoral researcher in Sathyanarayana's lab. This is the first study, researchers say, to identify ultraprocessed foods as a link between exposure to phthalates and the socio-economics issues facing the mothers. The mothers' vulnerability might stem from experiencing financial hardships and from living in "food deserts" where healthier, fresh foods are harder to obtain and transportation to distant markets is unrealistic.

"We don't blame the pregnant person here," said Baker. "We need to call out manufacturers and legislators to offer replacements, and ones that may not be even more harmful." More legislation is needed, the authors said, to prevent phthalate contamination in foods by regulating the composition of food wrapping or even the gloves that food handlers may use. What should pregnant women do now? Sathyanarayana said that pregnant women should try to avoid ultraprocessed food as much as they can, and seek out fruits, vegetables and lean meats. Reading labels can come into play here, she added. "Look for the lower number of

ingredients and make sure you can understand the ingredients, she said. This applies even to "healthy foods" such as breakfast bars. See if it's sweetened with dates or has a litany of fats and sugars in it, she said.

FlurinCathomas. In order to prove Study suggests weight loss surgery can be more successful in controlling hypertension rates

more beneficial than blood pressure medication in lowering hypertension rates, or high blood pressure, in persons who are obese and have uncontrolled high blood pressure, according to a study published in the Journal of the American College of

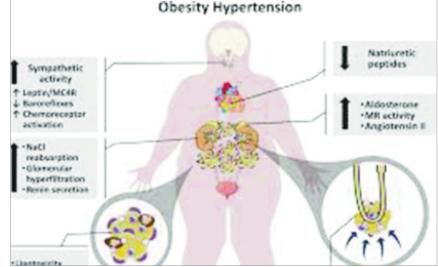
People who had bariatric surgery had a lower BMI and were on fewer drugs after five years while maintaining normal blood pressure levels than those who solely used antihypertensive medications.

According to the CDC, the U.S. obesity and hypertension rates in adults are 41.9 per cent and 45.4 per cent, respectively.

Obesity is a proven risk factor for cardiovascular disease and a key contributor to high blood pressure, both of which can increase the chance of a heart attack, stroke, and heart failure.

"In clinical practice, obesity is an overlooked condition. As a consequence, there is a frequent failure in approaching obesity as a crucial step for mitigating the risk of important cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension," said Carlos Aurelio Schiavon, MD, FACS, lead author of the study and a surgeon specializing in bariatric surgery at Heart Hospital and BP Hospital in Sao Paulo.

Researchers in this study looked at the impact of treating obesity to lower high blood pressure. While there are new med-



ications to treat obesity, long-term adherence to medication can be challenging.

This study looks at bariatric surgery as a better long-term solution to control obesity and, as a result, high blood pressure.

The GATEWAY trial included 100 people (76 per cent of which were female) who had a body mass index (BMI) of around 36.9 kg/m2. All participants had hypertension and were using at least two medications. People with previous cardiovascular events and poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes were excluded. Subjects were assigned to either Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with medical therapy or medial therapy alone and the primary outcome was reduction of at least 30 per cent antihypertensive medications while maintaining blood pressure levels less than 140/90 mmHg at five years. At five vears, BMI was 28.01 Kg/m2 for those who received bariatric surgery and 36.40 Kg/m2 for those on medical therapy alone. People who had bariatric surgery had an 80.7 per cent reduction in the number of medications they were taking compared to a 13.7 per cent reduction in those only using med-Hypertension remission, defined as con-

trolled blood pressure without medications, was 46.9 per cent in those who underwent bariatric surgery compared to 2.4 per cent in those on medical therapy alone. "Our results underscore the importance

of approaching obesity in reducing hypertension rates," Schiavon said. Limitations of the study included that it

was a single-centre, open-label study with a small sample size and there was loss of follow-up in some patients. In an accompanying editorial comment,

Michael Hall, MD, MSc, professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, said the study provides important long-term data on the benefits of gastric bypass on weight loss and blood pressure control, but questions remain.

"Further studies assessing the threshold for bariatric surgery in people with obesity, optimal timing of bariatric surgery in obese people with cardiometabolic diseases, type of bariatric surgery and comparative studies of obesity pharmacotherapies and bariatric surgery are needed to clarify the optimal treatment pathways for this common and growing disease," he said.

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USA slaps sanctions on Russia's top oil firms

ton: The United States hit Russia's major oil companies with sanctions on Wednesday and accused the Russians of a lack of commitment toward ending the war in Ukraine, as Moscow conducted a major

nuclear arms. The new sanctions were unveiled one day after plans for a summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin were put on hold.

training exercise involving

The U.S. Treasury Department said Russia's two largest oil companies, Rosneft and Lukoil, were targeted in a bid to damage Moscow's ability to fund its

war machine. The move marked a sharp turnaround for the White House, which has veered between pressuring Moscow and taking a more conciliatory aimed at securing peace in Ukraine. Only last week Trump appeared ready to hold off on new actions targeting Moscow.

Oil prices extended gains after Bessent's comments, rising by more than \$2 a barrel. At key moments in the 'Now is the time to stop war in Ukraine, Putin has isthe killing and for an imsued reminders of Russia's mediate ceasefire," U.S. nuclear might as a warning Treasury Secretary Scott to Kyiv and its Western al-Bessent said. lies. NATO has also been

In a fresh show of force,

the Kremlin released video

showing General Valery

Gerasimov, head of the Gen-

eral Staff, reporting to Putin

on the drills. Russia said it

fired missiles from ground

launchers, submarines and

aircraft, including intercon-

tinental ballistic weapons ca-

pable of striking the United

States. Russia's Defence

Ministry said its long-range

Tu-22M3 strategic bombers

flew over the Baltic Sea, es-

corted at various points by

fighter jets from foreign

presumably NATO - states.

One More Chhath Special Run Between Howrah & Gorakhpur

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25: Running special

trains on the occasion of Chhath Puja holds significant

benefits for passengers. The special trains will cater to

increased travel demand, offering more convenient and

efficient transportation options for people wanting to cel-

ebrate. 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 unreserved special train between

cial will leave Howrah at 16:50 hrs. on 26.10.2025 to

reach Gorakhpur at 10:15 hrs. on the next day and

03048 Gorakhpur - Howrah unreserved Chhath special

will leave Gorakhpur at 13:00 hrs. on 27.10.2025 to

reach Howrah at 08:30 hrs. on the next day. The train

03047 Howrah - Gorakhpur unreserved Chhath spe-

rence exercises this month. EU countries also approved a 19th package of sanctions against Russia for its war against Ukraine. which includes a ban on Russian liquefied natural gas imports, the Danish rotating presidency of the EU said on

conducting nuclear deter-

The Wall Street Journal said the United States lifted a restriction on Ukraine's use of some long-range missiles provided by Western allies, which would allow Ukraine to increase attacks on targets inside Russia. In a social media post, Trump denied

Sweden said it had signed a letter of intent to export Gripen fighter jets to Ukraine, as European governments act to boost Kyiv's defences in a war that has ground on for three years and eight months since Russia's fullscale invasion, and shows no sign of ending soon.

Ukrainian pilots have been in Sweden to test the Gripen, a rugged and relatively low-cost option compared to aircraft such as the U.S. F-35.

Kyiv aimed to receive and start using Gripens next year and expected to acquire at least 100, President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said during a visit to Swedish defence manufacturer Saab. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said ahead of a meeting with Trump later on Wednesday he was "fairly confident" there could eventually be an agreement to end the war.

Speaking to reporters at the U.S. Senate after meeting with lawmakers. Rutte said he had "total confidence" in

president "has a clear vision for bringing this war to a durable and lasting end".

Russia and Ukraine pounded each other with heavy overnight missile attacks as renewed uncertainty enveloped the U.S.-led peace effort.

After months of stalled diplomacy, Putin and Trump spoke last week and unexpectedly announced they would hold a summit in Hungary that the Kremlin said could take place within a couple of weeks.

But following a phone

call on Monday between the two countries' top diplomats, the White House said the next day that Trump had no plans to meet Putin "in the immediate future". Trump said he did not want to have a wasted meeting - something the Kremlin said Putin also wanted to avoid.

Russian officials said, however, that preparations continued for a summit. "The dates haven't been set yet, but thorough preparation is needed before then, and that takes time," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Hamas members. In April

this year lawyers for the

United Nations and Pales-

tinian representatives at

the ICJ accused Israel of

breaking international law

by refusing to let aid into

Gaza between March and

May. Since then some hu-

manitarian aid has been al-

lowed in but UN officials

say the relief is nowhere

near what is needed to ease

The 20-point ceasefire

The UN said in August

last year that nine UNRWA

staff may have been in-

volved in Hamas's October

7, 2023 assault on Israel

and had been fired. An-

other Hamas commander,

confirmed by UNRWA as

one of its employees, was

killed in Gaza in October

2024, according to Israel

In an earlier 2024 advi-

sory opinion, the ICJ found

that Israel had human

rights obligations to the

Palestinians because of its

position as an occupying

a humanitarian disaster.

USA mulls limits on US software-powered exports to China MI News Service, Washington: The Trump adminisments, along with new exments, along with new exclined to comment. The Commerce Department,

tration is considering a plan to curb a dizzying array of software-powered exports to China, from laptops to jet engines, to retaliate against Beijing's latest round of rare earth export restrictions, according to a US official and three people briefed by US authorities.

While the plan is not the only option on the table, it would make good President Donald Trump's threat earlier this month to bar "critical software" exports to China by restricting global shipments of items that contain US software or were produced using US software.

On October 10, Trump said in a social media post that he would impose additional tariffs of 100 per cent

port controls on "any and all critical software" by November 1 without further details. To be sure, the measure, details of which are being reported for the first time, may not move forward, the sources said.

But the fact that such controls are being considered shows the Trump administration is weighing a dramatic escalation of its showdown with China, even as some within the US government favor a gentler approach, according to two of the sources.

US stock indexes briefly Nasdaq 1.3 per cent lower before paring their losses. The White House de-

extended losses on the news, with the S&P 500 down 0.8 per cent and the

which oversees export controls, did not respond to requests for comment.

A spokesperson for the Chinese embassy did not comment on the specific US measures under consideration but said China opposed the US "imposing unilateral long-arm jurisdiction measures" and vowed to "take resolute measures to protect its legitimate rights and interests" if the US proceeds down what it views as a wrong path.

Administration officials could announce the measure to put pressure on China but stop short of implementing it, one of the sources said. Narrower policy proposals are also being discussed, two of the people said.

General Manager, Eastern Railway Briefs Media On Various Measures Taken For Safe And Seamless Passenger Travel During Chhath Festival



MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25 :Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, briefed the media today at Sealdah Station regarding the extensive measures undertaken by Eastern Railway to ensure safe, smooth, and seamless travel for passengers during the festive period of Kali Puja, Diwali, and Chhath Festival.

During his visit, Shri Deouskar interacted with passengers on board the 03131 Sealdah - Gorakhpur Special train and 13185 Sealdah - Jaynagar Gangasagar Express and enquired about the arrangements of Eastern Railway for seamless comfortable journey. Passengers expressed their satisfaction and appreciated the Railways' efforts in effective crowd management and ensuring smooth boarding at Sealdah Station. While addressing the media, Shri Deouskar highlighted detailed arrangements made by Eastern Railway to handle the festive rush and ensure a smooth travel experience, including the operation of a large number of Festival Special Trains and the creation of holding areas at key stations for passenger convenience.

Eastern Railway has already announced various festival special trains from Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Asansol, Malda & Bhagalpur to different directions. General Manager / Eastern Railway informed the media that keeping in view the Chhath rush, Eastern Railway has also kept additional rakes ready to run as special trains in the direction where the requirement is maximum.

These trains will promptly address the need of intended passengers for their journey to native places during Chhath festival.

Shri Deouskar also attended the "Amrit Samvaad" programme organised by the Environment and Housekeeping Management Department at Sealdah Station as part of Special Campaign 5.0. During the programme, he interacted with passengers and stakeholders, emphasising the importance of maintaining cleanliness at station premises and appreciating the collective efforts towards a cleaner and more passengerfriendly railway environment.

Brief About Special Arrangements Of Eastern Railway For The Convenience Of Festival Rush

Festival Special Train Operations through Eastern Railway: Eastern Railway trains: 331 trips

Other Railways' trains originating/terminating at Eastern Railway stations: 665 trips Other Railways' special trains passing through Eastern Railway: 332 trips

Important Festival Special Trains of Eastern Railway include:

Total: 1,328 trips

1. 03043/03044 Howrah - Raxaul Special, 2. 03135/03136 Sealdah – Patna Special, 3. 03187/03188 Kolkata - Madhubani Special, 4. 03131/03132 Sealdah – Gorakhpur Special, 5. 03027/03028 Asansol -Gorakhpur Special, 6. 03435/03436 Malda Town - Anand Vihar Terminal Special, 7. 03107/03108 Kolkata - Lucknow Special, 8. 03007/03008 Howrah – Khatipura Special, 9. 03417/03418 Malda Town – Udhna Special, 10. 03003/03004 Barddhaman - Bĥagalpur Special, 11. 03405/03406 Sahibganj - Bhagalpur Special, 12. 03407/03408 Bhagalpur – Banka Special, 13. 03511/03512 Asansol – Patna Special

Holding Areas Created at Different Stations to cater the Chhath rush:

1. Howrah Station: 2 holding areas, total 558 sq. m., 2. Sealdah Station: 1 holding area, 200 sq. m., 3. Asansol Station: 1 holding area, 210 sq. m., 4. Jasidih Station: 2 holding areas, total 595 sq. m., 5. Bhagalpur Station: 2 areas, total 509 sq. m.

UNRWA employees are



will stop at Bandel, Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Siwan and Deoria Sadar stations enroute in both directions. Eastern Railway anticipates large crowds and increased train traffic during the festive season, which could pose security challenges such as stampedes, pick-pocketing, drugging, and subversive activities. In response, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has implemented enhanced security measures to ensure safe and smooth travel for all passengers. Additional RPF personnel have been deployed at platforms, foot-over bridges and stations to manage crowd flow and prevent

Good News For The Passengers : One Unreserved Chhath Special Train For Jaynagar Will Originate From Sealdah On Tomorrow (24.10.2025)

Railway arranged to run a unreserved special train from Sealdah to Jaynagar on the route of Gangasagar express. This special train will cater the increased travel demand, offering more convenient and efficient transportation options. 03183 Sealdah -Jaynagar Unreserved Special will leave Sealdah at

potential stampede situations.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 17:00 hrs. on 24.10.2025 to 23 Oct.25: For the conven-reach Jaynagar at 07:00 ience of the passengers of hrs. on the next day and in Kolkata – Jaynagar route return journey, 03184 Jaynagar - Sealdah Unreserved Special will leave Jaynagar at 09:00 hrs. on 25.10.2025 to reach Sealdah at 00:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Naihati, Bandel, Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Madhubani stations enroute in both the directions.

BANGLADESH tribunal jails 15 Army officers

MI News Service, New York: The United Nations' top legal body, the International Court of Justice, on Wednesday gave an advisory opinion saying that Israel is under the obligation to ensure the basic needs of the civilian population in Gaza are met. The panel of 11 judges added Israel is forced to

support relief efforts provided by the United Nations in the Gaza Strip and its entities, including UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. occupying

power, Israel is obliged to ensure the basic needs of the local population, including the supplies essential for their survival." presiding judge Yuji Iwasawa said. Advisory opinions of the ICJ, also known as the World Court, carry legal and political weight, but they are not binding and the court has no enforcement power. The

opinion, which was requested by the UN General Assembly in December, clarified the protections states must provide for UN staff and is expected to have effects beyond the Gaza conflict.

media platform X, Israel's foreign ministry said it categorically rejected the court's findings and added Israel fully upholds its tional law". Israel banned UNRWA from operating in Gaza last year, claiming that some of its employees were members of militant

plan mediated by the US earlier this month allows for 600 trucks of aid a day into Gaza. Israel has previously accused Hamas of stealing food delivered into the enclave, which it denies, and has said the In a message on social aid restriction was to put pressure on the militant

obligations under internagroup Hamas, or other affiliated associations. ministry repeated

Wednesday claims that UNRWA employs Hamas operatives and stressed it would not cooperate "with an organization that is infested with terror activities". The ICJ judges on Wednesday found that Israel has not substantiated its claims that a significant number of

that Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and should end immediately. The court also said

MI News Service, Kath-mandu: Nepal's Prime Minister Sushila Karki said that her interim government is committed to holding the March 5 general election in a free and fair

Govt committed to hold

Mar 5 poll: Nepal PM Karki

"We are responsible for addressing the legitimate voices of Gen Z in line with the Constitution. The government will create an environment where Nepalis can vote without fear, strengthening democracy, advancing prosperity, and safeguarding citizens' rights," she said while speaking at an event in Madhyapur Thimi, Bhaktapur.

Her comments came a day after she met with representatives of major political parties for the first time since the formation of the caretaker government last month and discussed preparations for the general elections and security

Ulema Board conducts educational seminar

Nurul Islam: The Ulema Board recently conducted an educational seminar at New Town, Kolkata. Plenty of Pirzadas were present along with representatives of Alem Samaj were present at the said programmee. Apart from this many Ulemas, Mashayekhs, and Islamic scholars across the state were present at the said programmee. In todays Islamic society lots of controversy have arised regarding 'Fatwa' and 'ideology'. This issue was vividly discussed in the seminar. Pirzada Mehrab Siddique said that the Muslim society should undermine trivial issues and look forward to

Ulema Board, being an autonomous organization has been working for the unity and holistic development of Muslim society. Pirzada Abu Bakar Siddique, Pirzada Moarekhin Siddique, Maulana Unis li Fatehi, Maulana Amanullah, Alimur Rehman, Maulana Jamat Ali. Maulana Rezaul Karim, Maulana Nurullah and Maulana Zahidul Islam along with several 'Alems' were present at the meeting. The seminar stressed on brotherhood and unity in Muslim society along with making Ulemas self

for greater Islamic unity.

This train will run with all the unreserved coaches, to adequately address the anticipated rush of passengers for the Chhath festival

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25: For the convenand efficient transportation options.

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MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) sent 15 serving army officers to jail after their court appearances from military custody to face trial on charges of enforced disappearances, murders and custodial tortures during the deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government.

The Bangladesh Army took into custody the 15 officers after the special tribunal ordered their arrest to stand trial for alleged crimes against humanity. 'The tribunal has or-

dered the 15 army officers produced today in connection with the enforced disappearances and murders, and tortures in custody to be sent to jail," ICT-BD Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam told reporters after the proceedings. The tribunal did not

hear any bail petitions, noting that there is a formal process for bail pleas and the officers could submit formal applications before the next hearing scheduled for November 5, he said.

The tribunal, chaired by Justice M Golam Mortuza Mojumder, also ordered the arrest of "fugitive" former premier Hasina and other absconding accused and produce them before the

Earlier in the day,



The officers, including one major general, six brigadier generals, and several colonels, lieutenant colonels and a major, appeared in civilian clothes under heavy security by police in riot gear and paramilitary Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). They were later returned to a designated "sub-jail" building inside the cantonment

rants were issued on Octo-

pervision. Defence lawyer Barrister Sarwar Hossain told reporters the officers would file two petitions, one seeking bail and the other requesting their confinement under special custody if bail was denied.

under prison authority su-

The developments come amid heightened political tensions ahead of the general elections expected in February next year. The interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has amended the ICT-BD law to try the leaders of the Hasina regime.

The trial of serving officers in a civil court under the amended ICT-BD law, rather than under military law, has triggered unease within the armed forces.

An ICT-BD prosecutor on Tuesday warned the army that the 15 officers would be declared "fugitives" unless they appeared before the tribunal on Wednesday.

"If they fail to appear or are not produced tomorrow, the tribunal will set a new date... Non-appearance on that date would lead to them being declared absconding," ICT-BD Prosecutor Gazi MAE Tamim told

ience of the passengers of Kolkata - Jaynagar route during this Chhat, Eastern Railway arranged to run a unreserved special train from Sealdah to Jaynagar on the route of Gangasagar express. This special train will cater the increased travel demand, offering more convenient

Trump's ceasefire proposal a 'good compromise': ZELENSKY

MI News Service, Kiev: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday described US President Donald Trump's call for Ukraine and Russia to halt fighting along current frontlines as "a good compromise," but expressed doubt that Russian President Vladimir Putin would agree to

such a move. Speaking during his visit to Nordic countries, Zelensky renewed calls for a ceasefire and warned that Russia had "lost interest in diplomacy" even as Kyiv awaited long-range weapons from

its Western partners. His remarks came amid deepening uncertainty over international efforts to end the conflict following the abrupt postponement of a planned meeting be-

The White House confirmed that the Budapest summit, which both leaders had agreed to hold within weeks, was paused after a tense call between US state secretary Marco Rubio and Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov.

US officials said there were "no imminent plans" for the two presidents to meet. The development underscored the fragile state of US-Russia diplomacy and cast fresh doubts over the trajectory of peace efforts.

"The dates haven't been set yet, but thorough preparation is needed before then, and that takes time," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters in Moscow. "It's clear that all of this is surrounded by a great deal of



gossip, rumours, and so on. Much of it is completely untrue. There's

no news yet. Russian deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov said that preparations for the summit were

that Moscow had reiterated to Washington its earlier peace terms, which included Kyiv ceding control of the entire southeastern Donbas region — a demand viewed by Ukraine as unacceptable. The reported terms amounted to a rejection of Trump's suggestion that both sides freeze the conflict along existing frontlines. As diplomatic tensions mounted, Russia and Ukraine exchanged heavy overnight missile fire. Ukrainian officials said on Wednesday that the attacks killed six people, including two children, in Kyiv and the surrounding region, triggering widespread power

outages across the country.

reliant in all aspects.

continuing and that he did not see

He declined to confirm reports

any "major obstacles.

2nd ODI: Short, Connolly fifties guide Australia to series-clinching win over India

Australia sealed an unassailable 2-0 series lead over India through a tense two-wicket victory in the second ODI at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday.

India had earlier posted 264/9 after being inserted to bat in testing morning conditions, with Rohit Sharma making 73, ShreyasIyer hitting 61 and Axar Patel chipping in with 44. Though India lost momentum in the middle overs, a late 37-run stand between HarshitRana and Arshdeep Singh pushed them past 260.

In the chase, Short was at his composed best to make 74 off 78 balls, laced with four boundaries and two sixes, to make his career-best score in ODIs. All-rounder Connolly, batting with maturity beyond his years, brought up his maiden ODI fifty and held firm to hit an unbeaten 61 off 53 balls, laced with five fours and a six.

Despite wickets tumbling at the other end, Connolly kept his composure to guide Australia home and secure the series win with 22 balls remaining. It's Australia's first ODI series win since last year after losing three series in a row to Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Africa

With a hint of swing on offer, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Siraj began with discipline and found just

ADELAIDE: Riding on fifties from enough movement to keep Australian Matthew Short and Cooper Connolly, openers Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head quiet. The pressure eventually paid off as Arshdeep invited Marsh into a drive, only for him to edge it behind to KL Rahul.

Short walked in and immediately countered with intent, pulling Arshdeep for a six over deep square leg to close the powerplay at 42/1. After that, India struck again as Head mistimed a flick off HarshitRana and the leading edge was caught by mid-on

After surviving a run-out scare, Short had a reprieve again on 23 when Axar Patel spilled a tough catch at point off Nitish Kumar Reddy's bowling. Though Nitish brought Rahul up to the stumps, it didn't have much effect as Matt Renshaw crunched him for two fours and a six.

Just as the partnership threatened to take the game away, Axar delivered a timely breakthrough by luring Renshaw down the track with flight, but the ball skidded through and crashed into middle-stump, to dismiss the batter for 30.

Short, though, firmly drove Arshdeep on the rise for four, before getting his third ODI fifty in 48 balls But India continued to chip from the other end as Washington Sundar castled Alex Carey with a quicker delivery



for nine. Sundar could have got his second wicket if Short, on 55, hadn't been dropped by Siraj at backward

Meanwhile, Connolly looked at ease in playing against spinners - taking three fours off Axar and Washington combined, before Short slog-swept the latter for six. The duo would take a four each off Rana, before Short holed out to deep square leg.

A window of slight opening for India was shut down by Mitchell Own feasting on Rana's friendly balls to hit a four and two sixes, before swatting Axar for a four and six. Connolly had great timing in lofting and pulling Siraj for boundaries, before he reached his fifty in 42 balls. Though Owen, Xavier Bartlett and Mitchell Starc fell, Connolly hanged around to ensure Australia reached home and get the

Previously, India struggled after being put into batting first as Bartlett removed Shubman Gill and ViratKohli in the seventh over, leaving them at 17/2 in 6.5 overs. Rohit Sharma endured a scratchy start, including surviving a relentless seven-over spell from Josh Hazlewood, before anchoring the innings with 73 off 97 balls, laced with nine fours and two sixes.

ShreyasIyer complemented Rohit with a well-paced 61 off 77 balls, hitting seven boundaries, as the pair added 118 runs to stabilise the innings.

Though Adam Zampa took 4-60 and Bartlett ended with 3-39, even as Hazlewood conceded just 29 runs in ten overs, Axar, Rana and Arshdeep added valuable runs to push India to a competitive total.

Bartlett's double strike in the seventh over - Gill caught at mid-off, before trapping Kohli lbw for a duck the first instance of him bagging consecutive ODI ducks, meant India were in trouble early on. Rohit made 30 off just over 60 balls,

surviving Hazlewood's scorching spell, before finding rhythm.

Rohit later survived a run-out scare and gradually regained rhythm, while Iyer got going with a boundary through point. Rohit brought up his 59th ODI fifty off 74 balls, mixing caution with aggression, including two sixes off Mitchell Owen in a 17-run over.

Iyer also led the fightback with elegant strokes and his signature floppy hat to reach his 23rd fifty off 67 balls also his first half-century as a vicecaptain. Together, they steered India past 150, capitalising on Australia's

Just as India looked set for a strong finish, Starc dismissed Rohit for 73 with a short ball pulled straight to Hazlewood at fine leg. Iyer and Axar continued to find boundaries, before Zampa shortened his length and forced Iyer to drag a wide ball onto his stumps for 61 - his fourth time of dismissing the batter in ODIs.

Zampa struck again in the 37th over by castling KL Rahul for 11 with a slider. Axar timed his strokes well against Starc, while Bartlett had Sundar flicking to deep mid-wicket for 12. Axar fell six short of his fifty when he mistimed a lofted drive and Starc completed a stunning relay catch at long-off, giving Zampa his third wicket.

Four balls later, Zampa had Nitish Kumar Reddy stumped for eight, as India's finishing flourish looked in tatters. But late boundaries from Rana, including three off Zampa's final over, and Arshdeep's lofty hitting helped India cross the 260-mark, which wasn't adequate to avoid a series loss.

Brief Scores: India 264/9 in 50 overs (Rohit Sharma 73, ShreyasIyer 61; Adam Zampa 4-60, Xavier Bartlett 3-39) lost to Australia 265/8 in 46.2 overs (Matthew Short 74, Cooper Connolly 61 not out; Washington Sundar 2-37, Arshdeep Singh 2-41) by two wickets

Rohit Sharma's knock will give him great satisfaction, says AbhishekNayar

NEW DELHI : Former India assistant coach AbhishekNayar believes that Rohit Sharma's 73-run knock in the second ODI against Australia will give him a lot of satisfaction despite missing out on the century at Adelaide Oval on Thursday.

Rohit's return to international cricket in the series opener only yielded eight runs in Perth. The poor batting effort in the first ODI attracted a lot of backlash towards the former India captain. However, Rohit silenced his critics with a solid knock in the next match, along with ShreyasIyer's 61 and guided India to 264/9 in 50 overs. Although the result didn't go in the visitors' favour, but it will surely boost the morale of the opening batter.

Half-centuries from Matthew Short (74) and Cooper Connolly (61 not out) took the hosts over the line in 46.2 overs as Australia take a 2-0 unassailable lead in the three-match series

"As a player, you might forget some of your big hundreds or double centuries, but there are certain knocks that stay with you, especially the ones where you've had to fight hard. Rohit Sharma may not remember this innings for the runs he scored, but knowing him personally, he'll take great satisfaction from it. As a batter, when you make runs in tough conditions, it gives you a different kind of joy, much like a bowler getting wickets on a flat pitch," Nayar said on JioStar's 'Cricket Live'

"Rohit might be disappointed for not converting it into a big score, but deep down, he'll know he worked hard for every run today. His resilience stood out. That's what impressed me the most about this Indian team today: their resilience. Even when it looked like Australia would cruise to victory, they kept fighting. And Rohit embodied that spirit. Despite being constantly tested, whenever he got a loose delivery, he made the most of it. That intent, combined with grit, defined

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Parthiv Patel added that spinner KuldeepYadav will get a chance in India's playing XI for the third and final ODI of the series

"We will definitely see KuldeepYadav playing in the third ODI. As far as the combination is concerned, India will have to trust their top order, whether it's about performance or runs and stick with the right balance. There's no need for an extra cushion in batting. KuldeepYadav can provide those crucial wickets in the middle overs that India has been missing. If your top-order batters get out early, that's part of the game," he said

"You can't keep adding more batters to cover for that. The focus should be on playing the best combination to win. And on a lighter note, the support staff should make Captain Shubman Gill practice the coin toss while travelling to Sydney, because the toss has played a huge role so far. The ball swung a lot, just like it did in Perth. Even though Australia have sealed the series 2-0, I believe India has still played commendable cricket here, especially considering the limited preparation time they had," the former batter added.



Women's World Cup: Mandhana hammers 14th ton in ODIs, helps India to massive start against New Zealand

NAVI MUMBAI : Indian opener SmritiMandhana continued her sensational run-scoring spree in 2025, scoring a quick-fire century against New Zealand in Match 24 of the Women's ODI World Cup at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Thursday.

Mandhana reached her 14th career century off 88 balls, hammering 10 fours and three sixes, putting up another batting masterclass in a match that India need to win to qualify for the semifinals.

Mandhana, who had scored five centuries and an equal number of half-centuries so far this season, is the first batter in Women's ODIs to score 1000 or more runs in a calendar year. On Thursday, she started cau-

tiously before exploding into action with an array of shots all around the ground, blasting the New Zealand bowlers with ease. Mandhana also raised 212



runs for the first wicket partnership with PratikaRawal, the highest opening partnership ever for India in women's ODIs

This was their fourth 150-plus partnership . SmritiMandhana

PratikaRawal in ODIs, joint-most by any pair, alongside Belinda Clark-Lisa Keightley and Suzie Bates-Amy Satterthwaite. This was their seventh century stand for the opening wicket, joint-most for an Indian pair.

Mandhana put up a brilliant display of stroke-play, cutting, driving and pulling with ease as she dominated the bowling. She struck New Zealand skipper Sophie Devine for two boundaries in an over and was quite severe on Amelia Kerr, hammering her for a

the 29th over. Two of her four sixes came off Amelia Kerr, while Jess Kerr and Eden Carson accounted for the third and She was eventually out for 109 off 95 balls (10x4, 4x6), miscuing

four and six off successive balls in

a slog-sweep to substitute fielder Hannah Rowe at midwicket off Suzie Bates, a tired-looking shot that the fielder grasped on second attempt. During her sensational knock, Mandhana survived a scare, given lbw off Amelia Kerr in the 27th over when in the 70s, but the DRS saved her, showing that she had edged the ball into her pads. Mandhana is the leading run-scorer in this calendar year, having amassed 1259 runs in 20 innings of 20 matches so far in 2025. She is also the leading runscorer in the tournament (331 runs) with two half-centuries and

INTERNATIONAL **POLO CUP TROPHY UNVEILED AHEAD OF INDIA-ARGENTINA** CONTEST

NEW DELHI: The grandeur of polo and the international sporting community was highlighted as the Indian Polo Association (IPA) unveiled the Association (IFA) unvened the trophy for the International Polo Cup at the Army Equestrian Centre, Delhi Cantonment. The event featured the official presentation of Team India and Team Argentina. The afternoon's highlight was unveiling the beautiful International Polo Cup trophy, which symbolises the spirit of competition and the charged besitters and the shared heritage and camaraderie between India and Argentina- two nations united by their love of the sport of kings. Invited guests, dignitaries, and members of the press gathered to witness the official launch of one of the most anticipated events on the polo calendar. Team India fea-SimranShergill

Shamsheer SawaiPadmanabh Singh, and Siddhant Sharma. Facing them is Team Argentina, made up of Juan Augustin Garcia Grossi, Salvador Jauretche. Matias Bautista Espasandin, Nicolas CortiMaderna. Together, the

teams are set for a thrilling match filled with strategy, strength, and horsemanship. A panel discussion featured Kamlesh Sharma, Managing Director & Solutions; CEO of KogniVera IT Solutions; Naveen Jindal, Chairman of Jindal Steel & Dower; and Lt. General RajinderDewan, OMG of the Indian Army, along with members from both teams. The discussion emphasised the integration of heritage, technology, and sportsmanship, illustrating how such international events enhance India's visibility in the global polo scene. Speaking at the event, Kamlesh Sharma commented, "Polo is about more than goals; it's about connection, rhythm, and shared purpose. We apply the same philosophy to our work; combining skill, strategy, and commitment to achieve meaningful outcomes. The International Polo Cup brings together nations, traditions, and a shared love for excellence. Partnering with the Indian Polo Association allows us to honour these principles and celebrate the spirit of collaboration, perseverance, and dedication that polo so beautifully embodies." With the trophy displayed and teams marching forward, attention now focuses on the main event, promising



an impressive display of talent

and sportsmanship.

Head coach Alexandersson names 23-member India U20 women's squad for Kazakhstan friendlies Asian Cup for the first time in two NEW DELHI : India U20 women's

JoakimAlexandersson announced a 23-member squad to face Kazakhstan U19 in two friendly matches during the Women's International Match Window.

The matches will take place in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on October 25 and 28, and will be part of India's preparations for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup, scheduled for April 2026.

After a brief stay at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru, India women set off for Kazakhstan on the morning of October 23 and will arrive in

Shymkent in the evening.
India U20 women qualified for the Asian Cup for the first time in 20 years after defeating Myanmar in their last qualifying match in August. Meanwhile, Kazakhstan will utilise these fixtures to prepare for their upcoming UEFA Women's U19 Championship

Last month, AIFF announce a reward of USD 25,000 for the U20 Women's National Team following their outstanding performance, which secured India's qualificadecades. The last time India qualified for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup was back in 2006.

The India U20 women produced some fine performances, remaining undefeated in their Group D qualification campaign, where they played Indonesia (0-0), and Turkmenistan (7-0), before defeating hosts Myanmar (1-0) in front of a capacity crowd at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar, a campaign where they did not concede a single goal.

India U20 women's 23-member squad for Kazakhstan friend-

Goalkeepers: Melody ChanuKeisham, Monalisha Devi Moirangthem, RibansiJamu.

Defenders: AlinaChingakham, NishimaKumari, RemiThokchom, Shubbani, Singh, Thoibin Viksit Bara.

Midfielders: AnjuChanuKayenpaibam, Arina Devi Nameirakpam, Bhumika Khumukcham,

KhushbuSaroj, Neha, Pooja. rorwards: BabitaKumari, Deepika Pal, KaiolDoo-Lhingdoil: Lhingdeikim, ShiljiShaji, Sibani



Head coach:

JoakimAlexandersson Assistant coach: RutujaShinde Goalkeeping coach: Hameed

October 25: Kazakhstan U19 Women vs India U20 Women October 28: Kazakhstan U19 Women vs India U20 Women Venue: Shymkent, Kazakhstan

PVL 2025: Bengaluru Torpedoes brace for a high-voltage semi-final against Ahmedabad Defenders HYDERABAD : The Bengaluru place with 12 points, demonstrat-

Torpedoes are preparing for an exciting semi-final clash against the Ahmedabad Defenders at the Prime Volleyball League, set to take place at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on

The Torpedoes finished second in the standings with 14 points from seven matches, marking one of their most consistent seasons under head coach and two-time Olympic medallist David Lee. Meanwhile, Ahmedabad, the 2023 champions, closely trailed in third

ing resilience and experience to advance to the playoffs

Bengaluru's season has showcased stability and resilience. Attackers Jalen Penrose and Joel Benjamin have taken the lead offensively, while middle blockers MujeebMc and Jishnu PV have formed a solid defensive core, complemented by the dependable libero, Midhunkumar.

Head coach David Lee reflected on the campaign, expressing great pride in his team's develop-ment. "I'm pretty impressed with



how we played for the entire season. Even though we were kind of up against the wall most of the time, they fought back really well and showed they can still compete even when we're not at full ength," he said.
The Defenders will rely on star, strength," he said.

their Mongolian star, BatturBatsuuri, whose powerful hitting and versatile play have been crucial to their success this season. His synergy with experienced setter MuthusamyAppavu provides Ahmedabad with a dangerous attacking threat, particularly during transitions.

The team must have zero regrets when they leave, that's all I can ask for. We're going to try to prepare as well as we can for the Defenders. But if we come out and fight like we've done all season, we can be satisfied. As long as they have that mentality, I will leave everything on the floor for this team tomorrow. That's all I'm looking for," David added.

With both teams in excellent form, Friday's match is set to be a fierce battle as the sides look to seal a spot in the PVL 2025 final.