

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 of Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj, founder of 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 Manmathpur 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 to 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 Swami Pranabanandaji 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, identified 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 shopping 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 her mental distress. After an intensive two-day search operation involving disaster response teams, speedboats, and 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 the family's allegations. Speaking to reporters, Manami's relatives said she had been subjected to persistent humiliation and harassment at her workplace. "She was mentally broken. This 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, the 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 Kalyani Shyamaprasad 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 Wednesday night.



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 Kalyani JNM Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Biswas stated that the CAA Help Centre at the office had been inaugurated by 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.

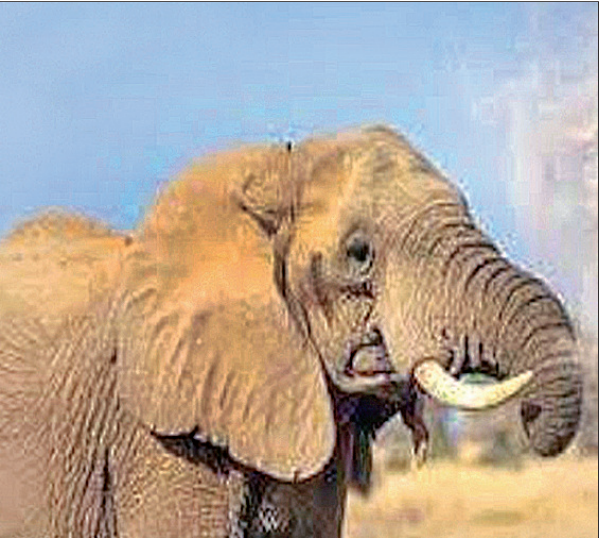
Chaos at health centre: Nurse assaulted by drunken attacker



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.

Rampaging elephant kills three, including child



MI News Service, Alipurdwar: A wave of terror swept through Alipurdwar's Madaihat region after a wild elephant went on a rampage, killing three people including a one-and-a-half-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 on 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 or another elephant stormed into the village. The animal reportedly grabbed both mother and child with its trunk and flung 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.

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 to 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 Service, South 24 Parganas: A Kali puja celebration 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. Eyewitnesses 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 celebrated 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-and-found help, and public assistance.

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 modern twist.

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 hand over his phone." Local residents gathered swiftly at the scene and detained the man before alerting the Titagarh police, who arrived to defuse the situation. Despite the accused's initial 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 predatory behavior.

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 I celebrate 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 firecrackers.

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 said.

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 said.

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 said.

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 NPCI 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



MI News Service, 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

MI News Service, 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



will need to be procured from outside the state. Experts had proposed replacing it with the monocled cobra, but doing so would alter the formulation and require a new round of clinical trials lasting seven to eight years. To avoid further delay, the Health Department has retained the existing composition.

According to Dr.SneenduKonar 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 by 2027.

At present, only four companies in India manufacture AVS. Of these, two have now received Bengal's approval.

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.Somnath Das of BankuraSammlani Medical College said, "The AVS made from Tamil Nadu's venom often fails against Bengal's Russell's viper bites."

After nearly 20 years since Bengal Chemical 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

MI News Service, 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 the blaze.

According to sources, the fire started inside the printing press on the ground floor and quickly spread due to the presence of flammable materials. The area, 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 have been reported so far.

Personnel from Amherst Street Police Station were also present at the site to assist with crowd control and safety measures. Preliminary reports suggest an electrical short circuit could be the cause, though an official investigation is underway.

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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rest." Gehlot told reporters on Wednesday after meeting Lalu Prasad Yadav and his son Tejashwi.

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 Tejashwi 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 a message of unity among the opposition bloc today.

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-

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 year.

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 recall-

ing 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 consideration."

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 Uttar 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 linking Kolkata with Delhi.

INDIA bloc names Tejashwi Yadav as Bihar CM

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Sahani and other leaders of the alliance. Bihar Congress-in-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 later," 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 CPI.

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 then..."



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

MI News Service, Kolkata: 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 came 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. This is the true spirit of Bengal's culture," the Mayor said. "Those who disrespect women are not human. They should be socially ostracized. 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 to stand united against such behavior."

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, Joy nagar, New Town, and Joka, drawing widespread 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 across Bengal.

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 "voter 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 Bengal 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 alike.

TMC Slams Centre for Denying Flood Relief to Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool 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 me-



dia, "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 reactions.

Name Change
I, Mahesh Tanwani (old name) S/o 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 Mahesh Kumar Tanwani (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 17/10/2025. Mahesh Kumar Tanwani (new name) and Mahesh Tanwani (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Keshri Chand Sukhani (old name) S/o Mammall 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 as Keshari Chand Sukhani (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 17/10/2025. Keshari Chand Sukhani (new name) and Keshri Chand Sukhani (old name) both are same and identical person.

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

Name Change
I, Mahedur Molla (Old Name), Son Of Abdul Hussain Molla, Residing At Koria Dakshin Para, Po-Bainam, Ps-Bagnan, Howrah-711308, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahidur Rahaman Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/10/2025. Mahedur Molla And Mahidur Rahaman Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rojina Mudi, wife of Abdul Jabbar Mudi, residing at Village - Ishwaripur, PO - Suryapur, PIN - 700121, would like to state the following: That in the birth certificate of my younger son Sumit Mudi, Date of Birth - 01.11.2010, Registration No. - WB_RR_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 Rojina Mudi and Rojina Khatun refer to the same person.

Name Change
I, Sara Bano (old name) wife of Late Md. Yakub, residing at 30, Madan Mohan Burman street, PS - 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.

Name Change
I, Sanjib Kr Bhattacharya (Old Name) S/o A L Bhattacharya Residing at 135/8, Diamond Harbour Road, Po - Thakurpukur, Ps - 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, Po - Thakurpukur, Ps - 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 Bhattacharjee (Old Name) and Suman Bhattacharya (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chandrawati Shaw (Old Name) W/o Late Durga Prasad Shaw Residing at 2432C/10/6, APC Road, Po - Beadon Street, Ps - Burtala, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700006, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be 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.

Name Change
I, Md Obaidulla Fokir (Old Name) S/o Samsuddin Fakir Residing at Vill - Gokarnee, Ps - 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 Notary 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 identical person.

Name Change
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.

NAME CHANGE
I, Priyanka Gupta, D/o Sri Nanda Das, R/o- 46/7, Ramkrishna Nagar, P.O.- Paschim Barisha, P.S- Thakurpukur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700064 has changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court (No-2474) 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 Kaulitya 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 the 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-

tion. “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 owner Meta 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 Jony 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 company approached Google to jointly develop the project, codenamed

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 passengers.

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–Patna Jn. 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:



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) | Departure: 23:10 hrs

7. Train No. 03003 – Bardhaman–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.

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 strictly punishable offences under the Railways Act, 1989.

The move comes in response to a disturbing trend where 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 Police (GRP) have been directed to adopt a “Zero Tolerance” policy 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 Railways Act, 1989, with imprisonment and imposition of fines.

ECoR appeals to all citizens, particularly students and teenagers, to understand and follow the safety guidelines, emphasizing 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 distances quicker than they appear. People should avoid performing 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. Boarding or deboarding from a running train is also a punishable offence. 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 announcements, digital media messages, and physical patrolling to prevent further unfortunate incidents. The Railway urges everyone to prioritize safety over social media stunts.

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.

Train Regulation For Safety Work in Khurda Road Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25 : For the smooth and safe execution of work related to the conversion of Ghanatpara 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 October 2025.

Diversion of Trains:
The following trains will be diverted via

Angul–Talcher Road–Budhapank bypassing Talcher station during the block period:

● 20862 Ahmedabad–Puri Express on 24th October 2025.
● 18422 Santragachi–Puri Express on 24th October 2025.
● 20831 Shalimar–Sambalpur Express on 24th & 27th October 2025.
● 20807 Visakhapatnam–Amritsar Express on 24th & 25th October 2025.
● 20808 Amritsar–Visakhapatnam Express 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



safety of all depends on calm and organized 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 manner.

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

MI News Service, 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 Jaisalmer.



In cases where an RFP 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.

accountability in procurement.

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.

for a value up to Rs 50 lakh, and beyond that, in exceptional cases.

In this revised manual, the condition for obtaining a 'No objection certificate' from the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board before procuring from other sources has been dispensed with. The revised manual enables making an upfront provision for 15 per cent growth in work for Repairs/Refits of ships & Repair/Overhauling of Aviation equipment.

This will help reduce downtime and ensure the platforms' operational readiness. The provisions related to procurement on a PAC basis (Proprietary Article Certificate) have been redefined, maintaining their initial validity of two years.

All Request For Proposals (RFPs) to be issued after November 1 will be governed by the provisions of DPM 2025. All cases where an RFP has already been issued/will be issued up to October 31 will continue to be governed by the provisions of DPM 2009, as amended up to date.

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

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

MI News Service, 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 the past."

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 asphaltting 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-

ment.

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

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

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

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 distressing is the indifference of the State authorities

despite repeated appeals, complaints, and growing public concern. This silence 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, had already been cancelled twice earlier, leaving lakhs

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 certificate verification.

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

MI News Service, 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 registration of home stay units

within ten days, and also directed them to issue tenders for hiring competent software firms for the preparation of user-friendly online portals across all departments.

The Chief Minister said that it should be ensured that payments in all the HPTDC hotels, GAD guest houses and rest houses of various departments, including food bills payments, are made online.

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

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 Minister.

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.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For and on behalf of President of India, the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), S.E. Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-tenders for the following work before 12:00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items. **Sl. 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. **Tender 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 Sri. No. (i) & Sri. 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 full details, description and specification 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 tenders. (PR-756)

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

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 manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions please refer to website. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On ; Tender Cost** are as follows: [311]; 14252970B; Rubber Gasket For Assembly of OCB and OCR To DRG/Spec.No. CLW/ES/3/0667, Alt.2 [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 06/11/2025; ₹ 0.00. [312]; 14252596; (1) Illuminated Push Button-1 To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0072/L, (2) Illuminated Push Button-2 To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0072/L, (3) Illuminated Push Button Emergency Flasher Light To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0072/L, (4) Illuminated Push Button Configuration in SBI To Drg./Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0072 /L, (5) Illuminated Push Button Constant Speed Control To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0072/L, (6) Illuminated Push Button For Failure Acknowledge To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0072/L [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 06/11/2025; ₹ 0.00. [313]; 14252508D; Scavenger Blower To TM/OIL COOLING Unit Including Motor (Wound With Corona Resistance Wire) To Spec./Drg. No. (1) CLW/ES/3/0021/H & (2) SPEC/E-10/3/09 (Motor) With Amendment Nos. 01 To 06; **As Per Tender/Document;** 14/11/2025; ₹ 0.00. [314]; 14252663; (1) Set Of Bracket For WAG-9HC Loco For Panel Section To Drg./Specn. No. CLW/ ES/3/0121/H (set details attached), (2) Set Of Bracket For WAG-9HC Loco For Non Panel Section To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0121/H (set details attached) (3) Set Of Brackets (Consisting Of 8 Items) For Dankuni To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0121/H (set details attached) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 07/11/2025; ₹ 0.00.

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'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."

officer Y Puran Kumar and 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 misquoted.

"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 commitment to Baba Saheb's thoughts

and ideals and strongly condemn such statements."



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

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(iii) CIL e- Procurement Portal: www.coalindiataenders.nic.in

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

(By Order)
ECL

CBC-04106/12/0056/2526.

TENDER NOTICE

(under the Guidelines for Development of Waqf Property, 2017)
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, Hooghly.

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

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 Waqf 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	Bardhaman 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:** Mail/Express. **Chief Passenger Transportation Manager**

EASTERN RAILWAY

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-II); **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 Principal 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**

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Eastern Coalfield Limited, Kunustoria Area
PO: Toposi, Dist. : Paschim Bardhaman, 713362(WB)
Ref No.ECL/GM-KNT/Land/2025-26/087 Date:-11-08-2025

Notice

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: <https://www.easterncoal.nic.in/notices/imnoticeheader.aspx>

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Ref no.ECL/GM-KNT/Land/2025-26/089 Date:-11-08-2025

Notice

ECL is in the process of acquisition of land for its Parasea Belbaid Re-organization 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/imnoticeheader.aspx>

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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") via an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFAFC (JM) (herein referred as Assignee). 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). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (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 Measuring Super Built Up Area More or Less 670 Sq. Ft., Premises No-39, J.L. No. 13, Ward No. 123, Raja Rammoah Roy Road, PS-Thakurpukur, Kolkata West Bengal In 700088
(LC No. 13700005359 of Kolkata- Shakespeare Sarani Branch) Ruhul Amin Gazi (Borrower) Tuhinia 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 Primeses No.-18 Canal Street Sreebhum, Ward No. 34, P.S. Lake Town, Dist.- North 24 Pgs Kolkata West Bengal In 700048

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured assets 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/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 24-10-2025
Place: West Bengal

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

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

In the wake of zoonotic disease 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

farmer's ID, creating a centralised database to track individual animals, their movements and health records.

The digital infrastructure will also enable data-driven decision-making, providing insights into disease patterns, animal movements and market trends.

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 creation.

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.

"An 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 acids and directing communica-

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 how memories are formed.

"Our findings indicate that manipulating 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 Scripps Research Institute and the Baylor College of Medicine.

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 brain

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-

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 oil-rich 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 high-fat 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."

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



Washington DC [US] : According to a study published in the 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 the 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, according 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.

Study suggests weight loss surgery can be more successful in controlling hypertension rates

Los Angeles [US] : Bariatric surgery is 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 Cardiology.

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 medical 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 years, 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 medical therapy.

Hypertension remission, defined as controlled 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.

USA slaps sanctions on Russia’s top oil firms

MI News Service, Washington: 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 training exercise involving 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.

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 approach 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.

"Now is the time to stop the killing and for an immediate ceasefire," U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said.

In a fresh show of force, the Kremlin released video showing General Valery Gerasimov, head of the General Staff, reporting to Putin on the drills. Russia said it fired missiles from ground launchers, submarines and aircraft, including intercontinental ballistic weapons capable of striking the United States.

Russia's Defence Ministry said its long-range Tu-22M3 strategic bombers flew over the Baltic Sea, escorted at various points by fighter jets from foreign - presumably NATO - states.

At key moments in the war in Ukraine, Putin has issued reminders of Russia's nuclear might as a warning to Kyiv and its Western allies. NATO has also been conducting nuclear deterrence 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 Wednesday.

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 tar-

gets inside Russia. In a social media post, Trump denied the report.

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 full-scale 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 Zelenskyy 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

Trump and that the U.S. 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.

USA mulls limits on US software-powered exports to China

MI News Service, Washington: The Trump administration 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 on 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

on China's US-bound shipments, along with new export 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 extended losses on the news, with the S&P 500 down 0.8 per cent and the Nasdaq 1.3 per cent lower before paring their losses. The White House de-

clined to comment. The Commerce Department, 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 the 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.

Govt committed to hold Mar 5 poll: Nepal PM Karki

MI News Service, Kathmandu: 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 manner.

"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 issues.

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 programme. Apart from this many Ulemas, Mashayekhs, and Islamic scholars across the state were present at the said programme. In today's Islamic society lots of controversy have arisen 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

for greater Islamic unity. 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-reliant in all aspects.

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 celebrate. These initiatives contribute to a sense of national unity and celebration during Chhath Puja. Keeping in the view to clear extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to run one unreserved special train between Howrah & Gorakhpur.

03047 Howrah - Gorakhpur unreserved Chhath special 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 will stop at Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasiidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Sivan 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, pickpocketing, 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 potential stampede situations.

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

MI News Service, Kolkata, 23 Oct.25 :For the convenience 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 and efficient transportation options. 03183 Sealdah - Jaynagar Unreserved Special will leave Sealdah at

17:00 hrs. on 24.10.2025 to reach Jaynagar at 07:00 hrs. on the next day and in 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, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasiidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Madhubani stations enroute in both the directions.

Israel must allow UN aid to Gaza: ICJ



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.

"As an occupying power, Israel is obliged to ensure the basic needs of the local population, including the supplies essential for their survival," presiding judge Yuji Iwawata 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.

In a message on social media platform X, Israel's foreign ministry said it categorically rejected the court's findings and added "Israel fully upholds its obligations under international law". Israel banned UNRWA from operating in Gaza last year, claiming that some of its employees were members of militant group Hamas, or other affiliated associations.

The ministry on Wednesday repeated 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

UNRWA employees are Hamas members. In April this year lawyers for the United Nations and Palestinian representatives at the ICJ accused Israel of breaking international law by refusing to let aid into Gaza between March and May. Since then some humanitarian aid has been allowed in but UN officials say the relief is nowhere near what is needed to ease a humanitarian disaster.

The 20-point ceasefire 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 aid restriction was to put pressure on the militant group.

The UN said in August last year that nine UNRWA staff may have been involved in Hamas's October 7, 2023 assault on Israel and had been fired. Another Hamas commander, confirmed by UNRWA as one of its employees, was killed in Gaza in October 2024, according to Israel. In an earlier 2024 advisory opinion, the ICJ found that Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and should end immediately.

The court also said that Israel had human rights obligations to the Palestinians because of its position as an occupying power.

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BANGLADESH tribunal jails 15 Army officers

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 ordered 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 Mojmunder, also ordered the arrest of "fugitive" former premier Hasina and other absconding accused and produce them before the court. Earlier in the day,



prison authorities brought the 15 officers in a green-coloured bus under tight security from Dhaka Cantonment, where they had been kept under military custody since arrest warrants were issued on October 8.

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 under prison authority supervision.

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.

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 reporters.

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-

tween Trump and Putin.

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

continuing and that he did not see any "major obstacles."

He declined to confirm reports 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.

