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3 arrested with illegal firearms, ammunitions seized in two different cases in Nadia

MI News Service, Kalyani: In two separate nocturnal operations in Nadia district, police from Hanskhali and Haringhata police stations arrested three persons allegedly in possession of illegal firearms and live ammunitions. The recoveries were made during swift action based on source information, police said.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Hanskhali Police Station intercepted two suspects, Shubhajit Sarkar alias Vicky, a resident of Bagula College Para, and Laitu Sarkar of Bagula Durgapur, both under Hanskhali PS limits, at Bagula Rail Colony on Thursday night.

During a frisking operation, officers recovered one improvised country-made 7 mm pistol along with one live round of 7 mm ammunition from their exclusive possession. Both accused were immediately taken into custody, and the firearm and ammunition were seized following due legal procedure.

Police sources confirmed that a specific case



has been registered at Hanskhali PS under relevant sections of the Arms Act. The arrested individuals were produced before the Learned Court on Friday with a prayer for police remand to facilitate further investigation into the source and intended use of the weapon.

In a separate operation on October 23, Haringhata Police acted upon intelligence inputs about a suspicious individual brandishing a weapon near a Hote at Birohi, under Haringhata PS jurisdiction in Nadia.

The police team raided

the spot and apprehended Mahida Siddharthsinh Vikramsinh (31 years), a resident of Jiraj Park, Vejalpur, under Vasna PS, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Upon search, he was found in exclusive possession of one improvised firearm and two 7 mm live cartridges.

A specific case was initiated at Haringhata PS, and the accused was arrested and produced before the Court with a prayer for police custody. The investigation is continuing to determine possible interstate links and the source of the seized arms and ammunition.



The 'Chhath Puja' marketing is in full swing in Kolkata on Friday.

Melodic Tribute to Ashoktaru at EZCC

MI News Service, Kolkata: It was not any special full-moon night of the month of Asadh. Yet, when one nurtures deep reverence for one's Guru in the heart, even an autumn evening can be transformed into a fitting occasion for Guru Puja. This was beautifully demonstrated by Chandra Mahalanobis, the accomplished disciple of eminent musician Ashoktaru Bandyopadhyay. To mark the 96th birth anniversary of Guru Ashoktaru, her organisation Noni Gourika organised a cultural tribute at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre. Speakers Ashish Giri and Ramranjan Das Ray reflected on Ashoktaru's invaluable contribution to All India Radio and his lifelong dedication to the teaching and propagation of Rabindrasangeet. Artists and disciples Agnibha Bandyopadhyay, Alok Raychowdhury, Brahmaresh Chattopadhyay, Gopal Patra, Tapas Nag, Swapan Sen,



Kalyan Mahalanobis, and Banshibadan Chattopadhyay shared their memories of the maestro—from his effortless mastery across diverse forms of Rabindrasangeet to their personal experiences of his warmth in India and abroad, as speculated by Tapash Roy.

The musical performances by Agnibha Bandyopadhyay, Alok Raychowdhury, Ashok Ghosh, Chandra Mahalanobis, Dr. Ananyabrata Das,

Dr. Angshu Sen, Mala Patra, Suchin Singha, Sandeep Das, Dr. Deepa Das, Basabi Bagchi, Shyamali Majumder, along with the young artistes Soujatyo Barua and Riyan Das, lent the evening a soulful charm. Rina Giri, Dipanwita Sen, Parmita Samaddar and Sunanda Sanyal recited poetry, while Dr. Lalita Ghosh and Angana Mondal enhanced the programme through graceful dance performances. Adding a special touch to the tribute, students of Narayandas Bangur Memorial Multipurpose School staged Rabindranath Tagore's play, Guru, under the direction of Debashish Majumdar of Shudrak Natyagosthi, assisted by Sanjay Barua. Collective presentations by groups such as Rabi O Kobi, Batayanik, Madhya Kolkata Cultural Angan, Surangama Kalakendra, and Tarushruti enriched the cultural homage, which was elegantly compered by Chaitali Mallik.

APAS projects to boost local infra

MI News Service, Alipurduar: Alipurduar district administration has taken up the task to initiate around 3,000 community-driven infrastructural projects in the district.

R. Vimala, the district magistrate, laid the foundation stone for the first project finalised on the basis of the proposals received during the "Amader Para Amader Samadhan" (APAS) campaign on Tuesday.

The project, which involves the construction of a small culvert, will be carried out in the Kumargramduar block of the district.

Launched to address local infrastructure needs through citizen participation, the "Amader Para Amader Samadhan" scheme has seen a massive public response, with over 20,000 project proposals submitted by residents in the district.

Out of these, the process of tenders for around 3,000 projects has been completed in the district, said administrative sources.

"Yesterday (on Tuesday),

we laid the foundation stone of the first project under the APAS scheme. It is a small culvert. Most of the approved projects are concentrated in the Kumargramduar region," said Vimala.

She further said that following chief minister Mamata Banerjee's recent instructions during a review meeting in Nilpara, the flood-affected residents have also been included in the ongoing government camps.

"We are compiling a list of those who have lost valuable documents, ensuring no one is left out," the district magistrate added.

Earlier, the police and district administration had jointly organised special camps to issue duplicate copies of documents lost during the recent floods.

Under the scheme, each sanctioned project must not exceed a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs. Among the projects that have been identified are the construction of small culverts, installation of solar street lights, covered

drainage systems, minor repairs of local schools and ICDS centres, and road repairs.

A section of residents, however, has submitted proposals that exceed the budget limit. "We have taken due note of such proposals and have kept those for future consideration," said an official.

Sources said that the state government is aiming to complete all projects sanctioned through APAS by December 31 this year, that is, well ahead of the next year's Assembly elections.

The accelerated implementation is expected to benefit Trinamool, the ruling party, during the upcoming polls.

In parallel, a detailed survey of flood-damaged houses is underway in the district.

Once completed, proposals for reconstruction assistance will be sent to the state government for funding, thus enabling the affected residents to begin rebuilding their homes, said a source.

MI News Service, South 24 Parganas: The arrest of Haldar, 25, a resident of Uttar Chandrapur village in the Harwood Coastal point area of Kakdwip, has embarrassed the Bengal BJP, which on Wednesday had taken to social media handles and accused members of a particular community of desecrating the idol.

Tension began to simmer in Kakdwip, South 24-Parganas, two days after the alleged desecration of an idol of goddess Kali, as police arrested a villager, Narayan Haldar, for the act.

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Taking to his X handle to describe the desecration, leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari on Wednesday wrote: "...Jehadis chopped off the head of Maa Kali and went off."

The desecration, which occurred at a temple under

Suryanagar Gram Panchayat on Wednesday morning, triggered widespread anger among locals. Villagers placed the damaged idol on NH12, blocking the highway.

Police officers tried to persuade the crowd to lift the blockade and to protect the sanctity of the deity, but repeated appeals failed. As tempers flared, a section of protesters began pelting stones, forcing the police to use mild force to disperse them and clear the road for ambulances and stranded vehicles.

A police officer said in face of protest, the idol was put inside a police van, which drew criticism from Adhikari. "In the end, Mamata Bandyopadhyay's police took away Maa Kali in a prison van," Adhikari wrote on X handle.

After the police managed to disperse protesters, they took the idol for immersion in the police van. The police later lodged two separate cases — one related to the desecration of the idol and another for obstruction on the highway.

On Thursday, Koteswara Rao, superintendent of police, Sundarbans police district, briefed reporters about



Haldar's arrest.

Acting on local intelligence inputs, police soon identified Haldar as the person responsible for the desecration.

"A team was sent to the area, and Narayan Haldar was arrested. During interrogation, he confessed to his crime and apologised for his actions. He was found to be in an inebriated state at the time of the incident," the SP said, repeating that "the

sanctity of Maa Kali is of utmost importance to us."

However, BJP leaders questioned the police version. BJP leader Rahul Sinha said: "Investigation is still underway and the police have made the arrested person a scapegoat. The desecration has been done by Trinamool supporters."

The police have maintained that there was no communal angle and de-

scribed the incident as an individual's act of vandalism committed under the influence of alcohol.

Additional forces have been deployed in the area to maintain peace and prevent any further disturbance.

Trinamool leader Kunal Ghosh attacked the BJP for trying to communalise and vitiate the atmosphere.

"BJP leaders tried to communalise the heinous act of desecration of the idol. I have heard that the person who has been arrested is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha."

Taking to his social media handle, CPM leader Srijan Bhattacharya also attacked the BJP on the Kakdwip issue.

Noting the arrest of Haldar for the desecration of the idol of goddess Kali, Bhattacharya listed several instances when the BJP tried to allude such attacks on Hindu religious entities to a particular community "with the obvious intent to trigger riots".

"This is why we ask people to be cautious of the BJP. Hope, Hindu brothers and sisters will understand," Bhattacharya wrote.

Over 100 Voter Cards Recovered from Vagabond's Bag in Kalyani; Police Probe Underway

MI News Service, Kalyani: In a bizarre incident that has triggered widespread curiosity and concern, Kalyani police recovered over a hundred voter ID cards from a homeless man in Nadia district on Friday morning.

According to police sources, the incident took place in Ward No. 7, Majher Char area of Kalyani. Locals spotted a suspicious man loitering in the area and confronted him. On searching his bag, they discovered a large number of voter ID cards, following which he was detained and handed over to police.

The man, identified as Uttam Prasad, a resident of Hindmotor in Hooghly district, reportedly told police that he had found the cards lying under grass near the roadside while visiting his sister in Kalyani.

He claimed to have picked them up out of curiosity and kept them in his bag.

Preliminary investigation revealed that around 100 voter ID cards were recovered, including three from Assam and the rest from various wards in Kalyani. Police are now verifying



whether the cards are genuine or counterfeit.

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how such documents were found discarded in the open.

Political reactions followed swiftly. BJP MLA Ambika Roy alleged, "Nearly a thousand voter cards have been recovered. These could have been used for fake voting during elections. With SIR-related discussions gaining momentum, someone might have panicked and dumped them."

TMC leader Biplab De Sajal, however, dismissed the allegations, saying, "No worker from our party is involved in this. Those who are creating confusion over CAA and NRC are behind such drama to disturb peace in Kalyani."

Police sources confirmed that the investigation is ongoing to establish whether the recovered voter IDs were lost, stolen, or part of a larger racket.

Ponzi scam: BJP demands ED probe

MI News Service, Asansol: The scam reportedly came to light after hundreds of depositors demonstrated in front of the house of Tahsin Ahmad, son of former Trinamool minority cell leader Shakil Ahmad, at Jahangir Colony in Asansol.

The son of a former Trinamool Congress minority cell leader from Asansol has been accused of luring thousands of investors with the promise of unusually high returns on their cash deposits and swindling them of "crores".

The scam reportedly came to light after hundreds of depositors demonstrated in front of the house of Tahsin Ahmad, son of former Trinamool minority cell leader Shakil Ahmad, at Jahangir Colony in Asansol on Wednesday. Some also lodged police complaints.

BJP leader Amit Malviya and leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari highlighted the incident in their social media handles accusing Trinamool of looting the money from over 3,000 innocent people. Adhikari also demanded a probe by the Enforcement Directorate, immediate arrest of Tahsin and full repayment of the money to the victims.

Adhikari alleged on X that Tahsin collected over ₹350 crore from people over the past 20 months through his unlicensed Ponzi company by promising them 14 per cent return against their deposit and later closed down his office on October 15 without repaying the money.

As per complaints, Tahsin promised investors hefty monthly interest in exchange for investments in his ventures. Initially, participants received some returns, but payments allegedly stopped after a few months, triggering widespread protests.

Angry depositors staged a demonstration outside Tahsin's residence in Asansol, demanding their money back. Some investors have alleged that the scam

could be worth as much as ₹450 crore. The police were also unable to confirm the amount of the alleged scam.

Trinamool denied any association with Tahsin.

"We have heard about an incident of money laundering by Tahsin Ahmad. Some investors have lodged police complaints against him and the law will take its own course. But the BJP is trying to link the incident with our party. This is baseless. We don't know Tahsin Ahmad. He has no link with Trinamool Congress. His father was once our party's minority cell leader but now he has no portfolio," said Animesh Das, a Trinamool block president in Asansol.

A retired BSF officer, who claims to be among the victims, said: "I initially invested ₹3 lakh and received good returns. Later, I put in ₹41 lakh in total, but now neither my money nor interest is coming."

One of the depositors, Mousumi Dutta, who lodged

a police complaint, said Tahsin used to take money from investors in the name of trading.

"I invested ₹19 lakh in his company in phases since May 2024. He paid me interest till February this year but after that he stopped," said Dutta.

The complainants said Tahsin gave them time till October to refund their money. "But when I, along with some investors, went to his house on October 18, Tahsin refused to return our money and misbehaved with us. He forced us to leave," said Dutta.

Tahsin and his father Shakil were not found at their Asansol residence.

Police said they have received complaints and have started a probe.

In a social media post, which is not verified, on October 20, Tahsin admitted collecting money and "apologised" for not repaying the amount to the depositors.

CPIM's 'BHAJ PHOTA' delivers message of unity

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: The Jalpaiguri district CPM took the initiative to celebrate Bhai Phota or Bhratrati Dwitiya on Thursday in a flood-hit area in Dhupguri block, spending the day with flood victims.

In the Gadhearkuthi panchayat area of Dhupguri block, which was ravaged by the devastating floods of October 5, many residents are still homeless and struggling to rebuild their lives. Amid such adversity, the initiative was taken by the CPM under the banner of "Amader Rannaghor", a community kitchen that the party has been running for the flood victims.

The residents of Hoglartari village, most of whom have lost their homes, congregated at the event. Bhai Phota was organised for



people of all communities, cutting across caste and religious lines.

"Bhai Phota is not merely a festival of blood relations — it is now a symbol of human connection. The true reflection of harmony is when people stand beside one another in times of crisis. Our event was to

disseminate the message of humanity that is beyond caste and religion," said Pijush Mishra, the Jalpaiguri district CPM secretary who was present at the function.

As part of the occasion, "Amader Rannaghor" also hosted a community lunch for around 500 people.

In Cooch Behar, a festival

with a twist was witnessed on the bank of the Sagarighi on Thursday. On Bhai Phota, brothers who applied the ritual mark on their sisters' foreheads.

The unique event, titled "Bon Phota Utsav", was held by a local voluntary organisation named "Notun Suryodoy (New Sunrise)", on the western bank of the Sagarighi in front of the district magistrate's office.

Since afternoon, the area was crowded with women — from passers-by to police personnel, students to working professionals — all of whom became "sisters" for the day.

Members of the organisation stepped forward to apply sandalwood paste "phota" on their foreheads and greeted them with sweets.



Congress protesters gathered outside SSKM Hospital on Friday, demanding justice and stricter security measures for women after the recent alleged molestation incident inside the hospital premises, in Kolkata.



SUCI(C) activists staged a protest at the Superintendent's office and Police Outpost at SSKM Hospital on Friday, condemning the abuse of minors and demanding safety for doctors, nurses, and patients at hospitals, in Kolkata on Friday.

Guv Summons Six Prospective V-Cs to Raj Bhavan

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Governor and Chancellor of State Universities, C.V. Ananda Bose, has summoned six prospective vice-chancellors to Raj Bhavan on October 27 at 5 p.m. The meeting has triggered intense speculation that the Governor may hand over their formal appointment letters during the session. These six candidates have been shortlisted for appointment as permanent vice-chancellors of different state universities, but none of them has yet received their appointment letters. The move comes amid a prolonged standoff between Raj Bhavan and the state government over the process of university appointments. Recently, a Supreme Court-appointed committee had finalized the names of eight candidates to serve as permanent vice-chancellors in various state universities. However, Governor Bose raised objections to two of the names — Arnab Sen, nominated for Raiganj University, and Om Prakash Mishra, selected for the University of North Bengal. Despite these objections, the Governor approved the remaining six names, paving the way for their appointments. As per the committee's recommendations, Professor Ashutosh Ghosh is set to be appointed as the permanent Vice-

Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, while Professor Chiranjib Bhattacharya from the Department of Chemical Engineering will take charge at Jadavpur University. Professor Ashis Bhattacharya has been selected for GourBangla University, Professor UdayBand opadhyay for KaziNazrul University, Professor Chandradeepa Ghosh for Sadhu Ramchand University, and Professor Abu Taleb for Biswa Bangla University. All six of these selected candidates have been invited to Raj Bhavan on Monday. Notably, Om Prakash Mishra and Arnab Sen, whose names were contested by the Governor, have not been called. For several months, most state universities in West Bengal have been functioning without permanent vice-chancellors, with interim arrangements in place. The Governor's latest move has therefore drawn attention and speculation that the long-awaited appointments might finally be formalized. Political observers suggest that if the appointment letters are indeed issued on Monday, it could mark a turning point in the ongoing tussle between the state government and Raj Bhavan over control of university administration. All eyes are now on Monday evening, when the Governor's next move will be revealed.

West Bengal Gears Up for Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Election Commission has issued directives to all district authorities to prepare for the imminent launch of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Following a recent meeting with the National Election Commission, the state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has urged district officials to complete all pending tasks and begin preparations immediately. Started Friday, the CEO's office will remain operational 24 hours a day to manage the SIR process efficiently. All personnel involved in the SIR exercise are required to be present at their offices at all times. District Election Officers (DEOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) must establish help desks in their offices to assist citizens with SIR-related activities. Once the SIR is officially announced, an all-party meeting will be convened at the state level, followed by similar meetings in each district, organized by the respective District Magistrates. Discussions and decisions from these meetings are to be promptly shared with the Election Commission. Special provisions have been outlined for migrant workers during the SIR process. Urban help desks will be set up to facilitate registration and related services for migrant laborers and other workers coming from different states. Additionally, each district is required to form teams responsible for translating materials into Bengali to ensure accessibility for local residents. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will receive a seven-day window for training immediately after the SIR announcement. Continuous coordination will be maintained between Additional Chief Electoral Officers and district election officials, while Joint Electoral Officers will liaise with Electoral Registration Officers to monitor progress and resolve any issues.

Voting for four Rajya Sabha seats in J-K
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Oberoi and 28 to Dar, matching the BJP's total of 28. Unless cross-voting occurs within the ruling bloc, analysts say the BJP's chances of clinching a seat remain slim. Polling will continue until 4 pm, with results expected by the evening. The election is seen as a crucial moment for Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape, restoring its representation in the Rajya Sabha after years of constitutional and administrative transitions since 2019.

State Health Dept Seeks Detailed Report on SSKM Incident

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Health Department has called for a detailed report from SSKM Hospital following the alleged molestation of a 15-year-old girl inside the hospital premises. Concerns have been raised over how the accused managed to access the Trauma Care Unit and carry out the act. The department has asked the hospital's Medical Superintendent-cum-Vice Principal (MSVP) to submit a comprehensive report within 72 hours. According to sources, the minor had visited SSKM Hospital on Wednesday along with her family. It is alleged that Amit Mallick, a temporary employee of NRS Medical College and Hospital, took the girl into the washroom of the Trauma Care Unit and molested her. The incident came to light after a doctor lodged a formal complaint with the police, following which Mallick was arrested. A case has been registered against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Investigations revealed that the accused had previously worked at SSKM Hospital and was reportedly familiar with its layout and departments. Some hospital staff claimed that Amit used to be seen in

the cardiology department and was involved in mediating or "dalali" activities, acting as an intermediary to help patients gain appointments or access to services. On the day of the incident, he allegedly posed as a doctor to gain the trust of the minor before taking her to the Trauma Care Unit washroom, where the alleged assault occurred. The incident has raised serious concerns about hospital security, particularly how a former contractual employee could move freely within a sensitive department. Officials are now examining the hospital's access control measures and the lapses that allowed such a breach.



According to sources, the State Health Secretary has taken personal interest in the case and is closely monitoring the investigation. The MSVP has been instructed to submit a detailed account of the incident, including how the accused accessed the ward, security lapses, and steps taken to prevent such incidents in the future. The shocking case has drawn public attention to the urgent need for stricter monitoring and security protocols in state-run hospitals to ensure patient safety, especially for vulnerable individuals. The Health Department has emphasized that appropriate action will be taken based on the findings of the report.

Youth Found Dead Inside Park Street Hotel Room, Police Suspect Murder

MI News Service, Kolkata: A mysterious death has sent shockwaves through central Kolkata after a decomposed body of an unidentified youth was recovered from a hotel room near Park Street on Friday. The body was found stuffed inside the box bed of a room at a hotel on Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road. According to police sources, the cause of death remains unclear, though initial investigations suggest that the youth might have been murdered. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination, and officials stated that only after receiving the autopsy report will the exact cause of death be determined. Hotel authorities informed police that the youth had checked into the hotel on October 22 along with a few companions. However, the booking was not made in his name. After spending some time together, his companions reportedly left the room. The youth, however, was not seen again after that day. When hotel staff failed to get any response from the room for over a day, they became suspicious. On Friday morning, a foul smell started emanating from the room. When the staff opened the door, they were met with an unbearable stench. Upon checking beneath the box bed, they were horrified to discover the decomposed body of the youth. The police were immediately informed and arrived at the scene to recover the body.

Temporary Bridge Over Balason River Restores Connectivity



MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has fulfilled her promise as a temporary bridge has been constructed over the Balason River at Dudhia in Mirik. Reports indicate that the bridge will soon be operational, making travel between Siliguri and Mirik easier once again. The move has brought relief to both tourists and local residents. Northern Bengal was recently hit by heavy rains and flash floods caused by a low-pressure system. Multiple areas from Mirik in Darjeeling were affected by landslides, and the Dudhia Bridge over the Balason River collapsed. The bridge was a crucial link for commuting between Siliguri and Mirik. Its destruction severely disrupted the region's transportation network. In response, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, after visiting the affected areas, directed that a temporary bridge be constructed immediately. Following her instruction, construction of the temporary bridge began promptly and was completed within two weeks. Earlier this month, the Balason River bridge at Mirik had collapsed due to the disaster,

initially cutting off road connectivity between Siliguri and Mirik. Gradually, as landslides were cleared in Darjeeling and other districts of northern Bengal, alternate routes enabled partial restoration of travel. However, the detour routes were time-consuming and expensive, causing difficulties for both tourists and local residents. Now, a positive development has arrived for commuters. Following the Chief Minister's directive, work on the temporary Dudhia Bridge began in full swing from October 10. Constructed using pipes, boulders, and other materials, the bridge was completed in just two weeks. Administrative sources report that it will be opened to traffic from Monday. Meanwhile, the Army is also working on constructing a Bailey bridge in the area. Local residents have long demanded the rebuilding of the Dudhia Bridge, and the state government has approved the construction of a new concrete bridge beside the old structure, allocating ₹51.37 crore for the project. The new bridge is expected to be completed by July next year.

Patton receives CSR award



MI News Service, Kolkata: Patton International Limited has been awarded the Rotary National CSR Award (Eastern Region) in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (Large Category) for its impactful community initiatives. PreeyamBudhia, President of Patton Group, received the award, recognising efforts in providing clean water, empowering rural women and children, and promoting hygiene. Innovative projects like the Water-on-Wheels Roller Tank, Contactless Safe Handwash Stations, and Rainwater Harvesting demonstrate Patton's commitment to sustainable development, aligning with UN SDGs on clean water, gender equality, health, and climate action. Partnering with schools, hospitals, and government bodies, Patton continues to create lasting societal impact.

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leaders are out on bail, and now they are trying to steal the 'Jannayak' title of Bharat Ratna Karpoori Thakur," PM Modi said. "Bihar is the land of a genius like Aryabhata. Its people cannot repose their trust in the RJD-Congress combine, which had destroyed the rule of law. Kidnapping and extortion had flourished like a business. The worst sufferers of 'jungle raj' were our mothers and sisters and those from the weaker sections", alleged THE Prime minister. "Also, under the RJD pact, a dozen-and-a-half districts of Bihar were dominated by Maoist insurgency. Hundreds of people were murdered, and people were afraid of stepping out of their homes. When I came to power in 2014, I pledged to bring Maoism to an end. With utmost humility and satisfaction, I can say that we have broken the backbone of Maoism. Soon, the country will be free of the menace. This is Modi's guarantee", the Prime minister asserted. PM Modi also said, "In the last assembly polls in Gujarat, where the party has been in power for 30 years, all previous records were broken. Similar was the case in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Haryana.

20 passengers burnt alive as Bengaluru-bound bus catches fire near Kurnool

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dragged underneath with its fuel cap open, triggering the blaze. "19 bodies have so far been retrieved from the charred bus and the biker's body is in the mortuary," Kurnool Range DIG Koya Praveen informed. He said a complete picture of casualties and survivors would emerge only after a thorough investigation and identification of all the victims in the accident. Under the impact of the accident as well as the blaze, the only door of the bus got jammed forcing the passengers to remain inside even when the vehicle was in a flame. The bus was completely destroyed within minutes, the police said. District Collector A Siri said altogether 41 people were travelling in the ill-fated bus, including the driver. Of them, 21 have been rescued and hospitalised with some of them suffering from severe burn injuries, she said adding that most of the passengers were the residents of Hyderabad. Meanwhile, a team of experts has reached the spot to collect DNA samples of the charred bodies.

According to DIG Praveen, the Road Traffic Association of Andhra Pradesh has been asked to take stringent action against all bus operators in the state if they fail to adopt necessary safety measures and do not use proper materials to prevent similar tragic incidents in future. The DIG noted that no fire extinguisher was kept in the ill-fated bus, proving its lapses in taking adequate safety measures at the time of emergency during travel. Andhra Pradesh Chief minister Chandrababu Naidu also expressed shock over the incident. He said he had spoken to the District Collector and SP. The injured persons were receiving treatment. "I am shocked to learn about the devastating bus fire accident near Chinna Tekur village in Kurnool district. My heartfelt condolences go out to the families of those who have lost their loved ones. Government will extend all possible support to the injured and affected families," he said in a social media post.

Low-pressure over Bay of Bengal likely to intensify into cyclone

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area is anticipated to form over the southeast and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal on 28 October 2025. Thunderstorm activity, including lightning, is expected to be particularly intense in specific areas. The IMD stated, "Thunderstorm with lightning likely over Konkan & Goa, Maharashtra and Madhya Maharashtra during next 5 days and over Gujarat Region during 27th and 28th and Saurashtra & Kutch during 28th -29th October, according to the Met department." Along with thunderstorms, heavy rainfall is forecast for Tamil Nadu on 27-28 October and again from 29-30 October, with Lakshadweep likely to be affected on 29 October, and Kerala and Mahe from 29-30 October. North Interior Karnataka is also expected to receive substantial rain from 29-30 October. Telangana is predicted to experience heavy rainfall from 28 to 29 October and again on 30 October. Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema are also in line for significant rainfall between 28-29 October and on 30 October. The rainfall could impact road and rail transport, as well as agricultural activities, particularly in areas where water-logged fields may threaten crop health. Further, the IMD's forecast highlights that South Interior Karnataka may see heavy rainfall on 29 October, and Coastal Karnataka on 29 and 30 October. Isolated very heavy rainfall is also likely over South Interior Karnataka on 28 October, over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema on 28, 29, and 30 October, and over Kerala, Mahe, and Coastal Karnataka on 29 and 30 October.

US claims India 'scaling back' Russian oil purchases at Trump's request

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decision to impose 50 per cent tariffs on Indian goods. Leavitt said. Tump is increasingly frustrated with Russian President Vladimir Putin for showing "not enough interest or action" in moving toward a peace settlement. The two leaders were expected to meet later this year, but the meeting has now been postponed indefinitely after Moscow rejected a US ceasefire proposal. "The President has always maintained that he would implement sanctions on Russia when he felt it was appropriate and necessary. Yesterday was that day," Leavitt said. "He's long expressed his frustration with Vladimir Putin and both sides of this war. He feels, unfortunately, that on the Russian side, as of late, he has not seen enough interest or action in moving the ball forward towards peace." Despite the setback, Leavitt stressed that a Trump-Putin meeting remains a possibility. "A meeting between these two leaders is not completely off the table. The President and the entire administration hope that it can happen again one day. But we want to make sure that there's a tangible positive outcome out of that meeting and that it's a good use of the President's time," she said. In Moscow, President Putin accused the US of using economic pressure as a tool. "These tactics will fail," Putin said, calling the sanctions as an "unfriendly move" that would not improve relations between Washington and Moscow. He stated the measures would have "little effect" on Russia's economy, saying, "No self-respecting country ever does anything under pressure".

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SULEKHA KHATOON W/o ALI BOX SK Residing at, Vill- Lalnagar, Post- Mollapara, Ps - Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SULEKHA KHATOON To SULEKHA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SULEKHA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, SULEKHA BIBI and SULEKHA KHATOON both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALIBUKS SK S/o CHAMATKAR SK Residing at, Vill- Lalnagar, Post- Mollapara, Ps - Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALIBUKS SK To ALI BOX SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ALI BOX SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, ALI BOX SK and ALIBUKS SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amzad Molla alias Amjad Molla (Old Name) S/o Abud Hamid Molla Residing at Pandua, District - Hooghly, Pin - 721249 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Amjad Ali Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 52/2025 Dated 24-10-2025. Amzad Molla, Amjad Molla (Old Name) and Amjad Ali Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Lopamudra Chowdhury (Old Name) W/o Late Mohit Lal Chowdhury Residing at Ganapatipur, Basirhat, Po+Ps - Basirhat, Basirhat (MO, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743411, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lopamudra Banerjee Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 55/2025 Dated 24-10-2025. Lopamudra Chowdhury (Old Name) and Lopamudra Banerjee Chowdhury (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rinku Saha (Old Name) S/o Hrishikesha Saha Residing at Vic - Dighra, Po - Dighra, District- Nadia, Pin - 741222, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rinku Kumar Saha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 53/2025 Dated 24-10-2025. Rinku Saha (Old Name) and Rinku Kumar Saha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Taj Ansari (Old Name) S/o Safi Ansari Residing at Balrampur, Po - Rangadih, District - Purulia, Pin - 723143 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Taj Ansari (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-10-2025. Md Taj Ansari (Old Name) and Taj Ansari (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ambiya Bibi (Old Name) W/o Sheikh Subid Ali Residing at Vill - Jafarpur, Po - Jafarpur, Ps - Falta, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sheikh Ambiya Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-10-2025. Ambiya Bibi (Old Name) and Sheikh Ambiya Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subid Sheikh (Old Name) S/o Bakkar Residing at Vill - Jafarpur, Po - Jafarpur, Ps - Falta, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sheikh Subid Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-10-2025. Subid Sheikh (Old Name) and Sheikh Subid Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjay Singh (Old Name) S/o Lalta Prasad Residing at 4, Satanapur, Po - Satanapur, Ps - Kadipur, District - Sultanpur, Pin - 228145, Uttar Pradesh, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sanjay Kumar Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-10-2025. Sanjay Singh (Old Name) and Sanjay Kumar Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kayam Sardar (Old Name) S/o Late Jhulu Sardar Residing at Vill - Beta, Po - Sinhet, Ps - Dadpur, District- Hooghly, Pin - 712305, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kayam Sardar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 54/2025 Dated 24-10-2025. Kayam Sardar (Old Name) and Kayam Sardar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Poonam Kumari (Old Name) W/o Sunil Sinha D/o Dinesh Prasad Singh Residing at Boimchata, Pragati Maidan, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700105, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Punam Sinha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 56/2025 Dated 24-10-2025. Poonam Kumari (Old Name) and Punam Sinha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, RAHANA SULTANA, spouse of No.- JC270015K, Rank NB/ SUB(OFF) FAJJUDDIN MONDAL R/o- Vill+ + PO- Gobindapur, PS- Swarnapur, Teh- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, W.B., PIN- 743273, have changed my name RAHANA SULTANA to RAHANA MONDAL vide Affidavit No - 2969/ B-1/25 sworn before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court 23-09-25.W.B.

Name Change
I, RESHMA PARVEEN (old name) W/o IZHAR KARIM @ IZHAR , D/o ABDUL QAYUM residing at Premises No. 14, Tanti Bagan Lane, PO- Entally,, PS-Beniapukur, KOLKATA - 700014, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RESHMA PARWEEN (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. RESHMA PARVEEN (new name) and RESHMA PARVEEN (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Arjina Bibi (old name) D/o Late Kalachand Sarkar, residing at Sekh & Sipai Para Khelarampur, Usthi, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, WEST BENGAL, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arjina Sipai (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Arjina Sipai (new name) and Arjina Bibi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, TUSHAR DHARA (old name) son of GOURHARI DHARA, residing at VILL- PASCHIM THAKURANICHAK, P.O-THAKURANICHAK, PS-KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712613, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as TUSHAR KANTI DHARA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/10/2025. TUSHAR KANTI DHARA(new name) and TUSHAR DHARA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Saijuddin S/O Late Sk Tamijuddin, residing at Vill- Gobra, P.O- Gobra, P.S.- Ramnagar, East Medinipur, Pin- 721441, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my son name Shaikh Sahiruddin (Son old name) to (he shall henceforth be known as) Sk Sahiruddin (Son New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 24/10/2025. Sk Sahiruddin and Shaikh Sahiruddin both are same identical person (My Son).

Name Change
I, Bineeta Haldar (Old Name) D/O Late Kartick Pada Chatterjee & W/O Satyabrata Haldar residing at 13/3 Chandraitla Lane , PS & PO Regent Park , Kolkata - 700040 West Bengal have changed name and shall henceforth be known as Bineeta Chatterjee Haldar (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 17/10/2025 and henceforth Bineeta Haldar & Bineeta Haldar Chatterjee and Bineeta Chatterjee Haldar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prakash Bansal (old name) S/o Late Satya Narayan Agarwal, residing at 37, Park Lane, Park Street, Kolkata- 700016, WEST BENGAL, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prakash Agarwal (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 17/10/2025. Prakash Agarwal (new name) and Prakash Bansal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sangita Joshi (old name) W/o Pawan Kumar Joshi, residing at BL-4, FLT-3K, Space Town, Raghunathpur, Airport, Kolkata- 700052, WEST BENGAL, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sangita Devi Joshi (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Sangita Devi Joshi (new name) and Sangita Joshi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) GOLASANARA BIBI & MST GULSONARA KHATUN W/o NABIN SEKH Residing at, Vill- Kurchipota Lane, Post- Krishnagar, Ps - Kotwali, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from GOLASANARA BIBI & MST GULSONARA KHATUN To GULSONARA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) GULSONARA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, GULSONARA BIBI BISWAS and GOLASANARA BIBI & MST GULSONARA KHATUN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS S/o- ABU BAKKAR BISWAS Residing at, Vill- Kashipur, Post- Kashipur, Ps - Rejina, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742189, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS To KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS and MD KHAIRUL ALAM BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SK ANSUR S/o- SELIM SEKH Residing at, Vill- Ramjan Khapada(Natun Nagharia), Post- Nagharia, Ps - Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732208, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SK ANSUR To SEKH ANSUR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEKH ANSUR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, SEKH ANSUR and SK ANSUR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SK RAHUL S/o- SEKH ANSUR Residing at, Vill- Nagral, Post- Kolkamari, Ps - Pukhuria, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732208, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SK RAHUL To SEKH RAHUL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEKH RAHUL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025, SEKH RAHUL and SK RAHUL both are Same and one identical person.

Swachhata Abhiyan Activities Conducted Across Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 :The Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, launched nationwide, is being observed with great enthusiasm across the Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division. The campaign, running from August 1 to October 31, 2025, aims to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental sustainability throughout the railway network.

Today, on October 24, 2025, the Environment & Housekeeping Management Department of Sealdah Division organized a series of activities under the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan at various stations including Chakdaha, Naihati, Kolkata, and Dum Dum Junction.

Mass awareness programmes and intensive cleanliness drives were conducted to educate passengers and railway staff



about the importance of maintaining cleanliness and sustainability. These efforts sought to ensure a cleaner and more hygienic environment across station premises and passenger areas.

An Amrit Samvaad (Interactive Session) with passengers was also organized at Kolkata Station, where passengers actively participated in discussions on

cleanliness initiatives and shared valuable feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

The Swachhata Abhiyan campaign held on October 24, 2025, reflected the collective spirit and dedication of the Environment & Housekeeping Management Department of Sealdah Division, in collaboration with other departments.

NHAI to deploy survey vehicles in 23 states

MI News Service, New Delhi: State-owned NHAI said it will deploy Network Survey Vehicles (NSV) in 23 states covering 20,933 km for the collection, processing and analysis of road inventory and pavement condition data of National Highway stretches to enhance the riding experience of commuters.

According to an official statement, the data collected through NSV surveys will

highlight deficiencies in road conditions, prompting NHAI to take corrective measures for better upkeep of National Highways.

Data collected through NSV survey will be uploaded on NHAI's AI-based portal Data Lake, where it will be analysed by a dedicated team of experts at NHAI to transform data into knowledge and subsequent actionable insights, it added.

Name Change
I, Shibani Debnath (old name) D/o Haripada Debnath, residing at Promila Bhaban Saheb Bagan, P.O. & P.S.- Chandannagore, Pin- 721336, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sibani Debnath (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Sibani Debnath (new name) and Shibani Debnath (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sridhar Chandra Chakraborty & Srihar Chakraborty (old names) S/o Ganesh Chandra Chakraborty, residing at AA/1/2 Deshbandhu Nagar, P.S.- Baguiati, Bidhannagar, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sridhar Chakraborty (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Sridhar Chakraborty (new name) and Sridhar Chandra Chakraborty & Srihar Chakraborty (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Lucy Benedict D Costa (old name) W/o Benedict Deosta, residing at 143/147, Picnic Garden Road, P.O. & P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lucy Deosta (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Lucy Deosta (new name) and Lucy Benedict D Costa (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Sameeruddin (Old Name) S/O SK Saijuddin, residing at Vill- Gobra, P.O.- Gobra, P.S.- Ramnagar, East Medinipur, Pin- 721441, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) Sk Sameeruddin (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 23/10/2025. Sk Sameeruddin (New Name) and Shaikh Sameeruddin (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Name Change
I, Nirmal Anthony Gomes (old name) S/o Joakim Gomes, residing at 47/44, Rambhadra Chak Krishnagar, Hazra Para, Kolkata- 700104, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nirmal Gomes (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Nirmal Gomes (new name) and Nirmal Anthony Gomes (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Samsad Begum W/o Late Sk Ladla and D/o Late Shaikh Rahim, residing at 38/2/2B, Momipur Road, P.O.- Kidderpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, INDIA I have changed my husband name Mohammad Ladla (husband old name) to (the shall henceforth be known as) Sk Ladla (husband new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 24/10/2025. Sk Ladla and Mohammad Ladla both are same and identical person (my husband).

Name Change
I, Mohammed Laeque (old name) S/o Abdul Quadir, resident of 185/1, Park Street, Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Laeque (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/10/2025. Mohammed Laeque (new name) and Mohammed Laeque (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dakshaya Kotangle (old name) S/o Ajay Kotangle, resident of HJT Kolkata, Hostel Room No W-603, 1583, Chowbagh Canal Side Road, Madurdaha, Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dakshaya Ajay Kotangle (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/10/2025. Dakshaya Ajay Kotangle (new name) and Dakshaya Kotangle (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Euro steel unit: Jindal Steel in talks with Thyssenkrupp

MI News Service, New Delhi/Munich: European conglomerate Thyssenkrupp is in intensive talks with Naveen Jindal-promoted Jindal Steel International over the Indian group's interest in its steel business, the German conglomerate's CEO said, calling it a "good cooperation" but signalling that the discussions could take a while.

Jindal Steel International last month made an indicative bid for Thyssenkrupp Steel Europe (TKSE), Europe's second-largest steelmaker, to strengthen its foothold on the continent, in what could result in a sale of the business that has long been sought by German management.

"Talks are ongoing — very intensively," CEO Miguel Lopez told Reuters at the Frankfurt stock exchange, where he was attending the stock market debut of the TKMS naval vessels unit, which was spun off from Thyssenkrupp.

"We'll see what outcome we'll have over the

next few months," he said, adding it was Thyssenkrupp's goal to restructure steel and thoroughly assess the offer by Jindal, which brings with it investment commitments for a major green steel site.

The sale of the steel unit remains the most critical part of Lopez's restructuring agenda for the storied German firm, as several efforts to divest the business have failed in recent years — mostly because of substantial pension liabilities tied to it. As a result of the Jindal offer, Thyssenkrupp and Czech billionaire Daniel Kretinsky ended long-standing talks over a 50:50 steel joint venture. In the past, Tata Steel, which has close to 10 million tonne capacity (installed and upcoming) spread across Port Talbot in the UK and Ijmuiden in Netherlands, wanted to merge the European business with TKSE. However, the plan ran into a regulatory huddle leading to parties walking away from the deal.

BANGLADESH cancels tugboats purchase from INDIA

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh's Foreign Affairs Adviser M Touhid Hossain said only one agreement inked with India during the Sheikh Hasina regime has been cancelled, rejecting claims made by another adviser that 10 such bilateral pacts have been terminated.

"A list that has emerged is not correct," Hossain told a media briefing at the foreign ministry, referring to the list circulated on social media that claimed 10 agreements with India have been cancelled.

Hossain, a former foreign secretary, said that only one agreement — a deal to purchase tugboats from India — has been cancelled. "After assessment, we found the project was not beneficial for Bangladesh," he told reporters.

The decision to cancel the tugboat procurement deal was taken following mutual understanding between Dhaka and New Delhi, the state-run BSS news agency quoted him as saying.

He also said that the government is currently reviewing the Adani power purchase agreement and some other projects being implemented under India's Line of Credit.

His comments came a day after local government adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan claimed that the interim government cancelled 10 agreements signed with India during Hasina's regime.

Hossain declined to comment on Bhuiyan's remarks, which first appeared on his verified Facebook account on Monday. "I do not want to comment on that remark. Perhaps, he could have avoided doing it. The list that has emerged is not correct," he said.

Meta launches safety features to protect users from online scams

MI News Service, New York: Meta has announced new anti-scam features and awareness initiatives, including safety tools and tips to protect users, particularly senior citizens from cyber fraud and online scams, as the social media giant stepped up efforts to help people stay safe online.

Meta said on WhatsApp, it is launching warnings when users attempt to share their screens with an unknown contact during a video call. Meta cautioned that scammers may pressure their targets to share their screen to trick people into giving away sensitive information, including bank details or

verification codes, and added, "With this new tool we're giving users more context to spot and avoid scams." On Messenger, Meta said it is testing more advanced scam detection in chats, that will warn users on receipt of a "potentially scammy message".

"When this is enabled and a new contact sends a potentially scammy message, users will be warned and given an option to send recent chat messages for AI scam review," it said. If a potential scam is detected, users will get more information on common scams, and actions will be suggested, including blocking or reporting the suspicious account.

Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Reviews Festive Season Passenger Movement at Railway Board War Room; Highlights Nationwide Real-Time Coordination and Mini Control Rooms at Major Stations

- **Control Rooms Enable Real-Time Coordination Across the Country Regarding Status of Every Station, Requirement for Additional Trains, and Other Operational Needs: Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- **Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu Visits Ambala Cantt Station and Inspects Special Festive Season Arrangements by Indian Railways**
- **1,205 Special Trains Over Next Four Days to Manage Chhath Festival Rush; 2,220 Special Trains for Bihar in October and November 2025**
- **Indian Railways Provides Immediate Assistance to Passenger in Labour at New Delhi Railway Station, Ensuring Safe Transfer to Hospital**
- **Passengers Praise Railways' Special Arrangements for a Smooth Travel Experience During Festive Rush**

MI News Service, New Delhi, 24 Oct.25 : Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, visited the War Room at the Railway Board in New Delhi today and reviewed passenger movement during the festive season. Shri Vaishnaw said War rooms have been set up at the Division, Zone, and Railway Board levels. He said the Board receives live feeds from all locations. He added that mini control rooms have also been established at major stations. This monitoring system enables real-time coordination across the country regarding the status of every station, the requirement for additional trains, and other operational needs.

The Union Minister said that holding and waiting areas have ensured systematic entry of passengers at stations, adding that



around 10,700 reserved and 3,000 unreserved trains have been deployed to manage the festive rush. He said that the exact number of special trains required is determined through data analysis of the past two years, which is fed into a model to assess the demand for each destination. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the first peak in passenger surge was observed between October 17 and 20, with the highest footfall on the 18th and 19th, while a second peak is expected between October 22 and 24.

A permanent holding area at New Delhi Station now offers great convenience to passengers, with a capacity for over 7,000 people, 150 toilets for men and 150 toilets for women, automatic ticket vending machines, ticket counters, and free RO water, the Union Minister added.

EShri Ravneet Singh Bittu, Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries visited Ambala Cantt Railway Station and inspected the special arrangements made by Indian Railways during the festive season.

Excellent Work By RPF, Howrah: Recovery Of A Huge Amount Of CASH UNDER "OPERATION SATARK"

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 :The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues its vigilant efforts to ensure security and prevent unlawful activities across the railway network. Under the ongoing drive "Operation Satark", aimed at curbing the smuggling and transportation of illegal goods and cash through railway premises, RPF personnel have once again demonstrated exemplary alertness and efficiency.

On 22.10.2025, the RPF team of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, acting on specific intelligence, apprehended one person at the Sorting Yard RRI Cabin between Howrah and Liluah Railway Stations. During the operation, the team recovered liquid cash amounting to ₹21,99,600/-. The apprehended persons failed to provide valid documents against the liquid cash. The recovered amount handed over to the Income Tax Department, Kolkata for further legal action.

Cancellation Of Bhagalpur – Udhna Special

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : Due to low demand of passengers, 09082 Bhagalpur – Udhna special (journey commencing on 24.10.2025 and 25.10.2025) will remain cancelled.

Railway Gears Up for Smooth Return Journey of Passengers After Chhath Puja

Holding Areas, large number of ticket counters are being provided at major stations to facilitate return journey passengers

MI News Service, New Delhi, 24 Oct.25 : Indian Railways is ensuring a smooth and comfortable festive journey for passengers by operating over 12,000 special trains across the country. To manage the massive festive rush, holding areas equipped with all passenger amenities have been set up at major stations such as New Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal, Udhna, Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and others. Railway staff are working round the clock to guide passengers, maintain order, and ensure that everyone reaches home safely to celebrate the festivals with their loved ones.

Now Railway is gearing up for the safe and comfortable return journey of passengers after the Chhath Puja festivities. For the period of 28th October till November, 6181 special trains have been notified to facilitate passengers returning to their workplaces after festival season.

Additional coaches are also being attached to existing services to accommodate increased demand. Weather proof holding areas are being created at major stations to

Eastern Railway Ensures Smooth Travel For Passengers During Chhath Festival

- **Special Trains And Enhanced Crowd Management Measures**
- **Chhath Sangeet playing at different stations**

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : To ensure the smooth and safe travel of lakhs of passengers heading to their hometowns for the Chhath Festival, Eastern Railway has undertaken extensive arrangements and played a crucial role in managing the festive rush. A total of 1,300 trips of Festival Special trains are being operated from key stations such as Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Asansol, and Malda Town, connecting major destinations including Khatipura, Udhna, Jaynagar, Patna, Lucknow, Gandhidham, Gorakhpur, New Delhi, Raxaul, and Anand Vihar, among others.

During this ongoing Chhath festive period, a significant passenger rush has been observed at major stations under Eastern Railway. To facilitate smooth boarding and dispersal, several proactive steps have been taken for passenger convenience and safety.

Temporary holding areas have been created at Sealdah, Howrah, Asansol, Jasidih, and Bhagalpur stations. These designated zones help regulate passenger movement and prevent overcrowding on platforms by allowing passengers to board trains in an orderly manner.



Khagaria Station Holding Area

manage large passenger inflows and provide convenient waiting facilities before train departures. Some of the stations where holding areas are being established include Patna, Danapur, Rajendra Nagar Terminal, Saharsa, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Samastipur, Barauni etc. in Bihar and Gorakhpur, Ballia and Banaras in Uttar Pradesh.

In addition to this additional Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters, and mobile unreserved ticketing (m-UTS) facilities have been made available to make travel more convenient for passengers. To maintain smooth operations, Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been deployed in adequate numbers for safety and regulation. Passenger assistance booths, information counters, queue management systems and public announcement systems have

o create a festive atmosphere, traditional Chhath songs are being played across station premises, filling the air with joy and enthusiasm as passengers embark on their journeys with excitement.

Additional Arrangements by Eastern Railway:

- Ambulances deployed at key stations to meet any emergency requirements.
- Nominated officers deployed daily for on-ground supervision of crowd management and passenger assistance.
- CCTV surveillance for continuous monitoring and prompt response to any situation.
- War Rooms set up at divisional levels for 24x7 monitoring and coordination.
- Mobile ticketing systems arranged to reduce queues at booking counters.
- Enhanced RPF deployment at all major stations to ensure passenger safety and maintain order.
- RPF personnel actively assisting passengers, managing crowds, and guiding them to board Chhath Special trains smoothly.
- Eastern Railway remains committed to providing a safe, comfortable, and seamless travel experience for all passengers during the festive season, ensuring that every traveller reaches their destination with convenience and joy.

Telangana govt announces Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia for kin of Kurnool bus fire victims

MI News Service, Hyderabad: The government of Telangana has announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs five lakh to the next of kin of each those from the state who died in a massive fire in a tourist bus

EASTERN RAILWAY

No. OAH/21/Genl. Dated: 23.10.2025. Following E-tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/C/ Howrah, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: **Under Sr.DEN/C/HWH. NIT No.: 161_2025-26; Description of work:** Flash butt welding of 60kg/52kg (90UTS/72UTS, R260), (New/SH/SR/SWR/LWR) rail at site with contractors mobile flash butt welding plant in the jurisdiction of Howrah Division.; **Approx. Cost:** Rs. 3,15,01,404.78; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 3,07,500.00; **Cost of Tender Form (Rs) :** Nil; **Completion period :** 09 (Nine) months. **Closing Date & Time of Tender:** 12.11.2025 at 14.00 hrs. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on the next working date. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. **Payment of EMD and TDC** payment of earnest money deposit [EMD] and tender document cost [TDC] in respect of E. tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. No manual offer will be accepted.

(HWH-358/2025-26)
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.eir.indianrailways.gov.in/ or www.ireps.gov.in
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EASTERN RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No: AEN/Shop/EOT Crane Gantry/ LLH/25-26 Dated: 24.10.2025. E-Tender is invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from reputed approved and eligible contractors of Railways and those of appropriate list of Dept. of Govt./Public sector undertaking for the under mentioned works:- **Tender No. & Name of Work:** AENShopEOTCG-LLH-25-26 & Open e-tender for Liluah-Construction of new shed (23.0M x 10.0M) behind C Shop and in between Old MIDC Gas godown & E Shop Office, godown with provision of 2T capacity EOT crane gantry with electrification work. **Tender Value (Rs.):** Rs. 50,00,315.19; **Earnest Money :** Rs. 1,00,000.00 **Cost of tender document :** Nil; **Completion Period:** 270 Days; **Date and Time of Closing of Tender:** 17.11.2025 up to 12.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> alongwith corrigendum (if any). Tenderer are requested to submit their offer on line on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted.

(MISC-253/2025-26)
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S.E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2025/39 Dated : 24.10.2025
TENDER FOR "E" PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (50043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Due Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1.	56255184A	25.11.25	SMPS-based Modular Power Supply Arrangement for VDU (42-85 inch) etc.	35 Set	1,61,070/-
2.	25253565A	03.11.25	Contact Segment for 1500 Amps. Capacity Reverser.	377 Nos.	1,48,730/-
3.	29253788A	07.11.25	Overhauling kit for LRU, Control Portion.	139 Set	3,90,370/-
4.	29253281A	07.11.25	Set of Lock Nut F.S. All Steel etc.	262 Set	6,80,150/-
5.	29253151	14.11.25	Set of Axle Box Bearing Component for VAG-9 Loco	103 Set	1,92,400/-
6.	18253031	21.11.25	GP Relay, 3 N.O+3 N.C, Interlock Contacts.	422 Nos.	1,45,890/-
7.	29255095	06.11.25	Set of Cylindrical Roller Bearing.	200 Set	2,80,600/-
8.	29255105	06.11.25	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of an additional hardware.	900 Nos.	7,84,990/-
9.	29253281A	07.11.25	Set of Lock Nut F.S. All Steel etc.	262 Set	6,80,150/-
10.	25253609	10.11.25	Silicone Rubber Compound Sealant.	13280 Kgs.	1,33,270/-
11.	25251225	14.11.25	Set of MN Steel Pins & Bushes.	55 Set	1,09,030/-
12.	38255015	04.12.25	Flap Door Arrangement complete for BOXNH Wagon.	5000 Nos.	4,10,050/-
13.	83251883A	10.11.25	Computerized Unreserved ticket size 10.3 Cms x 6.4 Cms. etc.	100000 Nos.	1,53,400/-
14.	65255021	25.11.25	Supply & installation and commission of "CNC SWL for Bondamunda, Haldia & Adityapur" (Prebid meeting on 04.11.25 at 12.00 hrs. at PCMM Meeting Room/SER/GR/C/604-43).	03 Nos.	20,00,000/-

Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/ specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any Corrigendum published thereafter. (PR-769)

Indian Railways Gears Up for Smooth Return Journey of Passengers After Chhath Puja; 6,181 Special Trains Notified to Facilitate Passengers

MI News Service, 24 Oct 2025, New Delhi: Indian Railways is ensuring a smooth and comfortable festive journey for passengers by operating over 12,000 special trains across the country. To manage the massive festive rush, holding areas equipped withall passenger amenities have been set up at major stations such as New Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal,Udhna, Pune, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and others. Railway staff are working round the clock to guidepassengers, maintain order, and ensure that everyone reaches home safely to celebrate the festivals with their loved ones. More than 900 special train trips are taking place in the next three days across thecountry to clear the festival rush.

Railway is now gearing up for the safe and comfortable return journey of passengers after the Chhath Pujaactivities. For the period of 28th October till November, 6181 special trains have been notified tofacilitate passengers returning to their workplaces after festival season. Around 30 stations in

Bihar are gearing up for the festive rush with holding areas, additional ticket counters, CCTV surveillance, and other passenger-friendly arrangements. Additional coaches are alsobeing attached to existing services to accommodate increased demand. Weather proof holding areas arebeing created at major stations to manage large passenger inflows and provide convenient waiting facilities before train departures. Some of the stations where holding areas are being established includePatna, Danapur, Rajendra Nagar Terminal, Saharsa, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Samastipur, Barauni, etc. in Bihar and Gorakhpur, Ballia and Banaras in Uttar Pradesh.

In addition to this additional Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), Passenger ReservationSystem (PRS) counters, and mobile unreserved ticketing (m-UTS) facilities have been made available tomake travel more convenient for passengers. On the auspicious occasion of Chhath Puja, Indian Railways has also started play-

ing Chhath songs atrailway stations. This initiative aims to connect passengers with the festive spirit and make their journeymore pleasant. At major stations like Patna, Danapur, Hajipur, Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Sonpur, New Delhi,Ghaziabad, and Anand Vihar Terminal, these songs allow passengers to experience the essence of homeand culture, infusing their journey with devotion and joy.

To maintain smooth operations, Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been deployed in adequate numbers for safety and regulation. Passenger assistance booths, information counters, queue management systemsand public announcement systems have been strengthened. Cleanliness, lighting, and sanitation facilitiesare being closely monitored at all major stations. Dedicated work rooms at the Railway Board, Zonal, andDivisional levels are functioning round-the-clock to monitor and coordinate operations, ensuring real-time responses to any passenger requirements. At stations like Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya,

Saharsa, etc. 24x7 medical booths have been set upto address any passenger health emergencies. In coordination with the State Government, Fire Brigade, and Ambulance services are also kept in readiness to ensure prompt medical assistance and safetymanagement.

Indian Railways, through careful planning, improved passenger services, and a strong emphasis onconvenience and care, is dedicated to providing a seamless travel experience.

A passenger travelling from Guwahati to Bihar for Chhath Puja with her family expressed gratitude toIndian Railways for operating special trains, enabling passengers to celebrate this important festival withtheir loved ones.

Highlighting Indian Railways' commitment to passenger care, at Howrah Railway Station, the staff wentthe extra mile to assist a disabled passenger. The passenger expressed heartfelt gratitude to IndianRailways for their support.

A passenger praised the amenities at Badshahnagar

Railway Station, noting the helpfulness of the railway staff and the availability of modern facilities in the waiting hall. Similarly, another passenger at SiddharthNagar Railway Station appreciated the station's cleanliness, the availability of clean drinking water, andanother modern conveniences, including easily accessible charging ports in the waiting area.

A passenger at SMVT Bengaluru, expressed appreciation for the ongoing special trains, noting thatpassengers are enjoying the available facilities and thanking Indian Railways for the service. Similarly,another passenger at Agra Railway Station, travelling to Gwalior, commended the punctuality of the trainsand thanked Indian Railways for providing a seamless travel experience.

Indian Railways is actively working to debunk fake videos and misinformation circulating online through its official X handle, "Railway Fact Check." Recently, the initiative clarified a viral claim that twopassengers died after falling from

the Karmabhoomi Express from Mumbai to Bihar. The claim was false,as the incident actually occurred due to trespassing between Nasik and Odha, and the individuals involvedwere not on the train.

Indian Railways remains committed to providing safe, reliable, and comfortable travel for all passengersand continues to serve the nation with dedication and care during this festive season.

NOTICE

My client AMITAVA GHORUI Son of Arbinda Ghori purchased 2.12 Satak Land Vide Deed No 03787 dated 28/04/2025, Janai A.D.S.R. office from Ashok Kumar Sasmal Aise Ashok Sasmal Son of Late Sadashib Sasmal by this Attorney Firoz Ali Molla son of Sk Ansar Ali Molla vide Power of attorney No. 8965/2023 Of Janai A.D.S.R. office in respect Of R/S Dag no 826, LR Dag no. 873 under LR Khatian No. 2308. Of Mouja - Jaykrishnapur, J.L-69, P.S- Chanditala, Dist- Hooghly. After that He applied for mutation at Chanditala- 2 B.L & L.R.O Chanditala, Hooghly. If any objection by the principle or any other person against the Power of Attorney they should be written objection within 30 days before the said land office from published of the notice otherwise legal action will be taken as per law. Subhas Chandra Shah Advocate Serampore Court.

RECTIFICATION NOTICE

My client Mujaffar Ali Middey, Son of Mansur Middey, purchased 4.96 Satak land vide Dee No. 1657 dated 25/11/2024, Janai A.D.S.R. from Atanu Gorui, S/o Late Haradhan Ghori, by this Attorney. This is rectification of previous legal Notice dated 16/04/2025, page No. 5, Column No. 4 in the News Paper Morning India. Deed No-10 657/24 in place of Deed No 1657 for your kind information. Subhash Chandra Shah Advocate Serampore Court

আবশ্যিকতা

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণ জনগনকে জানাইতেছি যে সোনামুখী পৌরসভাে J.L.-188, LR Plot No-3558, LR Khatian No- 3079 & 3122 & 3082 বি. সূরুজ, পিতা-বি. বাবু এবং সন্তান কুমার শিবরায়, পিতা-রোহিতাশ লাল শিবরায় সাহেব এতদ্বারা নামে রেকর্ডকৃত সম্পত্তি ছিল তাহার 2061/22-17/02/2022 এবং 6099/23-30/06/2023 সালে A.D.S.R. Kharagpur অফিসে প্রত্যাহার নামা মুলে লিপি তুলি সাহা পিতা-কুজু বিহারী সাহা কে এবং ডি ভাসুর রাও, পিতা-ডি রাননা রাও কে খসিদা নিম্নলি ভাৱানকে বিক্রা করিবার জন্য নিযুক্ত করাইছিল এবং তাহার উক্ত কুমার দত্তকে দুটি দলিল মুলে বিক্রা করিয়া ছিলেন Deed No.-8122/25 এবং 8119/25 তে তাহাতে সম্পত্তির ওয়াশীল বা অফিসিয়ারের আশি থাকিলে B.L&L.R.O অফিসে Kharagpur-1 দস্তাবে ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে লিখিত আশি জানাইতে হইবে নচেৎ পরবর্তী কালে কোন ওক্তর আশি গ্রহণ যোগ্য হইবে না। Tarakeswar Chatterjee Advocate Medinipore Judges Court F-1190/591/2005 Mob. 9333413132

E-TENDER

e-tenders are invited by Proddhan, Ramnagar Gram Panchayat under Ausgram-I Dev. Block, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman from resourceful/bonafide contractors with experience and requisite credential from 15th FC Fund vide Memo no -1243/RGP/2025-26 Date -17/10/2025 NIT No. -20/RGP/2025-26, Date-17/10/2025. Closing of submission of Technical Bid & Financial Bid on 10/11/2025 upto 5 P.M. Details visit the Website <http://wb.tenders.gov.in>

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PRODDHAN
RAMNAGAR GRAM PANCHAYET

Special arrangements in train running over Howrah Division during Jagaddhatri Puja at Chandannagar

EMU SPECIAL TRAINS
To cater the expected heavy rush of passengers/visitors during Sri Sri Jagaddhatri Puja at Chandannagar over Howrah Division, Five pair of EMU Special Trains between Howrah & Bandel and One pair of EMU Special Train between Howrah & Bardhaman will run from the intervening night of 27/28.10.2025 to the intervening night of 01/02.11.2025 and another One pair of EMU Special Train between Howrah & Bandel will also run on 02.11.2025 (Immersion Day). These EMU Special Trains will stop at all stations enroute. The abstract timings of these EMU Special Trains are as follows:

UP EMU SPECIAL									
UP EMU Special will run →		On 28.10.25, 29.10.25, 30.10.25, 31.10.25 & 01.11.25			On 27/28.10.25, 28/29.10.25, 29/30.10.25, 30/31.10.25 31.10/01.11.25 & 01/02.11.25		On 28.10.25, 29.10.25, 30.10.25, 31.10.25, 01.11.25 & 02.11.25		Only on 02.11.2025 (Immersion day)
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	*6th		
Howrah ↓	Dep.	17.20	19.55	20.35	23.30	00.30	01.15	02.35	
Bandel	A/D	18.25	21.00	21.40	00.30	01.35	02.20/22	03.45	
Barddhaman	Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	03.50	—	

DOWN EMU SPECIAL									
DOWN EMU Special will run →		On 28.10.25, 29.10.25, 30.10.25, 31.10.25 & 01.11.25			On 27/28.10.25, 28/29.10.25, 29/30.10.25, 30/31.10.25 31.10/01.11.25 & 01/02.11.25		On 28.10.25, 29.10.25, 30.10.25, 31.10.25, 01.11.25 & 02.11.25		Only on 02.11.2025 (Immersion day)
		1st	2nd	3rd	*4th	5th	6th		
Barddhaman	Dep.	—	—	—	22.30	—	—	—	
Bandel	A/D	18.35	21.20	21.55	23.53/55	01.00	02.00	04.00	
Howrah ↓	Arr.	19.40	22.30	23.00	01.00	02.05	03.05	05.10	

* EMU Special to run between Howrah and Barddhaman (via Bandel).
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN TRAIN RUNNING

In addition to above, following special arrangements has also been made for the convenience of passengers. ● On 28.10.2025, 29.10.2025, 30.10.2025, 31.10.2025 & 01.11.2025, 36087 Howrah-Masagram EMU Local (Howrah Dep. 19.27 hrs.) will be extended upto Barddhaman and the same rake will run in Down direction as another Special train from Barddhaman to Howrah via Bandel on the intervening night of 28/29.10.2025, 29/30.10.2025, 30/31.10.2025, 31.10/01.11.2025 & 01/02.11.2025 (Barddhaman Dep. 22.10 hrs. Bandel Arr./Dep. 23.30/23.31 hrs., Howrah Arr. 00.35 hrs.). In reperussion, the service of 36088 Masagram-Howrah Local will remain cancelled in Down direction on 28.10.2025, 29.10.2025, 30.10.2025, 31.10.2025 & 01.11.2025.
● In UP direction, 63501 Howrah - Barddhaman Fast MEMU Local (Howrah Dep. 01.45 hrs.) will stop at all stations enroute between Howrah & Bandel on 29.10.2025, 30.10.2025, 31.10.2025, 01.11.2025 & 02.11.2025 and in Down direction, 53002 Azimganj-Howrah Passenger Train (Bandel Dep. 01.28 hrs.) will provide stoppage at all stations enroute between Bandel & Howrah on 29.10.2025, 30.10.2025, 31.10.2025, 01.11.2025 & 02.11.2025. ● 37924 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local (Bandel Dep.17:08 hrs.) will provide Stoppage at Hooghly, Chuchura, Chandannagar, Mankundu, Bhadreswar, Baidyabati, Shrirampur, Rishra, Konnagar, Hindmoch, Uttarpada, Bally, Belur and Liluah on 28.10.2025, 29.10.2025, 30.10.2025, 31.10.2025, & 01.11.2025.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

EASTERN RAILWAY

Metro Railway observed Foundation Day



MI News Service, 24 Oct 2025 Kolkata: Metro Railway observed its 41st Foundation Day today, on 24th October 2025, commemorating India's first Metro service between Esplanade and Bhowanipore (Netaji Bhawan) in 1984. In a special programme organised at New Esplanade Metro Station, Shri Subhansu Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway, highlighted the achievements, explained the network expansion programme, and reiterated Metro Railways' commitment as an environment-friendly, comfortable, punctual, and

cost-effective transportation provider. Congratulating Kolkata Metro for completing 41 years of glorious service to the Nation, Shri Ashoke Viswanathan, eminent film director, fondly remembering his experience, said Metro is deeply connected with Kolkata and its culture, and paved the way for Metro connectivity in other parts of India.

A magic show was organized to spread the message of commuters' participation in keeping the Metro premises clean, and encouraging commuters to use Smart Cards instead of paper tickets and tokens.

Howrah Division Organises "Special Campaign 5.0" and "Amrit Sambad" under Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission

MI News Service, 24 Oct 2025 Kolkata: Under the visionary initiative of the Ministry of Railways towards ensuring cleanliness, transparency, and public engagement, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has actively conducted various activities as part of the ongoing "Special Campaign 5.0" and "Amrit Sambad" programmes.

As part of the campaign, senior railway officials and staff of Howrah Division interacted with passengers and frontline railway employees at Bolpur Station under the "Amrit Sambad" initiative. The interaction focused on improving passenger amenities, enhancing cleanliness standards, and gathering feedback on railway services to further strengthen the bond between passengers and Indian Railways.

Simultaneously, intensive cleanliness drives and awareness activities were carried out at multiple locations including Rampurhat Colony, Azimganj Station, Bolpur Station, Kamarkundu Station, Magra Station, Adi Saptagram Station, Bandel Station and Burdwan Colony. These drives were conducted under the theme "Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat", reaffirming the commitment of the Railways towards maintaining a clean and hygienic environment across stations, colonies, and railway premises.

During these drives, special focus was laid on: Cleanliness of platforms, waiting halls, and circulating areas Proper waste segregation and disposal Plantation drives and beautification of station premises Sensitization of passengers and staff about cleanliness and environmental responsibility. The campaign also highlighted the importance of citizen participation and railway employees' dedication in transforming railway stations into clean, green, and passenger-friendly spaces.

Howrah Division remains committed to upholding the ideals of the Swachh Bharat Mission, continuously striving to enhance cleanliness, service quality, and passenger satisfaction across its network.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Borrowers & Public are notified that Gold pledged against the following loan accounts will be auctioned for non-repayment of dues.

LOS ID: 12011077

Date of Auction [20/11/2025] via online: <https://gold.samil.in>
If auction does not take place on notified date, Rupeek reserves its right to conduct e-auction/private sale on a later date without further notice.

For more information please contact - 1800 419 8000

Sd/- Authorised officer Rupeek Capital Pvt. Ltd.

Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001

Applications are invited from eligible and willing candidates for the post of Chairperson at Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Allahabad and Kolkata which will fall vacant on 18.02.2026 and 03.03.2026 respectively. Selection will be made under the provisions of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021 and Tribunal (Conditions of Service) Rules, 2021 as amended from time to time.

For details, candidates may visit the Department's website at URL. <https://financialservices.gov.in/beta/en/vacancies>. The last date of receipt of application is 08th December, 2025.

(S.D Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

New Delhi, dated 25th October, 2025
CBC 15415/11/0007/2526

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

Changes to brain extracellular matrix

The researchers were able to use animal models to show that stress increases the migration of a specific type of white blood cells called monocytes into the vascular system of the brain, particularly into the reward center regions. These monocytes pro-

duce MMP-8. MMP-8 is involved in the restructuring and regulation of the net-like frame that surrounds neurons in the brain - called the extracellular matrix. "If MMP-8 penetrates the brain tissue from the blood, it changes the matrix structure and thus disrupts the functioning of the neurons. Mice who are affected by this process display changes in behavior that are similar to those seen in humans with depression," says FlurinCathomas.

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

Clinical studies with patients planned

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



Researchers find how fatty acids plays key role in creating memories



Washington DC : 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 communication at the synapses in the brain."Human

mutations in the PLA1 and STXBP1 genes reduce free fatty acid levels and promote neurological disorders," Professor Meunier said. "To determine the importance of free fatty acids in memory formation, we used mouse models where the PLA1 gene was removed. We tracked the onset and progression of neurological and cognitive decline throughout their lives. We saw that even before their memories became impaired, their saturated free fatty acid levels were significantly lower than control mice. This indicates that this PLA1 enzyme, and the fatty acids it releases, play a key role in memory acquisition."

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

"Our findings indicate that 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 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.

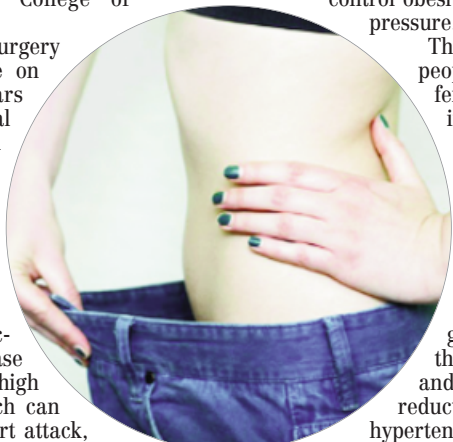
"In clinical practice, obesity is an overlooked condition. As a consequence, there is a frequent failure in approaching obesity as a crucial step for mitigating the risk of important cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension," said Carlos Aurelio Schiavon, MD, FACS, lead author of the study 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 medications 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.



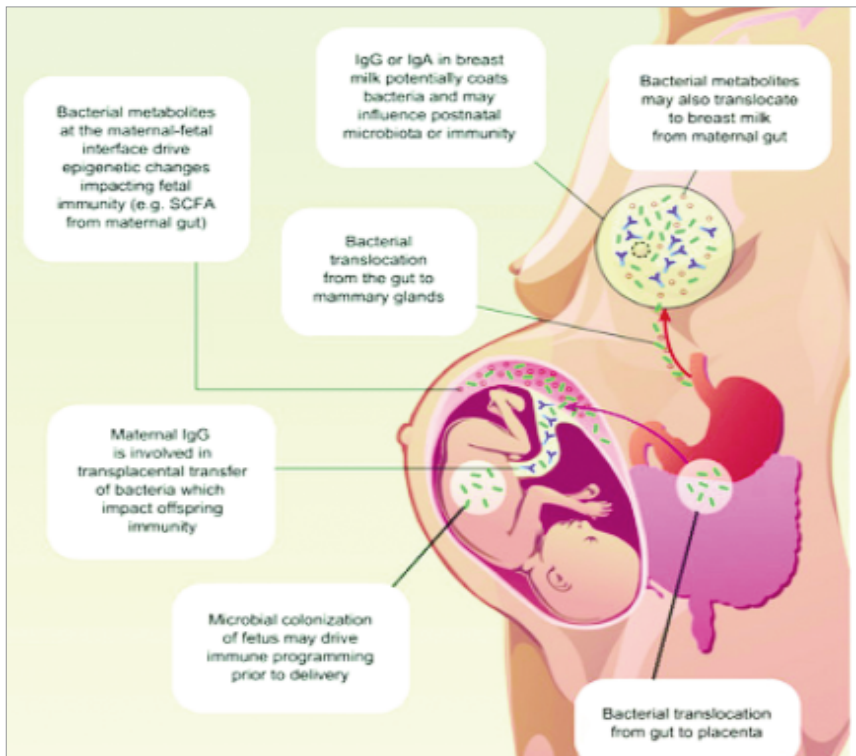
Changes in gut microbiota during pregnancy alter immune system response: Study

Los Angeles [US] : During pregnancy, a woman's immune system undergoes considerable changes, but experts still don't fully understand the underlying mechanisms. A recent study illustrates how gut bacteria may play a role.

According to a publication published in mSystems, changes in cytokine levels--immune system proteins involved in inflammation--during pregnancy may be connected to particular changes in the mother's gut microbiome as well as plasma and faecal metabolites.

"To the best of our knowledge, these associations were first explored in our study," said first author Ting Huang, MD, from the First Affiliated Hospital of Jinan University in Guangzhou, China.

Pregnancy brings a raft of changes, including fluctuations in hormones, changes to a woman's body structure, and variations in the immune system. Previous studies have identified changes to the gut microbiome that can occur during pregnancy; they have also suggested that those changes may influence physiological processes in the mother through metabolites. Disturbances in the microbiota, for example, have been connected to the promotion of preeclampsia, a dangerous pregnancy complication characterized by high blood pressure. However, it remains unclear how alterations in the gut microbiota during pregnancy affect maternal immunity. To investigate these connections, the researchers at the First Affiliated Hospital of Jinan University compared the gut microbiota, metabolite profiles and immune system status of 30 healthy pregnant women to 15 healthy women who weren't pregnant.



All the women in the study were between 18 and 34 years old.

Faecal and blood samples were collected from the pregnant women during or after the 37th week of pregnancy, and samples from non-pregnant women were collected on the 14th day of the menstrual cycle. Analyses of the faecal samples showed that

Firmicutes was the most dominant phylum of bacteria in both groups of women. However, Bacteroidota bacteria accounted for a smaller relative share of the microbial population in pregnant women than in non-pregnant women. Pregnant women also showed a higher relative abundance of both Actinobacteriota and Proteobacteria, com-

Does physical activity reduce pain intensity in cancer survivors?



Washington DC [US] : People who have had cancer frequently feel persistent pain, but a new study suggests that staying physically active may help reduce its intensity.

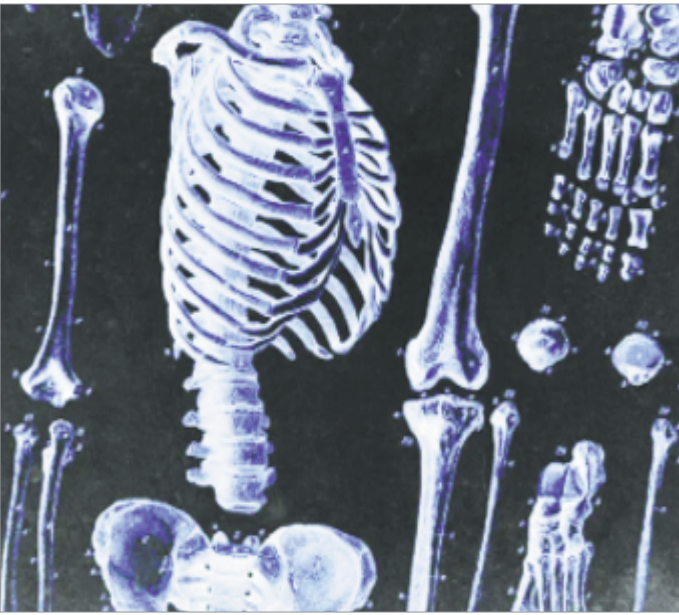
The study is published by Wiley online in CANCER, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society.

Although physical activity has been shown to lessen various types of pain, its effects on cancer-related pain are unclear. To investigate, a team led by senior author Erika Rees-Punia, PhD, MPH, of the American Cancer Society, and first author Christopher T.V. Swain, PhD, of the University of Melbourne, in Australia, analyzed information pertaining to 51,439 adults without a history of cancer and 10,651 adults with a past cancer diagnosis. Participants were asked, "How would you rate your pain on average," with responses ranging from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain imaginable). Participants were also asked about their usual physical activity. U.S. guidelines recommend

150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) to 300 minutes (5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity, or 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) to 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.

Based on participants' responses, the investigators found that, for individuals who had cancer in the past as well as for those without a history of cancer, more physical activity was linked with lower pain intensity. The extent of the association was similar for both groups of individuals, indicating that exercise may reduce cancer-related pain just as it does for other types of pain that have been studied in the past. Among participants with a past cancer diagnosis, those exceeding physical activity guidelines were 16% less likely to report moderate-to-severe pain compared to those who failed to meet physical activity guidelines. Also, compared with people who remained inactive, those who were consistently active or became active in older adulthood reported less pain.

Researchers provide new understanding on bone diseases



Tokyo, Japan : Diseases of the bones and joints are becoming more common among today's elderly.

For example, roughly 12 million people in Japan suffer from osteoporosis, a condition that causes substantial bone weakness and fragility.

Understanding the basic processes that maintain bone and joint tissue is a critical first step toward developing effective treatments for these diseases.

Osteoclasts are a type of cell that plays a crucial role in bone maintenance. These cells absorb and break down old or broken bones, letting the body reuse key elements such as calcium and creating space for new bones.

As one may assume, many bone diseases develop when osteoclasts do not perform their functions adequately. Scientists are exploring the processes that control the proliferation and differentiation of precursor cells into osteoclasts.

Interestingly, in a study published in 2020, researchers from Tokyo University of Science (TUS) led by Professor TadayoshiHayata revealed that the cytoplasmic polyadenylation element-binding protein 4 (Cpeb4) protein is essential in osteoclast differentiation.

They also discovered that this protein, which regulates the stability and translation of messenger RNA (mRNA) molecules, was transported into specific structures within the nucleus of the cell when osteoclast differentiation was induced. However, just how this relocation occurs and what Cpeb4 exactly does within these

nuclear structures remains a mystery. Now, in a recent study published in the Journal of Cellular Physiology, Prof. Hayata and Yasuhiro Arasaki from TUS tackled these knowledge gaps.

Motivated by the intricate and complex process of osteoclast differentiation, they sought to more thoroughly understand how the "life cycle" of mRNA, i.e., mRNA metabolism, is involved.

First, the researchers introduced strategic modifications to Cpeb4 proteins and performed a series of experiments in cell cultures.

They found that the localization of Cpeb4 in the abovementioned nuclear bodies occurred owing to its ability to bind to RNA molecules. Afterwards, seeking to understand the role of Cpeb4 in the nucleus, the researchers demonstrated that Cpeb4 co-localized with certain mRNA splicing factors. These proteins are involved in the process of mRNA splicing, which is a key step in mRNA metabolism. Put simply, it enables a cell to produce diverse mature mRNA molecules (and eventually proteins) from a single gene.

Through RNA sequencing and gene analysis in Cpeb4-depleted cells, they found that Cpeb4 alters the expression of multiple genes associated with splicing events in freshly differentiated osteoclasts. Finally, through further experiments, the researchers revealed that Cpeb4 only altered the splicing patterns of Id2 mRNA, an important protein known to regulate osteoclast differentiation and development.

Jaishankar flags UN’s terrorism response, questions global commitment to accountability

MI News Service, New Delhi: Speaking at the 80th United Nations anniversary celebrations, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar underscored the challenges facing multilateralism, particularly highlighting the UN’s response to terrorism and the growing distress of the Global South amid ongoing global crises.

“Few examples are more telling about the challenges facing the UN than its response to terrorism. When a sitting Security Council member openly protects the very organisation that claims responsibility for barbaric terror attacks such as at Pahalagam, what does it do to the credibility of multilateralism?” Jaishankar said, pointing to the growing failure of international institutions to hold perpetrators accountable.

He further questioned the global community’s sincerity in combating terrorism, stating, “If victims and perpetrators of terrorism are equated in the name of global strategy, how much more cynical can the world get? When self-proclaimed terrorists are shielded from the sanctioning process, what does it say for the sincerity of those involved?”

Jaishankar’s remarks came in the backdrop of the Pahalagam terror attack on April 22, in which 26 tourists, including 25 Indian nationals and one Nepalese citizen, were killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists. In response, the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of May 7, targeting terror camps operated by Jaish-e-Mohammed and



Lashkar-e-Taiba in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) through precision strikes. India also successfully repelled subsequent Pakistani escalation and neutralised its airbases.

Turning his focus to broader global concerns, the External Affairs Minister said that the credibility of the UN was not only being tested on matters of security but also in the sphere of development. “If the maintenance of international peace and security has become lip service, the predicament of development and socio-economic progress is even more serious,” he noted.

Highlighting the growing economic and political challenges faced by developing nations, Jaishankar added, “The slowing down of the SDG Agenda 2030 is a significant metric to measure the distress of the Global South. There are many more, whether it is trade measures, supply chain dependence or political domination.”

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan to visit Seychelles for President Herminie’s swearing-in

MI News Service, New Delhi: At the invitation of the Government of Seychelles, the Vice President of India, CP Radhakrishnan, will visit the Republic of Seychelles from October 26-27 to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Patrick Herminie, President-elect of the Republic of Seychelles, on behalf of the Government of India, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in an official statement.

During the visit, the Vice President will convey India’s warm felicitations to Patrick Herminie and reaffirm the close, long-standing, and time-tested ties between the two countries, the MEA added. Seychelles is an important partner under India’s Vision MAHASAGAR and in its commitment to the Global South. The visit underscores India’s deep commitment to further strengthen and expand its partnership with Seychelles. The visit follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s earlier congratulations to Patrick Herminie on October 12, after his victory in the Presidential Elections in Seychelles. Modi had expressed confidence that the long-standing ties between India and the island nation would grow stronger under Herminie’s leadership.

Excellent Work By RPF, Howrah: Recovery Of A Huge Amount Of Cash Under “Operation Satark”

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues its vigilant efforts to ensure security and prevent unlawful activities across the railway network. Under the ongoing drive “Operation Satark”, aimed at curbing the smuggling and transportation of illegal goods and cash through railway premises, RPF personnel have once again demonstrated exemplary alertness and efficiency.

On 22.10.2025, the RPF team of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, act-

Australian First Nations businesses embark on historic mission to strengthen ties with India’s mining sector

MI News Service, Perth: Australia will lead its first-ever First Nations Business Mission to India this month, aimed at strengthening trade and investment opportunities between Australia’s First Nations peoples and India’s mining and renewable energy markets, an official release stated.

Eight Australian Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) companies will travel to Mumbai, New Delhi, and Kolkata from October 26 to November 3 to foster partnerships and explore business opportunities. In a historic first, all eight businesses are Australian First Nations-owned, the release added.

Australian First Nations – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – are among the world’s oldest continuous civilisations, extending back over 65,000 years. They were Australia’s first diplomats, traders, innovators, and knowledge holders. The release noted that the eight businesses on the delegation continue this proud tradition of innovation and creativity.

Led by the Perth USAsia Centre and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia on behalf of the Australian Government, the delegation represents a variety of sectors, from converting diesel mining vehicles to electric, producing chemicals to improve fuel efficiency, to safety, industrial gas, engineering, and technical services, the release stated.

Commenting on the visit, Australia’s High Commissioner to India Philip Green said, “As part of our efforts to progress Indigenous rights globally and help grow First Nations trade and investment, Australia is committed to supporting Indigenous Australians to benefit from India’s dynamic economy. India offers an enormous opportunity for Australian First Nations industries, whether it’s exporting agrifood and native botanicals, art, design, or developing cyber, clean energy or mining solutions.”

“The Australian Government is proud to support this landmark business mission, connecting First Nations excellence to the extraordinary Indian businesses driving growth in one of the world’s largest economies,” the release added.



ing on specific intelligence, apprehended one person at the Sorting Yard RRI Cabin between Howrah and Liluah Railway Stations. During the operation, the team recovered liquid cash amounting to ₹21.99,600/-. The apprehended persons failed to provide valid documents against the liquid cash. The recovered amount handed over to the Income Tax Department, Kolkata for further legal action.

Trump terminates all trade talks with Canada over ‘fake’ Reagan anti-tariff advertisements

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump on Thursday night announced the termination of all trade negotiations with Canada, citing an anti-tariff advertisement that used a clip of former US President Ronald Reagan. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said, “The Ronald Reagan Foundation has just announced that Canada has fraudulently used an advertisement, which is FAKE, featuring Ronald Reagan speaking negatively about Tariffs. The ad was for \$75,000. They only did this to interfere with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, and other courts.” He added, “TARIFFS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ECON-OMY, OF THE U.S.A. Based on their egregious behavior, ALL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA ARE HEREBY TERMINATED. Thank you for your attention to this matter! President DJT.”

The controversial ad, reportedly paid for by the Ontario government, have been running on major US networks and cost \$75 million. This comes weeks after US President Trump and visiting Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney discussed trade, border security, and ongoing negotiations between the two neighbouring nations on October 7, providing the backdrop to the sudden termination of talks. Addressing reporters at the Oval Office, Trump described the trade talks as “complicated, more complicated than maybe any other agreement we have on trade.” He explained that the complexity stemmed from both competition and closeness between the two countries, describing it as a mix of “natural conflict” and “mutual love.”

“I love Canada, and the people of Canada, and Mark feels the same way about here,” Trump said. He noted that geographic proximity had created “competing business interests,” which sometimes placed the US at a disadvantage, even as relations had improved. “We believe the Canada-US relationship has come a long way,” he added, saying the “natural conflict” was being addressed constructively.

Trial of shooter of former Japan PM Shinzo Abe to begin next week



MI News Service, Tokyo: The trial of the man indicted for killing former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, is set to begin next week, as reported by Kyodo News. According to Kyodo News, Tetsuya Yamagami, 45, is expected to plead guilty to the murder of former PM Abe, who was Japan’s longest-serving Prime Minister postwar. The trial at the Nara District Court is scheduled to begin on October 28 and conclude on December 18, with a ruling expected on January 21. A total of 12 witnesses will testify, the court said, as reported by Kyodo News.

Tetsuya Yamagami is accused of shooting Abe with a handmade firearm during an election stump speech in the western Japanese city of Nara on July 8, 2022, according to the indictment and

other sources. It was reported that the witnesses include Yamagami’s mother and a religious scholar, as requested by the defense team. A lawmaker who was at the scene is also expected to be summoned as a prosecution witness.

As per Kyodo News, Yamagami has told investigators that he held a grudge against the Unification Church because of the financial ruin his family suffered as a result of the massive donations, likely of around 100 million yen (\$650,000), that his mother made to the group. He targeted Abe because Abe’s grandfather, former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, helped introduce the group to Japan from South Korea, investigative sources said earlier.

Prior to the charges being pressed on him, Yamagami underwent an extensive, roughly six-month psychiatric examination that found him mentally fit to be held criminally responsible.

Citing the indictment and other sources, Kyodo News said that Yamagami tested his handmade weapons multiple times, including at a facility connected to the Unification Church, a day before the fatal shooting.

Trump to kick off Asia tour in Malaysia with ASEAN, to meet Xi in South Korea next week

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump is set to begin on late Friday a three-nation tour of Asia with a visit to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia where he will attend the ASEAN summit before proceeding to Japan and South Korea and will hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the end of the three-nation tour, the White House said.

White House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told a press conference on Thursday that Trump will meet with Xi on the morning of October 30 in South Korea before heading back to Washington. Trump is due to arrive in Malaysia on Sunday (October 26) morning, the spokeswoman said. The country will be chairing annual meetings of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its partners.

Trump will attend the ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur on October 26-27. He had skipped the ASEAN summits in 2018, 2019 and 2020. She said Trump will participate in an expanded bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Sunday afternoon. During the visit, the US President is slated to participate in a signing ceremony with Prime Ministers of Cambodia and Thailand, which engaged in a brief border conflict in July that left dozens of people dead and displaced many people. He will also later join a working dinner with US-ASEAN leaders.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt shared that the trip will include



trade talks, peace dialogues, and discussions on US-China tensions.

After Malaysia, Trump will then fly to Japan to meet the new Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and discuss trade agreements and security cooperation.

Following that, Trump will travel to South Korea to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit in Gyeongju, meet President Lee Jae Myung, and address business leaders.

The crucial bilateral meeting scheduled with Chinese President Xi Jinping will focus on trade tensions, rare earth exports, and fentanyl cooperation.

Through these engagements, Trump seeks to negotiate favourable trade agreements, reduce tariffs, and boost US exports, with his return to Asia potentially redefining regional trade and diplomacy.

Manish Gupta appointed as India’s next Ambassador to Ireland

MI News Service, New Delhi: Manish Gupta, who is presently serving as the High Commissioner of India to Ghana, has been appointed as the next ambassador to Ireland, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

The MEA said in its statement, “Manish Gupta (IFS: 1998), presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic

of Ireland. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.” India and Ireland have longstanding ties.

“There are approx. 80,000 Indian origin persons in Ireland, of whom approx. 33,898 are PIOs and approx. 40,000 are NRIs, along with approx. 10,000 Indian students. The bulk of the community is in health-care, IT, engineering and senior management positions. The community is well-regarded

locally and has integrated well into Irish society”, the Embassy of India in Dublin noted. India-Ireland interactions date back to the 19th century when a significant number of Irishmen joined the British Civil Service, medical, engineering and army services. The Embassy highlighted how links were further strengthened by connections between the nationalist movements of the two countries since the early 1900s.

Meeting in memory of Pir Mej Huzur in Furfura

Nurul Islam Khan: On Thursday, Mufti Azam Hazrat Mejla Huzur Pir Qibla R: Her Isaal Sawab was held in Furfura. Pir Kamel Shaykhul Hadith Al-lama Saifuddin Siddiqui Huzur established the Majlis of Dhikr on the first Thursday of the Bengali month. Following that path, his only son-in-law Mufti Imran Uddin Siddiqui taught in the Majlis of Dhikr on that day. After facing Allah for a while, training was given in Ilm-e-Zahir and Ilm-e-Sufi. Murshid Kamel Aftab, Shariat Mahtab, Tariqat Al-lama Mejla Huzur Pir Qibla R: Her Isaal Sawab Majlis was established.

Under the supervision of Pir Imran Uddin Siddiqui, the meeting was filled with the word Allah Allah. The presence of devotees in the traditional century-old tin eight-storeyed Mahfil was a beautiful and beautiful scene. After Maghrib, the late Allama Saifuddin Siddiqui Huzoor’s son-in-law Allama Azmatullah Siddiqui gave the sermon. Allama Syed Bahauddin Sahib, Pirzada Minhaj Uddin Siddiqui, Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Mehrab Uddin Siddiqui, and others



spoke in the light of the Quran and Hadith. Pir Al-lama Imran Uddin Siddiqui prayed for the welfare of the people of the world in the final prayer. The Maj Huzoor was the eldest son of Pir Hazrat Allama Dada Huzoor of Mujaddide Zaman Furfura Sharif. He was called the ship of Dada Pir Elem. A brief introduction and social activities of the five Huzoors were discussed. The written and oral religious service of Pir Mejla Huzoor Qibla (RA) was discussed. Pirzada Minhaj Uddin Siddiqui discussed the greatness of the beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui described the circumstances of the death of the five Huzoors. Pirzada Mehrab Uddin Siddiqui described the foresight of Mejla Huzoor Qibla (RA) by

describing the greatness of the saints of Allah. Pir Imran Uddin Siddiqui shed light on the benefits of dhikr along with the religious service of Huzoor Qibla. He declared the end of the program with the last prayer. However, the devotees present at today’s meeting were able to guess in particular that the peace of mind comes in the discussion meeting of the saints of Allah. The sinful people became interested in purifying their hearts by listening to the greatness of the saints of Allah. Many Pirsahabs and scholars, including Pirzada Shahim Siddiqui and Syed Sajjad Hossain, participated in the meeting. Pir Abu Jafar Siddiqui, also known as Maj Huzoor Pir, was one of the most learned and intelligent figures of the 21st century.

Chhath songs started resonating at the station

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : Famous Chhath Puja songs are echoing through the announcement systems of more than 30 railway stations, not only creating a heart-warming experience for passengers but also connecting them with the rich culture of Bihar. This year, Indian Railways has made the Chhath occasion even more special. Women passengers, in particular, can be seen humming these songs. This is the first time for Indian Railways.

Every year during Chhath Puja, lakhs of people return to their homes in Bihar and various parts of North India. This year, for those going to celebrate Chhath Puja with their families, Indian Railways has taken up the responsibility of transporting passengers to their hometowns through more than 12,000 special trains and thousands of regular trains by successfully transporting passengers to their destinations by providing additional facilities. But perhaps for the first time, passengers are being welcomed at stations with Chhath songs through the station announcement system. This effort is unique in itself and is connecting passengers coming

from far off places with the fragrant culture of Bihar.

Chhath songs are being played at more than 30 railway stations including Kolkata, New Delhi, Delhi Anand Vihar, Asansol, Gorakhpur, Ranchi, Patna, Danapur, Rajendra Nagar, Pataliputra, Ara, Buxar, Hajipur, Sonpur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Saharsa, Jamalpur, Munger, Katihar, Narkatiaganj, Motihari. In South Eastern Railway jurisdiction, songs are being played at Ranchi, Tatanagar, Bokaro Steel City, Shalimar, Santragachi, Kharagpur, Baleshwar, Adra, Purulia Bankura etc.

Due to this experiment of Railways, passengers going for Chhath Puja, especially women passengers, are expressing happiness.

Chhath, the great festival of folk faith, is incomplete without folk songs. Women heading to the Chhath Ghats sing Chhath songs in groups, seeking blessings from Chhathi Maiya for themselves, their families, society, and the nation. As trains carrying passengers from faraway lands arriving at their railway stations, can hear the Chhath songs.

Human Rights Watch urges ASEAN leaders to focus on human rights, humanitarian crisis

MI News Service, Dhaka: Governments attending upcoming regional summits in Malaysia should reject the Myanmar military junta’s plans to hold “elections” in December 2025, Human Rights Watch said in a letter to all countries sending delegates. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN partner summits will take place in Kuala Lumpur on October 26-28, with the Myanmar crisis on the agenda. The Myanmar junta has continued its repression of pro-democracy forces, carrying out arbitrary arrests, torture, and abusive conscription, and increased military attacks on civilians. The junta has intensified its crackdown ahead of the planned elections, which the authorities scheduled to begin December 28.

Khurda Road Division Ensures Smooth Festive Season Travel

• 232 special trains planned from Khurda Road Division towards various destinations of the country to manage the Puja Season rush effectively.
• Ticket Checking staff, Commercial Inspectors and other Commercial Staff along with RPF managing Crowd at various important Railway Stations over the Division.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : To handle the festive season rush effectively, East Coast Railway has made elaborate arrangements for the convenience of passengers. Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure) of Khurda Road Division, Shri Subhrajyoti Mandal, while monitoring the passenger movement at Khurda Road Station, said that, the initiatives taken for ensuring a smooth, safe and comfortable journey during the Puja period. Shri Mandal informed that special focus has been laid on managing the heavy rush of passengers travelling towards various destinations such as Dhanbad & Patna in Bihar, Yesvantpur (Bangalore) in Karnataka, Udhna (Surat) in Gujarat, Nizamuddin in Delhi, Shalimar and Sealdah in West Bengal, Virangana Laxmibai in Madhya Pradesh and Hyderabad & Cheralapalli in Telangana.

To cater to the festive demand, 13 pairs of Special Trains comprising 232 trips have been planned from Khurda Road Division towards different parts of the country, aiming to carry more than 2.5 lakh passengers and reduce rush in regular trains.

The Special Trains includes Bhubaneswar-Dhanbad, Puri-Patna (02 pairs), Bhubaneswar-Yesvantpur, Puri-Udhna, Puri-Nizamuddin, Puri-Shalimar, Puri-Bhanjapur/Baripada, Khurda Road-Udhna/Surat, Malatipatapur-Sealdah, Puri-Virangana Laxmibai (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar New-Hyderabad and Brahmapur-Cheralapalli.

Apart from these, regular trains are also being augmented with additional coaches based on the review of passenger demand and travel patterns.

Under the Amrit Samvaad initiative, passengers are being directly engaged to share feedback on cleanliness, amenities

Metro Railway Conducting Special Campaign 5.0



MI News Service, Kolkata, 24 Oct.25 : As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Metro Railway organized intensive cleaning drives at different Metro stations today. Commuters were also requested to extend their co-operation in maintaining cleanliness within Metro premises.

Under this campaign, Metro authorities have been conducting extensive cleaning activities at stations, offices, tracks, and railway colonies. The drives include garbage removal, clearing of unwanted vegetation, and

cleaning of drainage systems. Cleanliness remains a key focus area of Special Campaign 5.0, with officers and staff working in close coordination to ensure enhanced hygiene and efficiency in workplaces.

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

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



and crowd management. Awareness campaigns, queue management systems, and enhanced deployment of staff are being carried out to ensure smooth boarding and de-boarding at major stations.

Ticket Checking Staff, Commercial Inspectors and other Commercial Department personnel, in coordination with Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Operational Teams, are actively managing passenger movement and maintaining order at major railway stations across Khurda Road Division. To ensure smooth handling of the festive rush, these teams are strategically deployed at entry and exit points, foot overbridges, platforms, and circulating areas. Their combined efforts are focused on guiding passengers, preventing overcrowding, assisting senior citizens and differently-abled passengers, and ensuring the safety and comfort of all travelers during the peak travel period.

Khurda Road Division and East Coast Railway is fully geared up to ensure that every passenger enjoys a safe, clean and comfortable journey during this festive season. Our dedicated staff are working round the clock to manage the crowd, maintain punctuality and deliver the best possible service, informed Shri Subhrajyoti Mandal, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure) during the review of Crowd Management at Khurda Road Station. Apart from this, Crowd Management are being done at major Stations at Bhubaneswar, Puri, Brahmapur, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, Palasa, etc.

Golf: Bhullar stays in chasing pack as Sarit stretches his lead to four in International Series Philippines

MANILA (PHILIPPINES) : Sarit Suwannarut kept the pedal to the metal, increasing his advantage on top of the leaderboard to four shots at the halfway stage of the US\$22.22 million 'International Series Philippines, even as India's Gagamkeet Bhullar remained in the chasing pack and in contention for a top finish.

The two-time International Series winner added a six-under par 66 to his overnight 64 and reached 14-under par after 36 holes, four ahead of local hero Miguel Tabuena (65), who delighted his home fans with a stunning round that included a hole-in-one and an eagle in the space of three holes.

Joining Tabuena at 10-under was the in-form Japanese star Kazuki Higa (69). Another Japanese player, Yosuke Asaji (66), Korea's Soomin Lee (67), Chinese Taipei's Wang Wei-hsuan

(67) and Hong Kong's Matthew Cheung (67) were tied fourth at nine-under, while New Zealand's Denzel Ieremia (67), American Patrick Reed (66) and India's Gaganjeet Bhullar (69) were tied eighth at 136, eight under.

Ajeetesh Sandhu is three shots further back on five under after a three-under 69, while Karandeep Khochhar made the cut on four under after a second successive 70, in a group with former world No.1 Dustin Johnson, who followed up his first round of 67 with a one-over 73.

England's Steve Lewton shot the lowest round of the tournament so far at the beautiful Sta. Elena Golf Club, a bogey-free 63 that made up for a disappointing two-over 74 in the opening round.

Sarit's first shot of the day, on the opening hole, ended up in the penalty area, but he managed to make a birdie from there. That



just set the tone for the day as he raced ahead of the field.

"It helped a lot (the birdie on first). I mean, after I hit the tee shot, I didn't even know where it was. I asked Guna (caddie) where it was, and he said it was in the fairway.

I didn't believe him. Luckily, I got a good lie and it was a good shot from about 50 yards, and the birdie helped to keep the momentum from yesterday," said Sarit, who made only one bogey on each of the first two days.

"You just have to focus only on what you have to do, and hit your shot. I have been playing good golf for the past four weeks, so I know what I can do. "I know my game well, and I've just tried to stay calm and focus on what I need to do. So far, it's been working nicely, and I hope to keep the momentum going over the next two days," he said.

Golf fans in the Philippines turned up in huge numbers for the tournament, and they were rewarded as the home favourite Tabuena raised hopes of a Filipino champion. On the 171-yard 14th, Tabuena did not see his ball take a hop and disappear into the hole, but the eagle was perfectly planned.

"It's not every day you make a hole-in-one, but I was glad I kept it together after that. There's a lot of golf to be played, but it was nice. It's probably been six years since my last one and only second in a competition. It was nice that it was here in front of friends, family, and in my home club," said the three-time winner on the Asian Tour, who had to pull out of the SJM Macao Open with a neck spasm.

Tabuena was joined on the weekend by veteran Angelo Que, who carded a superb seven-under

round to sit in T4 on nine under, with Justin Quiban on six under after an impressive 68.

International Series Philippines is the sixth of nine elevated events on the Asian Tour this season, which offers a pathway onto LIV Golf through a season-long Rankings race. The tournament runs until 26 October and is the first in a three-week run that includes the Link Hong Kong Open and the Moutai Singapore Open in successive weeks.

International Series tournaments have already been played in India, Macau, Japan, and Morocco this season, along with the Jakarta International Championship last time out. The series rounds off with the PIF Saudi International from 19-22 November, and the leader of the season-long rankings race will win a place on LIV Golf next season.

PUNJAB FC SIGN BRAZILIAN DEFENDER PABLO RENAN DOS SANTOS ON ONE-YEAR DEAL

MOHALI : Indian Super League side Punjab FC announced the signing of veteran Brazilian centre-back Pablo Renan dos Santos on a one-year deal on Friday.

The 33-year-old joins on a free transfer ahead of the Indian Super Cup 2025, which begins in Goa on October 25.

This is Punjab FC's second foreign acquisition of the week, following the signing of Spanish midfielder Dani Ramirez on October 22. Pablo, known simply as "Pablo", brings with him a wealth of international experience, having played across Brazil, Europe, and the Middle East over a career that spans more than a decade.

Excited for his new challenge in India, Pablo said he was eager to make an impact. "Punjab FC is ready for a big season, and I'm here to fight for the badge, the team, and the supporters who believe in us," he said. "I'm ready to embrace the challenge here in India."

The Brazilian started his professional career with Paysandu, where he played for six seasons in Brazil's second and third divisions. In 2017, he transferred to Europe to join Portuguese Primeira Liga team CS Marítimo, making 25 appearances and receiving praise for his composure and defensive awareness. His performances led to a five-year contract with SC Braga in 2018. While at Braga, Pablo continued his development through loan spells with clubs in Russia, Turkey, and Portugal - Rubin Kazan, Hatayspor, and Moreirense respectively - before moving to Saudi Arabia to represent Al Raed in the 2022-23 Saudi Pro League season. Most recently, he featured for Armenian club FC Noah, where he made 13 appearances and impressively scored four goals, highlighting his ability to contribute at both ends of the pitch.

Welcoming the signing, Nikolaos Topoliatis, Technical Director of Punjab FC, emphasised Pablo's importance to the team's plans. "We are extremely pleased to secure the signing of Pablo Renan dos Santos," Topoliatis said.

"Adding a centre-back of Pablo's quality and experience was a top priority for us. He brings exceptional defensive leadership, positional awareness, and composure under pressure."



Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya to lead 45th edition of nationwide Fit India Sundays on Cycle

NEW DELHI : In its endeavour to make every Indian citizen fit and healthy, the 45th edition of the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' will be organised with 50,000-plus gyms across the country on Sunday (October 26), with Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Dr Mansukh Mandaviya leading the pathbreaking initiative in New Delhi.

This time, the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' will be organised in collaboration with gym chains such as Cult Fit, FitSpire, Gold Gym, Fitness First, amongst others, with an estimated participation of more than 50,000 individuals from 6,000-plus locations. In New Delhi, the event will be organised at the iconic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, where the Sports Minister will be joined by eminent sportspersons.

Dr Mandaviya launched the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' back

in December 2024, and it has gradually transformed into a nationwide mass movement with the twin mottos of 'Pollution ka Solution' and 'Fight against Obesity'. "The movement also aims to celebrate Garv se Swadeshi, inspiring every Indian to pedal towards an Atmanirbhar Bharat. "It gives me immense pleasure to see Sundays on Cycle grow into a mass movement. A healthy and fit citizenry is a prerequisite for a prosperous and developed nation. Through the Fit India movement, we want to create awareness among citizens to dedicate 'aadha ghanta roz, fitness ka dose' (30 minutes daily towards personal fitness). I want to reiterate once again that cycling is the best way to keep fit. I would urge every Indian to cycle on Sundays and maintain optimum fitness levels," Dr Mandaviya said. The 'Fit India



Sundays on Cycle' is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), in collaboration with the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), Yogasana Bharat, and MY Bharat. The cycling drive is organised simultaneously in the capitals of all States and Union

Territories besides SAI Regional Centres, National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs), SAI Training Centres (STCs), Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCEs), Khelo India Centres (KICs), and Nammo Fit India Cycling Clubs across various age groups.

Formula 1: Leclerc cautious despite Austin podium as Hamilton feels Ferrari progress growing



MEXICO CITY : Charles Leclerc has tempered expectations of further podiums this season despite securing his first top-three finish since Belgium at the United States Grand Prix last week. The Ferrari driver's third-place in Austin marked his and the team's sixth

podium of 2025 - five of which have been third places and one a second place in Monaco.

"I am not surprised by the fact that we are missing a bit more performance going throughout the end of the year, especially considering that probably Mercedes

and Red Bull are two of the teams that pushed their development a bit later than other teams," Leclerc said on Friday. "If we look at the gap compared to the McLaren, it remained kind of the same. For us, we are more focused on next year, which I hope will help us."

Ferrari ended car development earlier than most rivals, instead targeting gains through fine-tuning set-up and operations. Leclerc acknowledged that the Austin podium was a much-needed morale boost. "It has been a long time, and it's good for everybody in the team to finally see a little bit of improvement," he said. "But it was a very positive weekend. Whether from now on we can consistently fight for a podium, I think it is a long shot, but I will try to make this happen again this weekend."

While Leclerc returned to the rostrum, his Ferrari team-mate Lewis Hamilton matched his best finish of the season with fourth place at the Circuit of The Americas - equalling his result from Silverstone. Still searching for his first podium with Ferrari, Hamilton said he felt increasingly

at ease with the car. "I'm finally feeling like I'm on top of the car," he said after the race, describing the weekend as a major step forward.

Arriving in Mexico, Hamilton was upbeat about maintaining that trajectory. "Coming from a positive weekend... I'm confident that this weekend, we can try to do the same again. I think we're on the right path," he said.

The seven-time World Champion added that progress was the result of patience and teamwork since joining Ferrari this season. "I feel like we're going in the right direction, and I think - Rome wasn't built in a day, so it takes time to build," he said.

"For me, coming into the team, I've wanted to be respectful of the way that they've done things in the past, and just to really observe and see where our strengths and where our weaknesses are, and to highlight where our weaknesses are and areas to work on," he added.

"But I do feel that they have been responding. I think you're starting to see some of the impact of the work that we're doing in the background," Leclerc said.

RANJI TROPHY: RAVINDRA JADEJA AMONG INDIA STARS TO WATCH IN SECOND ROUND

NEW DELHI : With the second round of the 2025/26 Ranji Trophy set to commence on Saturday, left-arm spin bowling all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja is set to play for Saurashtra in their Elite Group B game at Rajkot, meaning he will be among the Indian team stars that fans can keep their eyes on for the next few days.

In the previous match at the venue, spinners accounted for 31 of the 35 wickets to fall in the drawn encounter at the Niranjan Shah Stadium, where Saurashtra earned three points courtesy of a first-innings lead. Jadeja was resting after playing in India's 2-0 home Test series win over the West Indies earlier this month and was not included in the squad for the ongoing ODI series in Australia.

At Saurashtra, he will rejoin fellow left-arm spinner Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, who took a match haul of 10-203

against Karnataka. Jadeja's return is expected to enhance the bowling attack with more depth and experience as Saurashtra aim to build on their early momentum.

Another major clash in the second round will see Bengal facing Gujarat at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, where Mohammed Shami, Akash Deep, and Abhimanyu Easwaran will be in action. Shami, the veteran India pacer, had taken a match-winning seven-wicket haul in the win over Uttarakhand, and how he fares against a strong Gujarat bowling line-up will make for an interesting watch. The second round of the Ranji Trophy will feature 19 matches played across the country, in both Elite and Plate Divisions. Mumbai, fresh from an away victory against Jammu & Kashmir in Srinagar, will host Chhattisgarh in an Elite Group D match at the Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy



BKC in Mumbai. Defending champions Vidarbha are set to face Jharkhand at the VCA Stadium in Nagpur. The Bengal-Gujarat clash will be broadcast on Star Sports Khel (TV) and JioHotstar (live streaming). The

Saurashtra vs Madhya Pradesh game and Mumbai vs Chhattisgarh clash are also available for live streaming, with the rest of the games to be followed live on bcci.tv scoreboards page. Ranji Trophy 2025/26 second

round schedule

Plate Division games (with a start time of 9:30 am): - Meghalaya vs Sikkim - Meghalaya Cricket Association Cricket Ground, Shillong

Manipur vs Bihar - Gokulbhai Somabhai Patel Stadium, Nadiad

Arunachal Pradesh vs Mizoram - ADSA Railways Cricket Ground, Ahmedabad

Elite Division games (with a start time of 9:30 am): - GROUP A

Andhra vs Baroda - ACA Sports Complex, Vizianagaram

Uttar Pradesh vs Odisha - Green Park, Kanpur

Nagaland vs Tamil Nadu - BCCI CoE Ground, Bengaluru

Vidarbha vs Jharkhand - VCA Stadium, Nagpur

GROUP B

Punjab vs Kerala - New PCA International Stadium, New Chandigarh

Chandigarh vs Maharashtra - Sector 16 Stadium, Chandigarh

Karnataka vs Goa - KSCA Navule Stadium, Shivamogga

Saurashtra vs Madhya Pradesh Niranjan Shah Stadium, Rajkot

GROUP C

Assam vs Services - Tinsukia District Sports Ground, Tinsukia

Bengal vs Gujarat - Eden Gardens, Kolkata

Uttarakhand vs Railways - Kaushiki Cricket Ground, Jim Corbett

Haryana vs Tripura - Chaudhary Bansi Lal Stadium, Rohtak

GROUP D

Jammu & Kashmir vs Rajasthan - Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar

Mumbai vs Chhattisgarh - Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy, BKC, Mumbai

Delhi vs Himachal Pradesh - Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi

Puducherry vs Hyderabad - Cricket Association Puducherry Siechem Ground, Puducherry