

# Mamata Slams BJP Over SIR Panic Deaths, Vows to Resist NRC in Bengal

“We are witnessing the tragic consequences of the BJP’s politics of fear, division and hate,” Mamata wrote. “Within 72 hours of the Election Commission’s announcement of the SIR exercise in Bengal — an exercise bulldozed through at the BJP’s behest — one avoidable tragedy after another has occurred.”

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**Over 20 children held hostage' in Mumbai, rescued**

**MI News Service, Mumbai:** More than 20 children, held hostage by a man inside a studio in Powai area here, were safely rescued by police and fire brigade teams after an hour long drama on Thursday, an official said.

"All the children are safe," said Joint Commissioner of Mumbai Police Satyanarayan.

The man, identified as Rohit Arya who appeared to be mentally unstable, was taken into custody, said another official.

The dramatic situation unfolded at R A Studio near the L&T building over an hour on Thursday afternoon.

The children, boys and girls around 15 years old, had been called for an 'audition', as per the preliminary information.

Before the children were rescued, Arya released a video on social media, saying he wanted to speak to a few people and ask them questions, and he did not want money.

If he was not allowed to do so, he will set fire to the studio, he threatened.

## TMC blames Centre for a 'calculated conspiracy' to cripple Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The ruling Trinamool Congress has charged the Union government with resorting to a "calculated conspiracy" to cripple Bengal financially and punish its poor economically.

Making this charge through its official social media platform X, the TMC claimed on Thursday that the party has exposed "BJP's New Economic Conspiracy against Bengal" even after the Supreme Court ordered the immediate resumption of MGNREGA in the state."

The post said the "BJP-led Centre continues its vendetta. State records show ₹6,919 crore in unpaid dues — yet the Centre's MGNREGA-Soft portal mysterious lists only ₹6,002 crore, a shortfall of ₹917 crore. Despite this injustice, Bengal has already paid 69 lakh job card holders from its own treasury — because Delhi blocked what was rightfully theirs. This is not a clerical error — it's a calculated conspiracy to cripple Bengal and punish its poor. We would like to remind the Bangla Birodhi BJP that, You can delay justice, but you cannot defeat Bengal's spirit."

## Congress-RJD leaders insulting 'Chhathi Maiyya', Bihar will not forgive them: Modi

**MI News Service, Muzaffarpur:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has alleged that Congress and RJD leaders have been insulting 'Chhathi Maiyya' to get votes in the Bihar elections.

Addressing an election rally in Muzaffarpur on Thursday, PM Modi claimed that the Chhathi Puja was "drama" for Congress and RJD leaders, and people of Bihar would never forget this "insult", nor would they forgive them. "It is my first tour of Bihar after Chhathi Puja, which is now famous world over. The festival stands not just for devotion but also for equality, a reason why my government is trying to get a UNESCO heritage tag for this festival," the Prime minister said adding "I listen to Chhath songs while travelling. I was once moved to listen to one of these songs rendered by a girl from Nagaland. But while this son of yours is busy ensuring that Chhath gets the honour that it is due, the Congress-RJD people are heaping scorn on the festival, calling it a drama, a nautanki," said PM Modi,



without mentioning any leader by name.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during one of his election meetings in the district on Wednesday, alleged that the PM had tried to enact a "drama" by planning to take a dip in the Yamuna in Delhi, on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

He had alleged that PM Modi gave up his plans to take a dip when it came to light that the spot he had chosen was a puddle created with clean, piped water, since the Yamuna was extremely polluted and not fit

for a bath. In his reply the Prime minister said, "Look at the depths to which these people can stoop while seeking votes. This is an insult to the festival of Chhath that Bihar will not forget for centuries." He alleged that the relationship between the RJD and Congress was like water and oil, and they came together to "grab power at any cost, so that they can loot Bihar".

He claimed that reports were coming in from across the state about fights between the leaders of the two parties. The PM claimed

## J-K recorded 121 pc rise in domestic violence cases in 2024-25

**MI News Service, Srinagar:** In a shocking revelation, Jammu and Kashmir has registered more than 2,800 cases of domestic violence in the last two years, with a record 121 per cent increase in such reported incidents during the last financial year itself, the legislative assembly was informed on Thursday.

Responding to a question by National Conference (NC) MLA from Habbakadal, Shamim Firdous, Minister for Social Welfare Sakina Itoo said 2,872 domestic violence cases were registered during the last two years at One Stop Centres for Women and on the Mission Shakti dashboard in Jammu and Kashmir.

Out of these, 893 cases were registered in 2023-24, while 1,979 were lodged in 2024-25, the minister said.

According to the data, an additional 1086 domestic violence cases – a hike of 121.61 per cent – were registered in the last financial year compared to 2023-24.

The government said that the One Stop Centre for women in J-K, popularly known as Sakthi Centres- are functional under

## India rejects UN expert's allegation that Myanmar refugees are 'under severe pressure'



**MI News Service, New Delhi / Washington (DC) :** India has strongly refuted the "baseless observations" made by a UN expert on Myanmar that refugees from the Southeast Asian nation were "under severe pressure" following the Pahalagm terror attack, with Delhi denouncing this "prejudiced and blinkered" analysis.

"I express serious objection to the baseless, biased and fabricated observations in the report regarding my country. I strongly denounce the biased approach adopted by the Special Rapporteur of the innocent civilian victims of the April 2025 terrorist attack in Pahalagm through a biased communal lens," Member of Parliament Dilip Saikia said on Tuesday.

Saikia delivered India's views and statement on the situation of human rights in Myanmar at an interactive dialogue in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly.

"India strongly rejected the observations made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar, Thomas Andrews, in his report on the situation of human rights in Myanmar", he said .

Referring to the April 22 Pahalagm terror attack, the report by Andrews said that "following the April 2025 terrorist attack on Hindu tourists in Jammu and Kashmir, refugees from Myanmar have been under severe pressure in India even though no individuals from Myanmar were involved in the attack."

"Refugees in India told the Special Rapporteur that they have been summoned, detained, interrogated, and threatened with deportation by Indian authorities in recent months," the report by the Special Rapporteur said.

Slamming this assertion, Saikia said the allegation that the Pahalagm terrorist attack "impacted displaced persons from Myanmar is totally fabricated and has absolutely no factual bearing." "My country rejects such prejudiced and blinkered 'analysis' by the Special Rapporteur by all means" he said.

Saikia stressed that India is "seeing an alarming level of radicalisation among the displaced persons, leading to consequential pressure and impact on the law-and-order situation."

"I would also urge the SR (Special Rapporteur) not to depend upon unverified and skewed media reports whose sole purpose appears to be maligning my country where people of all faiths live, including more than 200 million Muslims, which is about 10 per cent of the world's Muslim population," Saikia said.

Saikia stressed that as a close neighbour, India continues to support all initiatives aimed at fostering trust and advancing a Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led path toward peace, stability, and democracy.

"We reiterate our consistent position calling for an immediate cessation of violence,

release of political prisoners, unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance, and inclusive political dialogue."

"We firmly believe that sustainable peace can only be secured through inclusive political dialogue and the early restoration of democratic processes through credible and participatory elections," he said.

He noted that the "deteriorating" security and humanitarian conditions continue to remain a matter of deep concern for India, particularly as these developments have cross-border implications for the country, including the challenges posed by transnational crimes such as drug, arms, and human trafficking.

Saikia pointed out that India has consistently emphasised a people-centric approach in its engagement with Myanmar.

Following the March 2025 earthquake, he said, India promptly launched 'Operation Brahma', dispatching over 1,000 metric tonnes of relief materials and deploying medical teams as the first responder.

He added that this built upon Delhi's earlier humanitarian initiatives, including Operation Sadbhav during Typhoon Yagi in 2024 and India's continued assistance during previous natural calamities.

The Special Rapporteur's report also noted that in May 2025, approximately 40 Rohingya refugees, including women and children, were detained in Delhi, flown on an Indian military aircraft to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and transferred to an Indian navy vessel. It added that Indian authorities also deported scores of Rohingya refugees to Bangladesh in May.

"The Special Rapporteur has written to the Indian government concerning these deportations and met with government officials who pledged to report back after investigating these events. The Special Rapporteur continues to wait for this report," it said.

## China 'hopes' US will abide by nuclear testing ban after Trump gives nuke test order

**MI News Service, Seoul / Washington (DC):** After President Donald Trump's order to the Department of War to begin testing the US's nuclear weapons, China on Thursday said that it "hopes" Washington will abide by the nuclear testing ban.

Earlier in the day, just a short while before meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea, Trump announced on Truth Social that he has ordered the Pentagon to begin conducting nuclear weapons testing because other countries are testing their programmes.

He noted how Russia has the largest nuclear weapons arsenal, and China is a distant third after the US , but that Beijing would get even within five years.

China's remark on the



'ban' comes in reference to the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which bars "any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosion". Many countries, including the US, Russia and China, are signatories to CTBT.

Trump's order implies that the US will resume nuclear weapons testing after a gap of

33 years.

The US first opened the era of nuclear weapons in July 1945 when it tested a 20-kiloton atomic bomb at Alamogordo, New Mexico. A month later, America dropped atomic bombs on Japan's Hiroshima and Nagasaki to force Tokyo to surrender in World War II.

Four years later, the Soviet Union set off its first nuclear bomb in August 1949.

In the five decades between 1945 and the 1996 CTBT, more than 2,000 nuclear tests were conducted, of which 1,032 were done by the US and 715 by the Soviet Union. Britain carried out 45 nuclear tests, France 210 and China 45.

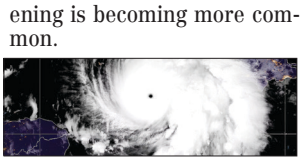
Since the nuclear testing ban treaty came into place,

## Hurricane Melissa is a warning, –increasingly catching world off guard

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Kingston :** Category five hurricane Melissa tore through the Caribbean, bringing record-breaking wind of about 300 kmph and torrential rain to Jamaica causing massive damage to infrastructure.

What makes Melissa so alarming isn't just its size and strength, but the speed with which it became so powerful. In a single day, it exploded from a moderate storm into a major hurricane with about 300 kmph winds.

Scientists call this "rapid intensification". As the planet warms, this violent strengthening is becoming more common.



These massive storms are especially dangerous as they often catch people off guard. That's because forecasting rapid intensification, although improving, remains a huge challenge.

Better forecasting will depend on more detailed monitoring of a hurricane's inner core – especially close to the eyewall, where the strongest winds occur – and on

higher-resolution computer models that can better capture a storm's complex structure. New machine learning through AI techniques may help but are largely untested, the scientists say.

As things stand, rapidly intensifying storms mean that communities are often provided little warning to evacuate, and government agencies may have little time to make preparations, such as opening evacuation shelters or preparing critical infrastructure.

That's what happened with Hurricane Otis in Mexico in 2023 and Typhoon Rai in the Philippines in 2021.



Amway ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’ vision

**MI News Service, Siliguri:** Amway has announced a 100 crore investment to boost Amway India’s growth and transformation over the next three to five years. The move highlights India’s growing importance as one of Amway’s three global manufacturing hubs, alongside the US and China. The investment will focus on expanding Amway’s physical presence, strengthening distributor capabilities, and elevating customer experiences through re-designed stores and advanced training programs.

Jagadhatri Puja Turns into ‘Mahabharata’ Stage in Durgapur

**MI News Service, Durgapur:** The epic battle of Kurukshetra, the intrigue over the Kuru throne, and Draupadi’s disrobing — this year, the timeless saga of the Mahabharata has been brought to life at the Jagadhatri Puja pavilion of Durgapur’s Arvind Sporting Association Club. The spectacular theme has become the talk of the town, drawing large crowds eager to witness the mythological grandeur recreated in dazzling artistry and light. Celebrating its 30th year, the Arvind Sporting Association’s Jagadhatri Puja has evolved into one of Durgapur’s most prominent and high-budget celebrations. What began decades ago as one among a handful of local pujas has today transformed into a major cultural attraction in the city’s Shivaji area of the Steel Township — rivaling the famed festivities of Krishnanagar and Chandannagar. This year’s theme, “Mahabharata,” encapsulates the entire epic journey — from the royal court and the Rajasuya Yajna of the Pandavas to the exile in the forest, the Bhishma and Drona Parvas, and ultimately, the Mahaprasthanika Parva depicting the Pandavas’ final ascent. Crafted meticulously by artists from Nabadwip, the elaborate sets and life-sized characters made from bamboo, fabric, and traditional materials lend an extraordinary realism to the mythic scenes.



People perform rituals during the 179 years of Jagadhatri Puja celebration at BeniaTola Dawn Bari, in Kolkata

North Dinajpur administrative shake-up sparks district-wide uncertainty

**MI News Service, North Dinajpur:** Political tremors are being felt across North Dinajpur following the State Inspection Report (SIR), with strong indications of an impending administrative overhaul in several key municipalities of the district. Reliable sources suggest that the Boards of Administrators and Chairpersons of multiple civic bodies—including Raiganj, Kaliaganj, Dalkhola, and Islampur—may soon face sweeping changes.

According to district-level insiders, the \*\*Board of Administrators of Raiganj Municipality is likely to be dissolved, while the chairpersons of Dalkhola and Islampur Municipalities have reportedly been instructed to tender their resignations. The move is believed to be part of a larger restructuring drive initiated after the SIR findings highlighted irregularities and inefficiencies in administrative functioning across the district. However, confusion and denial persist at the local political level. Kaliaganj Municipality Chairman Ram Nivas Saha categorically stated, “I have no information about any such directive.”

Theme “Banglar Dakat” for SANTOSH PALLY JAGADHATRI PUJO

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Santoshpally Jagadhatri Puja inaugurated its 13th edition with grandeur and enthusiasm in the esteemed presence of Tapash Chatterjee, MLA; Shrabanti Chatterjee, Actress; Debraj Chakraborty, MIC Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation; and several other distinguished guests.

This year, the pujo committee chose a thought-provoking theme — “Banglar Dakat” — conceptualized and artistically executed by Suman Sikder.

The theme shed light on an often-overlooked chapter of Bengal’s history, redefining the term ‘dakat’ (bandit) through a patriotic lens. Contrary to the popular perception of dacoits as criminals, the pandal showcased how these individuals were, in many cases, rebels and freedom fighters who resisted British oppression and protected local



communities during colonial rule. The pandal, designed in a unique cave style, featured, as a special attraction a mesmerizing waterfall at the entrance. To step inside, visitors had to say “Banglar Dakat”! As the magical words were spoken, the waterfall momentarily stopped, and the gates to

the pandal opened, welcoming everyone into the world of Banglar Dakat.

“Banglar Dakat” depicted the transformation of these misunderstood figures into symbols of defiance and courage, who fought against injustice in their own fearless ways.

Santoshpally Jagadhatri Pujo Committee has also undertaken several social initiatives this year as part of its community welfare drive. The committee announced assistance for 30 cancer patients, pledged to take responsibility for 50 underprivileged children, and extended financial support to economically weaker sections of society.

Speaking on the occasion, Ratan Mrida, President of Santoshpally Jagadhatri Pujo Committee, said, “Our theme this year, ‘Banglar Dakat’, pays homage to those forgotten warriors who defied colonial power and stood up for their people.”



Jagadhatri Puja at Salt Lake in Kolkata...

HMIL reveals all-new Hyundai Venue

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** Marking the beginning of a thrilling new chapter in urban mobility, Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) announced the bookings of its much-awaited compact SUV, the all-new Hyundai VENUE on Thursday.

Set to redefine the urban mobility landscape, the all-new Hyundai VENUE is driven by style, innovation and the spirit of Tech up. Go beyond. The new compact SUV marks the beginning of a thrilling new chapter in urban mobility, reaffirming Hyundai’s commitment to setting new benchmarks. From assertive styling to a tech-rich cabin, the all-new Hyundai VENUE has been crafted for customers who demand more from every drive. Customers can book the all-new Hyundai VENUE with an initial booking amount of Rs 25,000 at any Hyundai dealership across India.

HMIL today unveiled the all-new Hyundai VENUE through a jaw-dropping, bold and exhilarating film, designed to ignite viewers’ adrenaline and leave them with goosebumps. At the heart of the film is HMIL’s brand ambassador and global icon Deepika Padukone whose commanding presence and modern charisma align effortlessly with the all-new Hyundai VENUE’s dynamic attitude and progressive spirit.

Presenting the all-new Hyundai VENUE, Tarun Garg, Whole-Time Director and Chief Operating Officer, Hyundai Motor India Limited, said, “The Hyundai VENUE has been one of the most loved SUVs in India, with over 7 lakh customers choosing it for its perfect blend of design, technology and performance. With the all-new Hyundai VENUE, we are taking this success story even further, redefining bold design and modern premiumness while integrating advanced technology that resonates with the aspirations of today’s new-age customers. The all-new Hyundai VENUE truly embodies our vision of ‘Tech up Go beyond,’ offering a driving experience that’s both dynamic and deeply connected to our customers’ evolving lifestyles.”

Iconoclastic BANGLA BANDS collaborate for ‘UNITY CONCERT’

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The nostalgia is back and so are the iconoclastic bangla bands that rocked billions of Bengali hearts in 90s. The themes, rhythms, jazz, beats and emotions that were so meticulously fused in the energy wire of the bands are back in the fray to enthrall the crowd, this time the generation next. Go Everywhere Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd. announced the upcoming Unity Concert 2025 at a press conference organised in Chapter 2 recently. Present for the occasion were the eminent singers and musicians Anindya Chatterjee of Chandrabindoo; Debadiitya Chaudhury, Gaurab Chatterjee and Rajiv Mitra of Lakkhichhara

and Rupam Islam, Allan Ao, Deep Ghosh, Tanmoy Das and Prasenjit Chakraborty of Fossils. Dr Palash Sen from Euphoria also addressed everyone virtually.

This unprecedented music event will bring together four of India’s most celebrated bands in a grand celebration of musical unity. Among the headliners are Rupam Islam’s Fossils, widely acclaimed as an iconic Bangla rock band that redefined Bengali independent music and Euphoria, led by Dr Palash Sen, long regarded as one of India’s most iconic and enduring names in Hindi rock. Also performing are Kolkata stalwarts Lakkhichhara, a rock band active since the mid-1990s, and Chandrabindoo, a

veteran Bengali band known for its witty, satirical lyrics. “Music knows no boundaries. This Unity Concert is about fans from all walks of life singing in harmony,” said Mr Rupam Islam, Lead Vocalist, Fossils. “This concert will feel like a trip down memory lane, not just for us on stage, but for the fans who grew up with these anthems,” noted Debadiitya Chaudhury, Keyboardist, Lakkhichhara. “Even though our sounds and stories are different, what binds us together is the spirit of being a ‘Bangla Band’.

Standing alongside Fossils, Lakkhichhara and Euphoria feels like celebrating that shared journey,” said Anindya Chatterjee, Singer-lyricist, Chandrabindoo.

The Kolkata Publishers will enjoy considered stall charges in Kalyani Boi Utsava

**Dipankar Edbar,**

**Kalyani :** The charges for the stalls of Kolkata Book Publishers at Kalyani Boi Utsava in Nadia, has been decreased following the bash to them due to the heavy rain in Kolkata recently. The President of Kalyani Boi Utsava, and Kalyani Municipal Chairman Nilimesh Roy Chowdhury said. He added that to keep in mind that the fair is not of the committee or the organizers, but of all. “Co-operate us”, he reiterated. There will be 300 stalls of Book Publishers mostly from Kolkata.

However, the 11th Kalyani Boi Utsava is going to be jointly organised by Kalyani Municipality and Kalyani Public Library at Kalyani Central park ground on and from December 5 to December 14. The theme of the Kalyani Boi Utsava this year is ‘The Bengalis in Freedom Fight, Balaram Maji.

While many well known singers will appear on the stage during the long 10 days BookFair, the first Indian Idol Champion (2024 - 25) from the Bengalis Manashi Ghosh will place her performance. In addition, there will be Chandra Bindu band, Imon Chakraborty, Manoj and Manisha Murali Nayar, Kartick Das Boul, Ankita Bhat-tacharya, Anupam Roy and Mika Singh also will stage their performances on different days. The ticket price will be different on different dates.



Nadia: Missing 9-year-old boy traced to Sealdah station after 27 hours

**Dipankar Edbar, Tehatta :**

A 9-year-old boy who went missing from Tehatta’s Jitpur area was found safe at Sealdah railway station after nearly 27 hours, police said on Saturday. The rescue brought immediate relief to anxious relatives and locals who had joined the search through Friday night. Amrik Biswas, a Class II student, disappeared while playing near a pond close to his home. His bicycle was spotted abandoned on the bank, prompting fears he might have slipped into the water. Police launched a large-scale search operation using drones and divers.



On Saturday morning, RPF personnel at Sealdah noticed a boy wandering alone and later identified him as Amrik. Tehatta police were alerted and the minor was returned to his family. Police are investigating how the child travelled nearly 150 km to Kolkata. Officers suspect he might have boarded a local train on his own, but are verifying CCTV footage and possible assistance from strangers.

Elderly Man Ends Life Amid SIR Panic

**MI News Service, Birbhum:** Tension has gripped Birbhum’s Ilambazar block following the death of an elderly man who, according to his family, took his own life out of fear linked to the Statewide Information Revision (SIR) process. The family alleges that the man was deeply distressed after learning that his name was missing from the 2002 voter list.

The incident marks yet another tragedy in the backdrop of growing anxiety over the SIR, following similar reports from North 24 Parganas earlier this week. According to local sources, the deceased—identified as Kshitish Babu, a resident of Ilambazar—had migrated from Bangladesh decades ago. Family members said he never possessed formal identification documents such as a voter ID or Aadhaar card and, therefore, “did not attach much importance to paperwork.” They claim that when he learned his name was absent from the 2002 voter list, he became fearful about “where he would go” if deemed ineligible under the SIR process. “Our request is that this SIR be stopped. It is creating immense fear among ordinary people,” said one of the deceased’s family members. “My grandfather came here long ago, but he never made any papers. He was terrified that he might be excluded.”

BJP claims 59 dead on Katwa voter list, EC to investigate

**MI News Service, East Burdwan:** As the State Inspection Report (SIR) exercise continues across Bengal, a major controversy has erupted in Katwa after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleged that 59 deceased individuals are still listed as active voters in a single polling booth. The complaint has prompted the Election Commission to launch an inquiry into possible irregularities in the 2025 voter list.

According to the BJP, Booth No. 258 of Kowara village under Katwa Block No. 2 has 1,125 registered voters, among whom 59 have long been dead—some for over a decade. Party leaders allege that despite repeated revisions of the electoral roll, the names of these deceased individuals have not been deleted. Suryadev Ghosh, BJP’s Mandal President in the area, stated, “We have identified 59 dead voters whose names still exist on the list. Trinamool Congress has been win-



ning this booth for years by manipulating votes through these ghost entries. We have submitted the list to the Election Commission and demanded immediate corrective action.” Local inquiries revealed that many of the individuals named by the BJP had indeed passed away between five and twelve years ago. Family members of several deceased voters reportedly confirmed the deaths but expressed confusion about how their relatives’ names remained on the active voter roll. Reacting sharply to the allegations,

Trinamool Congress (TMC) has dismissed the BJP’s claims as “politically motivated.” District General Secretary Bishwanath Saha said, “The BJP’s accusations are entirely baseless. The process of adding or removing names from the voter list is under the sole jurisdiction of the Election Commission, not the Trinamool Congress or the state government.” District Magistrate Ayesha Rani confirmed that the administration has taken cognizance of the matter. “A thorough inquiry will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken if any discrepancies are found,” she said. The issue has stirred the political atmosphere in East Burdwan, already tense due to the SIR-led administrative reshuffles. Analysts say the allegations, if proven, could raise serious questions about the accuracy of the electoral roll and the credibility of voter verification mechanisms ahead of the 2025 elections.



discuss preparations for the SIR in the district.

The meeting, chaired by DM and District Election Officer Qadri, was attended by Additional District Magistrate (General) Tarun Bhattacharya and representatives from eight political parties. During the hour-long closed-door session, all parties emphasized the need for a transparent and error-free voter list.

According to administrative sources, the process of voter identification will begin on November 4 and continue until December 4. The draft voter list will be published on December 9, with the deadline for claims and objections set for January 8, and the final voter list scheduled for publication on February 7, as announced by the Chief Election Commission.

After the meeting, party representatives shared their views: Mandeep Ghosh, CPI(M) state committee member, said, “We want a transparent and accurate voter list. No valid voter’s name should be left out or deleted. Some are

unnecessarily raising citizenship issues, but determining citizenship is not the Election Commission’s job.”

Suresh Saw, BJP representative, stated, “Our stand is clear — only genuine citizens of the country should find their names on the voter list.”

Vikas Roy, representing Trinamool Congress, said, “It is the Election Commission’s responsibility to include the names of eligible voters correctly. We have conveyed our stand during the meeting.”

The Election Commission is restarting this special voter list revision process after nearly 23 years, generating widespread discussion in administrative and political circles. Observers believe that the proactive initiative of the new DM, Khurshid Ali Qadri, marks an important step both administratively and politically. The united stand of Hooghly’s political parties has sent a positive message toward ensuring a fair and transparent voter list in the state.



## KMC to introduce music in place of whistle for waste collection

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a first-of-its-kind move, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is replacing the traditional whistle sound used by garbage collectors with music and awareness songs. The initiative aims to make the city's daily waste collection routine more pleasant and citizen-friendly, while spreading the message of cleanliness in a creative way.

According to officials from the KMC's Solid Waste Management Department, the plan involves installing sound boxes in the battery-operated mini garbage collection vehicles that go door-to-door each morning. These sound systems will play songs along with short messages encouraging citizens to keep their surroundings clean and dispose of their waste responsibly.

For years, citizens have complained about the shrill, repetitive sound of whistles used by garbage collectors to announce their arrival. The civic body believes that replacing the noise with soothing tunes and civic messages will make the process less disruptive and more engaging. "The idea is to make people feel good about participating in cleanliness efforts. Music can motivate them to cooperate more readily," said a senior KMC official.

## Aayakar Bhawan observes Vigilance Awareness Week

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As part of Vigilance Awareness Week, a special event was organised at Aayakar Bhawan, Kolkata, under the leadership of Debashis Majumder, ADG (Vigilance) East, CBDT. Surabhi Varma Garg, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Eminent speakers including Swami Vedatitananda and Supriya Sinha addressed the gathering on the theme 'Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility.' The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony for winners of various competitions.

## Chandannagar Spirit Shines

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A glimpse of Chandannagar came alive at Joka's DTC Southern Heights during their first-ever Jagaddhatrī Puja. Centred on the theme "Sanatan Sanskriti" (Eternal Tradition), the beautifully designed pandal blended heritage with modernity, recreating Chandannagar's festive charm. Organized by the DTC Southern Heights Cultural Association, the celebration united over 3,500 residents. With creative inputs from Salil Kumar Das, the event inspired plans for an even grander puja next year.

## China 'hopes' US will abide

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10 nuclear tests have been conducted. India carried out two in 1998, Pakistan also two in 1998, and North Korea conducted tests in 2006, 2009, 2013, twice in 2016, and 2017.

The US last tested a nuclear weapon in 1992, while China and France did so in 1996 and the Soviet Union in 1990.

Since Russia inherited most of the nuclear weapons arsenal of the Soviet Union, it has never carried out such tests.

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the Directorate of Mission Sakthi. These Centres are operational across Jammu and Kashmir since 2018 providing all kinds of support to women in distress, like providing them medical aid, psychological counselling, legal and temporary shelter and police assistance.

These Centres are currently integrated with the toll-free numbers - 181 - with Women Helpline Service and -112- with Emergency Response Support System - providing seamless services and coordinated support to women, the minister said. [11] The government said these Centres are mandated to provide maximum support to women affected by incidents of domestic violence, cyber harassment, eve teasing, sexual harassment and rape.



Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank, addresses a press conference to announce the Bank's Q2 FY26 financial results, in the presence of Rajinder Kumar Babbar, Executive Director & CBO of Bandhan Bank, in Kolkata on Thursday.

## Bandhan Bank's Total Business Grows 9% to Rs 2.98 Lakh Crore in Q2 FY26

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Bandhan Bank on Thursday announced its financial results for the second quarter of FY 2025-26, reporting a 9% year-on-year growth in total business to ₹2.98 lakh crore. The share of retail deposits now accounts for nearly 71% of total deposits.

The growth during the quarter was driven by the bank's wider distribution network, improved operational efficiency, and a favourable business climate. Bandhan Bank currently serves over 3.23 crore customers through 6,350 banking outlets across 35 of India's 36 states and union

territories, supported by a workforce of more than 73,500 employees.

In Q2 FY26, the bank's deposits grew 11% year-on-year to ₹1.58 lakh crore, while total advances rose to ₹1.40 lakh crore. The Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) ratio stood at 28%. The Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an indicator of financial strength, was reported at a healthy 18.6%, well above the regulatory requirement.

Commenting on the performance, Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank, said, "This quarter's performance reflects a transitional phase as

we realign towards a more diverse and resilient portfolio. Our focus is on achieving balanced, profitable growth to drive sustainable long-term value for all stakeholders. By innovating in technology, refining our processes, and enhancing product and people capabilities, we are well-positioned to drive the next phase of growth for Bandhan Bank 2.0."

The bank emphasized its strategic focus on diversifying its asset base with greater emphasis on retail growth, alongside accelerating digitization to improve efficiency, productivity, and customer experience.

## Six State Universities in Bengal Get Permanent VCs

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The long-standing impasse over the appointment of vice-chancellors in West Bengal's universities has finally ended. Following the directive of the Supreme Court, six state universities — Calcutta University, Jadavpur University, Gour Banga University, Kazi Nazrul University, Biswa Bangla University, and Jhargram Sadhu Ramchand Murmu University — have received permanent vice-chancellors.

The newly appointed vice-chancellors are: Professor Ashutosh Ghosh (Calcutta University), Professor Chiranjib Bhattacharya (Jadavpur University), Professor Ashis Bhattacharya (Gour Banga University),

Professor Uday Bandyopadhyay (Kazi Nazrul University), Professor Abu Taleb Khan (Biswa Bangla University), and Professor Chandradeepa Ghosh (Sadhu Ramchand Murmu University, Jhargram).

All six appointees met Governor and Chancellor C.V. Ananda Bose at Raj Bhavan on Monday, following which the Raj Bhavan officially announced the appointments on Wednesday through a post on its X (formerly Twitter) handle.

A statement from the Raj Bhavan Media Cell confirmed the decision: "Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal has appointed the following distinguished academicians as Vice-Chancellors of respective state

universities — Professor (Dr.) Abu Taleb Khan, Biswa Bangla University; Professor (Dr.) Chandradeepa Ghosh, Sadhu Ramchand Murmu University, Jhargram; Professor (Dr.) Ashis Bhattacharya, Gour Banga University; Professor (Dr.) Ashutosh Ghosh, Calcutta University; Professor (Dr.) Uday Bandyopadhyay, Kazi Nazrul University; and Professor (Dr.) Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Jadavpur University."

Education Minister Bratya Basu also congratulated the appointees on X, writing, "Today, six state-run universities have got vice-chancellors who were the first choices of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. My heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to them all."

## VC Ghosh Vows to Fill Vacancies, Restore Academic Excellence

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** "A university should never be a centre of controversy," said Professor Ashutosh Ghosh after formally taking charge as the permanent Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University on Thursday. Earlier this week, he had met Chancellor and Governor C.V. Ananda Bose, clearing the final administrative hurdles before assuming office. Upon taking charge, Ghosh stressed his commitment to steering the prestigious institution away from controversies and focusing on real academic and administrative work.

Speaking to the media after assuming office, Vice-Chancellor Ghosh outlined his immediate priorities — addressing the long-pending vacancies and restoring the university's academic excellence. "Several key posts, including those of teachers, clerks, and officers, have been lying vacant for a long time. If a university functions with so many empty teaching positions, how can it strive for excellence?" he asked. He assured that all necessary steps



would be taken to fill these positions. Ghosh also highlighted the need to create better employment opportunities for students. "We must establish a strong placement cell to ensure job security for our students," he added.

Over the past few years, Calcutta University has reportedly slipped in various parameters — including NIRF rankings and student enrolment numbers. Acknowledging the challenges, Ghosh admitted, "These issues require urgent attention. Otherwise, the situation might worsen. Even in basic sciences,

student admissions have declined due to the fear of limited job opportunities. This disinterest is also affecting research output and national rankings."

He further pointed out that lack of adequate funding has worsened the problem. "Our research funding has reduced considerably. Funding is crucial for any university's progress. We plan to adopt strategies similar to those at Jadavpur University, which receives substantial support from its alumni. Calcutta University has not explored that route yet, but it's worth considering," he said.

The university has been mired in multiple controversies in recent years, particularly during the tenure of former acting Vice-Chancellor Shanta Dutta. Setting a new tone, Professor Ghosh remarked, "The university should not be a breeding ground for disputes. Differences can occur, even with the government, but it's our responsibility to resolve them swiftly. A university must be a place for education, not conflict."

## Hurricane Melissa is a warning, –increasingly

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Philippines in 2021. Both rapidly intensified shortly before landfall, and hundreds of people died because they were unable to reach to safety.

Fortunately, the chance of Melissa reaching a category 5 hurricane was forecast sometime before it made landfall, helped by the storm moving very slowly towards Jamaica.

A particular set of conditions are required to fuel rapid intensification: high humidity in the atmosphere, low wind shear (the change in wind speed with height), and warm sea-surface temperatures. Recent research suggests that since the early 1980s, warmer seas and a more moist atmosphere

means these conditions are becoming more common. These trends can't be explained by natural variability. It seems human-caused climate change is significantly increasing the probability of rapid intensification.

In the case of Melissa, the fingerprints of climate change are visible on many of the factors that made it such a devastating storm. Sea-surface temperatures in the region are currently more than a degree above normal – conditions that may be 500 to 800 times more likely due to climate change. Warmer seas provide extra energy for a storm's intensification. Rising sea levels also mean storm surges and coastal flooding are more severe.

Scientists are confident that rainfall is increasing as a result of climate change, because a warmer atmosphere holds more moisture, a trend evident in the North Atlantic. Melissa is travelling slowly, which leads to higher rainfall totals over land. Forecasts predicted mountainous regions of Jamaica could receive up to a metre of rainfall, raising the risk of severe flooding and landslides.

Some studies even suggest that climate change is slowing down the speed of cyclones themselves (the rate at which the whole storm moves). This would mean they linger over land and dump more rain. Simulations at the University of Reading confirmed that past hurricanes striking Ja-

## West Bengal Class 12 Semester-I Results to Be Declared on Friday

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The results of the first-ever semester-based Higher Secondary (Class 12) examinations in West Bengal will be declared on Friday. This marks a major shift in the state's education system, as it is the first time that the semester method has been introduced at the Class 12 level. According to the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE), the results of the first semester will be announced just 39 days after the exams were conducted.

Council President Chiranjib Bhattacharya will announce the results at a press conference scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Friday. The results will be available online from 2:00 p.m. onwards. Students can check their scores on the official website — <https://result.wb.gov.in> — using their roll and registration numbers. The results can also be viewed on the TV9 Bangla website, and the announcement will be broadcast live on the channel.



Once downloaded, students will be able to take printouts of their mark-sheets, which will later be verified, stamped, and signed by the heads of their respective institutions before being handed over to them.

The Higher Secondary semester exams were conducted between September 8 and September 22 this year. West Bengal was the first state in India to introduce the semester system for Class 12 students, an initiative aimed at easing the academic burden and improving assessment quality.

According to Council sources, a total of 6,60,343 students had enrolled for the examinations this year, of whom 98.42 percent appeared. Only 1.58 percent of registered candidates were absent, the lowest absentee rate since 2014. The WBCHSE attributed this improvement to the newly introduced semester-based system, which encouraged more consistent student participation.

For the first time, the examinations were conducted using OMR sheets, bringing a standardized, objective approach to answer evaluation. This new system, council officials said, has helped streamline assessment and ensure faster publication of results.

The announcement of the results is expected to generate significant interest among students, parents, and educators across the state. With the implementation of the semester system, education authorities are hopeful that it will bring greater transparency and efficiency to the evaluation process.



TMC MP Dola Sen, West Bengal Minister of State for Consumer Affairs Srikanta Mahata, and TMC Trade Union leader Purnendu Basu participate in a protest against the BJP over the killing of a farmer in Madhya Pradesh, in Kolkata on Thursday.

## Mamata Slams BJP Over SIR Panic Deaths, Vows to Resist NRC in Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday launched a scathing attack over a series of tragic incidents in Bengal allegedly triggered by panic surrounding the Special Inquiry Revision (SIR) process initiated by the Election Commission. Taking to social media, she accused the BJP of spreading fear and division, declaring that Bengal would resist any attempt to implement the NRC in any form.

"We are witnessing the tragic consequences of the BJP's politics of fear, division and hate," Mamata wrote. "Within 72 hours of the Election Commission's announcement of the SIR exercise in Bengal — an exercise bulldozed through at the BJP's behest — one avoidable tragedy after another has occurred."

She cited three shocking incidents that occurred within days of the announcement. On October 27, 57-year-old Pradeep Kar of Panihati, Khardaha, allegedly died by suicide, leaving a note that read, "NRC is responsible for my death." The next



day, a 63-year-old man from Dinhat, Cooch Behar, attempted to end his life out of fear of harassment under the SIR process. And on October 29, 95-year-old Kshitish Majumder from Ilambazar, Birbhum, reportedly took his life fearing his name was missing from the voter list and that he might be branded an outsider or pushed back to Bangladesh.

In a strongly worded message, Mamata questioned, "Who will answer for these avoidable, politically inflicted tragedies? Will the Home Minister accept responsibility? Will the BJP and its allies, under whose watch this fear psychosis has spread, find the courage to speak out?"

Calling the deaths a "betrayal of humanity," she added, "A 95-year-old man, who has given his life to this soil, forced to die to prove he belongs to it — what could be a deeper wound on the nation's conscience?"

The Chief Minister urged citizens to stay calm, avoid extreme steps, and not give in to provocation. "Our Maa-Mati-Manush Sarkar stands with you. We will not allow the NRC to be implemented in Bengal — neither through the front door nor the back door. Until the last drop of our blood, we will fight to protect the rights of the people and defeat the BJP's divisive agenda," she asserted.

## TMC Calls Key Virtual Meet on SIR, Abhishek to Lead Preparations

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Trinamool Congress has called a crucial virtual meeting on Friday at 4 pm to discuss the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters' list. The meeting, to be attended by both state and district leaders, will be chaired by the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee. Sources said the primary agenda will be to stand by the people during the SIR process and ensure full cooperation and assistance at all levels.

Ahead of the meeting, Trinamool leaders were also scheduled to meet booth-level agents (BLAs) on Thursday to assess ground-level preparedness. The ruling party has claimed that it has the required number of BLA-



2 representatives for every booth and that all are ready to assist in the SIR process. To strengthen coordination, the party has decided that experienced members who have previously worked on voter list scrutiny will accompany the BLOs and agents.

Trinamool leaders have stated that the upcoming Assembly election in 2026 will make the current revision exercise particularly signif-

icant, as it will directly impact voter inclusion and accuracy. In some cases, minor reshuffles have been made to appoint the most qualified agents.

Party sources added that Abhishek Banerjee personally lead a detailed training session for BLAs to guide them on their responsibilities. Over 6,000 party functionaries — including MPs, MLAs, ministers, and block-level leaders — have been invited to attend Friday's virtual meeting. The focus, Banerjee is expected to stress, will be on ensuring that "not a single legitimate voter's name is left out" during the SIR process. Trinamool has reiterated that protecting every citizen's voting rights remains its top priority.

## Major Accident at Park Circus: Dumper Overturns After Hitting Lamp Post

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A major road accident occurred on Thursday morning at Park Circus, when a speeding dumper lost control and rammed into a roadside lamp post before overturning on the busy stretch near the No. 4 bridge leading toward Science City. The impact was so severe that the lamp post was uprooted from its base and crashed directly into a nearby cab. Fortunately, no casualties or serious injuries were reported.

According to eyewitnesses, the dumper was heading towards Science City when its driver apparently lost control of the vehicle. The truck swerved sharply, collided with the lamp post, and overturned across the road. The uprooted lamp post then fell onto a cab parked nearby. One part of the metal post pierced through the cab's

windshield, shattering the glass and damaging the vehicle's front section.

The cab driver, a young man who was alone inside at the time, managed to escape unhurt. "I'm safe, but I'm still shaken by the incident," he told reporters. The accident caused panic



among commuters and pedestrians in the area.

The Park Circus No. 4 bridge is one of the most crucial links connecting central and eastern parts of Kolkata, and the overturned dumper caused severe traffic congestion during the morning rush hour. Vehicles lined up for several hundred meters on both sides, as police strug-

gled to clear the jam. Police and traffic officers from the local Park Circus outpost arrived promptly at the scene. A crane was deployed to remove the overturned dumper and restore normal traffic movement. "Our first priority was to ensure that no one was trapped or injured," said a senior police official on duty.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the driver may have been speeding or lost control due to mechanical failure. Authorities have started a probe to determine the exact cause of the mishap.

By noon, the damaged vehicles were towed away, and traffic was gradually restored to normal. The incident has once again highlighted the growing problem of reckless driving by heavy vehicles in congested urban areas like Park Circus.



**Name Change**  
I, Sahida Hazra Yasmin (Old Name) W/o Zahir Karim Residing at 10, Nazrul Islam Avenue Vip Road, Kaikhali, PO- Airport, Ps.- Baguiati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700052, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sahida Yasmin (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 30-10-2025. Sahida Hazra Yasmin (Old Name) and Sahida Yasmin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sushmita Mondal (Old Name) W/o Bibhash Chandra Mondal Residing at 1/12, Gout, Housing Est., 20 Harey Kristo Sett Lane, Po+Ps - Sinthee, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700050, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sumita Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit no 14 Dated 29-10-2025. Sushmita Mondal (Old Name) and Sumita Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Saynaj Begum (Old Name) W/o Abdul Majid Khan Residing at Vill-Po - Hadia, Ps.- Sutahata, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721645, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sainaj Khatun Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 12/2025 Dated 30-10-2025. Saynaj Begum (Old Name) and Saynaj Khatun Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Harendra Mahadev Rana, Harendra Rana (Old Name) S/o Mahadev Keval Rana Residing at 3rd Floor, Flat No-303, Podrah, District - Howrah, Pin - 711109, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Harendra M Rana (New Name) as declared before the Kolkata vide affidavit, Date 30-10-2025. Harendra Mahadev Rana, Harendra Rana (Old Name) and Harendra M Rana (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Mir Mohammad Rakib (Voter Card/Aadhar Card/PAN Card), s/o, Mir Abdul Mannan, r/o-Vill-Bamanupukur, P.O.-Sree Mayapur, P.S.- Nabadwip, Dist.-Nadia, WB, declare that my actual name has wrongly mentioned in my Madhyamik Admit Card of WBSE as Mir Md Rakib, before the Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Nabadwip, Nadia vide Affidavit No.- 3351 Dtd. 14.08.2025. Mir Mohammad Rakib & Mir Md Rakib both are the same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Samapati Mondal spouse of Goutam Mondal residing at 4D, Block 2, Emriyann, Puratan Bazar, Vtc: Kharagpur (M), P.O Kharagpur, Dist-Paschim Medinipur, State -West Bengal, Pin 721301, have changed my name from Samapati Mondal to Samapti Mondal vide affidavit no 13058 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kharagpur on 29/10/2025

**Name Change**  
I, Palash Biswas, S/O Kanai Biswas, R/O at-Kulgachi, P.O.-Daluabari, P.S Dhanatala, Dist-Nadia That my father name wrongly Written as Kanaail Biswas in my Passport vide No- N 2816705, dt-03/09/2015. vide Affidavit Sworn before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st class) at Ranaghat, on-14/07/25. That my Father Kanai Biswas, Kanaail Biswas & Kanai Chandra Biswas am the Same and one identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Raju Sk, S/o Rajab Sk residing at Vill. Biruri, P.O. Srigram, P.S. Kelugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal do hereby declare that due to inadvertence my father's name has been recorded as Rajob Sk in my WBSE Madhyamik Board Certificate. On 29.10.2025 vide an affidavit before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, 2nd Court, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Rajab Sk & Rajob Sk is the same & identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Merina Khatun, D/O-Saidul Mondal, residing at Vill-Kripalpur, P.O-Gouribhoi, P.S.-Basirhat (at present Matia), Dist. North 24 Pgs, PIN-743445, WB, do hereby declare that in my voter card my name has been recorded Merina Bibi & in my birth certificate my father's name has been recorded as Sahidul Islam Mondal. On 14.10.25 vide affidavit no.6493, before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, I affirm that Merina Khatun & Merina Bibi and Saidul Mondal & Sahidul Islam Mondal both are same & one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Padam Bothra, R/O- 2, Kshirod Ghosh Road Lane, Golabari, Howrah, West Bengal- 711101. So now I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Padam Raj Bothra as declared before Notary Public, Calcutta Court vide affidavit no. 001, Dated 22/08/2025 Padam Bothra and Padam Raj Bothra both are same and identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Jimlisy Samanta, D/O Late Jagannath Nayek, R/O-Pragati Pally, 4th Floor, Flat No. E-17, 486, Mahatma Gandhi Road, P.S.- Haridevpur, P.O.-Thakurpukur, Kolkata: 700063, shall be known as Jimlisy Nayek, changed vide Notary, Alipore Court, Affidavit No.:06, Dated: 29.10.2025. Henceforth, Jimlisy Samanta and Jimlisy Nayek is the same & identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekh Sabir (Old Name) S/o Sk Abdul Karim Residing at Vill - Badhia, P.O - Mirgoda, P.S - Ramnagar, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721446, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sk Sabir (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 30-10-2025. Sekh Sabir (Old Name) and Sk Sabir (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Abdul Karim (Old Name) S/o Sk Kalimuddin Residing at Vill - Badhia, P.O - Mirgoda, P.S - Ramnagar, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721446, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sk Abdul Karim (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 30-10-2025. Abdul Karim (Old Name) and Sk Abdul Karim (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**একিডেভিট**  
আমি Samser Ali Sk, S/O Golam Rabbani Sekh, বয়স-৪৮ বছর, সাং গ্রাম-শ্যাম-করওয়ান, নানা-কাটোয়া, ছেলো পূর্ব কানোনা। আমার পুরনো প্রকৃত নাম Sakil Aktar Sk উক্তকি হুজুর আমার কার্ড (নং 7450 6903 6760), কিছু আমার বড় Sakil Aktar Sk এর বদল শহাদতের Sakil Aktar Sk Sakil Aktar উক্তকি হুজুর, যাচা কাটোয়া পৌরসভা স্বাক্ষর বদল ও ডেজিট নং WB.BR. 2015/201011/1366. আমি অত্যাধা বনোনা করছি যে, তার 15.10.2025 তারিখে কাটোয়া আদালত 3RD Court জুডিশিয়াল ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট (ফার্স্ট ক্লাস) একিডেভিট বলে Sakil Aktar Sk ও Sk Sakil Aktar এক ও অভিন্ন ব্যক্তি হিসাবে পরিচিত হইল।

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, JAMINUL ISLAM S/O- Late HATEM ALI MANDAL R/O- Vill- Baikara, PO- Arbalbia, PS- Baduria, North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that my deceased father HATEM ALI MANDAL and HATEM MANDAL is the same one and identical person vide Affidavit sworn the before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no.- 24186 dt. 29.10.25.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, RANEMA BIBI (Old Name) W/o ABULLA MANDAL R/O- Vill- Maguruti PO- Taragunia, PS- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs., PIN- 743401. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RANIMA BIBI (New Name) as declared before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no. 4691/BC-125 dt. 30.10.25. RANEMA BIBI (Old Name) and RANIMA BIBI (New Name) both are same and identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, NAZMUN NAHAR (Old Name) W/o JAMIRUL ISLAM R/O- Vill- Baikara, PO- Arbalbia, PS- Baduria, Dist. North 24 Parganas. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NAJMUN NAHAR (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no.- 24185 dt. 29-10-25. NAZMUN NAHAR (Old Name) and NAJMUN NAHAR (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I Moutmita Dutta W/o Dhritiman Chatterjee residing at 116 Rabindra Nagar Kolkata 700153 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Moutmita Chatterjee as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Howrah Court vide affidavit no 94AB 576640 Dt.29/4/24. Moutmita Dutta and Moutmita Chatterjee both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Pradip Biswas (Old Name) S/o Ratikanta Biswas Residing at Shyamnagar, Vtc - Kowgachi(P), Po - Shyamnagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743127, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 13/2025 Dated 30-10-2025. Pradip Biswas (Old Name) and Pradip Kumar Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Munni Devi (Old Name) W/o Kamlesh Pandey Residing at D11/97/1/New, West Puthalkhali Mandal Para, Maheshstala (M), District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700139, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Munni Pandey (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 11/2025 Dated 30-10-2025. Munni Devi (Old Name) and Munni Pandey (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Malaya Banerjee (Old Name) W/o Biswapati Banerjee Residing at Vivekananda Road Eye Lane 2, Po+Ps - Sonarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700150, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Malaya Chatterjee (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Baruripur vide affidavit no 8291 Dated 24-09-2025. Malaya Banerjee (Old Name) and Malaya Chatterjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Prodip Patra (Old Name) S/o Bhudist Chandra Patra Residing at Vill-Po - Bhandarkhali, Ps - Hasnabad, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743439, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Pradip Patra (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 30-10-2025. Prodip Patra (Old Name) and Pradip Patra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Amirul Islam (old name) son of Nurul Islam Khalifa, residing at Vill-Bagati, P.O.- Bhabla, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amirul Islam Khalifa (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Amirul Islam Khalifa (new name) and Md Amirul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Atiar Rahaman (old name) son of Mohammed Akkas Ali, residing at Vill-Dakshin Shimala, P.O.- Shimala Durgapur, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Atiar Rahaman (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Atiar Rahaman (new name) and Md Atiar Rahaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Sariful Mondal (old name) son of Jalil Mondal, residing at Vill & P.O.- Itinda, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743292, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sariful Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Sariful Mondal (new name) and Md Sariful Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahanara Bibi (old name) W/O Late Asgar Mokil, residing at Vill-Barberia, P.O - Fatepur,PS - Falta, District- South 24 Parganas, PIN - 743513, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahanara Mollick (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Sahanara Mollick (new name) and Sahanara Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Mansur Ali Mondal (old name) son of Ekrad Ali Mondal, residing at Faleya, Shrirampur, Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743262, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Munchur Ali Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Munchur Ali Mondal (new name) and Md Mansur Ali Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Muslima Bibi (old name) wife of Munchur Ali Mondal, residing at Faleya, Shrirampur, Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743262, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Muslima Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Muslima Mondal (new name) and Muslima Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MD ALAUDDIN MONDAL S/O- ALAHI BOX MONDAL Residing at, Vill- Jhowbona, Post- Jhowbona, Ps - Nowda, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742175, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ALAUDDIN MONDAL TO ALAUDDIN MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as ALAUDDIN MONDAL (New name) as declared Before the Notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 27 Oct 2025. ALAUDDIN MONDAL and MD ALAUDDIN MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MD HASANUZZAMAN MONDAL S/O- ALAUDDIN MONDAL Residing at, Vill- Jhowbona, Post- Jhowbona, Ps - Nowda, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742175, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD HASANUZZAMAN MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) HASANUZZAMAN MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 27 Oct 2025. HASANUZZAMAN MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHAUDHURI S/O- DIGINDRA NARAYAN CHOUDHURY Residing at, Vill- B.S Road (Binay Sarkar Road), Post- Malda, Ps - Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHAUDHURI TO RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHOUDHURY in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 27 Oct 2025. RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHOUDHURY and RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHAUDHURI both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MST SAIMA KHATUN & MANDAL, SAIMA AKHTER C/O- JAMIL AKHTER Residing at, Vill- Tayeb Mondal para, Post- Chhoto Sajnapur, Ps- Kailachok, Dist- Maldah, Pin- 741101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MST SAIMA KHATUN & MANDAL SAIMA AKHTER (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAIMA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 27 Oct 2025. SAIMA KHATUN and MST SAIMA KHATUN & MANDAL SAIMA AKHTER both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rabia Begum (old name) wife of Ar-sadul Karim Mondal, residing at U-24, Karbala Road, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rabeya Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Rabeya Begum (new name) and Rabia Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, PRABHATI SAMANTA (old name) W/o BIBHUTI BHUSHAN, resident of BAG-DANGA, P.O.- BAGDANGA, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS, Pin- 743357, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRABATI SAMANTA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/10/2025. PRABATI SAMANTA (new name) and PRABHATI SAMANTA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Abu Kalam Molla (old name) son of Alauddin Molla, residing at Vill & P.O.- Gandhabaduli, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abu Kalam Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Abu Kalam Molla (new name) and Md Abu Kalam Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ispehan Bagani (old name) son of Rayhan Ali Bagani, residing at B1-65/ New Halder Para Road, Maheshstala, PS-Rabindranagar, South 24 Pgs- 700066, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Isphan Bagani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Ispehan Bagani (old name) and Ispehan Bagani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shampa Das Gupta (Old Name), Son of Tridih Kumar Gupta, Residing At Flat 1a, Co 73, Street 202 Newtown Aal, Newtown Bidhanagar- 700156, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shampa Gupta (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 30/10/2025. Shampa Das Gupta And Shampa Gupta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Quazi Farheen Zaman Zaman (old name) W/o Md Tousifullah and D/o Gupta Faizur Zaman, resident of 202 Prapripter-Fl-202 1st Floor,Kazipara Road, Roat-Basara, North 24 Parganas-700124, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Quazi Farheen Zaman (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Quazi Farheen Zaman Zaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ajifa Begum (old name) daughter of Subid Ali Sardar, residing at 2 No, Moukhali Halder Para, P.O.- Jagacha, Howrah- 711111, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ojifa Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Ojifa Begum (new name) and Ajifa Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Safuddin Halder (old name) son of Saogut Ali Halder, residing at 2 No, Moukhali Halder Para, P.O.- Jagacha, Howrah- 711111, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safuddin Halder (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Safuddin Halder (new name) and Safuddin Halder (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahida Bibi (Old Name), W/O of Sariyatulla Sekh,Residing At Vill-Kamargaria, Po-Humaniapota,PS-Ganganapur, Nadia-741238, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sahida Khatun Bibi Sekh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 30/10/2025. Sahida Bibi And Sahida Khatun Bibi Sekh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Rob Sarkar (Old Name), Son Of Golan Chanoar Sarkar, Residing At Vill-Amnipur, Po+Ps-Deganga, North 24 Parganas-743423, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Rab Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/10/2025. Md Rob Sarkar And Md Rab Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, ICHARULLA SAIKH (old name) son of SEKH NURISLAM, residing at GORAN BOSE BHARATGARH, BASANTI, BARUIPUR- 743312, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ICHA SHEKH (new name) and ICHARULLA SAIKH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, surupa purkayastya dasgupta (OLD NAME),WIFE OF SIDDPARTHA PURKAYASTHA, RESIDENT OF 3RD FR. FL-302,8/9/1A, ALIPORE PARK ROAD, ALIPORE, KOLKATA, 700027, WEST BENGAL, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS SURUPA DASGPTA (NEW NAME )VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 31/10/2025. surupa purkayastya dasgupta AND surupa dasgupta BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

**Name Change**  
I, Sangit Das Mal (old name) w/o Sukesh Chandra Mal residing at Vill & Po-Khas Ramkarchar,Ps-Sagar,Dist-24 parganas(South),Pin-743373,West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sangita Das Mal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 30/10/2025. Sangita Das Mal (new name) and Sangit Das Mal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

## British Council announces creative convergence

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** British Council, the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities has announced the launch of 'Creative Convergence': Growth Reimagined, a two-day gathering that will bring together India and the UK's leading voices in arts, culture, and enterprise to shape the future of the creative economy.

Taking place on 5 and 6 November 2025 at the Bangalore International Centre, the inaugural edition will convene creative entrepreneurs, policymakers, and cultural change makers to exchange ideas, share insights, and explore new models of collaboration for inclusive and sustainable growth.

Building on the UK-India Programme of Cultural Cooperation (2025-2030) and the British Council's two-decade legacy of nurturing global creative ecosystems, Creative Convergence aims to strengthen the cultural connections between the two countries and highlight how creativity can drive economic and social transformation.

Leading voices across arts, culture, design, film, music, education, and enterprise will contribute to shaping the next decade of India-UK creative collaboration.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) BIBEKANANDA SARKAR S/O- NITYAGOPAL SARKAR Residing at, Vill-Marita Kunda, Post-Marita Kunda, Ps - Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from BIBEKANANDA SARKAR To VIVEKANANDA SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) VIVEKANANDA SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 Oct 2025. VIVEKANANDA SARKAR and BIBEKANANDA SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) ABU TAHER SEKH S/O- AKBOR SK Residing at, Vill-Gantla, Post- Gantla, Ps - Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABU TAHER SEKH To ABU TAHER SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ABU TAHER SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 27 Oct 2025. ABU TAHER and ABU TAHER SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sunita Jain (old name) wife of Mukesh Sethi, residing at 36/2B, Ram Krishna Samadhi Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sunita Sethi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Sunita Sethi (new name) and Sunita Jain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mukesh Jain (old name) son of Prakash Chand Sethi, residing at Swarnamani Block-5th, 7TH Floor, Flat-7XA, 163B, Manikelta Main Road, P.O.- Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mukesh Sethi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Mukesh Sethi (new name) and Mukesh Jain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ayush Jain (old name) son of Mukesh Sethi, residing at Swarnamani Block-5th, 7TH Floor, Flat-7XA, 163B, Manikelta Main Road, P.O.- Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayush Sethi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 30/10/2025. Ayush Sethi (new name) and Ayush Jain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mainuddin Mansuri (Old Name), son of Gul Mohammad, residing at Gheedaha, Morolpara, Telenipara, Nilganj Bazar, Titagarh, North24Parganas- 700121, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mainuddin (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 15/10/2025. Mainuddin Mansuri and Mainuddin both are the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sangit Das Mal (old name) w/o Sukesh Chandra Mal residing at Vill & Po-Khas Ramkarchar,Ps-Sagar,Dist-24 parganas(South),Pin-743373,West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sangita Das Mal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 30/10/2025. Sangita Das Mal (new name) and Sangit Das Mal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

## Howrah Division Organises 'Amrit Samvaad' & Cleanliness Drive Under Special Campaign 5.0

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 30 Oct.25:** Under the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of 'Amrit Samvaad' programmes across multiple stations including Tarapith Road, Swadinpur, Karnasubarna, Nalhati, Adisaptagram, Lalbagh Court, Chuchura, Chatra, Azimganj, Konnagar, Serampore, and Murarai.

These interactive sessions served as a dynamic platform for railway employees to exchange ideas and suggestions aimed at enhancing workplace efficiency, improving passenger service quality, and strengthening the citizen-railway interface. The initiative reaffirmed the Division's core principles of transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in public service.

In continuation of the campaign's objectives, intensive cleanliness drives



commuters. An "Amrit Samvaad" (Interactive Session) was also conducted at Dum Dum Junction station, where passengers shared their feedback and suggestions regarding cleanliness initiatives, fostering greater public participation in maintaining railway premises.

## Augmentation Of Different Type Of Coaches With Five Express Trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 30 Oct.25:** The augmentation of additional coaches in popular Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets throughout the year, Railway has decided to augment additional Air-conditioned and Sleeper class coaches in following Express trains:

One additional AC 3-Tier Economy class & Sleeper class coach will be permanently augmented with 13418/13417 Malda Town - Digha - Malda Town Express leaving Malda Town with effect from 06.11.2025 & leaving Digha with effect from 06.11.2025. Additional 152 berths will be generated in each trip. The train will run with 16 coaches instead of 14 coaches.

One additional AC 3-Tier Economy class & Sleeper class coach will be permanently augmented with 13419/13420 Bhagalpur - Muzaffarpur - Bhagalpur Express leaving Bhagalpur with effect from 06.11.2025 and leaving Muzaffarpur with effect from 06.11.2025. Additional 152 berths will be generated in each trip. The train will run with 19 coaches instead of 17 coaches.

One additional AC 2-Tier coach will be augmented with 19608/19607 Madar Jn. - Kolkata - Madar Jn. Weekly Express leaving Madar Jn. with effect from 03.11.2025 to 24.11.2025 & leaving Kolkata with effect from 06.11.2025 to 27.11.2025. Additional 52 berths will be generated in each trip.

One additional AC- First Class coach will be augmented with 1288/12987 Ajmer - Sealdah - Ajmer Express leaving Ajmer with effect from 01.11.2025 to 30.11.2025 & leaving Sealdah with effect from 02.10.2025 to 01.12.2025. Additional 18 berths will be generated in each trip.

One additional AC-3 tier Economy coach & Sleeper Class Coach will be augmented with 12495/12496 Bikaner - Kolkata - Bikaner Express leaving Bikaner with effect from 06.11.2025 to 27.11.2025 & leaving Kolkata with effect from 07.11.2025 to 28.11.2025. Additional 152 berths will be generated in each trip.

## Grievance Camps Organized At Different Metro Stations



**MI News Service, Kolkata, 30 Oct.25:** Metro Railway has been observing Vigilance Awareness Week with enthusiasm from 27th

October to 2nd November, 2025. This year's theme of celebration is "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility". As part of this programme, grievance camps were organized at Esplanade, Howrah and Sealdah Metro Stations to create awareness amongst commuters as well as staff against corrupt practices today i.e. on 30.10.2025.

In these camps, grievance cases as submitted by the passengers and staff, were received and examined at length for early remedial action.

## Vigilance Awareness Seminar Organised In Metro Railway

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 30 Oct.25:** Metro Railway, Kolkata is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 27th October to 2nd November, 2025. A Vigilance Awareness Seminar was organised by the Vigilance Department of Metro Railway at Metro Rail Bhavan, Kolkata on 29.10.2025. Shri Subhransu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway presided over this seminar in which Shri Deepak Nigam, Chief Vigilance Officer and other senior officers of Metro Railway and



Eastern Railway were present. In his address, General Manager stressed on the importance of vigilance a shared responsibility of all concerned.

## Sealdah Division Continues Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign With Mass Awareness And Cleanliness Drives

**Collective efforts towards a cleaner and greener railway environment**

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 30 Oct.25:** As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign 2025, the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division organized a series of impactful activities today at various stations, including Belgharia, Chakda, Dum Dum Junction, Kolkata, Naihati, and Ranaghat, among others.

The day's events included Mass Awareness Programs and cleanliness drives to educate passengers and railway staff on the importance of maintaining hygiene and contributing to a sustainable environment. Volunteers and staff actively participated in these initiatives to ensure a cleaner and more hygienic atmosphere for



commuters. An "Amrit Samvaad" (Interactive Session) was also conducted at Dum Dum Junction station, where passengers shared their feedback and suggestions regarding cleanliness initiatives, fostering greater public participation in maintaining railway premises.

The Swachhata Abhiyan activities held today reflected







# Stem cell therapy may help reduce heart failure after a heart attack

**NEW DELHI :** Patients with weak heart function who receive stem cell therapy shortly after a heart attack are less likely to suffer heart failure, according to a study. Heart failure can occur after a heart attack when the heart muscle is extensively damaged, weakening its ability to pump blood effectively. This can be a sudden complication (acute heart failure) or a long-term one. Symptoms include trouble breathing, fatigue, swelling in the legs, and an irregular heartbeat. The clinical trial, published by the BMJ, suggests stem cell therapy may be a valuable add-on procedure for this particular group of patients after a heart attack to prevent subsequent heart failure and reduce the risk of future adverse events. An international team of researchers, including those from Queen Mary University of London in the UK, set out to assess the impact of delivering stem cells directly into coronary arteries (known as intracoronary infusion) after a heart attack on the development of heart failure over three years. "The results suggest that this



technique may serve as a valuable adjunctive procedure after myocardial infarction to prevent the development of heart failure and reduce the risk of future adverse events," the team said.

The trial included 396 patients (average age 57-59 years) with no previous heart conditions at three teaching hospitals in Iran. They had all experienced a first heart attack (myocardial infarction).

Of these, 136 patients in the intervention group received an intracoronary infusion of allogenic Wharton's jelly-derived mesenchymal stem cells within 3-7 days of their heart attack in addition to standard care. The remaining 260 control group patients received standard care alone. Compared with the control group, intracoronary infusion of stem cells was associated with reduced rates of heart failure (2.77 vs. 6.48 per 100 person years), readmission to hospital for heart failure (0.92 vs. 4.20 per 100 person years), and a combined measure of cardiovascular death and readmission for heart attack or heart failure (2.8 vs. 7.16 per 100 person years). The intervention did not have a statistically significant effect on readmission to the hospital for heart attack or death from cardiovascular disease. However, by six months, heart function in the intervention group showed a significantly greater improvement compared with the control group, said the researcher, while also urging the need for additional trials confirming the finding.

## Cipla global CEO Umang Vohra to step down, Achin Gupta announces as successor

**NEW DELHI :** Pharma major Cipla Ltd on Thursday announced a major leadership change, with Umang Vohra, Managing Director and Global Chief Executive Officer (MD and GCEO), set to step down at the end of his current term in March 2026. The company's board has approved the appointment of Achin Gupta, currently the Global Chief Operating Officer, as the next MD and GCEO, effective April 1, 2026, subject to shareholder approval. Vohra, who has been at the helm since 2016, has led Cipla through a period of strong global expansion and strategic transformation over the past decade. "Umang Vohra, Managing Director and Global Chief Executive Officer (MD and GCEO), expressed his intention not to seek re-appointment upon completion of his current term on March 31, 2026," the Company said in its exchange filing. "As part of the Company's structured succession planning, Achin Gupta, Global Chief Operating Officer, has been elevated and appointed as the MD and GCEO of the Company with effect from April 1, 2026, for a term of 5 years," it added. However, Gupta's appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders, who have also been appointed as an additional director of the Company with effect from April 1.

## Gujarat's dental college wins award for 2nd consecutive year, patients praise its awareness drives

**AHMEDABAD :** In a remarkable achievement, the government dental college and hospital in Gujarat's Jamnagar recorded significant success in dental care and oral health. This is the second consecutive year that the dental college has been awarded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The dental college won the honours in the Best Performing Dental College this year, for promoting dental health and spreading awareness about the harms of tobacco use. According to patients, the dental hospital not only provides dental treatment with modern equipment but also creates awareness about tobacco and cigarette addiction. "I've been coming here for treatment for four months and have gradually reduced my tobacco use because I'm now afraid of contracting a serious illness, like cancer. I feel confident that I'll receive quality treatment here," said one of the patients. The hospital also has a centre dedicated to educating patients about the ill effects of tobacco use, and counselling is also provided.

## Dalmia Bharat Foundation Organizes 'Swachhta Hi Sewa 2025' Cleanliness Drive in Bokaro



**BOKAR :** In line with the national mission of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF), the corporate social responsibility (CSR) arm of Dalmia Bharat Ltd., has organized a special cleanliness campaign under "Swachhta Hi Sewa 2025" in the industrial zone of Bokaro district. Themed around "Clean Industrial Zone Initiative," the drive aimed to promote awareness and collective responsibility towards cleanliness, health, and hygiene nearby DCBL, bokaro plant premises and it's surrounding areas. The initiative was graced by several key dignitaries

including Sri Sunil Kumar K. Bhusari, Unit Head, DCBL, Bokaro; Sri Pritam Raj, District Project officer - Namami Ganges, Bokaro; Sri Ashish Kumar Mahto, Block Project officer - Namami Ganges, Bokaro and Sri Amit Kumar, District Officer, UNICEF, Bokaro. Commenting on the initiative, Shri Sunil Kumar K. Bhusari, Unit Head, DCBL, Bokaro, said, "At Dalmia Bharat, sustainability and community well-being are at the heart of everything we do. Through the 'Swachhta Hi Sewa 2025' initiative, we aim to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and a

collective sense of responsibility towards protecting our environment. This campaign reflects our continued commitment to building cleaner, greener, and healthier surroundings, not just for today but for future generations." The event witnessed the participation of over 50 participants, including officials and executives of Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited (DCBL), along with representatives from the District Administration, Bokaro. The cleanliness drive involved road cleaning, waste removal, painting of road dividers, and general beautification of the industrial

## Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI) Announces Strong Growth in Q2FY2026 Financial Results

**PATNA:** Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI), India's leading integrated multimodal logistics and supply chain solutions provider, today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025. **Financial Highlights for Q2FY2026:** - Revenue: TCI reported a consolidated revenue of Rs 12174Mn, marking a growth of 8% compared to Rs 11314Mn in the same period last year. - EBITDA: The Company's Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EBITDA) stood at Rs 1624Mn, a 7% increase from Rs 1519Mn in Q2FY2025. - Profit after Tax (PAT): PAT rose by 6% to Rs 1135Mn, compared to Rs 1073Mn in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. **Management Commentary :** Commenting on the Q2FY2026 performance, Mr. Vineet Agarwal, MD - TCI, said: "We are pleased to report a steady Q2 performance, driven by strong demand across auto, FMCG and consumer durables, reflecting the strength of our strategy, operational efficiency, and effective execution. All product segments/divisions have



performed satisfactorily. The implementation of GST 2.0 has brought much-needed clarity in compliance and simplified taxation, enabling smoother logistics operations. Early signs of improved affordability and faster fulfilment are already visible, further supported by festive season demand across key consumption categories. In response to this uptick, we expanded our warehousing footprint and continued to invest in automation, smart multimodal assets. Our rail and coastal multimodal Logistics offering continues to scale up, delivering efficient, high-capacity, and green logistics across long-haul routes. On the sustainability front, we continue to invest in our green fleet by piloting alternative fuel technologies, while progressing

on broader initiatives such as clean energy adoption, waste management systems, and modal shift strategies. The TCI-IIM Bangalore lab is making significant progress in its contribution to the Transport & Logistics industry. A major milestone was achieved as the Lab's Transportation Emissions Measurement Tool (TEMT), developed under the TCI-IIM Bangalore initiative, has now been formally adopted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and is hosted on its official website (<https://dpiit.freightemissions.com/>). As India's logistics landscape evolves rapidly, TCI remains committed to delivering integrated, tech-enabled, and environmentally sustainable supply chain solutions."

## City doctors report 50 pc rise in eye problems as smog continues to engulf Delhi

**NEW DELHI :** The national capital's continued poor air quality and thick smog engulfing the city are not only harmful for the lungs but also eye health, said ophthalmologists on Thursday, while reporting a 50 per cent surge in eye-related problems. The thick blanket of smog and dangerously high levels of pollution have led to a spike in cases of eye allergies, dryness, burning sensations, and excessive watering, affecting both adults and children. Doctors say that the toxic cocktail of smoke, particulate matter, and chemical residues released during firecracker burning is not only harmful for the lungs, but for the eyes as well. "If your cornea gets damaged, you need a corneal transplant to restore your vision. However, if pollution levels continue to rise, a time will come when no corneal transplant will be effective, because the cornea is getting damaged due to pollution," Prof Sudarshan Khokhar, Professor of Ophthalmology at AIIMS, told IANS, adding that the elderly are more vulnerable as the cornea is already weak in them. "In the last few days, the number of patients suffering from dryness, burning, and watery eyes has increased by around 50 per cent. Many of them come in complaining that their eyes feel gritty or heavy -- symptoms typical of pollution-induced ocular allergy. Even healthy individuals are experiencing irritation due to the poor air quality," added Dr. Rajesh Sinha, Professor of Ophthalmology at the RP Centre, AIIMS. The expert explained that tiny particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) suspended in the air can settle on the surface of the eyes, damaging the tear film and causing inflammation. The eyes, being directly exposed to the environment, are among the first organs to suffer when pollution levels soar. Pollutants like nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and carbon particles react with the moisture in the eyes, leading to chemical irritation and inflammation. "Every year after Diwali, we brace for a rise in eye complaints. The number of patients complaining of itching, redness, and irritation has gone up by almost 50-60 per cent. We are seeing patients with severe eye allergies, and those who already have dry eyes are experiencing much more discomfort than usual. The combination of pollution, dust, and chemical exposure is proving extremely harmful for the ocular surface," said Dr. Harbansh Lal, Delhi-based senior ophthalmologist. He explained that people who wear contact lenses and eye makeup are particularly vulnerable, as tiny particles trapped between the lens and the cornea can worsen inflammation. Sinha further noted that repeated exposure to high pollution levels can lead to chronic inflammation and progressive damage to the ocular surface, affecting both comfort and long-term vision. "Protecting your eyes is just as important as protecting your lungs during this season," he said. "Even small steps like wearing glasses and using lubricating drops can make a big difference."

## Satish Singh will be distinguished with the conferment of the "Dr. Vipul Trikha Smriti Sahitya Sadhna Samman"

**DURING** a forthcoming literary event, the Sahitya Sabha of Kaithal, Haryana, is organizing a Kavi Sammelan and Felicitation Ceremony scheduled for November 9, 2025, at RKSD College, located on Ambala Road in Kaithal. The event aims to honour twenty-four eminent literary personalities and journalists. Mr. Satish Singh, a banker, prominent senior columnist, and literary figure based in Mumbai, will also receive this prestigious award. Currently serving as the Assistant General Manager at the State Bank of India's Corporate Centre in Mumbai, Mr. Singh has dedicated the past thirty years to literary pursuits and has been active in promoting financial literacy for the past seventeen years. His extensive body of work includes over 2,500 articles, sixty stories, and more than 250 poems published across various newspapers and magazines. Additionally, he has released seven music albums on OTT platforms. Mr. Singh has received more than a dozen accolades in.



# Heat-related deaths rose by 63 pc since 1990s, claiming 546,000 lives yearly: The Lancet

**GENEVA :** Heat-related deaths have increased by 63 per cent since the 1990s, averaging 546,000 deaths yearly from 2012-21, according to an alarming report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change on Wednesday. The report, authored by 128 multidisciplinary experts worldwide, showed how climate inaction is claiming millions of lives every year, causing widespread floods, droughts, and wildfires, and also facilitating the spread of infectious diseases across the globe. The report, which comes ahead of the COP 30 to be held in November in Brazil, found that 12 of 20 key indicators tracking health threats have reached record levels, showing how climate inaction is costing lives, straining health systems, and undermining economies. It warned that continued over-reliance on fossil fuels and failure to adapt to a heating world are already having a devastating toll on human health. "The climate crisis is a health crisis. Every fraction of a degree of warming costs lives and livelihoods," said Dr Jeremy Farrar, Assistant Director-General for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Care at the World




Health Organization. "This report, produced with WHO as a strategic partner, makes clear that climate inaction is killing people now in all countries. However, climate action is also the greatest health opportunity of our time. Cleaner air, healthier diets, and resilient health systems can save millions of lives now and protect current and future generations," Farrar added. Driven by human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, climate change is increasingly claiming lives and harming people's health worldwide. The

report noted that mean annual temperatures exceeded 1.5 degrees Celsius above those of preindustrial times for the first time in 2024. Climate change exposed an average person to 16 days of dangerous heat in 2024, with infants and older adults facing a total of over 20 heatwave days per person -- a four-fold increase over the last twenty years. Heat exposure caused 640 billion potential labour hours to be lost in 2024, with productivity losses equivalent to \$1.09 trillion. The costs of heat-related deaths among older adults

reached \$ 261 billion. Further, the incidence of extreme precipitation days (which affect health and can trigger flash floods and landslides) increased in 64 per cent of the world's land surface between 1961-90 and 2015-24. Meanwhile, a record-breaking 61 per cent of the global land area was affected by extreme drought in 2024, which is 299 per cent above the 1950s average, further threatening food and water security, sanitation, and causing downstream economic losses. In addition, the hotter and

drier weather increased the risk of wildfires, and 2024 saw a record-high 1,54,000 deaths from wildfire smoke-derived small particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution. The changing climatic conditions are also affecting the risk of transmission of deadly infectious diseases. The average climate-defined transmission potential of dengue by Aedes albopictus and Aedes aegypti increased significantly. On the other hand, governments spent \$956 billion on net fossil fuel subsidies in 2023, more than triple the annual amount pledged to support climate-vulnerable countries. Fifteen countries spent more subsidising fossil fuels than on their entire national health budgets. "Rapidly phasing out fossil fuels in favour of clean renewable energy and efficient energy use remains the most powerful lever to slow climate change and protect lives. At the same time, shifting to healthier, climate-friendly diets and more sustainable agricultural systems would massively cut pollution, greenhouse gases, and deforestation, potentially saving over 10 million lives a year," said Dr Marina Romanello, Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown at University College London.





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## Super Cup: Kolkata derby on cards as East Bengal face Mohun Bagan in Fatorda

**FATORDA :** Two weeks ago, the lights at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan flickered over a heartbreak that still lingers in East Bengal FC's memory.

A tense IFA Shield final had ended in penalty-shootout defeat at the hands of Mohun Bagan SG, and with it, a familiar ache returned to the Red and Golds - so close, yet once again, outmanoeuvred by their bitter rivals.

On Friday, East Bengal will get a shot at taking revenge against their arch rivals when the two giants collide once more at the PJN Stadium in Fatorda, Goa, at 19:30 IST.

This final Group A clash of the AIFF Super Cup 2025-26 carries permutations as intricate as the rivalry itself. If either East Bengal or Mohun Bagan win the derby, the winners will march straight into the semi-finals. If the teams play out a scored draw, East Bengal will advance.

But the equation twists dramatically if the match ends goalless. The result of the earlier match between Dempo SC and Chennaiyin FC (played at 16:30) at the GMC Athletic Stadium, in Bambolim, Goa, will come into play. If Dempo defeat Chennaiyin by five or more goals, they will leapfrog both Kolkata clubs to qualify. If they win by fewer than a four-goal margin, East Bengal will progress.

However, if Dempo win exactly 4-0, it will all come down to a draw of lots between the Golden Eagles and the Red and Gold Brigade, provided the derby ends goalless. There's one more wrinkle yet. If Dempo win by a four-goal margin despite having conceded against Chennaiyin, and the derby ends goalless, then the Goan club will qualify.

In essence, East Bengal hold the upper hand, but Mohun Bagan's fate is still in their own hands - win, and they are through. With such fine margins and enormous stakes, the third Kolkata Derby of the 2025-26 season promises nothing less than a thriller under the Goan floodlights.

The arithmetic adds tension to an already combustible fixture, but East Bengal head coach Oscar Bruzón has repeatedly warned his players against complacency. "We're not thinking about a draw," he insisted. "Mohun Bagan can score at any moment. So we will go out to win. Our mentality will be the same from the first minute to the last."

Bruzón's words reflect a squad rediscovering its rhythm. Recent East Bengal performances in the derby proved that they could match the ISL champions Mohun Bagan SG stride for stride.

In the ongoing AIFF Super Cup, the Red and Golds have scored six goals in two games, their attacking fluidity built around Naorem Mahesh Singh's creativity. Bipin Singh's directness, and Hamid Ahadad's presence up front.

Spanish midfielder Saúl Crespo described the team's buoyant mood. "The players are enjoying every moment. It's like a breath of fresh air after the win over Chennaiyin. We know what this derby means. We can feel that energy," Crespo said.

For Mohun Bagan SG, the AIFF Super Cup campaign has been steady but not spectacular. José Molina's men remain unbeaten yet short of their trademark cutting edge, as the goalless draw with Dempo SC showed.

The Mariners' defensive organisation, marshalled by captain Subhasish Bose, has been immaculate, but goals have been scarce. Now, with everything on the line, Australian forwards Jason Cummings and Jamie Maclaren must rediscover their spark.

"This season hasn't been easy," Molina admitted. "But we've been here before. We will fight for the supporters and try to make them happy."

Molina also believes that midfield control will be decisive in the derby. Apuia and Anirudh Thapa will look to dictate tempo for Bagan, threading passes for their forwards, while Bruzón's Crespo and Lalchungnunga aim to choke supply lines in what promises to be a bruising tactical contest. "At this point, there aren't many surprises left. Both teams know each other very well," Molina said. "It'll come down to who takes their chances."

History, however, defies logic. Mohun Bagan's captain Subhasish Bose captured the emotion succinctly. "Every derby feels like a final, and this one truly is. The fans expect us to win, and we'll give everything." His words echo the mood across both camps: a mix of nerves, fire, and deep-rooted pride.



## India vs SA: Kohli, Rohit set for ODI return at home - or farewell?

**NEW DELHI :** The buzz around Indian cricket is building once again - this time over the possible return of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to international action on home soil. While there's no official confirmation yet, sources close to the BCCI suggest that both senior pros are in contention for selection in India's upcoming ODI series against South Africa, starting November 30, 2025, in Ranchi.

If picked, it would mark their first home assignment since the duo announced their decision to focus solely on the 50-over game. However, whispers in the cricketing circle suggest that the South Africa series could also be their farewell to ODI cricket - though, as always,



only the selection committee knows for sure. Until any official word is put out, speculation continues on social media. Both Kohli and Rohit last featured in the ODI series against Australia, where India lost 1-2. While Kohli found form only in the final game of the three-match series, Rohit impressed with composed knocks in two games. Their

partnership in the series decider, which India won comfortably, reminded fans of the poise and authority the duo still bring to the crease. According to insiders, discussions within the selection committee are ongoing. The management is keen to test younger faces ahead of the 2027 World Cup, yet there's a strong argument for recalling expe-

rienced campaigners like Rohit and Kohli to stabilise the batting order and mentor emerging talents.

The home ODIs against South Africa will be India's final one-day assignment of 2025, making it a crucial opportunity to experiment with combinations before a busy calendar in 2026. With India still working to strengthen its middle order and build reliable bench depth, the experience of Kohli and Rohit could prove invaluable - both tactically and psychologically.

The final squad announcement is expected later in November, and all eyes will be on whether India's two modern greats make the cut - or prepare for one last dance in the blue.

## The Poona Club Open 2025: Yuvraj Sandhu moves into sole two-shot lead after round three

**PUNE :** At the end of round three of The Poona Club Open 2025, PGTI Order of Merit leader and pre-tournament favourite Yuvraj Sandhu (65-67-65) came up with a terrific six-under 65, the day's best, in the tough conditions following the overnight rain to take a two-shot lead at a total of 16-under 197.

Shaurya Bhattacharya (69-63-67), a winner on the PGTI this year, kept himself in contention with a round of 67 that placed him second, two shots behind the leader at 14-under 199.

Former PGTI No. 1 Manu Gandas (67-69-66) posted a 66 to end the penultimate round in third place at 11-under 202.

Shivendra Singh Sisodia and Jairaj Singh Sandhu made up the top five as they were both placed tied fourth at eight-under 205.

There was a two-hour delay in the start of play as a result of the overnight rain. Play began at 10 am local time on Thursday.



Veer Ahlawat, the reigning PGTI Order of Merit champion, occupied tied sixth position at seven-under 206.

Pune's Rohan Dhole Patil was the highest-placed among the local professionals as he was tied 20th at two-under 211.

Yuvraj Sandhu, a four-time winner this year, began his day with a bogey on the third but came roaring back with seven birdies over the next 12 holes. The 28-year-old Sandhu finally ended the day with a bogey and a birdie on the last three holes. Yuvraj made two long birdie conversions, drove the green on the Par-4 ninth hole and

scored birdies on all the three Par-5 holes.

Yuvraj said, "The overnight rain made the conditions tough out there. But since I've played a lot of golf in Asia in recent times, I'm accustomed to such wet conditions, so it worked to my advantage. Despite the rains the greens are playing well. So, kudos to the course staff for all the work that they've put in."

"The delayed start today helped me a little extra sleep and that helped me as well. It was a steady day for me, after a little blip at the start I got my momentum back from the fifth hole onwards. I held on to that momentum right till the end."

"Playing with Shaurya is fun because I've known him for a long time and seen him as an amateur and a rookie. We've been room-mates and have travelled to events together. So, I'm looking forward to playing the final round with him accompanying me in the leader group."

## FIDE World Cup 2025: India's golden generation led by world champion Gukesh D poised for glory

**PANAJI :** A strong Indian contingent, led by World Champion Grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju, and the entire Olympiad-winning squad will once again look to assert the country's supremacy on the world stage as they compete for the coveted FIDE World Cup 2025 crown here starting from Saturday.

The FIDE World Cup, one of the most prestigious global chess event, is being held in India after a gap of 23 years. In these two decades, Indian chess players have already made a mark on the world stage, with the country now boasting more than 85 Grandmasters-nearly eight times more than it did when the World Cup was last staged in India.

In this edition, GM Gukesh Dommaraju, GM Arjun Erigaisi and GM R Praggnanandhaa have been given the top three seedings, while every 10th chess player who has qualified for this 206-strong field will be an Indian. Dutch GM Anish Giri will be the highest-ranked foreign player at four.

Two-time former champion Levon Aronian of the USA will be the only past winner in action in Goa and has been seeded 15th in the competition. Meanwhile, reigning champion GM Magnus Carlsen won't be defending his title, while 2021 winner GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda of Poland has opted out.

The FIDE World Cup 2025, which carries a prize purse of \$2,000,000, will follow a single-elimination knock-out format in which each round will have two classical games



followed by a tiebreaker if required. The tie-breaker will consist of two Rapid Games while the single-bidding Armageddon will be employed if no result is achieved at the end of the Rapid games.

The event also offers three spots for the Candidates 2026, which will decide Gukesh's opponent for the next World Championship cycle.

Among the other participants, GM Anish Giri and GM Matthias Bluebaum of Germany have already qualified for the Candidates event through the FIDE Swiss Tour and if any of them or Gukesh finish in the top-three the Candidates spot will be awarded to the next player in the

standings.

The legendary Viswanathan Anand won the first two editions of the World Cup played in Shenyang, China and Hyderabad, India. These two editions followed a round-robin knock-out format.

But since 2005, the World Cup follows a single round elimination system with total number of players increased to 206 since 2021 with the top-50 ranked players getting a bye in the first round.

Third seed Praggnanandhaa had reached the summit clash in the last edition in 2023 and will look to go one step further on home turf. He is likely to open his campaign against

126th ranked Jan Subelj of Slovakia in the second round with compatriot Raunak Sadhwani to be a potential third-round opponent.

Gukesh's second round opponent is likely to be Kazymbek Nogerbek of Kazakhstan while Arjun may face Krikor Mekhitarian of Brazil at the same stage.

Apart from this trio, India's hopes will rely on Vidit Gujrathi, P Harikrishna, Aravindh Chithambaram, Nihal Sarin, Karthikeyan Murali among others and all of them will be in action only in the second round.

FIDE Women's World Cup champion Divya Deshmukh of India will be

the only woman in the field after she received a wild card entry. The Nagpur-born player will open her campaign against Greek GM Stamatis Kourkoulos Arditis and if she clears this hurdle, compatriot Nihal Sarin awaits her in the next round.

Argentinian prodigy Faustino Oro is the youngest player in the competition. The wild card entrant International Master turned 12 only two weeks before the start of the competition and will face GM Ante Brkic of Croatia in the opening round. Oro, who already has earned one Grandmaster Norm, can fast-track his journey to becoming a GM if he can reach the Round of 16.

There are a total of 30 teenagers in the competition, while Georgian-born GM Igor Efimov will be the oldest participant at the age of 65. Now representing Monaco, Efimov qualified for the World Cup by winning the 2024 Small Nations Open Championships and is set to take on Turkish GM Ediz Gurel, who is 49 years younger than him.

IN THESE TWO DECADES, INDIAN CHESS PLAYERS HAVE ALREADY MADE A MARK ON THE WORLD STAGE, WITH THE COUNTRY NOW BOASTING MORE THAN 85 GRANDMASTERS- NEARLY EIGHT TIMES MORE THAN IT DID WHEN THE WORLD CUP WAS LAST STAGED IN INDIA.

## WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: LITCHFIELD, PERRY AND GARDNER GUIDE AUSTRALIA TO 338 IN SEMIS

**NAVI MUMBAI :** Phoebe Litchfield raced to a majestic hundred while Ellyse Perry and Ashleigh Gardner scored half-centuries as Australia put on a brilliant display of power hitting before they were all out for 338 against India in the second semi-final of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup here on Thursday.

Opener Litchfield hammered 119 off 93 balls, Perry scored 77 off 88 balls, while Gardner blasted 63 off 45 balls as Australia made the most of batting first on a helpful wicket.

The Indians failed to capitalise on the overcast conditions early in the afternoon. Kranti Gaud made the breakthrough but was wayward; Renuka was steady, but the spinners failed to tie down the batters. However, the hosts pulled things back a bit with off-spinner Deepti Sharma claiming two wickets in two balls

in the 50th over. Australia suffered an early setback as skipper Alyssa Healy struggled to hit the straps coming into the side after missing two matches due to a wrist problem. She potted around for 15 balls before getting out, chopping on a delivery from Kranti. It was a big relief for the Indians as skipper Harmanpreet Kaur dropped a couple of overs earlier, putting down a sitter running behind the bowler from mid-off. Healy was their tormentor-in-chief when the two sides met in the Group stage, feasting on the Indian bowling to hammer a majestic 142 off 107 balls.

Though India got the prized scalp of Healy early, Australia cruised to 72/1 in the Powerplay as Ellyse Perry and Phoebe Litchfield laid the foundation for a big partnership for the second wicket. Perry was saved by the



DRS early in her knock and went on to hit Kranti Gaud for three fours, two of them off successive balls, back-to-back fours in the 10th over. Litchfield helped herself to a couple of boundaries off Kranti, who was quite wayward in her first spell of five overs and conceded 49 runs. She struck Deepti Sharma for a four and six in consecutive overs and went after Gaud, hitting her for three fours in the 10th over.

The Australians were cruising, bruising and squeezing the Indians out of the match, scoring at a brisk pace against an ineffective bowling attack. Litchfield and Perry reached 100 runs in their partnership off just 85 balls. Litchfield, who had her heart in her mouth being given out for a catch by Amanjot Kaur off Shree Charani that was ruled as bump ball by the TV umpire, struck three fours in an over off

Radha Yadav and went down the track to hammer Charani over the long-off boundary for a six. She kept slicing, cutting, driving and reversing with ease as she raced towards her century.

The 22-year-old left-handed opener hammered Deepti Sharma for sixes off successive balls -- first straight down the ground, followed by a brilliant switch hit. She fell for 119, moving across to hit Amanjot Kaur and getting caught instead. Litchfield struck 17 boundaries and three sixes in the 93 balls she faced, adding 155 runs for the second wicket partnership with Perry.

Perry continued to drop the anchor as she added 40 runs for the third wicket with Beth Mooney (24, 22b, 3x4). The defending champions lost their way a bit as three wickets fell for 23 runs. Mooney chipped to

Jemimah Rodrigues in covers off Charani. Perry was cleaned up by Radha Yadav for 77 off 88 balls, studded with six boundaries and two sixes, while Annabel Sutherland was caught by Charani off her own bowling for three runs.

With Ashleigh Gardner hitting a couple of big ones, Australia crossed the 300-run mark. Gardner added 66 runs for the seventh wicket partnership with Kim Garth. Gardner blasted back-to-back sixes off Radha Yadav in the 49th over before being run out for 63 off 45 balls (4x4, 4x6), going for a non-existent run.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Australia 338 all out in 49.5 overs (Phoebe Litchfield 119, Ellyse Perry 77, Ashleigh Gardner 63; N Shree Charani 2-49, Deepti Sharma 2-73) against India.