

Kunal Ghosh Bats for Mamata as PM Face for 2029 polls

Trinamool Congress state general secretary Kunal Ghosh has once again projected Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a potential Prime Ministerial face ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. On the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Ghosh called for a strong, people-centric woman leader like Indira to lead the nation — a statement clearly hinting at Mamata Banerjee. In a social media post, Ghosh wrote, “India needs another iron-willed, efficient, and compassionate woman Prime Minister like Indira Gandhi. The wait is for 2029.” His remarks have stirred political discussions, reinforcing TMC’s long-held belief that Mamata Banerjee is the most capable opposition leader to challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the national level. **PG 3**



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Sardar Patel wanted to unite entire Kashmir with India, but was not allowed : PM Modi

MI News Service, Ahmedabad : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Sardar Patel wanted to unite the entire Kashmir, just as he did with other princely states, into India, but the then PM Jawharlal Nehru did not allow it to happen. “Sardar Patel believed that one should not waste time writing history but we should work hard to create history,” PM Modi said, addressing the gathering after the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas parade near the Statue of Unity in Gujarat’s Ekta Nagar. “Sardar Patel wanted to unite the entire Kashmir, just as he did with other princely states. But Nehru ji stopped his wish from being fulfilled. Kashmir was divided, given a separate Constitution and a separate flag - and the nation suffered for decades because of Congress’ mistake,” PM Modi said. The policies that Sardar Patel formulated, the decisions he took, created new history, the Prime minister said. “After Independence, the impossible task of uniting more than 550 Princely states was made possible by Sardar Patel. The idea of One India, Excellent India, was paramount for him,” PM Modi said. “Sardar Patel once remarked that his



PM Narendra Modi takes salute of the Ekta Diwas Parade at the Statue of Unity on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary, in Kevadia, Friday

greatest joy came from serving the nation. I want to convey to the people of our country that there is no greater source of happiness than dedicating oneself to the service of the nation,” he said. “The country has decided to have a decisive fight against infiltrators. On Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, we should pledge to remove each and every infiltrator from the

country,” PM Modi said. “Today, the unity and internal security of our nation face serious threat from infiltrators. For decades, infiltrators have been entering our country and disrupting its demographic balance,” the Prime minister said. Highlighting the work against Naxalite terror, PM Modi said his government will not stop till Naxalism and Maoism is rooted out of the

country. Slamming the Congress, the Prime minister said that the party inherited “slave mentality” from the British who ruled India. The country is removing every trace of colonial mindset, he

parade featured 16 BSF personnel who were awarded gallantry medals for their valour in Operation Sindoor.

The parade showcased a marching contingent of Indian

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added. “Every thought or action that weakens the unity of our nation must be shunned by every citizen. This is the need of the hour for our country,” the Prime minister asserted.

Before his speech, PM Modi reviewed the National Unity Day parade in which contingents from police and different Paramilitary forces took part. Women officers commanded all the contingents, including paramilitary forces like BSF, CISF, ITBP, CRPF and SSB, and police contingents from Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam, Tripura, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. A contingent of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) also participated in the parade. The

breed dogs from the BSF, including the celebrated Mudhol hound Riya which recently won the All-India Police Dog Competition. Rampur hounds and Mudhol hounds demonstrated their skills at the event, which included a spectacular air show by the Surya Kiran team of the Indian Air Force. The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team was formed in 1996 and is among the very few nine-aircraft aerobatics teams in the world, and the only one of its kind in Asia. The parade also featured a motorcycle daredevil show by Assam Police, and a camel mounted contingent and band by the BSF. Ten tableaux from various states and union territories, including the NSG and NDRF, reinforce the theme of unity in diversity



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary and JDU National Working President Sanjay Jha during release of the National Democratic Alliance’s (NDA) manifesto for the upcoming state Assembly elections, in Patna.

NDA releases manifesto for Bihar polls; promises jobs to one cr youth

MI News Service, Patna : The NDA on Friday released its manifesto for the next month’s Bihar assembly polls, promising jobs to one crore youth, making of one crore ‘Lakhpathi Didi’, metro train services in four more cities and seven international airports in the state, among others. Seven expressways, 10 industrial parks, free quality education from KG to PG and Rs 2,000 aid per month for SC students pursuing higher education are some of the other features of the manifesto.

The NDA, if voted to power, will also set up a world-class medical college in each district, free ration, free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh and 50 lakh more pucca houses, according to the 69-page manifesto of the ruling NDA. The manifesto, titled ‘Sankalp Patra’, also outlines the NDA alliance’s vision for a “Developed Bihar” with promises focused on employment generation, women empowerment, agricultural reforms, and infrastructure development.

Union Health Minister and BJP President JP Nadda, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Union Ministers Jitan Ram Manjhi and Chirag Paswan besides Rashtriya Lok Morcha chief Upendra Kushwaha jointly unveiled the document in the presence of several other senior leaders from NDA partners. The manifesto pledges to create over one crore government jobs and employment opportunities in the state. It also proposes a “skills census” to map youth capabilities and establish mega skill centres in every district, transforming Bihar into a global hub for skill training. The document also promises the establishment of a Defence Corridor, a Semiconductor Manufacturing Park, and 10 new industrial parks in each district to boost local manufacturing. In a major push for women’s empowerment, the NDA has

Key promises in the manifesto

- 1 crore government jobs and employment opportunities
- Mega Skill Centres in every district to train youth for global industries
- Sports City and Centres of Excellence for sports development
- 10 new industrial parks and factories in every district
- 100 MSME parks and 50,000 new cottage industries
- Chipset, Semiconductor, and Manufacturing Parks to boost IT and tech sectorsWomen Employment Scheme to support 22 lakh women and create 1 crore ‘Lakhpati Didis’
- Kisan Samman Nidhi to rise from Rs 6,000 to Rs 9,000 annually
- MSP guarantee for all crops
- Rs 2,000 monthly support for SC/ST students in higher education Up to Rs 10 lakh aid for EBC students
- Free education for poor children and fortified mid-day meals
- 50 lakh new homes, free rations, and 125 units of free electricity

Rs 5,000 crore to upgrade key schools

announced financial assistance of up to Rs 2 lakh under the Women’s Employment Scheme. It also aims to make one crore women “lakhpatis” through initiatives such as Mission Crorepati, promoting women entrepreneurs and self-reliance. The NDA also pledged assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh for Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs). For

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Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is furthest from the truth, says Abhishek Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: All India Trinamool Congress General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, MP, has strongly condemned the usefulness of the much talked about the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, which is being touted as a ‘life-changing scheme for farmers’. Citing the recent incident of the government’s alleged failure to provide enough financial assistance to the farmers in Akola district of Maharashtra where farmers

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suffered devastating crop losses due to excessive rainfall in September, Abhishek Banerjee tweeted on Friday that “The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is touted as a life-changing scheme for farmers, but nothing could be further from the truth. In Maharashtra’s Akola district, farmers suffered devastating crop losses due to excessive rainfall in September. The BJP. Govt. in the state had promised financial relief before Diwali. Yet, despite farmers submitting every required document and funds being readily available, the disbursal was inexplicably delayed. And when the payments finally arrived, they ranged from a measly ₹3 to ₹21.85. Yes, ₹3. So where has the money meant for our Annadatas gone? Straight into the pockets of corrupt BJP leaders, no doubt. Is it any surprise then that since Narendra Modi came to power, over 1.11 lakh farmers have taken their own lives, with Maharashtra accounting for the lion’s share? The Modi Govt. is Krishak-Birodhi to the core, systematically crushing the very hands that feed the nation”.

Cong pays rich tributes to Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary



Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi and Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, during the 41st death anniversary of the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at Indira Gandhi Memorial, in New Delhi on Friday.

MI News Service, New Delhi : Describing her a fearless and unwavering individual while facing the powerful, the Congress on Friday paid rich tributes to former Prime minister Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary, with party leader Rahul Gandhi saying she “taught us that nothing is more important than India’s self-respect”.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi along with a host of other senior leaders paid floral tributes to Indira Gandhi at the Shakti Sthal here this morning and visited

✕ A humble tribute to the epitome of courage, India’s first woman Prime Minister and our role model, Indira Gandhi, on her martyrdom day.

--Mallikarjun Kharge

the former prime minister’s memorial on 1, Safdarjung Road. In a post in Hindi on X,

Kharge said, “A humble tribute to the epitome of courage, India’s first woman Prime Minister and our role model, Indira Gandhi, on her martyrdom day.” The 41st death anniversary of Indira Gandhi was also observed across the country, with the Congress party in all states and Union Territories organizing various programs and leaders from across the political spectrum paying tributes. In the main event in the National capital here saw all senior leaders of the Opposition Congress pay floral

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Mamata, Abhishek pay tributes to Indira Gandhi and Vallabhbhai Patel



MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee and All India Trinamool Congress General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, MP, on Friday paid rich tributes to former Prime minister Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary and to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 150th birth anniversary through separate messages.

While Mamata Banerjee in her message through her X handle said “Respectfully remembering Indira Gandhi Ji on her death anniversary.”, Abhishek Banerjee, MP in his post describing the former Prime minister a ‘fearless leader and India’s Iron Lady’, said “Remembering Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary, a fearless leader and India’s Iron Lady, who dedicated her life to the service of the nation and its people. Her courage, vision, and unwavering resolve continue to inspire generation”. Similarly remembering the Iron Man of India on his 150th birth anniversary

today, Mamata Banerjee said “solemnly remembering the Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. His remarkable contributions to India’s freedom struggle and integration continue to leave a lasting legacy for generations”. Abhishek Banerjee paying tributes also said “On the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, we pay homage to the Iron Man of India, a visionary whose will, integrity and statesmanship laid the foundation of a united nation. Sardar Patel’s life remains a timeless lesson in courage, pragmatism and national unity. His tireless dedication to integrating the princely states and his belief in a strong, cohesive India continue to inspire generations to place the idea of the nation above all else. May his legacy remind us that true nation-building rests not in division, but in the strength of unity, discipline and collective purpose.”

Prince Andrew stripped of all titles after Virginia Giuffre’s memoir

MI News Service, London / New Delhi : Prince Andrew, the younger brother of King Charles, will soon be stripped of his royal titles, including the ‘Prince’, and will move out of his home, Royal Lodge, to a private residence. Issuing a statement in this regard on Friday, Buckingham Palace said King Charles has initiated the ‘formal process’ to remove the ‘style, titles and honours of Prince Andrew”, who “will now be known only as Andrew Mountbatten Windsor”. The decision comes in the wake of Virginia Giuffre’s posthumous memoir Nobody’s Girl, published this fortnight. The memoir includes an inside account of the two years Giuffre spent as a “sex slave” working for Jeffrey Epstein and co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell. Giuffre died by suicide in April this year, aged 41, on her farm in Western Australia. Three weeks before she

died, she emailed her co-author, journalist Amy Wallace, and long-time publicist Dini von Mueffling: “In the event of my passing, I would like to ensure that Nobody’s Girl is still released.” “Today,” Giuffre’s family said, “she declares a victory. She has brought down a British prince with her truth and extraordinary courage”. British historian and author Andrew Lowrie (author of a book about Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson, called Entitled), said earlier this month, “the only way the story will go away is if [Andrew] leaves Royal Lodge, goes into exile abroad with his ex-wife, and is basically stripped of all his honours, including Prince Andrew”. Sarah Ferguson will also move out of Royal Lodge. As a trauma memoir, Nobody’s Girl forces us to bear witness to an uncomfortable truth: Giuffre’s abuse was hidden in plain sight.



The King’s brother will no longer be known as a prince but as Andrew Mountbatten Windsor.

“Don’t be fooled by those in Epstein’s circle who say they didn’t know what Epstein was doing,” she writes. “Anyone who spent any significant amount of time with Epstein saw him touching girls.” She continues: “They

can say they didn’t know he was raping children. But they were not blind.” Four days before the memoir was published, Prince Andrew announced he would no longer use the titles conferred upon him, including Duke of York.

Three days later, leaked emails from 2011 suggested he gave Giuffre’s date of birth and social security number to one of his protection officers, hours before the

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infamous photograph of him with her was published. Maxwell’s brother, Ian Maxwell, published an article in the Spectator today, headlined “Don’t take Virginia Giuffre’s memoir at face value”. The memoir keeps his sister, who was convicted of charges including sex trafficking of a minor, in world headlines – at a time Donald Trump has said he will “take a look” at pardoning her. Earlier this year, Maxwell was moved to a lower security prison to continue her 20-year sentence. Giuf-

fre writes that her father began molesting her at the age of seven. He “strenuously” denies this. While the memoir makes this public for the first time, Giuffre’s

older brother Danny Wilson said he first heard the allegations years before the memoir was published – and confronted his father about it. Later, she recalls her mother raising suspicions about her involvement with Epstein and “apex predator” Maxwell, questioning “what this older couple wanted with a teenage girl who had no credentials”. Around the time of her doctor’s visit, the memoir

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Darjeeling-Kurseong road accident kills 3

MI News Service, Darjeeling: At least three persons were killed and five others injured when a vehicle rolled into a ditch on way to Kurseong from Darjeeling in West Bengal, a senior police officer said.

The accident occurred in the hills on Thursday night when the driver failed to negotiate a sharp bend.

While two persons died on the spot, another succumbed later.

The injured are being treated in a hospital, the officer said.

The hill region was slashed by rain on Thursday, and the Met Office predicted heavy showers in some pockets on October 31. A probe is underway to ascertain factors behind the accident, the officer said.

Bengal HS students to access scanned OMR sheets

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state higher secondary council will allow Class XII students to access the scanned optical mark recorder (OMR) sheets of their third-semester papers "on demand".

Earlier, the council had stated that they would upload the scanned OMRs of all 6.5 lakh Class XII candidates within 72 hours of the results' publication on October 31.

The council president, on Saturday, said that they have decided against uploading the scanned OMR sheets of over 38 lakh scripts of the 6.5 lakh candidates.

"It is difficult to create such a huge infrastructure at this stage to upload all 38 lakh scripts at a time. So, we will allow students to go through the scanned OMR sheets on demand. All the students may not want to go through the scanned OMR sheets," the council president said on Saturday.

Zakir Stirs Row at Jangipur Tea Meet

MI News Service, Jangipur: He is the Trinamool MLA of Jangipur. He is constantly seen speaking out against the people of his opposition group in the ruling party in Jangipur Municipality. While warning the leaders of the group against him, the militant MLA Zakir Hossain said that he is the biggest tyrant. His comment sparked controversy. BJP has taken a dig at the Trinamool MLA.

MLA Zakir was present at a tea party in ward 3 of Jangipur Municipality on Thursday evening. He was upset about govt accommodation being provided by municipality. During tea party, a Trinamool worker said that work does not get done in the municipality. Various corruptions take place. Zakir said, "Who is the boss? How big is the boss? Is the boss bigger than me? I am the biggest boss. Has anyone come here for any work?" After that, he said, "Please keep me company, I am with you."

Since Lok Sabha elections, Zakir repeatedly seen making allegations of corruption against Jangipur Municipality. Few days ago, Zakir said that if Chief Minister sends Rs 100, it will work for Rs 25. Now, the way he called himself 'Mustan' while attacking a section of the party has sparked a controversy.

ED seized Rs 3 cr and incriminating docs in relations to alleged municipality recruitment scam

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has seized cash Rs 3 crore, digital devices and many incriminating documents of benami investments during the marathon raids at seven locations in and around Kolkata in relation to alleged recruitment scam in municipality and civic bodies in West Bengal.

The raids were conducted on October 28, which carried on on the following day at 7 places, including the offices and residences of main suspects of the Municipality Recruitment scam. The raids were conducted at Radiant Enterprise Pvt Ltd, Gardodia Securities Ltd, Jeet Construction and Consultants etc and the residences and officers of those owners and officials.

"During the course of searches various incriminating documents including property documents, digital devices and cash amounting to Rs. 3 crore (approx.) have been seized. The searches have uncovered a modus operandi whereby tainted money of the main suspects in the scam was being laundered through the companies/ firms in the guise of bogus ser-

IMD issues orange alert for NORTH BENGAL

MI News Service, Kolkata /Siliguri: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert for several north Bengal districts, warning of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms over the next 24 hours as the remnant of severe cyclonic storm 'Montha' moved north-northeastward over Jharkhand towards Bihar.

The weather system, which battered Andhra Pradesh earlier this week, is expected to gradually weaken into a low-pressure area by Friday night.

A Met department spokesperson said "thunderstorms accompanied with intense rain are very likely to affect parts of Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong and Darjeeling districts".

A yellow alert — meaning "keep watch and be aware" — has also been issued for Uttar Dinajpur district.

The IMD said the "well-marked low pressure area [remnant of severe cyclonic storm 'Montha'] over north Chhattisgarh and neighbourhood moved north-northeastward during the past six hours and lay over northwest Jharkhand and neighbourhood at 8:30

am IST on October 31."

It is likely to continue moving towards Bihar and weaken into a low-pressure area within the next 12 hours.

While north Bengal districts brace for intense rain, south Bengal — including Kolkata — experienced light to moderate rainfall, with the city recording 27.8 mm rain in 24 hours from 8:30 pm on October 29. The IMD has forecast light rain in parts of Gangetic West Bengal over the next 24 hours.

For north Bengal, moderate to heavy rainfall is expected at most places on Friday, with heavy rain (7–11 cm) likely at one or two locations in Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Cooch Behar on Saturday. Conditions are expected to gradually improve from November 3 onwards, with mainly dry weather predicted till November 6.

The department warned of potential "water logging, flash floods in low-lying areas, landslides in hilly districts like Darjeeling and Kalimpong, rise in river levels in Teesta, Torsa, Raidak and Jaldhaka, and possible damage to kutchha houses and standing crops."

Authorities have advised

residents to avoid landslide-prone areas and waterlogged zones, regulate traffic movement, and take shelter in safe locations during intense spells of rain.

Tourism activities in the hills have also been recommended to be "regulated judiciously."

In south Bengal, light to moderate rain or thunder-showers are likely in several districts including Birbhum, Murshidabad, Nadia, East and West Burdwan, and Kolkata till Saturday. The Met office warned of "thunderstorms with gusty winds of 30–50 kmph and lightning at one or two places" in these regions.

At least three persons were killed and five others injured when a vehicle rolled into a ditch on the Darjeeling-Kurseong road on Thursday night amid rain and slippery conditions.

A senior police officer said, "The accident occurred when the driver failed to negotiate a sharp bend. While two persons died on the spot, another succumbed later. The injured are undergoing treatment at a hospital."

A probe has been launched to ascertain the cause of the accident, the officer added.

Durgapur rape case: Charge on victim's friend & 3 others

MI News Service, Durgapur: Police submitted a chargesheet in the gang-rape of a second-year medical student of the IQ City Medical College and Hospital in Durgapur, 20 days after the crime took place.

On the night of October 10, the 23-year-old MBBS student from Odisha was allegedly raped by a friend who was her classmate, and three others.

Public prosecutor Bibhash Chatterjee said that based on prima facie evidence, 18 sections of BNS had been imposed against six accused, including classmate Wasef Ali. He said they had appealed for a speedy trial. "We urged the court to finish the trial within two months," said

Chatterjee.

Chatterjee said the girl's friend Ali was charged with rape. Nasiruddin Sekh, Apu Bauri and Sekh Firdos Sekh were charged with gang-rape along with dacoity, extortion and snatching. Two other accused — Reajuddin Sekh and Sekh Safik — were charged with dacoity, extortion and snatching.

"During the course of probe we found the classmate raped her while three accused, Firdos, Nasiruddin and Apu were charged with gang-rape along with dacoity, extortion and snatching. Reajuddin and Safik, accused of robbing the girl of her mobile phone and money, were charged with dacoity, extortion and snatching. All these are based on prima facie findings and the

trial will be crucial," said Chatterjee.

A few days after the incident, police commissioner of Asansol-Durgapur police commissionerate Sunil Choudhary told reporters that only one person had raped the girl. However, the survivor last week identified five among the six held in the case during a test identification (TI) parade at the Durgapur sub-correctional home. Ali, the girl's classmate, had been identified earlier.

The police said the girl had returned to her home in Odisha with her parents, but had said she would visit Durgapur whenever needed for the sake of the probe. It was unclear if she would resume her studies in Durgapur.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman canceled her Bhutan visit midway and return to Delhi owing to bad weather

MI News Service, Siliguri: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday cancelled her Bhutan visit mid-way and returned to New Delhi from Bagdogra airport in North Bengal owing to bad weather in this part of Eastern Himalaya, official sources said.

The finance minister, who was on her way to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, had to halt at Siliguri hotel last night after her flight had to make an emergency landing at Bagdogra airport owing to bad weather.

Sources said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman returned to Delhi after cancelling her scheduled visit to Bhutan. Her aircraft had made an emergency landing at Bagdogra Airport yesterday after it failed to land at Bhu-

tan's Paro Airport due to adverse weather conditions. The minister spent the night at a hotel in Siliguri.

On Friday morning, she reached Bagdogra Airport, where BJP leaders and workers welcomed her before she departed for Delhi, the report said.

Sources said her flight to Bhutan made an emergency landing due to severe bad weather yesterday afternoon.

Due to the adverse weather conditions, she stayed overnight in Siliguri and returned to Delhi cancelling her four-day visit to Bhutan.

Sitharaman was scheduled to discuss deepening economic and financial cooperation with Bhutan during her trip to the Himalayan Kingdom.

During the four-day visit,

Sitharaman will visit projects being executed with Indian support, including hydropower plants.

Bhutan exports surplus power to India, its biggest trading partner. Sitharaman's visit was significant as Bhutan is a key part of India's 'Act East' policy aimed at boosting economic, strategic, and cultural ties with the Asia-Pacific region. Bhutan is not part of China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Sitharaman was also scheduled to call on King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay. She was also scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with her counterpart, Lekey Dorji, to discuss avenues for further strengthening India-Bhutan economic and financial cooperation.

Police arrest serial thief

MI News Service, Kolkata: The man, who had been pursued in 13 cities for stealing wallets and electronic gadgets, was arrested by the Bidhanagar police last week. He has claimed that he himself was a victim of fraud by the owner of a paying guest accommodation in New Town, who reportedly did not return his money when he left a month ahead of schedule, as stated by the police.

Kurapati Ajay, who has been brought to Calcutta on transit remand from Kerala, reportedly told the police that he had come to New Town a few years ago.

"He has claimed that he had lodged a police complaint, too, during that time. We are yet to verify his statement," an officer of Bidhanagar City Police said on Tuesday.

According to the police, Ajay had been stealing wallets and mobile phones and had been purchasing gold and high-end phones over the past four years using stolen credit and debit cards.

According to his statement to the police, he sold the new phones and the gold on an online trading portal. "And the money he transferred into a bank account was either for gambling or to book an accommodation at his next destination," the officer said.

Ajay's modus operandi was to check into guest houses and hotels in new cities, make friends, and steal their wallets and gadgets before using their cards to make online purchases. These purchased articles were then sold on online portals to encash the money.

The police have so far come across records of 11 FIRs against him apart from the one registered by Bidhanagar police.

Ajay has cases in Sikkim, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Kerala, Rajasthan and Pondicherry.

The police said that Ajay had been arrested twice before — once by Gangtok Police and then by Bengaluru Police.

Ajay has reportedly told the police that he had been to Calcutta before, and he was here a few years ago at a time when he "did not commit a crime" but was duped himself.

The police said that while probing deeper into the crime, they found that to reduce dependence on other people, Ajay had used fake documents to open e-wallets and used them to transfer the swindled money. "There are many criminals who borrow others' bank accounts to transfer funds to involve other associates in the crime. But this man operated alone," the officer said.

Boyfriend throws bomb at girlfriend's house

MI News Service, Baidyabati: The era of exchanging thoughts between lovers by writing letters is gone. Now they express their feelings over the phone. But, what if the lover does not pick up the phone for a few days? What can a lover do? What a young man did in Baidyabati. Hooghly, is shocking. He threw a bomb at his lover's house to talk to her. He even made the bomb himself after watching YouTube. The lover and his 3 friends were arrested by the police of Serampore police station in the incident. And after the police arrested him, the young man named Sagar Malik candidly confessed that if his lover came out at the sound of the bomb exploding, he would have said two things. That's why he threw the bomb. Police said that on the night of Chhath Puja on October 28, a bomb was thrown in the Malir Bagan Khamardanga area of Ward 18 of Baidyabati. The CCTV camera captured the image of the bomb. The bomb hit the wall of a house. The window glass was broken. Investigating the incident, the police questioned the residents of the house where the bomb was thrown. But no clues were found.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Several CBSE schools are planning to adjust their academic calendars to accommodate the second Class X board exam, tentatively scheduled in May. A second exam implies that schools will need teachers to conduct the exam, and will also have to send them for the evaluation of answer scripts. According to the tentative timetable shared by the CBSE, the second Class X board exam is scheduled to start on May 15 and end on

SHOLAY director Ramesh Sippy to grace 31st KIFF

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ramesh Sippy, the director of the magnum opus, Sholay, has been invited to deliver the Satyajit Ray Memorial Lecture at the 31st Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF). The maker of the film that turned 50 this year will deliver the talk at Sisir Mancha on November 7.

The eight-day festival, on which a news meet took place on Tuesday, will be inaugurated the day before, on November 6, at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, where Saptapadi, the Uttam Kumar-Suchitra Sen-starrer, will be exhibited as the opening film.

There will be 215 films in 18 Indian and 30 foreign languages shown on 20 screens in venues across the city — Nandan, Rabindra Sadan, Sisir Mancha, Rabindra Okakura Bhavan, Radha Studio, Nazrul Tirtha, Navina, Star Theatre, Menoka, Ajanta, PVR Mani Square, Inox Metro, Inox Quest, Inox South City, Globe, New Empire and Prachi.

Centenary tributes will be paid to film director Ritwik

Woman set herself on fire, in fright of SIR

MI News Service, Barrackpore: Her father's house is in Bangladesh. In-laws' house in India. On Thursday night, the bride committed suicide by going to the roof of the house and setting herself on fire, according to the in-laws. However, the police have detained the deceased's husband, father-in-law, and brother-in-law to confirm the cause of death.

Thirty-three-year-old Kakali Sarkar's in-laws' house is in Ward No. 8 of Barrackpore Municipality in North 24 Parganas. Her father's home is in

Bangladesh. She came to this country after getting married 15 years ago. She is now the mother of two minor children. The family claims that Kakali had been wanting to go to her father's house for several days. She received news that her father was ill. The mother-in-law claims that in the current situation, they forbade her daughter-in-law from going to Bangladesh with her grandchildren because they were a little scared after the SIR announcement. Kakali Sarkar was depressed about it. Kakali set herself

on fire on Thursday night on the roof of her house. Before that, she wrote a letter and left it at home. According to her mother-in-law, "It's a very big letter. It says that no one is responsible for her death."

According to local sources, the Sabuj-Kakali family has been in panic since the SIR was launched in West Bengal on October 27. For several days, Kakali had been telling her husband to take her to Bangladesh. But Sabuj said that she would go to Bangladesh once all these 'problems' were resolved.

Pradip Kar's Death: Forensic team examining the house

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: Allegation of suicide due to NRC scare in SIR atmosphere. Forensic experts reached the house of deceased Pradeep Karer in Agarpara on Friday. The suicide note was actually written by Pradeep Karer? That will be investigated. The investigators are examining all of Pradeep Karer's belongings. The investigators want to investigate whether there was any notebook or diary in the house, whether Pradeep used any pen, and whether there was any paper written by his hand in the house.

Several questions have been raised about this death. There are also several controversies. This controversies became even more intense when family members said that four fingers of his right hand were amputated. His fingers were amputated in an accident before 1980. Pradeep used to run a shop. No one could say clearly whether he could write after that. Because it is not possible to say whether anyone saw him writing with his own eyes. This is the issue that the BJP has raised. BJP has raised several

questions about this death. Former BJP state president Dilip Ghosh has also raised the theory of murder behind it. He alleged that the window was broken. If someone commits suicide, how does suicide note come into his hand? He alleged that someone entered through the window and killed him. BJP is also demanding a forensic team for Pradeep Kar's death. From the very beginning, Shuvendu Adhikari has said about Pradeep Kar's death, 'It is a false case.' Now he said, "This incident is completely staged."

Two minors drown; elder dies, younger critical

MI News Service, Nadia: Tragedy struck Shantipur on Friday morning when two minor brothers allegedly drowned while taking a bath in a neighbourhood pond. Locals rushed them to Shantipur State General Hospital, where the elder child, five-year-old Shubhajit Roy, was declared dead. His three-year-old brother, Shubham, is undergoing treatment in a critical condition.

The incident took place at Ward No. 5 in Baghajatin Para Lane under Shantipur police station. According to the family, the elder child was extremely playful and would often be kept indoors by his mother to prevent any mishap. However, early on Friday, both children reportedly slipped out of the house unnoticed.

When they did not return for over an hour, family members started searching

for them. Soon, neighbours informed that the duo had been spotted drowning in the pond. Locals immediately pulled them out and shifted them to hospital.

Police reached the spot after being informed and have begun probing the circumstances. Officers said they are investigating how the children went to the pond so early and whether there was any other factor behind the incident.

Woman critical after suspected attack at home

MI News Service, Krishnaganj: A 42-year-old woman from Rabin-dranagar in Nadia district is battling for life after being found with grievous injuries inside her home in the early hours of Friday. Police suspect she was attacked with a heavy object by unidentified assailants.

According to police, the victim, Sovia Biswas, wife of Late Chittaranjan Biswas, was discovered in a pool of blood by her son, Akshay Biswas (23), around 4am when he returned from Krishnanagar, where he

had gone to take part in Jagaddhatri Puja festivities.

Akshay immediately alerted neighbours and rushed his mother to Krishnaganj Rural Hospital. She was later referred to Nadia District Hospital and subsequently shifted to Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College & Hospital (NRSMC&H) in Kolkata, where she remains in a critical condition.

The incident came to light after a written complaint was lodged by the victim's daughter, Mousumi Biswas (27), a resident of Bhimpur

Natunpara. Based on the complaint, Krishnaganj Police registered a case under sections 329(4)/118(2)/109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Preliminary inquiry indicates that the woman may have been attacked with intent to kill. Police are probing all possible angles, including personal enmity, and efforts are on to identify the assailants.

A senior police official said, "We are examining all leads. The motive behind the attack is yet to be established."

CBSE schools plan to tweak summer holidays

MI News Service, Kolkata: Several CBSE schools are planning to adjust their academic calendars to accommodate the second Class X board exam, tentatively scheduled in May.

A second exam implies that schools will need teachers to conduct the exam, and will also have to send them for the evaluation of answer scripts. According to the tentative timetable shared by the CBSE, the second Class X board exam is scheduled to start on May 15 and end on

June 1, which means it will overlap with the summer vacation.

Schools usually close in the second week of May for summer, but if it is scorching before that, schools are forced to shut down even earlier.

"We will have to push back our summer break. For the board exams, we usually have four schools coming to our centre. If teachers are on leave, how will we conduct the exam?" said Loveleen Saigal, principal, Birla High School.

The school has not yet fi-

nalised the dates, but plans to tweak the summer vacation dates from what they are every year.

"We are waiting for the final timetable before finalising the change in the academic calendar," said Saigal.

Usually, schools finish one round of assessment in July after the students come back from the summer break.

"We will have to make adjustments in the academic calendar, keeping in mind the second Class X board exam," said Jaidev Ghosh, principal, South Point High School.



vices, the ED said in a statement.

Earlier during investigation by ED in the primary teachers recruitment scam, searches were carried out at various premises linked to Ayan Sil, a middleman in the scam, and others in 2023.

During the search operation, several incriminating documents along with digital evidence were recovered and seized from the possession of Ayan Sil. The scrutiny of the incriminating documents had revealed that the scam is not only limited to recruitment of the teachers but also covers several other appointments by various municipalities (including Kanchrapra, New Barrackpore, Kamarhati, Titagarh, Baranagar, Halisahar, South Dum Dum (N), Dum Dum etc.), which includes

recruitment of mazdoors, sweepers, clerks, peon, ambulance attendants, pump operators, helpers, sanitary assistants, drivers and others.

The ED investigation revealed that the contracts pertaining to various municipal corporations, municipalities were given to a single company ABS Infozon Pvt Ltd. (director- Ayan Sil) for the printing of question papers, printing of OMR sheets, evaluation of marks obtained by the candidates and preparation of the merit list etc.

Ayan Sil and other high functionaries including public servants and political leaders hatched a criminal conspiracy among themselves including other private persons and in pursuance to that conspiracy. Sil was also accused of manipulating in designing and evaluation of OMR sheets of the candidates and facilitated the illegal appointments of several unmeritorious candidates in several municipalities in lieu of money.

The ED has already filed a chargesheet against Ayan Sil before a special PMLA court in Kolkata.



West Bengal MLA Indranil Sen, State Cabinet Minister Arup Biswas, actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, actress Koel Mallick and TMC MP June Malia during the inauguration of the logo of the 31st Kolkata International Film Festival at a media conference, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Ghatak with the screening of six of his films. Veteran director Adoor Gopalakrishnan will discuss Ghatak on November 12 at Sisir Mancha at 4pm.

An exhibition on Ghatak will be held at the Nandan foyer. His actors, technicians and students will be felicitated on November 13 at Rabindra Sadan.

Tributes will be paid through screenings of his films to other centenarians as well — Richard Burton (Who's Afraid of Virginia

Woolf?), Santosh Dutta (Joi Baba Felunath), Saili Chowdhury (Do Bigha Zameen), Raj Khosla (Bombai Ka Babu), Sam Peckinpah (The Wild Bunch; Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid) and Polish director Wojciech Has (The Hourglass Sanatorium, The Saragossa Manuscript and The Doll).

An exhibition will showcase some of them along with Pradip Kumar and Robert Altman at Gaganendra Pradarashashala.

Special tributes will be paid to Robert Redford,

Claudia Cardinale, David Lynch, Shyam Benegal, Arun Roy, Raja Mitra and Shashi Anand.

This year, the focus country is Poland, which will send 19 films and a seven-member contingent, including Agata Wasowska-Pawlik, director of the International Cultural Centre in Krakow, and the director, executive producer and lead actor of the 2025 biographical film Chopin Chopin. Monika Rosca will play a grand piano before the screening of the film on the composer.

An exhibition on "Polish cinematography in posters: The art of Andrzej Pagowski" will be held on the first floor of Gaganendra Pradarashashala.

Films in eight rare languages like Kokborok and Tulu will be screened in the Unheard India section.

Cine Adda at Ektara Mancha outdoors will focus on themes related to music and films every evening.

A seminar on Artificial Intelligence and the future of cinema will be held at Sisir Mancha at 4pm on Nov 10.

PIL filed in Cal HC seeking clarification on SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in the Calcutta High Court on Friday seeking clarification regarding the need for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, its extension of time, and whether the process could be conducted under judicial supervision, court sources said.

The PIL was filed before the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujay Paul and Justice Smitha Das. The matter is expected to come up for hearing next week, sources added. Advocate Sabyasachi Chatterjee, appearing for petitioner Pintu Karar, sought clarification on why the SIR process was initiated by the Election Commission of India (ECI) just a few months before the West Bengal Assembly polls, scheduled for early next year. The petition also urged the ECI to publish the 2022 total voter list, stating that voters were confused about the implications of the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral roll. The SIR process began after the ECI announced details on Monday, following which training for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) commenced. House-to-house enumeration of voters is scheduled to start from November 4. The PIL further questioned whether the entire process could be completed within the short stipulated period of one month and suggested that, if necessary, the exercise be conducted under the court's supervision.

Seven-Year-Old Girl Dies of Dengue

MI News Service, Kolkata: Dengue claimed another life in Kolkata, this time in the ward of Deputy Mayor and Mayor-in-Council member (Health) Atin Ghosh. The deceased, Adrishapoddar, a seven-year-old girl from Baratalah in Ward No. 11, passed away on Tuesday night at a private multispecialty hospital near the EM Bypass. According to family and hospital sources, Adrishapoddar had been suffering from fever since October 25. As her condition deteriorated, she was admitted to a local nursing home on October 28, where doctors detected internal bleeding and other complications. She was later shifted to the multispecialty hospital, where she succumbed to dengue late Tuesday night. Hospital authorities have confirmed that the child tested positive for dengue. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has sought detailed medical reports regarding the case. However, Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh has not yet issued an official statement on the incident.

Cong pays rich tributes to Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary

From PG 1 tributes to Indira Gandhi at her memorial, Shakti Sthal. Party workers remembered her rich contributions to national unity and her strong leadership. Rahul Gandhi stated that her sacrifice for the country's unity and integrity would always "inspire us all on the path of public service".

She had the foresight in building a strong and progressive India. Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh recalled her courageous and spontaneous 1977 visit to the remote village of Belchhi in Bihar to meet victims of caste atrocities, an act he described as marking her political revival. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also paid his tributes to the former Prime Minister on her death anniversary, posting on X he said "Tributes to our former PM Smt. Indira Gandhi Ji on her death anniversary". The day served as a moment for reflection on her impactful, yet controversial, legacy, including her leadership during events like the Emergency (1975-1977) and the anti-Sikh riots that followed her killing in 1984.



Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, TMC MPs Sudip Bandopadhyay and Derek O'Brien, along with other dignitaries, during the inauguration of a burial ground for families who cannot afford the cost of burial, in Kolkata on Friday.

WB Police to Form AI Cell to Boost Efficiency and Modernize Ops

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Police is set to embrace artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance efficiency and modernize law enforcement operations. Announcing the move on Friday from the state police headquarters at BhawaniBhavan, Director General of Police Rajeev Kumar unveiled new guidelines outlining the formation of a dedicated AI Cell to oversee the use and integration of artificial intelligence within the force.

According to police sources, the AI Cell will be headed by an Additional Director General (ADG)-rank officer, who will act as its chairman and supervise its overall functioning. The cell will also include senior officers at the ranks of Inspector General (IG), Deputy Inspector General (DIG), or Superintendent



of Police (SP). Their key responsibilities will include operational coordination, documentation, and tracking progress in AI-driven policing initiatives. The newly formed cell will function directly

under the administrative control of DGP Rajeev Kumar and will be headquartered at BhawaniBhavan, the state police headquarters in Kolkata. The state government will provide the necessary financial and administrative support for its operations. To ensure effective technological implementation, the AI Cell will also include two technical experts, who will assist police officers in evaluating, applying, and monitoring AI-based systems. These experts will advise on areas such as predictive policing, cybercrime detection, data analytics, surveillance, and automated record management. If required, additional consultants and professionals with AI expertise may also be hired to strengthen the unit.

The AI Cell will hold biweekly meetings to develop policies, frame

strategies, and decide how artificial intelligence can be effectively and ethically integrated into policing, investigation, and administrative workflows. It will also formulate a comprehensive policy framework to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of AI technology. In addition to policy development, the cell will be tasked with organizing AI training and capacity-building programmes for officers across various ranks of the state police. The training will focus on data handling, algorithmic ethics, and the responsible use of machine learning tools in law enforcement. Officials believe that the move will help the West Bengal Police improve operational accuracy, reduce manual workload, and adopt global best practices in technology-driven policing.

Vidyasagar Setu to Remain Closed on Sunday for Repair Work



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Vidyasagar Setu (Second Hooghly Bridge) will remain closed to vehicular traffic from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday due to ongoing road repair work, authorities confirmed. The Kolkata Police have advised commuters to check the alternative routes before setting out, as traffic will be diverted during the closure. This is not the first time the bridge has been temporarily shut for maintenance. Earlier, the Second Hooghly Bridge was closed for repairs on Saturday, October 11, from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., and again on Sunday

from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., as per an official notification issued by the police. To minimize inconvenience for commuters, police will ensure that vehicles are redirected through designated alternative routes. Vidyasagar Setu, which connects Kolkata and Howrah, typically experiences heavy traffic flow on weekdays, prompting the authorities to carry out repair work during weekends when the traffic load is lower. Commuters have been urged to plan their journeys accordingly and stay updated on route changes to avoid delays.

WBCHSE Declares HS Semester 3 Results

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE) on Thursday officially announced the results of the Higher Secondary (HS) Semester III theory examinations for the 2025-26 academic session. The results were declared during a press conference held by Council President Chiranjib Bhattacharya at around 12:30 p.m. No printed mark sheets will be sent separately; institutions must print, verify, and distribute the digitally issued mark sheets to students after proper authentication.

This year's overall pass percentage for regular candidates stands at 93.72%, a notable rise from last year's 90.79%. Stream-wise, Science recorded a 98.80% success rate, followed by Commerce at 94.19%, and Arts at 92.54%. A total of 69 candidates — 66 boys and 3 girls — have featured in the top 10 merit list. Among them, 68 are from the Science stream and one from Commerce. Two students — Pritam Ballav and

Aditya Narayan Jana, both from Purulia — have jointly topped the examination with 98.97%. Remarkably, 55 of the top 69 rank-holders are from various branches of Ramakrishna Mission institutions, including 31 from Narendrapur and 24 from Purulia. This academic session marks the successful implementation of the semester system for Classes XI and XII — the first of its kind in India. While schools conducted the first two semesters for Class XI, the council administered the third and fourth semesters for Class XII.

During the announcement, Bhattacharya addressed queries regarding the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) process, confirming that over 38 lakh OMR sheets were received and have been digitally stored. Their hard copies will be preserved for six months. The council has opted not to upload the scanned copies publicly but will allow students to access them "on demand."

Decomposed Body of Youth Found in Manhole

MI News Service, Kolkata: A decomposed body of an unidentified youth was recovered from a manhole in Kolkata's Rajabazar area, triggering panic and tension in the locality. Police have launched a probe to determine whether it was a case of murder or an accidental fall. According to sources, the incident came to light when Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) workers arrived at the spot to clean a blocked manhole following complaints from local residents about water not draining properly. While cleaning the fourth manhole in the area, the workers were shocked to find a severely decomposed body inside. The man, estimated to be around 30 years old, had no identification documents on him. Police officers from the local Amherst Street station reached the spot shortly after being informed. The body was retrieved and sent to NRS Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem examination. Preliminary investigation suggests that the man had been dead for several days, as the body had almost turned skeletal. An officer involved in the investigation said that the cause of death can only be determined after the autopsy. "The level of decomposition makes it difficult to establish whether there was any foul play or if it was an accident. There were no visible external injury marks," the officer stated. Local residents gathered at the spot in large numbers, leading to commotion and traffic disruption for a brief period. Many expressed shock and fear over the discovery, demanding that the authorities ensure proper monitoring of underground drains and manholes to prevent such incidents.

Kunal Ghosh Bats for Mamata as PM Face for '29 polls



MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress state general secretary Kunal Ghosh has once again projected Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a potential Prime Ministerial face ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections — a statement clearly hinting at Mamata Banerjee. In a social media post, Ghosh wrote, "India needs another iron-willed, efficient, and compassionate woman Prime Minister like Indira Gandhi. The wait is for 2029." His remarks have stirred political discussions, reinforcing TMC's long-held belief that Mamata Banerjee is the most capable opposition leader to challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the national level. The Trinamool Congress has consistently maintained its stand that Mamata Banerjee is the most suitable leader to

head the anti-BJP alliance. Before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, it was Mamata who played a pivotal role in forming the INDIA bloc and even suggested the alliance's name. Many leaders within the coalition reportedly supported her as a prospective Prime Ministerial candidate at that time.

However, when the Congress attempted to project Rahul Gandhi as the face of the opposition alliance, the TMC had firmly disagreed. The party had repeatedly emphasized that the leadership of a united opposition against the BJP should be entrusted to a leader with proven administrative experience and mass appeal — qualities the party believes Mamata embodies. Ghosh's latest remarks indicate that the Trinamool Congress will continue to champion Mamata Banerjee's candidature for the Prime Minister's post in 2029. Before that, however, the party faces a crucial state assembly election in 2026.

Prince Andrew stripped of all titles after Virginia Giuffre's memoir

From PG 1 alleges, Giuffre's father began "trading" his daughter to a friend — a tall, muscular man with "a military bearing" who was also abusing his own stepdaughter. In 2000, the man was convicted of molesting another girl in North Carolina. He spent 14 months in prison and a decade as a registered sex offender. Giuffre writes that she was abused by these men for five years, from ages seven to eleven. Heartbreakingly, Giuffre discloses that at one point she imagined Maxwell (or "G-Max" as she wanted to be known) as her mother: "While I was hardly equipped to judge, it often seemed to me that Epstein and Maxwell behaved like actual parents." Among other things, the pair gave Giuffre her first cell phone, whitened her teeth, and taught her how to hold a knife and fork "just so". Giuffre's memoir is a courageous and clear-eyed account of what trauma takes

— and what recovery demands. Told in four chronological parts — "Daughter", "Prisoner", "Survivor" and "Warrior" — the memoir meticulously records the "sexual assaulting, battering, exploiting, and abusing" Giuffre endured throughout her life, most notably at the hands of Epstein and Maxwell. The result is a devastating exposé of the fetishisation and abuse of girls — "the younger, the better", Epstein said — and society's failure to protect the most vulnerable. It is also a damning indictment of everyone who knew and looked away. Giuffre was 16 and working as a locker-room attendant at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort when Ghislaine Maxwell recruited her to "service Epstein", under the pretence of training as a masseuse. (In October 2007, Trump — who is portrayed favourably in the memoir — reportedly banned Epstein from his resort after Epstein hit on the teenage daughter of another member.

NDA releases manifesto for Bihar polls; promises jobs to one cr youth

From PG 1 farmers, the alliance has pledged to increase the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi assistance from Rs 6,000 to Rs 9,000 annually and raise aid for fish farmers from Rs 4,500 to Rs 9,000. The manifesto assures Minimum Support Price (MSP) guarantees for all crops and proposes an investment of Rs one lakh crore in agricultural infrastructure. The education sector has also received considerable attention, with the NDA promising free education from kindergarten to post-graduation for students from poor families. It also pledges Rs 2,000 per month to Scheduled Caste students pursuing higher education, construction of residential schools for Scheduled Castes, and modernization of major schools with a Rs 5,000 crore fund. The alliance has outlined ambitious infrastructure goals, including modernization of seven expressways, expansion of 3,600 km of railway tracks, and the construction of a medical college in every district. The manifesto also envisions transforming the birthplace of Goddess Sita into a world-class spiritual city named 'Sitapuram'. Further, the NDA promises to develop international airports in Patna, Darbhanga, Purnia, and Bhagalpur, and introduce metro services in four new cities. Housing and welfare schemes also feature prominently, with plans to build 50 lakh new pucca houses, provide 125 units of free electricity, free rations, and social welfare pensions. Elections for the 243-seat Bihar Assembly will take place in two phases on November 6 and 11, with results to be declared on November 14. The opposition Mahagathbandhan, led by Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress, also released its manifesto earlier this week, promising government jobs for one member of every family within 20 days of forming the government.

Name Change
I,Rinku Tamang (Old Name), Wife Of Benu Tamang, Residing At Bangla Dara, Po-Rangbull, Ps-Jorebunglow, Darjeeling-734123, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rinku Rai (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Darjeeling. On 30/10/2025. Rinku Tamang And Rinku Rai Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Yusuf Ansari (Old Name), Son Of Late Md Yaqub, Residing At B/83/K/H/3/2, Belgachia Road, Belgachia, Kolkata, 700037, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Yusuf (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 28 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/10/2025. Md Yusuf Ansari And Md Yusuf Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sanatan Das (Father's Name) S/o. Late Lakshman Das, R/o. Jirat Station Para, Kaliagarh, Balagarh, Hooghly-712501, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my Daughter's name from Sreejaa Das (Old Name) to Sreejaa Das (new name) and henceforth she shall be known as Sreejaa Das (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 850 sworn before the Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 31/10/2025. Sreejaa Das & Sreejaa Das D/o. Sanatan Das both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pratima Roy W/o. Jagannath Roy, R/o. 3 No. Krishnapur, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712103, W.B. declared that Binay Bhushan Chandra is my father & Parul Chandra is my mother they have now deceased. I have born on 01/01/1977 at 2 No. Kapasdanga, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712103, W.B. sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 28/10/2025.

Name Change
I, Pratima Bag, w/o. Swapan Bag, R/o. Naity Baraipara, Naity, Dist- Hooghly-712702, WB declare that my daughter's actual name Sangeeta Bag (Birth Certificate) & wrongly mentioned in my LIC Policy recorded as Sakuntala Bag before the 1st class Magistrate, Alipore vide Affidavit No.-27765 Dtd. 29.10.2025, Sangeeta Bag & Sakuntala Bag both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anindita Saha (old name) wife of Bidhan Saha, residing at Sonar Tori, Flat No-2C, 8/3B, Canal Street, Entally, Kolkata-700014, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anindita Dasgupta Saha (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, vide affidavit no 197 dated 06/09/2025. Anindita Saha and Anindita Dasgupta Saha both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Raasonara Begam Mirja (Voter Card/Aadhar Card), w/o. Rahamat Ali Mirja, R/o. Vill-Lodna, P.O. & P.S.-Khandagosh, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman-713142, WB, declare that my actual name has been wrongly mentioned in my Madhyamik Admit Card of W.B.S.E as Rausanara Khatun before the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman vide Affidavit No.-43,239 Dtd. 30.10.2025, Raasonara Begam Mirja & Rausanara Khatun both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rimpal Mondal Barai, W/o Prasenjit Barai, resided about 29 years, residing at Vill- Saguna-Greenbelt Colony,P.O-Saguna, P.S-Kalyani, Dist-Nadia, W.B, hereby state that my correct and original name is Rimpal Mondal Barai, as per Aadhar No. 287712315-8634 By error, my name has been mentioned as Rimpal Barai / Rimpal Barai Mandal / Rimpal Barai in my Privam Barai's Birth Certificate (Regn. No. B/2023/1220408, dated 31/10/2023, Aadhaar No. 2316-5878-4454, Rimpal Mondal Barai, Rimpal Barai, and Rimpal Barai Mandal refer to one and the same person. Affidavit before the ACJM(2) 1st Class Court, Kalyani, Nadia, on 30/10/2025 for correction of records.

Name Change
I Md. Firoz Alam son of Pir Mohammad residing at 17, Banakpara road, P.O: Hazringer, PS: Nalhati, District: 24pgs. (N). Pin: 743155 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that correct spelling of my name is Md. Firoz Alam and it is clearly recorded in my said Aadhaar Card being No. 9470 0498 2754. NAJIBIN FATMA is my daughter and she was born on 7-1-2010. That her Birth Certificate was issued by Nalhati Municipality. bearing Registration no-WB BR/2012/20077/1574, date of registration on 11-07-2012. In favour of my said daughter wherein spelling of my name is recorded as Md. Firoj Alam instead of Md. Firoz Alam. In an affidavit in the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Barrackpore on 23.09.2025 that Md. Firoz Alam and Md. Firoj Alam is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Thakur Das Halder S/O Late Sudhanya Halder Residing at 94, Prince Golan Mohammad Shah Road, PS-Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700095 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Panda Halder as declared before the LD.1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Baruiপুর Court (South 24 Parganas) Vide affidavit No-6774 dated:- 04/09/2024.Thakur Das Halder and Panda Halder both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I SAJID PARVEJ MALLICK Son of SAHANOOR ALI MALLICK, Residing at Vill & Post- Nalpur, PS- Sankrail, DIST-Howrah, PIN-711310, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my name is SAJID PARVEJ MALLICK which is correctly written/recorded in all of documents and records, i.e.Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Voter Identity Card, whereas my father's name is wrongly recorded as SAHANUR MALLICK instead of SAHANOOR ALI MALLICK. By an affidavit in the Court of Ld.1st Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah, vide affidavit (no-8149) dated 10/10/2025 that SAHANUR MALLICK & SAHANOOR ALI MALLICK is the same and one identical person.

India set to slash Russian crude oil imports

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian refiners are poised to sharply curtail imports of Russian oil, industry sources said on Thursday, following new U.S. sanctions on two major Russian producers aimed at squeezing Moscow's revenue to fund its war in Ukraine.

India has become the biggest buyer of discounted seaborne Russian crude in the aftermath of Moscow's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, importing about 1.7 million barrels per day in the first nine months of this year.

Russian oil is a main irritant for U.S. President Donald Trump in prolonged trade talks with India. Half of his 50% tariffs on Indian goods are in retaliation for those purchases.

Privately-owned Reliance Industries, the top Indian buyer of Russian crude, plans to reduce or halt completely its import of Russian oil, according to two sources familiar with the matter.

"Recalibration of Russian oil imports is ongoing



and Reliance will be fully aligned to GOI (Government of India) guidelines," a Reliance spokesman said in response to a query on whether the company plans to cut its crude imports from Russia.

India's oil ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Indian state refiners are also reviewing their Russian oil trade documents to ensure no supply will be coming directly from Rosneft and Lukoil after the U.S. sanctioned the oil companies, a source with direct knowledge of the matter said on Thursday.

President Trump on

Wednesday imposed Ukraine-related sanctions on Russia for the first time in his second term, targeting Lukoil and Rosneft as his frustration grows with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The U.S. Treasury has given companies until November 21 to wind down their transactions with the Russian oil producers, according to a release on the sanctions on Wednesday.

"There will be massive cut. We don't anticipate it will go to zero immediately as there will be some barrels coming into market" before the deadline, a refinery source said.

State refiners including

Indian Oil Corp, Bharat Petroleum Corp, Hindustan Petroleum Corp and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals, are reviewing bills of lading for Russian crude arriving after November 21 to make sure it is not coming directly from Rosneft or Lukoil, one of the sources said.

The companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Indian state refiners rarely buy Russian oil directly from Rosneft and Lukoil as their purchases are typically done through intermediaries, trade sources said.

Reliance, which operates the world's biggest refining complex at Jamnagar in western Gujarat state, has a long-term deal to buy nearly 500,000 bpd of crude oil from Russian oil major Rosneft. The refiner also buys Russian oil from intermediaries.

Nayara Energy, whose biggest shareholder is Rosneft, also buys oil from the company. Nayara did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Chairman and CEO, Railway Board Administers National Unity Pledge to Railway Officers and Employees at Rail Bhawan on National Unity Day



MI News Service, New Delhi, 31 Oct.25 : On the occasion of National Unity Day, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Shri

Satish Kumar administered the National Unity Pledge to Railway officers and employees at Rail Bhawan today.

All participants took the pledge with integrity affirming, "I will dedicate myself to maintaining the unity, integrity, and security of the nation and will also make every possible effort to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of the unity of my country, which became possible through the foresight and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to contribute with sincerity to ensure the internal security of my country."

Additional Stoppage Of Malda Town - Udhna - Malda Town Special At Dharangaon Station Over Western Railway
MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 03417 Malda Town - Udhna (journey commencing on 01.11.2025) & 03418 Udhna - Malda Town special (journey commencing on 03.11.2025) at Dharangaon station over Western Railway for 02 minutes and will arrive Dharangaon station at 20:01 hrs. & 16:58 hrs. respectively.

SEBI tightens KYC rules for new MF folios

MI News Service, New Delhi: The first investment in a new mutual fund folio is likely to be permitted only after KYC verification is completed by the KYC Registration Agencies (KRA) and the folio is marked as KYC-compliant.

Capital markets regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), in a consultation paper has proposed a standardised procedure for opening mutual fund folios and executing the first investment in a bid to eliminate discrepancies in KYC verification that have led to operational bottlenecks for both investors and Asset Management Companies (AMCs).

At present, new folios are opened after AMCs conduct internal KYC checks and simultaneously forward documents to KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) for verification. However, Sebi noted that instances of KYC non-compliance arise when KRAs identify deficiencies, resulting in folios being temporarily marked as non-compliant.

This has led to multiple issues: investors are unable to transact or redeem investments until compliance is completed and AMCs face difficulties in communicating with investors or crediting redemption proceeds and dividends due to incorrect or incomplete details.

Under the proposed standardised process, Sebi has said folios will be created only after AMCs receive account opening documents and perform verifications according to the regulator's KYC norms. KYC verification must be completed by the KRA before any first investment can be executed. Investors will receive status updates at each stage of the KYC process through their registered email and mobile numbers. The regulator has further directed AMCs, KRAs and intermediaries to align their internal systems and workflows with the proposed framework.

Centre begins restructuring of PM-POSHAN scheme

MI News Service, New Delhi: Worker unions have demanded an increase in the honorarium of 25 lakh cook-cum-helpers associated with the school meal programme at a time the Centre has initiated the process of restructuring the scheme.

Several activists have also sought a ban on the centralised kitchens from where cooked food is sent to schools. The department of school education and literacy under the education ministry has informed the state governments that the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) scheme, earlier known as the Midday Meal Scheme, will be restructured soon.

"At this juncture, suggestions and inputs from States and UTs for improvements and modifications in the Scheme would be very useful for preparation of a comprehensive self-explanatory Note for the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for continuation of the Scheme," a



letter sent by Anand Rao V. Patil, additional secretary in the education ministry, said.

Under the PM-POSHAN scheme, nearly 11 crore children in 10.35 lakh government and aided primary and upper primary schools (Classes I-VIII) are given one hot-cooked meal on every school day. Nearly 25 lakh cook-cum-helpers are engaged in the preparation of food and in cleaning and maintaining the school kitchens in rural areas.

For schools in urban

areas, NGOs such as Akshaya Patra cook food in centralised kitchens. The cook-cum-helpers are paid ₹1,000 a month as honorarium for 10 months a year, even though they work for about five hours a day.

The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) and the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (Citu) have demanded employee status for workers under the government schemes, including PM- POSHAN, and payment on a par with the minimum wage.

Weaving Tradition into Modernity: Sealdah Division's Handloom & Handicraft Harmony Fashion Event facilitating, popularisation of Indigenous product

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : In a spectacular confluence of culture, fashion, and sustainability, Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway successfully hosted the Track to Trends with Tradition' Fashion walk today. The event was a dynamic, collective endeavour by the students of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and dedicated Railway Employees, aimed at refreshing the market and appreciation for India's indigenous craft heritage, demonstrating the versatility of the fabric. In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, Railway Employees enthusiastically modelled the garments.

This special initiative deeply resonates with the core philosophy of Vocal for Local, promoting Handloom and Handicraft as a pillar of national pride and economic growth.

The fashion show was a powerful statement on responsible consumption, showcasing how Indian handloom stands as a true model for sustainable and eco-friendly fashion. The use of Khadi and Handloom Garments has the following benefits...

• Environmental Excellence: Indian handloom and handicrafts boast an impressive zero-carbon emis-



sion profile, positioning them as a critical component in the fight against climate change and a perfect example of 'Green' earning.

• Economic Upliftment : By boosting demand for these products, the event directly supports the livelihoods of countless weavers, artisans, and craftspeople.

• Guardians of Heritage : These crafts are not just products; they are the living threads of our Dharohar. Preserving and promoting them is a fundamental duty to safeguard India's rich cultural identity.

Sri Rajeev Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Division, remarked, that the traditional crafts are not relics of the past but the future of sustainable fashion. The en-

thusiastic participation of our railway staff and the creative genius of NIFT students have made this event a resounding success, proving that when the government, institutions, and the people unite, we can truly empower our artisans.

Sri Milind Deouskar, General Manager/Eastern Railway also appreciated this endeavour of popularising Khadi and handloom garments which lives in the basic of Indian social structure as a comfortable outfit for citizen. Smt Seema Deuskar President/ERWWO was also present on the occasion.

Sri Brijesh Deore, Director/NIFT /Kolkata has remarked that the event is real example of working together for common goal.

Metro Railway Observes 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : Metro Railway, Kolkata observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) today (31.10.2025) to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Shri Subhransu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway administered the Ekta Diwas pledge to officers, staff of Metro Railway for unity, integrity and security of the nation at Metro Rail Bhavan, Kolkata. To mark the occasion, 'Run for Unity' was organised at Noapara Carshed and Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital today.



Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : In connection with Engineering, Over Head Equipment & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division, Block has been planned on 02.11.2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under: Cancellation of trains on 02.11.2025: • From Howrah: 37055, 37249, 37363, 36823 • From Bandel: 37246, 37749 • From Bardhaman: 36834 • From Seoraphuli: 37056 • From Arambagh: 37364, 37396 • From Katwa: 37748. Short termination of train on 02.11.2025: • 37365 Howrah - Arambagh local will be short terminated at Tarakeswar. Rescheduling of trains on 02.11.2025: • 53009 Katwa - Azimganj local will leave Katwa at 12:30 hrs. instead of 12:00 hrs.

Cancellation Of One Pair Howrah - Belur Math - Howrah Emu Local

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : For scheduled track and other asset maintenance work in order to maintain safe and uninterrupted train movement, Howrah Division has decided to cancel the service of 37111/37112 Howrah - Belur Math - Howrah EMU local for 20 days with effect from 03.11.2025.

Metro To Extend Services For The Benefit Of Commuters On Yellow Line

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : With a view to providing greater convenience to school, college, office goers and Airport-bound passengers, Metro Railway has decided to increase the number of services on Saturdays and Sundays and extend the daily operational hours of Yellow Line from 03.11.2025 (Monday), Monday to Friday : A total of 120 services (60 UP & 60 DN) will be operated on weekdays, with extended service hours from 07:18 hrs. to 21:30 hrs. instead of 07:55 hrs. to 20:17 hrs. First Service: - At 07:18 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 07:55 hrs.). At 07:40 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara (Instead of 08:00 hrs.). Last Service: - At 20:58 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 20:20 hrs.), Sunday: On Sundays, 78 services (39 UP & 39 DN) will be operated instead of 40 services, with service hours extended from 09:18 hrs. to 21:30 hrs. instead of 08:35 hrs. to 20:22 hrs. First Service: - At 09:18 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 08:35 hrs.). At 09:40 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara (Instead of 09:00 hrs.). Last Service: - At 20:58 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (Instead of 20:20 hrs.), On Saturdays and Sundays, services on this Line will be available at 18 minutes interval instead of 35 minutes interval. With this change in train schedule, now the services to and from Jai Hind Bimanbandar station will be available late evening. This will help commuters to commute to and from Airport at night comfortably.

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Howrah Division Organises 'Amrit Samvaad' and Conducts Intensive Cleaning Drive under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : As part of the concluding phase of Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised Amrit Samvaad at Kamarkundu on 31st October, 2025. The interactive session encouraged railway employees to share ideas and suggestions on enhancing workplace efficiency, improving service delivery, while reaffirming the core values of transparency and accountability.

In continuation of the campaign's activities, the division also carried out intensive cleaning drives across its jurisdiction. The



drives included thorough cleaning of platforms, tracks, toilets, drains, and roads within the railway premises, reflecting the division's unwavering focus on maintaining cleanliness and ensuring a pleasant experience for passengers.

With the successful culmination of Special Campaign 5.0, Howrah Division reiterates its firm commitment to sustaining these efforts beyond the campaign period. The pursuit of cleanliness, efficiency, and improved public service will continue to guide the division's initiatives, ensuring that the spirit of Special Campaign 5.0 endures in every-day functioning.

Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw to visit Odisha

MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Bhubaneswar: Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, will visit Odisha on 1st November 2025 for a series of important programmes in Bhubaneswar.

During the visit, the Minister will attend the Ground-Breaking Ceremony of SiCSem (Semiconductor Fabrication Unit) at Info Valley, Bhubaneswar. The project is a major step towards strengthening India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem, in line with the



vision of "Make in India" and "Digital India".

Vaishnaw will also witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Odisha at Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. The MoU aims to further enhance railway infrastructure and improve connectivity across the state.

Later, the Minister will visit Bhubaneswar Railway Station to review the ongoing redevelopment and modernization works under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The visit highlights the Government's commitment to accelerating infrastructure growth, promoting industrial development, and improving passenger amenities in Odisha.

Regulation of trains for track maintenance work in Sealdah division

MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Kolkata: Due to Track maintenance work in Kakkdip - Namkhana section of Sealdah Division, 240 minutes (from 00:30 hrs. to 04:30 hrs.) Traffic Block has been planned for 17 days from 01/02.11.2025 (Saturday/Sunday) to 18/19.11.2025 (Tuesday/Wednesday). Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

Cancellation of trains: 34914 La kshmi Kantapur - Namkhana local will remain cancelled from 03.11.2025 to 19.11.2025.

Moreover, 34936 Lakshmi Kantapur - Namkhana local will be short terminated at Kakkdip from 02.11.2025 to 18.11.2025 and 34935 Namkhana - Lakshmi Kantapur local will be short originated from Kakkdip & 34791 Namkhana - Sealdah local will be short originated from Lakshmi Kantapur from 03.11.2025 to 19.11.2025.

Eastern Railway
No. W(2)623/LHS/SDAH/25-26.
Date: 30.10.2025. The Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Eastern Railway, 17, N.S. Road, Kolkata-700001 for the under mentioned work: **E-Tender No. W. 2_623_LHS SDAH 2 25-26; Name of the work :** Elimination of Level Crossing Gate No. 100/E, 78/E, 76/E, 144/E, 149/E, 169/E, 94, 122 & 141/T by constructing Limited Height Subway (LHS) by RCC boxes with Roof covered RCCU-Trough in the section Krishnanagar-Lalgola of Sealdah Division/Eastern Railway; **Approximate cost of the work :** Rs. 76,56,09,974.97; **Earnest Money:** Rs. 39,78,100.00; **Period of completion :** 10 (Ten) Months; **Date & Time of closing of Tender :** 21.11.2025 at 14:00 hrs. The details of tender documents are available at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. (MISC-262/2025-26)
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S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

For on behalf of the President of India, the Medical Director/Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E-tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. : **Tender No. : MD-CH-Eye-OT-3205; Description of Works :** Upgraded Modular Ophthalmic Operation Theatre at Central Hospital /SER /Garden Reach; **Tender Value :** ₹ 4,48,90,324.64; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 3,74,50,00.00; **Cost of Tender document :** ₹ 0.00; **Completion period of the work :** 04 (Four) months; **Date of opening :** 24.11.2025; Any change in tender schedule, corrigendum, amendment, if any shall be available on the E-tender portal only and same will not be publish in the newspaper. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full Details / Description specification of the Tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. **N. B.:** Prospective Bidders may regular visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-785)

Eastern Railway
Dy. CEE/PR/IN/KG, 14, Strand Road, Kolkata - 700001 invites e-tender for the work details of which are given below from the reputed firm having sufficient credential, experience and other essential documents of under taking similar nature of work in Govt. concern/PSUs. **Tender No. : EL-PRS-AMC-UPS-01-2025; Name of Work:** AMC of 2 x 110 KVA UPS at New Koliaghat Railway premises; **Tender Value (Rs.) :** ₹ 38,05,881/-; **Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable) :** Nil; **Bid Security :** ₹ 78,100/-; **Completion Period:** 36 months from the date of receipt of LOI/LOA (letter of intent/letter of Acceptance); **Contract Type :** Works Contract; **Bidding system :** Single Packet; **Date of Uploading Tender :** 31.10.2025; **Bidding Start Date and Time :** 17.11.2025 & 10.00 hrs.; **Bidding Close Date and Time :** 01.12.2025 & 15.00 hrs.; **Bidding open Date and Time :** 01.12.2025 & 15.30 hrs.; Manual offers are not allowed. Contractors are allowed to make payments against the tender towards tender document cost and the Bid Security through only payment modes available on IREPS Portal. Complete details of Tender can be seen at website: <https://www.ireps.gov.in> if office is closed on the stipulate date and time due to some unaccounted holiday or bandh etc. the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time. (MISC-263/2025-26)
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SER organises a seminar on Vigilance Awareness

MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has organized a seminar on Vigilance Awareness at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 31.10.2025. SER is observing Vigilance Awareness Week, 2025 (27th October to 2nd November 2025) which is a part of the "Three Month Campaign" (18th August to 17th November, 2025) initiated by the Central Vigilance Commission.

Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Former Justice of Supreme Court and First Lokpal of India, was the Guest of Honour for this Seminar. Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager, Surinder Pal, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer, other Principal Head



Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Former Justice of Supreme Court and First Lokpal of India, along with Anil Kumar Mishra GM/SER, Soumitra Majumdar, AGM/SER, Surinder Pal, SDGM/SER releasing The Vigilance Bulletin "Mayyada 2025" at a seminar on Vigilance Awareness organized at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 31.10.2025

of the Departments and Senior officers of South Eastern Railway were present at the Seminar.

In his speech, Ghosh narrated his several experiences

and emphasized on professional integrity and advised all that one should be conscious of vigilance part and never take part in any unethical activity. Majumdar,

Eastern Railway celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, promoting unity and vigilance against corruption

MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Kolkata: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was organized at Eastern Railway Headquarters today (31.10.2025) as a part of the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2025 with the theme "Vigilance : Our Shared Responsibility". The programme was graced by Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway who also administered the integrity pledge among the officers & staff of Eastern Railway.

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway highlighted the ceremonial lamp and offered floral tribute to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion of his birth anniversary. Sheelendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager, R. P. Joshi, Director, Establishment, Railway Board and Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Retd. IAS, Shri Deepak Nigam, Sr. Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer and other principal officers of Eastern Railway also paid homage to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on this occasion.

Delivering the keynote address, Shri Deepak Nigam, Sr.

Deputy General Manager, Eastern Railway & Chief Vigilance Officer/Eastern Railway said that corruption is one of the major obstacles to economic and social development of our country. All stakeholders such as Govt., citizens and private sectors need to work together in tandem to eradicate corruption completely so as make our nation developed and self-reliant. Every citizen should therefore be vigilant and commit highest standard of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against menace of corruption.

On the auspicious occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by Eastern Railway reaffirmed the commitment of this Zonal Railway towards a transparent work environment & endeavour towards eradicating corruption & integrity in behaviour.

Eminent speakers like Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Retd. IAS and R. P. Joshi, Director, Establishment, Railway Board spoke on the occasion, highlighting the various facets of ethics in Bureaucracy



and Disciplinary Appeal Rules in Railways.

Sutirtha Bhattacharya commemorating the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and significance of Vigilance Awareness Week, highlighted the integrity of Indian Railways with the Indian society and he mentioned how the spread of Railway network has brought all round development of the country reducing inequality in terms of Gini coefficient. Shri Bhattacharya expressed that next generation to come up to take a lead role towards modification of the social norms for a cleaner, transparent & corruption free India. R. P. Joshi, Director, Establishment, Railway Board elaborately explained about the Disciplinary Appeal Rules in Railways.

A total 34 numbers of stu-

AGM/SER emphasised on preventive vigilance to bring transparency and good governance by analyzing past action & conduct of the employees. Mishra, GM/SER in his speech said that this vigilance week remind us the responsibility towards honesty, Integrity and transparency. The theme of this year Vigilance Awareness Week "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility" is not just a slogan but it inspires us to be honest, transparent and accountable to the organisation.

The Vigilance Bulletin "Mayyada 2025" was released by Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose along with other dignitaries during the seminar. A Nukkad Natak and cultural programme was staged by Headquarters cultural team at the end of the seminar.

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR MAINTENANCE WORK IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OVER HOWRAH DIVISION

For engineering, overhead equipment and Signal & Telecommunication maintenance work, Block will be required in different sections of Howrah Division on 02.11.2025 (Sunday) at day time. Consequently, the following trains will be regulated as under :

● **Cancellation on 02.11.2025 (Sunday) :** (1) From Howrah - 37055, 37249, 37363, 36823. (2) From Bandel - 37246, 37749. (3) From Bardhaman - 36834. (4) From Seoraphuli - 37056. (5) From Arambagh - 37364, 37396. (6) From Katwa - 37748. ● **Rescheduling on 02.11.2025 (Sunday) :** (1) 53009 Katwa-Azinganj Passenger train will be rescheduled at 12.30 hrs. instead of 12.00 hrs. from Katwa (2) 12338 Bolpur-Howrah Shantiniketan Express train will be rescheduled at 13.50 hrs. instead of 13.15 hrs. from Bolpur. ● **Controlling on 02.11.2025 (Sunday) :** 13016 DN Jamalpur-Howrah Kavi Guru Express train will be controlled for 25 minutes enroute. ● **Short Termination on 02.11.2025 (Sunday) :** 37365 Howrah-Arambagh Local will be short terminated at Tarakeswar.

Special Note : Special or Late Running trains & any further newly introduced train/passel trains/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diverted suitably enroute. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of Stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

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Special Arrangements in train running over Sealdah Division during Raash Yatra Utsav

To clear rush of religious pilgrims for Raash Yatra Utsav, one pair of EMU Special train will run in Sealdah-Shantipur section on the intervening nights of 06/07.11.2025 & 07/08.11.2025 and 12 (twelve) Up trains & 10 (ten) Down trains will provide temporary additional stoppage at Bathna Krittibas Halt station in Kalinarayanpur-Shantipur section for four days i.e. from 05.11.2025 to 08.11.2025. The details are as follows:—

Schedule of one pair EMU Special Train between Sealdah & Shantipur			
Up EMU Special	Stations	Down EMU Special	
21.06 hrs.	↓ Sealdah	02.35 hrs.	
21.17-18 hrs.	Dum Dum Jn.	02.20 hrs.	
21.40-41 hrs.	Barrackpore	01.56-57 hrs.	
22.11-12 hrs.	Naihati	01.28-29 hrs.	
22.25 hrs.	Kalyani	01.16-18 hrs.	
23.02-03 hrs.	Ranaghat	00.38-39 hrs.	
23.12 hrs.	Kalinarayanpur	00.31 hrs.	
23.16 hrs.	Habibpur	00.26 hrs.	
23.20 hrs.	Phulla	00.22 hrs.	
23.25-26 hrs.	Bathna Krittibas	00.15-16 hrs.	
23.32 hrs.	Shantipur ↑	00.10 hrs.	

These EMU special trains will stop at all stations enroute including Flag & Halt stations.

Timings of temporary additional stoppage of EMU trains at Bathna Krittibas Halt station (from 05.11.2025 to 8.11.2025)

Up EMU Trains	Timings	Down EMU Trains	Timings
31541 Sealdah-Shantipur	00.47	31512 Shantipur-Sealdah	03.26
31585 Ranaghat-Krishnanagar	07.09	31784 Shantipur-Ranaghat	10.50
31513 Sealdah-Shantipur	08.03	31524 Shantipur-Sealdah	11.34
33752 Bongaon Jn. -Shantipur	12.20	33751 Shantipur-Bongaon Jn.	12.43
31519 Sealdah-Shantipur	12.43	31786 Shantipur-Ranaghat	14.11
31783 Ranaghat-Shantipur	13.24	31528 Shantipur-Sealdah	14.31
31523 Sealdah-Shantipur	15.11	31536 Shantipur-Sealdah	19.56
31525 Sealdah-Shantipur	16.30	31538 Shantipur-Sealdah	20.59
31533 Sealdah-Shantipur	21.03	31540 Shantipur-Sealdah	21.34
31535 Sealdah-Shantipur	22.03	31542 Shantipur-Sealdah	22.49
31537 Sealdah-Shantipur	22.56	—	—
31539 Sealdah-Shantipur	23.58	—	—

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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Rescheduling of Sealdah - Lalgola passenger for track maintenance work

MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Kolkata: Due to Track maintenance work between Plassey - Rejinagar stations in Sealdah Division, 240 minutes (from 23:35 hrs. to 03:35 hrs.) Traffic Block has been planned on 03/04.11.2025, 05/06. 11. 2025 and 08/09.11.2025. Consequently, 53181 Sealdah - Lalgola passenger will be rescheduled by 30 minutes.

Metro to start early on green line on Saturdays



MI News Service, 31 Oct 2025, Kolkata: On Saturdays, Metro Railway will operate 186 services (93 UP & 93 DN) instead of 226 services on Green Line with effect from 01.11.2025 (Saturday).

The timing of the first service from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan will also be advanced from 06:39 hrs. to 06:32 hrs. from 01.11.2025 (Saturday).

First Service: - At 06:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)

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

Last Service: - At 21:45 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)

At 21:47 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No Change)

SIR: TMC to set up area-wise help desks from Nov 4

MI News Service, Kolkata: All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) announced that it would set up Anchal (area) wise help desks from November 4 till December 4 in the wake of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process being conducted by the Election Commission in West Bengal, AITC sources said.

TMC National General Secretary and MP Abhishek Banerjee held a virtual meeting with party leaders on Friday.

As per sources in this meeting, Abhishek Banerjee said, "As you all know, on the BJP's instructions, SIR was announced on October 27 in West Bengal. After the Bihar SIR announcement, we said it is Silent Invisible Rigging and TMC protested in Parliament, Court and on roads and will continue to do so. We will take the fight to Delhi. We will inform the details. I will myself be on the streets for the next few months. In connection with the AITC press conference yesterday, we exposed names missing from the soft copy uploaded on the Commission's website in many areas."

He said that the AITC would draw the court's attention to it. "On one hand, the BJP wants to divide and humiliate people in the name of SIR and NRC, while AITC workers will help people ensure no one's name is deleted. An environment of fear is created due to this exercise. We have to be with people of Bongaon, Ranaghat. Just like in Assam, where we saw lakhs of Hindus were left out, in Bengal, due to SIR, a lot of people will face difficulties. So AITC workers must stand firm with them and provide all help," he further said.

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF LD. DISTRICT DELEGATE AT CHANDERNAGORE, HOOGHLY Ref:-ACT 39 CASE NO-15/2025 (Probate)

Dibakar Dutta, S/O Late Ratan Prasad Dutta, P.O. & P.S. - Paschim Joykrishnapur, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712403.

..... Petitioner This is to inform to all concerned that one Ratan Prasad Dutta S/O Late Aditya Nath Dutta, Vill- Paschim Joykrishnapur, P.O. & P.S. - Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712403 died on 25/11/2017 and on his death the above named petitioner filed this case before the above mentioned Court for granting probate in respect of a Will being no-04 for the year 2004 dated:- 15/03/2004 and subsequently three codicils out of them two were notarized before the Notary Public Sri Asish Kumar Ghosh at Chandernagore, Hooghly dated 30/04/2010 and one Notarized before the Notary Public Sri Gadadhar Nandi at Chandernagore, Hooghly dated 16/01/2025, properties of Late Ratan Prasad Dutta (now deceased) as mentioned in the schedule to the application and this notice. If any person interested or has any objection regarding the above-named case must come before this Court in person or through Ld. Advocate within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice otherwise the case shall be decided ex-parte. On behalf of the applicant

Arghya Ghosh (Advocate) By the order of Ld. Court Soumen Ghoshal (Sherestadar) District Delegate Court Chandernagore, Hooghly, 22/09/25

SCHEDULE: Annexure-A

All that part and parcel the land measuring 2 acres 72 sataks in L.R. plot no- 605, 917, 960, 964, 991 under khatian no- 735, with Mouza- Paschim Joykrishnapur, J.L. no- 66, under P.S.- Haripal, Dist- Hooghly.

Annexure-B All that part and parcel the land measuring 52 sataks in L.R. plot no- 466, under khatian 735, within Mouza- Paschim Joykrishnapur, J.L. no- 66, under P.S.- Haripal, Dist- Hooghly.

Annexure-C All that part and parcel of land measuring about 2.27 satak transferred vide sale deed no- 1- 5524 for the year 2009 and 2.12 satak of Bastu land along with 924 sq. ft dwelling house if transferred vide gift deed no- I-144 for the year 2015 and 1.51 satak of land along with a 657 sq. ft of dwelling house over it vide gift deed no- I-145 for 2015 both situated at Mouza- Paschim Joykrishnapur, L.R. Khatian- 735, J.L. No- 66, P.S.- Haripal, Dist- Hooghly.

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Study gives more insight into cardiovascular health in early pregnancy

Washington [US], September 8 (ANI): According to research, maintaining good cardiovascular health during the first trimester of pregnancy may mitigate the genetic risk of developing preeclampsia and or gestational hypertension. The preliminary findings were presented at the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2024. Leading scientific interchange on new developments in basic and clinical research on hypertension and its connections to heart and kidney disease, stroke, obesity, and genetics will take place during the Chicago meeting, which takes place from September 5-8, 2024.

Preeclampsia and gestational hypertension are examples of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy that are a major cause of death for both expecting mothers and their unborn children. Based on a person's genetic background, a validated risk model known as a polygenic risk score can be used to estimate the likelihood that they will develop certain disorders. The American Heart Association's Life's Essential 8 (LE8) scoring system is used to determine cardiovascular health in early pregnancy, but it is unclear how much this score influences the risk.

"We were looking to see if there was an association between cardiovascular health during early pregnancy and risk of developing a hypertensive disorder of pregnancy such as preeclampsia or gestational hypertension, even across genetic risk groups for these diseases," said study coauthor Vineetha Mathew, a fourth year M.D.-candidate at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. "Our results found that across all genetic risk groups, better first trimester cardiovascular health may partially mitigate the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes and the risk of developing hypertensive disorders of pregnancy." The study investigated whether cardiovascular health in the first trimester of pregnancy can offset a genetic risk for developing gestational hypertension and preeclampsia during pregnancy. The researchers analyzed data on more than 5,000 individuals who were pregnant for the first time to calculate the rates of these hypertensive disorders during pregnancy. For the analysis, researchers classified each individual's genetic risk using a previously validated polygenic risk score, which estimates susceptibility to a disease based on the aggregate effect of millions of genetic variants across the genome. In addition, a cardiovascular health scoring system categorizing first trimester health status from favorable to unfavorable was adapted from the Association's Life's Essential 8 and assigned to each woman. Seven out of eight of the LE8 components (diet, physical activity, sleep, nicotine exposure, diabetes, baseline blood pressure, and body mass index - not cholesterol levels) were incorporated into a cardiovascular health score for the entire cohort of pregnant individuals. Cholesterol was added for a sub-group (47%) for whom these values were measured. The analysis examined the association of cardiovascular health and genetic risk with preeclampsia and gestational hypertension and was adjusted.

Study finds how weight loss could reduce chances of severe infections in diabetic people

WASHINGTON : According to new research, weight loss therapies may lower the risk of severe flu cases and other infections in patients suffering from diabetes. The research will be presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Madrid, Spain (9-13 September). The study by Rhian Hopkins and Ethan de Villiers, of the University of Exeter Medical School, University of Exeter, Exeter, in the United Kingdom, there is evidence to support the link between severe illnesses and a higher BMI. In contrast, there was no evidence that mild hyperglycemia contributes to the likelihood of a severe infection. Hopkins says: "Up to one in three hospitalisations in people with diabetes are for infections and people with diabetes are twice as likely to be hospitalised with infections than the general population. They are also at high risk of readmission." "Previous studies have found that a higher BMI and poor blood sugar control are associated with severe infections. However, these studies have been observational and so haven't been able to prove that the links are causal." "If one or both of these factors can be shown to be causal, it may be possible to design interventions to lower the risk of severe infections in those at high risk, such as people with diabetes." The new study used data from the UK Biobank, which holds medical and genetic data on around 500,000 people in the UK, to explore the effect of higher BMI and poor blood sugar control on hospitalisation for bacterial and viral infections.

Beware! that herbal remedy book in Amazon wishlist is likely 'written by AI'

The bestselling book on herbal remedies on Amazon could be "written by AI", finds Originality.ai, an artificial intelligence detection tool specialised in plagiarism and original content checks. A recent study by it found at least "82 per cent of books on herbal remedies on Amazon are likely AI-written." According to Michael Fraiman of Originality.ai, 82 per cent of all books available on Amazon's "Herbal Remedies" subcategory, published between January 1 and September 30, 2025, were at least partially likely written by AI. And, 96 per cent of all the books had some AI-generated content. The AI firm has reportedly checked the contents of over 500 titles for the study. According to the report, the firm checked books' samples, descriptions or summaries, and author biographies to assess the use of AI in content generation. Interestingly, the study also found 87 per cent of all likely AI-written books used identical keywords in their titles: Apothecary, ancient, holistic, and Bible.



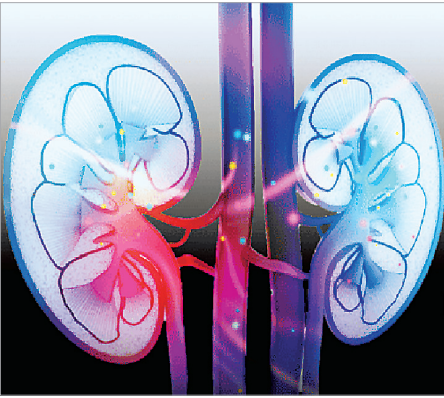
These books recommend herbs, roots, extracts, tinctures and oils for humans to consume-often in place of pharmaceutical drugs, which are sometimes written about in disparaging or distrustful terms. Many of the books are

packed with extremely basic recipes, ignoring potential side effects, which can be severe for pregnant women, young children, people with auto-immune diseases and others," it said. Raising concern over the extensive use of AI, Dan Conway, CEO of the Publishers Association in the UK, told The Guardian they have urged Amazon to label AI-written book as such and remove AI slop "as a matter of urgency."

However, in a statement to the publication, Amazon said, "We have content guidelines governing which books can be listed for sale, and we have proactive and reactive methods that help us detect content that violates our guidelines, whether AI-generated or not. We invest significant time and resources to ensure our guidelines are followed, and remove books that do not adhere to those guidelines."

What causes kidney failure? The condition that claimed actor Satish Shah's life

Iconic actor Satish Shah, best known for his role in the popular Indian sitcom, Sarabhai vs Sarabhai and various Bollywood movies, passed away at the age of 74. "Sad and shocked to inform you that our dear friend and a great actor Satish Shah has expired few hours ago due to kidney failure. He was rushed to Hinduja hospital, where he breathed his last. A great loss to our industry. Om Shanti," mentioned a post by filmmaker Ashoke Pandit on Instagram. The news came as a shock to all who loved and followed his work. His death also piqued the interest of many who wanted to know the reason behind kidney failure and how it could be prevented. What is the function of a kidney? The bean-shaped organs, which are just about the size of one's fist, have a role that cannot be underestimated in the proper functioning of the body. Among the various functions, they are responsible for eliminating toxins from the body, filtering the blood and pushing out the waste products from the body in urine.



What are the most common causes of kidney failure? According to the Cleveland Clinic, diabetes and high blood pressure are the most common causes of chronic kidney disease and kidney failure. High blood sugar levels can damage not just the kidneys but also other organs. High blood pressure stresses

the body's blood vessels. Among other causes that cause kidney failure are: Polycystic kidney disease (PKD): A condition that an individual inherits from one of their parents that causes fluid-filled sacs (cysts) to grow inside the kidneys. Glomerular diseases: These affect how well the kidneys filter waste. Autoimmune kidney diseases: Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause organ damage, joint pain, fever and skin rashes. Apart from these causes, kidney failure can also develop quickly because of an unexpected cause. Acute kidney failure (acute kidney injury) occurs when the kidneys suddenly lose their ability to function. Common causes of acute kidney failure include: Certain medications Severe dehydration A urinary tract obstruction Untreated systemic diseases, such as heart disease or liver disease. For more information, consult a health expert.

Grey hair maybe linked to body's cancer defense mechanism, new study suggests

Greying hair may indicate ageing, but it's not a bad thing health-wise, a new study suggests. Having grey hair could be a reflection of the body's natural defense against cancer. The research explored how hair pigment stem cells, which had DNA damage, made decisions that led to either greying or melanoma (a tumour of melanin forming cells). The study led by Dr Emi K Nishimura at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University found that, based on the environment, the hair pigment stem cells could respond in the two ways depending on their environment, the university's press release said. The researchers studied Melanocyte stem cells, the cells that give hair and skin their colour, using mouse models and tissue samples. These cells reside at the base of hair follicles and generate mature melanocytes and go through cyclical regeneration which continues to give hair its pigment. They observed how the cells reacted when they were exposed to forms of stress that damaged DNA, like chemicals that mimic UV exposure. Some of the cells responded to the damage (DNA double-strand breaks) by stopping their renewal process and then maturing and dying, which leads to grey hair.



The process is due to the activation of the p53-p21 pathway," a tumour-suppressor mechanism. However, when the researchers altered the surroundings, the cells refused to die. When the cells were exposed to (carcinogens) cancer-causing agents or to ultraviolet B light, they could bypass the response even when they were damaged. Instead of dying, the damaged

cells will continue to regenerate and then multiply by cloning, which would then lead to a tumour-prone state. In the press release, Nishimura said, "These findings reveal that the same stem cell population can follow antagonistic fates-exhaustion or expansion-depending on the type of stress and microenvironmental signals." She adds, "It reframes hair greying and melanoma not as unrelated events, but as divergent outcomes of stem cell stress responses."

The study is not saying that greying hair prevents cancer, but it showed that damaged cells chose a protective pathway, removing themselves based on cues from the environment, instead of becoming cells that turn into cancer. The researchers say that the discovery helps understand the process of hair greying and how it relates to cancer development. The study was published in the journal Nature Cell Biology.

Hope for baldness? Researchers develop serum that can restore hair in 20 DAYS



Hair fall is a common concern that affects both men and women. Despite numerous medications and treatments available, many still struggle to find an effective solution for hair regrowth. But a new scientific breakthrough may finally offer hope. Experts at National Taiwan University have announced the development of a unique serum capable of restoring hair growth in as little as 20 days. In experiments conducted on mice, researchers found that the serum stimulated fat cells in the skin, which helped regenerate hair follicles. Scientists believe the treatment could eventually be developed into an over-the-counter product for humans. One of the study's authors, Professor Sung-Jan Lin, even tested the serum on himself. "I personally applied these fatty acids, dissolved in alcohol, on my thighs for three weeks and found it promoted hair regrowth," he told New Scientist. The serum works based on a biological process known as Hypertrichosis, which involves irritation or minor injury to the skin surface that promotes excessive hair growth. "Humans may have lost dense hair coverage on their bodies, but evidence suggests we have retained this important regenerative capacity," reported The Irish Sun. The researchers emphasized that the results still need to be validated in human clinical trials, which will be the next phase of the study. The findings were published in the journal Cell Metabolism. For more information, consult a qualified dermatologist.

Do you have a Ferrari brain?

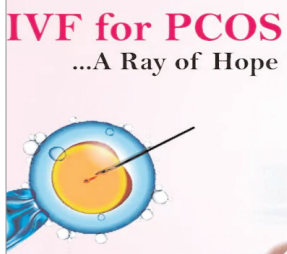
Do you know what makes Usain Bolt different from the rest of us? His fast-twitch muscle fibres enable him to do things faster, earlier, better and differently. So are the owners of Ferrari brains, a genetically blessed lot, with structural and performance differences like those of Usain Bolt's legs. However, the challenge with the Ferrari brain is the need to understand the functioning and knowing how to 'drive' it optimally, says the Read Clinic Psychology team. With such a genetic advantage, where the child talks more, reasons more, sleeps less, feels more deeply, has a longer attention span, and a better memory than their peers, this is interpreted as their mental age being way ahead of their chronological age. This could sometimes lead to crashing their Ferraris, while others drive away to new heights of achievement. They face many roadblocks in their path. Your ADHD brain is a Ferrari "Why do I say, 'Your ADHD Brain is a Ferrari?' My goal is to help people master the power of ADHD while avoiding its pitfalls," says Dr Edward (Ned) Hallowell, a board-certified child and adult psychiatrist. According to Read Clinic Psychology, research suggests that 60-80 per cent of these brains are working at least two years below their true ability. "When explaining ADHD to a child, I say, 'you have a turbo charged mind - like a Ferrari engine, but the brakes of a bicycle, and I'm the break expert.'" When ADHD is properly treated, the person can achieve great heights: doctors, lawyers, CEO's, dreamers, innovators, explorers and even Harvard grads," he added.

112 drug samples found 'not of standard quality' in September: CDSCO

In a stringent move to check on the quality of drugs being manufactured and distributed, officials have found 112 drug samples 'not of standard quality'. According to health ministry officials, Central Drugs Laboratories found 52 samples that were not up to the quality standards and the State Drugs Testing Laboratories identified another 60 drug samples of the same category. As per routine regulatory surveillance activity, the list of Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) and Spurious drugs is being displayed on the CDSCO portal on a monthly basis, reported PTI. How are drug samples identified as NSQ? As per officials, this is done based on the failure of the drug sample in one or more specified quality parameters. Meanwhile, 24 children died recently after consuming Coldrif cough medicine made by Sresan Pharma, which tests showed contained the toxin diethylene glycol in quantities nearly 500 times the permissible limit. Following this, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a health advisory warning about three contaminated cough syrups identified in India, urging authorities to report any detection of these medicines in their countries to the health agency. Specific batches of Coldrif from Sresan Pharmaceutical, RespiFresh TR from Rednex Pharmaceuticals and ReLife from Shape Pharma were mentioned by the WHO. In response, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation informed that none of the contaminated medicines have been exported from India and there is no evidence of illegal export.

How IVF offers hope to women battling PCOS to conceive

PATNA : Polycystic ovary syndrome or PCOS is one of the widespread causes of infertility among women. The hormonal condition affects an estimated 8-13% of women belonging to the reproductive age worldwide and of all up to 70% of cases remain undiagnosed, as per the World Health Organisation (WHO). Due to hormonal imbalance, women suffering from PCOS do not ovulate on time or may not ovulate at all. As a result, tracking their ovulation cycle becomes difficult, making it challenging for them to get pregnant. To all the women battling the condition, IVF offers hope and a pathway to achieve motherhood. IVF embraces a holistic approach when treating fertility. It does not only focus on using technology, but also emphasises on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In some women battling with PCOS, making some moderate changes in their daily habits alone can increase the chances of getting pregnant. Ovarian stimulation is another important step in an assisted reproductive technique that corrects ovulation problems, thereby increasing the chances of conception for women. In this advanced technology, external medication in the form of injections is administered to the patient to control the formation of eggs and then release them from the ovaries at the right time.



Hamas hands over two bodies after Israel resumes attacks on Gaza

MI News Service, Gaza : The Palestinian group Hamas has handed over two bodies it said were of deceased Israeli captives, a day after the fragile Gaza ceasefire was shattered by a series of deadly Israeli strikes across the besieged enclave.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday that the two bodies had been received by Israeli forces via the Red Cross in Gaza.

It later identified the bodies as belonging to Amiram Cooper (also spelled Kuper), who was kidnapped from Kibbutz Nir Oz, and Sahar Baruch, who was kidnapped from Kibbutz Be'eri, both during the Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attacks.

Israeli authorities said the circumstances of their deaths would be determined once a post-mortem had been carried out at Tel Aviv's Abu Kabir Forensic Institute.

Under the United States-brokered accord to halt Israel's two-year war on Gaza, Hamas released 20 living captives in exchange for Israel releasing nearly 2,000 Palestinian political prisoners. Israeli forces have also completed a partial withdrawal from urban centres in Gaza.

But since the ceasefire took effect on October 10, Israeli attacks have killed dozens of Palestinians across the enclave. From Tuesday into Wednesday, the Health Ministry in Gaza said Israeli attacks killed 104 people, including 46 children and 20 women.

As part of the agreement, Hamas committed to returning the remains of all 28 cap-



tives in exchange for the bodies of Palestinians killed in the war. By Thursday, it had handed over 15 sets of remains, saying it continues to press for proper equipment and support to comb through vast mounds of rubble and debris — where thousands of Palestinians killed in Israeli bombardments are still buried.

Israel claims Hamas has been too slow to hand over the remaining bodies of Israeli captives still in Gaza.

Reporting from az-Zuwayda in central Gaza, Al Jazeera's Tareq Abu Azzoum said Hamas is still facing "logistical and operational challenges regarding the retrieval of the bodies, specifically in areas that have been impacted by the Israeli bombardment".

"Hamas has been calling for the entry of heavy bulldozers and machines in order to facilitate the process of recovering bodies. But on the ground, Israel is still accusing Hamas of deliberately procrastinating the release of the bodies," Abu Azzoum said.

Iran strongly condemns ongoing Israeli attacks on defenseless Gazans

MI News Service, Tehran: Foreign Ministry spokes person Esmail Baqaei has categorically condemned the Israeli regime's unrelenting airstrikes on various areas in the south, center, and north of the Gaza Strip.

The attacks, which targeted the tents of displaced Palestinians, have resulted in the martyrdom and injury of dozens of civilians, including a significant number of innocent children, Baqaei said on Thursday.

Referring to the regime's record of grossly

violating all legal and ethical norms, he said that the attacks over the past 24 hours against the defenseless people of Gaza are occurring under the direct order of the regime's prime minister and constitute a clear violation of the ceasefire.

He described this as another indication of the regime's intent to continue its genocidal operations against the Palestinians.

The official emphasized that this situation doubles the responsibility of all governments, under the Con-

vention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to stop the crimes of this regime and to ensure the punishment of its criminals.

Baqaei also highlighted the continuous and severe violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in occupied Palestine, which occur under the all-out support of the United States.

He stressed the special responsibility of the ceasefire guarantors to curb the warmongering and genocide of the Israeli regime.

Israeli envoy calls UN advisor Albanese 'a witch'

MI News Service, United Nations: Tensions flared at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Tuesday, October 28, when Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, labelled Francesca Albanese, the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, a "witch".

His remarks came after Albanese presented her latest report accusing several countries of enabling what she described as genocide in Gaza. Albanese appeared via video link from Cape Town, South Africa, as United States (US) sanctions barred her from entering the country since July.

Her report, titled "Gaza Genocide: A Collective Crime," alleges that more than 60 countries have enabled Israel's military campaign in Gaza through arms transfers, diplomatic protection and financial cooperation. "These horrors are neither sudden nor accidental," she said. "They are the result of decades of moral and political failure within a colonial world order sustained by global complicity." Addressing the chamber, Danon dismissed the findings and launched a personal attack.

"You are a witch, and this report is another page in your spellbook," he said. "You have tried to curse Israel with lies and hatred, but your poison has failed." He accused Albanese of spreading "Hamas propaganda" and claimed her conclusions lacked credibility. Danon described the report as "a work of fiction aimed at demonising Israel." Unfazed by the insult, Albanese responded from South Africa. "It is grotesque and delusional that a state accused of genocide cannot respond to the ev-



idence, and instead resorts to calling me a witch," she said.

"If I had the power to cast spells, I would use it not for vengeance, but to stop your crimes once and for all." Albanese's 25-page document names several Western and regional powers — including the US, UK, Germany, France, Australia, Egypt and the UAE — as complicit in Israel's actions in Gaza. The report recommends that UN member states call for a permanent ceasefire, suspend military and trade relations with Israel, and support international investigations into alleged war crimes.

Albanese also condemned the US sanctions against her, describing them as "unlawful and spiteful." She said the restrictions were an attempt to silence her criticism of Israeli policies. Despite the criticism, Albanese defended her report and called on states to uphold international law. "No state may aid or assist another in committing international crimes," she said. "This is not charity; it is a legal obligation."

Umar Khalid tells SC there is no evidence linking him to the 2020 Delhi riots

MI News Service, New Delhi:

Seeking bail in the UAPA case linked to February 2020 riots in Delhi, activist Umar Khalid on Friday told the Supreme Court that there is no evidence linking him to violence and denied conspiracy charges against him. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Khalid, told a bench of Justices Arvind Kumar and N V Anjaria that there has been no recovery of funds, weapons or any material evidence linking him to the 2020 Delhi riots.



"There are 751 FIRs, I am charged in one, and if it's a conspiracy, it's a bit surprising! If I (Umar Khalid) conspired in riots. On dates in which riots took place, I was not in Delhi," Sibal said and added that no funds, weapons and physical evidence connecting me to violence have been found yet. "No witness statement actually connects petitioner to any act of violence," he pointed out. Sibal submitted that Khalid is entitled to bail on grounds of parity, noting that fellow activists Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita and Asif Iqbal Tanha were granted bail in June 2021.

Sibal said that the Delhi High Court, while denying bail, had termed Umar Khalid's speech at Amravati on February 17, 2020, as "inflammatory." "It is available on YouTube. It was a public speech where I (Khalid) spoke about Gandhian principles," Sibal added.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Gulfisha Fatima, argued that she has been in jail for five years and five months since April 2020. Singhvi pointed out that while the main chargesheet was filed on September 16, 2020, the prosecution has made it an "annual ritual" to file supplementary chargesheets every year. He submitted that there has been an inordinate delay in the consideration of the bail plea of Fatima, which has been listed over 90 times since 2020. Singhvi stated that the allegation against his client is merely that she created a WhatsApp group to coordinate or mobilise support.

"But the real test in law, as laid down by the Supreme Court, is whether there was any intent to incite violence or create disharmony," he said. Senior advocate Siddharth Dave, appearing for Sharjeel Imam, submitted that the police took three years to complete its investigation. "Out of the five years I have spent in custody, three went by because the probe was still ongoing."

"The speeches were delivered by me (Imam) nearly two months before the riots," Dave said and argued that there is no direct or proximate link to suggest that he could have incited the violence. The hearing remained inconclusive and will continue on November 3. The Delhi Police on Thursday opposed the bail pleas of activists, saying that they conspired to strike at the sovereignty and integrity of the country by a "regime change operation" executed under the guise of "peaceful protest".

Khalid, Imam, Gulfisha Fatima and Meeran Haider were booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and provisions of the erstwhile IPC for allegedly being the "masterminds" of the February 2020 riots, which left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

The violence erupted during the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

India to join Malabar Naval Exercise in Guam with Shivalik-class warship

MI News Service, New Delhi, 31 Oct.25 :

"We are participating in Exercise Malabar, and our warship, which is a Shivalik-class warship, will be in Guam in the US, and it will be there for the entire period of the exercise," the Indian Navy said on Friday. India is set to join the next edition of the Malabar exercise in Guam in November, marking another step in strengthening the operational coordination between the Quad nations India, the US, Japan, and Australia.

Mallikarjun Kharge Invokes Sardar Patel To Demand Ban On RSS, BJP Hits Back

MI News Service, New Delhi, 31 Oct.25 :

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge has reiterated that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) should be banned in the country, stating that even Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had banned the participation of government employees in RSS's activities. The ban was lifted by the BJP government in 2024; it must be reinstated, he demanded.

"My personal opinion is that RSS should be banned," Kharge said at a press conference on Friday, comparing the RSS's ideology with "poison." The BJP has slammed the Congress for invoking Patel to attack the RSS after "ignoring" his contributions for decades.

"Sardar Patel also said that one should not work for the RSS while in government service. He had banned government employees from participating in the activities of the RSS and Jamaat-e-Islami, which the Modi government lifted on July 9, 2024. We demand that this ban be reinstated," said Kharge. The Congress government in Karnataka, the home state of Kharge, had been at loggerheads with the BJP lately over restricting government employees from participating in rallies of the RSS, which is the ideological parent of the BJP.

Vallabhbhai Patel is a towering figure in India's freedom movement. The first Home Minister of India is credited with unifying the country after Independence by bringing the princely states under the Indian dominion. Today marks Sardar



Patel's birth anniversary, celebrated across the country as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

Patel had written in a letter mentioning that the RSS celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's death, Kharge said this morning, justifying the ban on the right-wing group in 1948. "Sardar Patel united the counties. Jawaharlal Nehru believed that Sardar Patel's contribution was immense. On February 4, 1948, Sardar Patel wrote in a letter about the RSS: 'The RSS celebrated Gandhiji's death and distributed sweets.' After this, the government had no other option," the Congress chief asserted.

Kharge said that, as per the report received by Patel, the atmosphere created in the country due to the ideology of the RSS and the Hindu Mahasabha was responsible for Gandhi's assassination. Hitting back, the BJP accused the Congress of ignoring Patel for over 50 years and downplaying his contributions. They never followed Patel's footsteps and are using his name now to oppose the RSS, asserted BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla.

"INC is not the Indian National Congress. It stands for Indian Nazi Congress. Despite all their conspiracies, the court lifted the ban on the RSS. They said RSS was a non-political organisation and government employees can take part in their activities. But the Congress is so intolerant that they stand with the rioters of PFI, SDPI, and MIM but spew venom against RSS, which is working for the country's welfare," he said.

German FM visits Damascus, pledges support for Syria's transition

MI News Service, Damascus: Visiting German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul met here on Thursday with Syrian interim leader Ahmed al-Sharaa and foreign affairs chief Asaad Hassan al-Shibani, and reaffirmed Germany's commitment to supporting Syria's political and economic transition.

During a press conference following the meeting, Wadephul said Syria is entering a decisive stage of rebuilding, which must ensure the "dignity and security" for all its citizens, "regardless of gender, religious, ethnic, or social background." Wadephul noted Syria's potential to become "a key state" connecting the Gulf region and the Mediterranean, adding that his visit aims to further strengthen bilateral ties and explore new avenues of cooperation.

Regulation Of Trains For Track Maintenance Work Over Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : For complete conversion of point no. 135B/136A on Down Passenger Line at Ballygunge Junction station limit, 07 hours (from 23:10 hrs. of 01.11.2025 to 06:10 hrs. of 02.11.2025) Traffic Block has been planned on the intervening night of 01.11.2025/02.11.2025 (Saturday/Sunday). Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

Cancellation of trains on 01.11.2025 (Saturday): • Sealdah-Komagata Maru Budge Budge: DN 34166/UP 34165. • Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur: DN 34754/UP 34755. Cancellation of trains on 02.11.2025 (Sunday): • Sealdah-Diamond Harbour: DN 34812/UP 34815. • Sealdah-Sonarpur: DN 34412/UP 34411. • Sealdah-Komagata Maru Budge Budge: DN 34114/UP 34113. • Sealdah-Baruipur: DN 34612/UP 34611. • Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur: DN 34716, 34718/UP 34713, 34715.

Short termination/Short origination of trains: • 34557 UP Canning-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Saturday (01.11.2025) and 34554 DN Sealdah-Canning Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Saturday (01.11.2025).

• 34859 UP Diamond Harbour-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Saturday (01.11.2025) and 34860 DN Sealdah-Diamond Harbour Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Saturday (01.11.2025).

• 34757 UP Lakshmikantapur-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Saturday (01.11.2025) and 34712 DN Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34163 UP Komagata Maru Budge Budge-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Saturday

(01.11.2025) and 34112 DN Sealdah-Komagata Maru Budge Budge Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34111 UP Komagata Maru Budge Budge-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34116 DN Sealdah-Komagata Maru Budge Budge Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34811 UP Diamond Harbour-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34714 DN Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34711 UP Lakshmikantapur-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34814 DN Sealdah-Diamond Harbour Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34813 UP Diamond Harbour-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34816 DN Sealdah-Diamond Harbour Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34511 UP Canning-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Sonarpur on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34352 DN Sonarpur-Canning Local will be short originated from Sonarpur on Sunday (02.11.2025).

• 34513 UP Canning-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025) and 34512 DN Sealdah-Canning Local will be short originated from Ballygunge on Sunday (02.11.2025).

Moreover, 34718 DN Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur Local will be controlled near Ballygunge station till cancellation of Block.

"Run for Unity" organised in CLW



General Manager Administrators Ekta Divas Pledge on "National Unity Day"
MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 :Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) observed National Unity Day today, October 31, 2025, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Various programs were organized on this occasion. A "Run for Unity" was organised from the B.R. Ambedkar Sports Complex under the leadership of Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, General

Manager. General Manager along with heads of departments, sports persons and employees participated enthusiastically in the run.

Later, Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, General Manager administered the Ekta Divas Pledge to all the principal officers, senior officers and employees present in the foyer of the administrative building. The Ekta Divas Pledge was also administered in other offices and factory premises of CLW.

Thousands trapped in Sudan's El Fasher amid mounting atrocity reports

MI News Service, El Fasher: The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said it was alarmed by the atrocity reports in the capital of North Darfur state after the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) seized the city over the weekend.

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 30 (Xinhua) -- Thousands of people remain trapped in Sudan's western city of El Fasher as reports of atrocities against civilians mount and the humanitarian crisis deepens, UN humanitarianists said Thursday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said it was alarmed by the atrocity reports in the capital of North Darfur state after the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) seized the city over the weekend.

"Local sources report widespread killings, abductions, maiming and sexual violence, alongside the detention and killing of aid workers," OCHA said. "Thousands of civilians remain trapped inside El Fasher, while many others are stranded at Garni, about 20 kilometers away, unable to flee due to insecurity and lack of transport."

The office said those still inside the city face life-threatening shortages of food, water and medical care. Aid workers are blocked from entering the city. The UN Security Council on Thursday voiced grave concern over escalating violence in and around El Fasher and condemned the assault by the RSF on El Fasher and its devastating impact on the civilian population.

Over 2,000 detained in Maharashtra's Jalgaon during Muslim protest against Waqf Act

MI Nes Service, Jalgaon:

In a remarkable display of interfaith solidarity, thousands converged in Jalgaon, Maharashtra, this week to oppose the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025, labeled by Muslim organizations as a "black law" and an assault on religious freedoms. Organized by the Tehaffuz Auqaf Committee Jalgaon under the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's (AIMPLB) "Jail Bhara Andolan," the event marked the first full-scale agitation in India, conducted peacefully despite lacking police permission.

The protest kicked off with a two-hour sit-in, culminating in the voluntary detention of nearly 2,000 participants at Zila Peth police station. All were released by evening. Organizer Farooq Shaikh told reporters, "We surrendered willingly. This unites Muslims with people from



all communities and political affiliations who uphold justice, equality, and the Constitution. Jalgaon has peacefully pioneered this national movement—we reject this unconstitutional law outright."

A delegation, headed by Mufti Khalid, President of the Tehaffuz Waqf Committee, met Additional Collector Shrimant Harkar and submitted a memorandum to the President of

India. The five demands were:

Mufti Khalid condemned the Act, stating, "It intrudes on our religion and strips our right to manage institutions. Our ancestors stayed in India post-Partition trusting in justice and equality—this movement safeguards that pledge by aligning faith, Constitution, and justice." He argued it breaches Articles 25-30, protecting religious free-

dom and minority rights.

Support poured in from the Bahujan Kranti Morcha, NCP (Ajit Pawar faction), and Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA). VBA District President Shamibha Bhanudas Patil endorsed the demands, calling the Act "Manuvadi and Sanghi ideology aimed at curtailing Muslim social and economic liberties. It's a national threat to secularism."

Amid heavy police deployment, the demonstration stayed non-violent, emphasizing constitutional democracy. Following Jalgaon's success—after AIMPLB's thwarted October 12 attempt in Delhi—the Board plans statewide expansions. As one detainee declared, "We'll fill jails but won't surrender our waqf, faith, or rights." This sets a precedent for escalating resistance against perceived state overreach in religious affairs.

South Eastern Railway Observes National Unity Day



Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, SER flagging off the "Motor Cycle Rally" of RPF Contingent as a part of observance of National Unity Day at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 31.10.2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 31 Oct.25 : South Eastern Railway observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) at its Headquarters, Garden Reach on 31.10.2025 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway took salute at the ceremonial parade presented by the contingents of Railway Protection Force (RPF). Shri Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager, S E Railway, Principal

Head of the Departments, other Senior officers and Staff were present during the occasion.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, SER flagged off of a Motor Cycle Rally organised by RPF Personnel to mark the occasion. He also flagged off a "Run for Unity" organised at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach to spread the message of National Unity Day. Principal Head of the Departments and others officers, a large number of Security Personnel, Sports Persons of SER, Civil Defence and members of Bharat Scouts and Guides took part in the Run for Unity.

National Unity Day was also observed at all the four Divisions of South Eastern Railway viz. Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi.

SUPER CUP: GOALKEEPER SAMIK MITRA SCORES AS CHENNAIYIN FC DRAW DEMPO

BAMBOLIM (GOA) : A remarkable, historic goal from goalkeeper Samik Mitra earned Chennaiyin FC a 1-1 draw against Dempo Sporting Club in the AIFF Super Cup 2025-26 on Friday at the GMC Athletic Stadium in Bambolim.

Samik became the first goalkeeper in the club's history to score from open play in a competitive fixture, finding the net on the half-hour mark with a stunning strike from inside his own box.

Head coach Clifford Miranda made five changes to the starting XI from the previous outing, with Mitra returning between the posts and Klusner Pereira slotting into defence. In midfield, Kingslee Fernandes partnered Lahrinliana Nnamte, while Vivek S and Maheson Singh supported Irfan Yadwad in attack.

Chennaiyin began brightly, pressing high and creating early chances. Kingslee tried his luck from distance after winning the ball in midfield, before a quick passing move released Vivek on the flank-his low cross narrowly cleared by a recovering defender. The Marina Machans continued to threaten, with Klusner's deflected effort looping just over the bar moments after Mandar Rao Dessai's teasing delivery was turned away.

Despite their control, Miranda's men fell behind in the 25th minute when Dempo converted from a free kick. But just minutes later, Samik produced an unforgettable moment when his long kick from his own area caught the opposition off-guard, sailing over the Dempo backline and beyond the goalkeeper's reach to draw Chennaiyin level.

Chennaiyin picked up where they left off after the restart, continuing to dictate possession and pushing forward with purpose.

2nd T20I: Marsh's 46 gives Australia four-wicket win over India, take 1-0 series lead

MELBOURNE : Skipper Mitchell Marsh hit a brisk 46 as Australia secured a four-wicket win over India in the second T20I at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday, and took a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Travis Head's 28 provided early impetus, along with Marsh's knock, ensuring that the hosts reached home with 40 balls remaining. The duo's early stand ensured Australia never looked in trouble to chase 126, despite a few wickets falling at the fag end. India's bowlers did manage to inject some late drama into the contest, but it was too little, too late.

Josh Hazlewood was the standout performer with the ball, delivering a decisive opening spell that dismantled India's top order. His figures of 3-13 laid the foundation for Australia's win, with the rest of the bowling unit offering solid support to

restrict India to 125 in 18.4 overs, despite Abhishek Sharma top-scoring with 68.

Australia's chase was aided early by an uncharacteristically expensive over from Jasprit Bumrah, as he conceded 18 runs in the third over. That released early pressure and handed momentum to the hosts. Harshit Rana's no-ball and being hit for two sixes added to India's woes, as 20 runs came off the fourth over. Captain Suryakumar Yadav was forced to turn to his spin-bowling options, and Varun Chakaravathy provided India with their first breakthrough - dismissing a rollicking Head courtesy of a sensational boundary catch from Tilak Varma, who tossed the ball in the air, went out, and then came back in to complete the catch. Marsh continued to lead Australia's charge by punishing anything in the good-length zone with powerful strokes



through the leg side off Kuldeep and remove Marsh for 46 off 26 balls in the Chakaravathy. India did manage to eighth over when Kuldeep's wide and full

delivery forced him to hole out to long-off. Ironically, the over also turned out to be Kuldeep's most expensive in T20Is, leaking 20 runs.

Chakaravathy struck again to dismiss Tim David, who pushed forward with hard hands and could only offer a return catch back to the spinner. Kuldeep came back to trap Josh Inglis lbw with a quicker delivery, while Mitchell Owen nicked behind off Bumrah, who castled Matthew Short for a duck. Despite the late wobble, Marcus Stoinis ensured that Australia managed to get over the line and go into the lead in the series. Brief Scores: India 125/10 in 18.4 overs (Abhishek Sharma 68, Harshit Rana 35; Josh Hazlewood 3-13, Nathan Ellis 2-21) lost to Australia 126/6 in 13.2 overs (Mitchell Marsh 46, Travis Head 28, Varun Chakaravathy 2-23, Kuldeep Yadav 2-45) by four wickets.

Seven days to history: India counts down to 100 years of hockey glory

NEW DELHI : A century ago, on November 7, 1925, Indian hockey became affiliated with the FIH - and what followed was not merely the rise of a sport, but the birth of national pride. Within three years came Amsterdam 1928, and with it a historic Olympic gold that announced India as a hockey superpower.

Over the decades that followed, the tricolour dominated the world stage, earning eight Olympic golds - the most by any nation in hockey history - along with one silver and four bronze medals.

It has been a journey of brilliance, testing phases, and stirring comebacks. The golden era from 1928-1959 shaped India's sporting identity; the 1980s and 90s challenged its legacy; and then came the resurgence - highlighted by the iconic Tokyo 2020 bronze and reaffirmed at Paris 2024 with another podium finish. Alongside the 1975 World Cup triumph and a rich haul of Asian Games medals for both men and women, hockey remains deeply woven into the nation's sporting soul.

On November 7, 2025, India will pause to celebrate this remarkable century. The heart of the celebration will beat at the



Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, where the morning will open with an evocative exhibition match featuring the Honourable Sports Minister's XI vs Hockey India's Mixed XI, uniting men and women on one field - symbolising the inclusive future of the sport. Hockey legends across generations will be honoured, the commemorative book "100 Years of Indian Hockey" will be unveiled, and a stirring photo

exhibition will take spectators through iconic milestones - from Amsterdam to Paris, from the artistry of Dhyan Chand to the grit of modern champions.

But the celebration will not be confined to one stadium. It will echo across more than 500 districts, where over 1,000 matches and 36,000 players - schoolchildren, grassroots aspirants, veterans, and community teams - will take the field together. It will be a

festival of sticks and cheers, of memory and promise - a nationwide salute to a game that once defined India and continues to inspire dreams.

Hockey India president Dr Dilip Tirkey shared, "This centenary reflects the soul of Indian hockey - its heroes, its resilience, and its beautiful resurgence. From our golden legends to today's young stars, every step of this journey has shaped our nation's sporting identity. As we celebrate 100 years, we honour our past and set bold ambitions for the generations ahead."

Hockey India secretary general Bhola Nath Singh added, "Hockey has always belonged to the people of India, and this celebration is for every fan, every player, every coach who kept the spirit alive. As we celebrate across more than 500 districts, we are not only remembering history - we are building the next century of Indian hockey together."

As the country counts down to this landmark day, stadiums, schools, and fields across the nation are preparing for a celebration steeped in nostalgia, pride, and renewed energy. A century completed - and a new era ready to begin.

Women's World Cup: Sheridan and Williams to be on-field umpires for India-South Africa final

NAVI MUMBAI : The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that Eloise Sheridan and Jacqueline Williams will be on-field umpires for the 2025 Women's ODI Cup final, set to be held between India and South Africa at the DY Patil Stadium on Sunday.

The duo had officiated in South Africa's commanding 125-run semi-final win over England at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati and bring recent big-match experience into the final, which will see a new ODI World Cup champion for the first time after 2000.

Jacqueline also stood in the group-stage encounter between the two finalists on October 9, a match South Africa won with a clinical run chase of 252 at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam.

Sue Redfern has been appointed as the third umpire, with Nimali Perera named as the fourth umpire. Michell Pereira will oversee proceedings of the final as the match referee. Both India and South Africa are aiming to secure their maiden ICC title across formats.

Sunday's match will be the first time South Africa will feature in a Women's ODI World Cup final, while India previously played in the title decider in 2005 and 2017 when they finished as the runners up behind Australia and England respectively.

India will take confidence from familiar surroundings as they gear up for Sunday's final to be hosted in Navi Mumbai - the same venue where they scripted a memorable semi-final five-wicket win over Australia, thanks to a brilliant unbeaten 127 from Jemimah Rodrigues.

The hosts remain unbeaten at the venue in this tournament, having defeated New Zealand in the league stage and Australia in the semi-final, while their match against Bangladesh was washed out. The venue has proven to be a fortress of sorts for India, with strong crowd support expected once again for the final. In contrast, South Africa will be playing in Navi Mumbai for the first time in this competition.

The Poona Club Open: Shaurya Bhattacharya saves best for last to snatch victory in playoff

PUNE : Shaurya Bhattacharya, who trailed by two shots after round three, saved his best for the last as he upstaged the pre-tournament favourite Yuvraj Sandhu and snatched victory in a playoff at The Poona Club Open 2025, an INR 1 crore event, played at the Poona Club Golf Course in Pune on Friday.

Shaurya Bhattacharya (69-63-67-64) carded a flawless seven-under 64 in the last round, the day's best score, to finish with a total of 21-under 263 before making a birdie in the playoff to edge out Yuvraj Sandhu.

It was Bhattacharya's second title of the season and his third overall, which earned him a cheque worth INR 15 lakh and saw him consolidate his fourth position in the PGTI Order of Merit as his season earnings moved to INR 83,02,392.

Yuvraj Sandhu (65-67-65-66), who also totalled 21-under 263, posted a 66 in the fourth round before losing out with a par in the playoff to finish runner-up. Sandhu picked up the runner-up cheque worth INR 10 lakh, which



in turn helped him extend his lead in the PGTI Order of Merit by over INR 10 lakh over his nearest rival, Arjun Prasad. The 28-year-old Sandhu's season earnings now stand at INR 98,67,200.

Veer Ahlawat and Shivendra Singh Sisodia finished in a distant tie third at 12-under 272.

PGTI's continuous efforts to grow professional golf in India are supported all year round by its Tour Partners, Rolex, Amul, IndusInd Bank, Victorious Choice, Campa, Amrutnjan Electro Plus,

Golf Plus Monthly, and Golf Design India.

Pune's Rohan Dhole Patil ended the week as the best-placed among the local professionals as he finished 14th at six-under 278.

The 22-year-old Delhi resident Bhattacharya began the day with pars on the first seven holes, even as Yuvraj Sandhu, the overnight leader by two shots, raced ahead to build a five-shot lead at that stage.

Bhattacharya's 12-foot birdie conversion on the eighth then trig-

gered a huge turnaround. Bhattacharya thereafter went on to collect five birdies over the next six holes thanks to his outstanding tee shots and a 25-foot conversion. He thus got within one shot of the leader, Sandhu.

Sandhu enjoyed a two-shot lead heading into the last hole. However, an erratic tee shot and a missed short putt by Sandhu resulted in a bogey for him on the 18th, even as Shaurya drained a birdie on the same hole to take the match into a playoff.

On the playoff hole, Sandhu missed the fairway once again and came up with a par, while Shaurya was solid from tee to green and thus scored the decisive birdie to walk away with the trophy.

Bhattacharya said, "It was a very thrilling day of golf with the match going down to the wire. I felt like I held my nerves really well. I made very crucial putts, especially the par putt on the 16th. Then, on the 18th, the focus was on making a birdie. The game-changer was the 25-footer for birdie on the 11th hole, which I was not really expecting.

Martinelli ruled out of Burnley clash, Saliba's participation in doubt

LONDON : Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta confirmed on Friday that Gabriel Martinelli will miss Saturday's Premier League trip to Burnley due to injury, while William Saliba remains a doubt. The update comes as the Gunners aim to continue their impressive run of form.

Martinelli, the Brazil international, was forced off during Arsenal's 1-0 win over Crystal Palace on Sunday, while Saliba was substituted at halftime at the Emirates after picking up a knock.

"Martinelli is still out, Saliba. We have to wait and see. We have another training session this afternoon, and the rest are still getting closer, I think in the right direction, but not available yet," Arteta told reporters on Friday.

After Martinelli missed Wednesday's 2-0 win over Brighton, Arteta was asked about a timeline for his potential return. "We don't know yet, but I think this game is going to come too early for him," he added.

The Gunners boss also discussed long-term absentees Kai Havertz, Noni Madueke, Martin



Odegaard, and Gabriel Jesus, and when they might return to action. Arteta was optimistic that he may have some fresh faces to select from in the near future.

"I would say weeks and some of them pretty soon, hopefully if they keep evolving the way they are doing," he added. "It's difficult to put a game, you know that we have the international break, which is a two-week break there, and after that I think we'll have

some back," the Arsenal manager said. "I don't know if it's going to be all of them, some of them, but we'll be quite close by then. I'm excited because they are tremendous players. I see them work every single day, how desperate they are to be part of the team, the huge boost that is going to be for the squad to have those players again after such a long, long time. I'm really happy that I think it's going to be very soon."

PKL 12: BOTH TEAMS ARE STRONG, ADMITS DABANG DELHI'S CAPTAIN ASHU AHEAD OF FINAL VS PUNERI PALTAN

NEW DELHI : The stage is set for the grand finale of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12, with the top two teams in the league preparing to battle it out for the ultimate prize. After nearly two months of intense competition, thrilling comebacks, and record-breaking performances, the stage is now set for Purneri Paltan and Dabang Delhi K.C. to be crowned champions at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium on Friday.

The two teams were level on points (26) at the end of the league stage with Aslam Inamdar's Purneri Paltan securing first place on points difference. The two teams have faced off thrice this season, with all three games being decided in the tiebreaker.

However, Dabang Delhi K.C. hold the advantage in the head-

to-head record this season, with Ashu Malik's team clinching two narrow wins - including the crucial 6-4 tiebreaker win in Qualifier 1, which confirmed their place in the final.

Reflecting on his team's successful season so far and looking forward to the final, the Dabang Delhi captain stated, "The atmosphere in the team has been great throughout the season. We won Qualifier 1 and directly made it to the finals. The performances have been good, and all three matches we've played against Purneri Paltan have gone into the tiebreaker. We've won two of those matches; they've won one. So, both teams are strong."

Meanwhile, Purneri Paltan bounced back with a win against Telugu Titans in Qualifier 2, setting up their third final in four seasons. Their captain credited



the franchise's long-term approach for the benchmark they have set with a well-rounded squad over the last few seasons.

"This is a team game, so we have to play together and win together. We train together

throughout the year to ensure that we do well in the league. So, that's helped us as a team. We started as kids at the Yuva Paltan in Season 7, and rose through the ranks to play for Purneri Paltan. Now, we're table-toppers this

season and playing in the finals. All that is down to the hard work put in by the franchise", Aslam said. While Purneri Paltan have a well-rounded squad that has thrived under the leadership of Ajay Thakur and Aslam Inamdar,

Dabang Delhi have shown enough grit, resilience and experience this season. With the likes of Fazel Atrachali, Saurabh Nandal, Surjeet Singh and the captain himself, Ashu is confident of replicating the success the franchise achieved in Season 8.

"I was an NYP in Season 8, today I'm the team's captain. Joginder sir was the senior in the team back then, so he has always supported me since then. We had a team with plenty of seniors making their mark. Neeraj Narwal was in the team with me then, he's a part of the team now as well. So, it's a similar team setup. Hopefully, we can replicate that success," Ashu added.

Sharing his final thoughts ahead of the PKL 12 final, a match that could go on to define Purneri Paltan's legacy, Aslam Inamdar concluded, "Delhi have

enough experience in their side; we also have experience plus a talented young brigade in our side. That experience will count. All three matches we've played so far this season have gone to tiebreakers, so we know this match will also be tough. The most important factor in the finals might be luck. Even if there's one percent luck, that can make all the difference in the final."

With the title on the line, the two teams are one step away from etching their name in the history books and bagging their second PKL title. For Dabang Delhi, they have a chance to have their crowning moment at their home turf. On the other hand, this Purneri Paltan side have the opportunity to cement their legacy with their second title in three years.