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K were the most vibrant and unforgettable years of my life.” Kumar noted that today, both the nation’s notes and votes are in the hands of IITians — the RBI Governor and the CEC. “The values I imbibed here (IITK) have guided me throughout my administrative career,” he added. He expressed confidence that the Bihar polls would set new standards in transparency, efficiency and simplicity, becoming a model for other democracies. The 243-member Bihar Assembly will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and November 11, and the counting of votes will take place on November 14. Accompanied by his wife Anuradha, Kumar fondly recalled his early years — learning to swim in the Ganga at Kashi’s ghats, studying at the Queen’s Inter College in Varanasi, moving with his father to his various job postings, and later pursuing higher studies in Lucknow before joining IIT Kanpur. Further recalling the journey from the ghats of Varanasi to the nation’s highest election office, the CEC said, “A boy who learnt swimming in the Ganga never imagined that one day he would occupy the chair of India’s Chief Election Commissioner.”

Mystery deepens
over student's death
in residential school

MI News Service, West Bardhaman: A fresh wave of shock has rippled through West Bardhaman following the mysterious death of a ninth-grade student inside a private residential school hotel. The body of the deceased teenager, identified as 14-year-old Shambhu Kumbhakar from Kenda in Purulia, was found hanging in the hostel premises late Sunday night.

According to sources, Shambhu was a class 9 student at Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Vidya Mandir in Kenda. The school authorities reportedly rushed him to Chakoltod Rural hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The discovery has sparked intense tension in the locality, with hundreds gathering outside the school premises in protest. Agitated residents later blocked the Kenda-Tamna state road, alleging negligence and lack of transport by school authorities. Family members of the deceased have accused the institution of concealing crucial details about the incident, "We were not informed about what exactly happened. We learned from others that he had already died by the time we reached the hospital," alleged a relative. Preliminary reports suggest the students was found hanging inside the hostel when most boarders had gone for dinner. The warden reportedly discovered the scene upon checking the rooms. Police from Kenda station reached the spot to bring the situation under control as protest intensified. What has further deepened public suspicion is the eerie similarity with another recent case in West Medinipur, where the body of 18-year-old Abhinandan Samanta a secondary examination candidate, was found hanging inside a school building at Daskagram Satish Chandra Saravarthasadhak Shikshasadan High school under Sabang police station. In that case too, the boy's body was discovered after he had gone missing from the hostel in the morning. Local residents and parents' groups have demanded a through investigation into both incidents, citing rising concerns over student safety in residential institutions across the region. Police have initiate inquest proceedings, while the exact cause of Shambhu's death awaits confirmation the post-mortem examination.

Bloodshed on Bengal
border: Officers assaulted
by cattle smugglers

MI News Service, Mursidabad: Violence erupted late Sunday night in the border areas of Samserganj, Mursidabad, when a police team came under attack while attempting to stop cross-border cattle smuggling. Two personnel, including a civic volunteer, sustained injuries in the assault, sending tension ripping across the Nimitia-Dhanghara stretch along the Indo-Bangladesh border.

Acting on the tip-off, officers from Samserganj police station launched a late-night raid in Dhanghara, a region notorious for cattle smuggling routes leading directly into Rajshahi , Bangladesh. As police confronted the traffickers, a violent clash broke out. During the scuffle, smugglers allegedly assaulted the officers with sticks and stones in a bid to escape. Despite injuries, the police managed to overpower and arrest two accused—identified as Babar Sheikh and Rami Sheikh, both residents of Dhanghara. The duo was produced before the Jangipur Sub-Divisional Court on Sunday. Police suspect the arrested men acted as local facilitators for cross-border smuggling networks. Several others involved in the attack fled the scene, and search operations are underway. Three cattle were recovered during the raid. Law enforcement officials said the area's proximity to the international border and the ease of crossing through fenced zones have made Dhanghara a long-standing hub for illegal cattle movement. Officers fear that organized rackets, with possible cross-border links, are using remote riverine routes to smuggle livestock into Bangladesh. The incident has once again thrown the spotlight on rampant cattle trafficking in Bengal's border belts—a problem that has persisted for years despite repeated crackdowns. Local residents expressed shock that police personnel themselves came under attack while performing their duty to curb the illegal trade.



Congress leaders and activists took part in a protest led by President, WBPC, Subhankar Sarkar against the legal harassment of Congress activist at Assam for singing 'Amar Sonar Bangla' a Creation of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The protest was held in front of Assam Bhawan, Saltlake, in Kolkata on Monday.

Medical student assault: Two
accused may turn witnesses

MI News Service, Durgapur: The ongoing case surrounding the alleged assault of a second-year medical student from Durgapur Medical College took a new turn on Monday as legal teams clashed in court over the chargesheet filed by the police. The defense argued that the chargesheet was submitted "under pressure," while government lawyers proposed that two of the accused be turned into witnesses in accordance with legal provisions. The development came during a hearing at the Durgapur Sub-Divisional Additional District Court, where all six accused were brought from jail custody. Representing the prosecution, government lawyer Bivas Chatterjee asserted that the investigation was completed swiftly and efficiently, with the police filing their final report on October 30—just 20 days after the alleged incident. Bivas Chatterjee said the chargesheet marked a breakthrough for the Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate, which has sought to fast-track the

case. "The chargesheet was prepared after an intensive investigation. We have petitioned for trial proceedings to begin at the earliest and expect the process to conclude within two months," Bivas Chatterjee stated.

According to the chargesheet, three of the accused have been charged with gang rape and robbery, while the remaining two face charges of robbery and aiding in the assault. Police sources maintain that one of the accused committed the sexual assault, while the others directly assisted him, thereby constituting an act of gang rape under the law. However, the defense has strongly refuted the police version. The lawyer representing the accused classmate of the victim argued that the investigation was rushed and the chargesheet filed within 20 days despite the Investigating Officer having 90 days for evidence compilation. The defense counsel alleged that his client had been unlawfully detained at the police station prior to his formal arrest

and requested the submission of CCTV footage from those days as evidence. The defense further contended that pressure from higher authorities influenced the timing of the police report, calling the chargesheet's validity into question. "This was done to satisfy external pressure rather than ensure due process," the counsel claimed before the court. Following arguments from both sides, the court ordered that the six accused be remanded in judicial custody for one more day. The next hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday. The incident, which occurred on the night of October 10, sent shockwaves through the Durgapur Medical College community. According to police, the victim was abducted and physically assaulted by a group of youths, including her own classmate. The case has been one of the most high-profile investigations undertaken by the Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate this year, with authorities promising swift justice.

BJP alleges irregularities in
BLO appointment in Burdwan

MI News Service, Burdwan: The BJP has once again raised sharp questions over the appointment of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in Burdwan, alleging large-scale procedural violations and political bias in the selection process. Party leaders claim that several BLO positions have been filled illegally, allegedly in a manner that benefits the ruling TMC.

At a press conference on Sunday, BJP's Burdwan District president Abhijit alleged that at least 20 BLOs appointed in Burdwan South constituency do not meet the Election Commission's stipulated criteria. The party has submitted a detailed list of names of the Commission, seeking immediate intervention and review. "The work has not been conducted as per the Commission's guidelines," Abhijit told reporters. "Only permanent

teachers or government employees are eligible for appointed as BLOs. However, most of those selected are temporary workers, and some are directly associated with the ruling party. This is undemocratic and unacceptable." According to the BJP's claim, six of the twenty individuals identified are active Trinamool Congress workers, while the remaining appointees are temporary municipal or contractual employees. BJP representatives said they have also proposed 20 alternative names for consideration, clarifying that the list was meant as suggestions, not formal recommendations. The controversy is not confined to Burdwan alone. In Sainthia, Birbhum district, the BJP has lodged a separate complaint with the Election Commission against five BLOs, alleging open political involvement

of those appointed. The party asserted that these BLOs have been seen participating in Trinamool events and that their affiliations raise serious doubts about neutrality during electoral processes. Among the complaints, the appointment of Sainthia Municipality employee Sukhen-du Khan as BLO has drawn particular ire from the BJP. The party has also objected to the appointment of the mother of a known student leader, questioning how such individuals could ensure impartial supervision of voter rolls. With Assembly elections approaching, the allegations have sparked renewed debate over the transparency and fairness of administrative arrangements at the grassroots level. The party has urged the Election Commission to ensure strict enforcement of appointment norms to uphold institutional credibility.

Family alleges negligence after
transfusion mishap in Gangarampur

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: A shocking case of medical negligence has surfaced at Gangarampur Super Specialty Hospital in South Dinajpur, where a young woman reportedly fell critically ill after being administered blood of the wrong group. The incident triggered protests inside the hospital premises, prompting police intervention to control the situation. The victim, identified as 22-year-old Moushumi Mardhi of Goalgaon in Kushmandi block, had been undergoing treatment for severe anemia. She was initially admitted to Kushmandi Rural Hospital but later referred to the Gangarampur Super Specialty Hospital as her condition deteriorated. Doctors reportedly advised an urgent blood transfusion after discovering a sharp drop in her hemoglobin count.

According to the patient's family, hospital authorities collected a blood sample from Moushumi and sent it to the Gangarampur Blood Bank. Based on the report, the blood bank provided a unit of AB positive blood, which was subsequently transfused. Within minutes of the procedure, the patient allegedly developed spasms and acute physical distress. Her condition worsened rapidly, forcing



ing doctors to shift her to the critical care unit (CCU) and later to Malda Medical College and Hospital on Sunday afternoon. Angered by the incident, family members and local residents gathered at the hospital and staged a protest, accusing the staff of gross negligence and mishandling of the transfusion process. Panic gripped the campus as the situation turned tense, and a large police contingent from Gangarampur police station, including a combat team, was deployed to restore order. Chief Health Officer of Dakshin Dinajpur, Dr. Sudip Das, confirmed the transfusion reaction but urged caution against premature conclusions. "The patient was in a critical con-

dition when admitted, with very low hemoglobin levels. During the transfusion, complications occurred, and she was referred to Malda Medical College for further management. The matter is under thorough investigation," he stated. Authorities have initiated an internal inquiry to determine whether a procedural lapse at the blood bank or in the transfusion process led to the adverse reaction. No formal complaint has yet been lodged with the police. The incident comes close on the heels of similar allegations in other hospitals across the state, raising renewed concerns about blood safety protocols and accountability in government-run medical institutions.

Strong message from
TMC's Bangaon Chief:
Get active or step aside

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: With the Election Commission's Special Intensified Revision (SIR) drive underway, Trinamool Congress has begun tightening its organizational machinery across Bengal. At a recent internal review meeting in Bangaon, district president Biswajit Das delivered a strong message to grassroots workers, urging them to demonstrate greater commitment and discipline at the booth level. The meeting, held at Helencha Netaji Centenary Community Hall on Sunday on behalf of the Bagda Assembly segment, was attended by MLA Madhuparna Thakur, Bagda Panchayat Samiti Chairman Sudevi Mandal, and block-level organizational leaders. The focus was on reviewing the preparedness of Booth Level Agents (BLA-2) ahead of the voter list survey process.

During his address, Das expressed dissatisfaction over the low turnout of BLA-2 members from certain panchayats and directed party functionaries to review and, if needed, reorganize the network at the grass roots. "Those who are ready to work on the ground—let them come forward and take charge," he stated from the stage, urging greater accountability from local units. Calling the BLA-2 assignment a critical link in electoral groundwork, Das reminded his cadre that superficial or symbolic participation would not yield lasting results. "This is a three-month task that must be taken seriously," he noted, emphasizing that sustained effort alone could secure the party's success in challenging constituencies like Bagda. Without naming anyone, Das warned against over-reliance on past victories or local-level maneuvering, saying that such complacency could undermine broader political goals. He reiterated that the organization's General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee should be followed strictly. "Abhishek Banerjee has given clear directions on how to proceed. We must act accordingly," he added. Party insiders said the meeting was part of a larger corrective exercise aimed at reviving booth-level activity and ensuring foolproof voter roll verification before the Commission's survey deadline.

MLA's hospital function
sparks political storm



MI News Service, Dhupguri: A controversy has erupted at Dhupguri Sub-Divisional Hospital in Jalpaiguri after a public address programme was reportedly held beside the hospital's labour ward to mark the commencement of a new building project. The event, organized to thank Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for approving the hospital's expansion plan, has drawn criticism for allegedly violating hospital protocols. According to reports, a loudspeaker was used during the thanksgiving programme, staged adjacent to the labour ward where patients were undergoing treatment. The event coincided with the beginning of work on a six-storey hospital block, for which the state government has sanctioned more than 28 crore rupees. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had virtually laid the foundation stone for the project on May 19 earlier this year.

The gathering was attended by Dhupguri MLA Nirmal Chandra Roy, acting as chief guest, along with Trinamool district and block-level leaders, including INTUC Block President Alam Rahman, Dhupguri Rural Block President Malay Roy, Town Trinamool Core Committee Member Anita Singh Roy, and Youth Congress Town President Shuvo De Sarkar. However, the location and manner of the event have triggered sharp reaction from opposition groups, who labeled it "insensitive and inappropriate" to host a political celebration so close to a sensitive medical zone. Dhupguri Block Health Officer Ankur Chakraborty admitted that while the organizers verbally informed him about a programme, no formal permission was obtained for using the hospital premises. "No written approval was taken from me. I was told about a small program, but I was not aware that microphones were being used. Use of loudspeakers inside hospital premises cannot be justified under any circumstance," he said. Responding to the controversy, MLA Nirmal Chandra Roy denied the allegation of high-volume microphone use. "No loud microphone was played. The event was organized by the civic society to express gratitude for the new hospital building. I was not aware of any restrictions regarding microphone use within hospital premises," he said. The incident has once again brought into focus recurring questions about political functions being held in public healthcare premises. Health authorities have indicated that a report on the matter may be sought to ensure compliance with hospital conduct norms in the future.

Woman dies amid SIR confusion,
political storm follows

MI News Service, Hooghly: Fresh tension has gripped parts of Hooghly district amid the ongoing Special Intensified Revision (SIR) of voter lists, following the death of an elderly woman in Dankuni and the illness of another resident in the same locality. The ruling Trinamool Congress has blamed the SIR process for spreading fear and anxiety among citizens, while the BJP has dismissed the allegations as politically motivated. The deceased, identified as 60-year-old Hasina Begum, was a resident of Ward No. 13 under Dankuni Municipality. In recent years, she had been living with her daughter in Ward No. 20. Local residents said Hasina had been deeply distressed over remarks and discussions surrounding the SIR process—an extensive voter verification exercise

being undertaken across the state. According to witnesses, Hasina collapsed suddenly on Sunday evening while returning home. "She sat down by the roadside holding her head.

We rushed her home, but she was unconscious. Doctors at the hospital declared her dead," said a neighbor. Dankuni Municipality Chairperson Hasina Shabnam visited the family on Monday morning and directly linked the death to growing fear over voter list revisions. "Her name wasn't in the 2002 list, and that created panic. We've been urging people to stay calm, but I don't know how many more lives will be lost to this fear," Shabnam said. She also claimed that another local resident suffered a cardiac problem triggered by similar anxiety related to the revision drive. The SIR process has already

triggered controversy in several districts including Agartala, Ilambazar, and East Burdwan, where residents and local leaders reported confusion over voter verification procedures. Rejecting the allegations, BJP leader Debashish Mukherjee accused the ruling party of manufacturing panic for political gain. "There is no reason for fear over the SIR. Interestingly, the Chief Minister herself once supported this very process back in 2002. At that time, 69,000 names were left out of the draft list, but she had then shifted the blame to the Left government. Today, her party is doing the same," Mukherjee said. The incident has further intensified the political crossfire over the SIR process, which opposition parties say is being politicized by both sides in the run-up to next year's polls.

Tribal woman dragged, brutally beaten in love triangle feud

MI News Service, Birbhum: A shocking incident of violence against a tribal woman has surfaced in Birbhum district, sparking political outrage and renewed debate over women's safety in rural Bengal. The victim, a resident of Amgachi village in Siuri, was allegedly dragged from her home, taken to a forested area, and brutally assaulted on Sunday evening. According to police sources, preliminary investigations suggest that the assault stemmed from personal enmity linked to a relationship dispute. The woman, who had been living alone for some time after separating from her husband, reportedly developed a romantic relationship with an individual named Suku Soren. In recent months, however, she became friendly with another man, which allegedly enraged Soren.

Police believe Soren, accompanied by his associate



Bablu Tudu, stormed into the woman's home, assaulted her, and later dragged her nearly one and a half kilometers before continuing the assault in a secluded area. Hearing her screams, local residents intervened and rescued the severely injured woman. She was admitted to Siuri Hospital and later shifted to Burdwan Medical College and Hospital as her condition deteriorated. Hospital sources said she has been placed under close observation and is currently stable. Siuri police have since arrested both accused individuals. Investigators are examining whether other persons were involved and are awaiting medical reports to verify

the extent and nature of the assault. Meanwhile, the incident has ignited political confrontation in Birbhum. Local BJP leaders alleged that the woman was gang-raped and accused the police of attempting to downplay the crime. "The police are shielding the culprits under political pressure. We confronted them because they are not acting with seriousness," said local BJP leader Deepak Das. Police have refuted the allegations of inaction, stating that arrests were made promptly after the complaint and that an in-depth inquiry is underway. Trinamool Congress leaders have yet to issue a statement on the incident. The brutality of the attack and the political reactions surrounding it have sparked widespread public anger, with demands for transparency in the investigation and accountability from local authorities.

Bangladeshi National Held for Overstaying Without Valid Visa

MI News Service, Kalyani : A Bangladeshi national identified as Mufti Abdullah Hafiz Al Masood, son of Mahabubur Rahaman of Chouthai Mahal, Nazirpur in Pirojpur district of Bangladesh, has been detained by Kalyani Police for allegedly staying in India illegally after the expiry of his visa, said Deputy Superintendent of Police, HQ, Mohtashim Akhtar , Ranaghat Police District in Nadia.

According to police sources, information was received by Kalyani Police Station that the foreign national had been residing in a rented house at Gokulpur, under Kalyani Police Station limits. A preliminary enquiry revealed that



Masood had entered India in 2017 and had been living at various places before settling in Gayeshpur - Gokulpur in

April 2025. Investigators found that his passport had expired in 2020 and was later renewed in 2024. However, his visa had also expired in 2020, and since then, he had not obtained any valid visa or document permitting his continued stay in India.

In view of the violation, a specific case has been registered against him under relevant sections of law for overstaying in the country without valid documents. Police have produced Masood before the court, which has remanded him to custody.

Further investigation into the matter is underway, officials said.

Sarada Shishu Niketan Marks 25 Years

MI News Service, Kalyani : It was an evening filled with music, dance, and drama as Sarada Shishu Niketan presented its annual cultural programme at Ritwik Sadan on Sunday. The event, jointly organized by the school's Kalyani and Majherchar branches, celebrated the institution's 25th anniversary under the theme "Saath Chale Hum, Saath Rahe Hum", symbolizing unity, friendship, and compassion, said principal Barnali Das Mitra.

Students across age groups delivered delightful performances that captivated the packed audience of parents, teachers, and invited guests. The stage came alive with colorful costumes, expressive dance routines, and melodious songs, all reflecting the spirit of togetherness and creativity that defines the school. Speaking on the occasion,



school head Subrata Das said that the annual event has, over the years, become a vital platform for nurturing young talent and promoting cultural learning. "We are committed to continuing this tradition and to fostering values that help our children grow both artistically and emotionally," he added. The silver jubilee celebration, aptly titled '25-e-25', also highlighted the school's journey over the past quarter-cen-

tury. With two campuses and a total of around 300 students, Sarada Shishu Niketan has established itself as one of Kalyani's most recognized institutions for early education.

Pratyush Ghosh, Ex - GM, Kolkata Metro, Mani Mekhla Bhowmik, Bidhan Chandra Memorial Government Girls High School Teacher, other few special personalities , Guardians and Teachers appeared in the cultural event.

Retired Railwayman Sparks Cultural Revival in Nadia

MI News Service, Nadia: Retirement didn't signal the end, it marked the beginning of a legacy mission. On the day he bid farewell to his decades-long railway career, a loco pilot from Eastern Railway ensured that the legacy of eminent playwright-poet Dwijendralal Roy reaches hundreds of homes in Nadia.

Shilajit Chakraborty, loco pilot under the Sealdah division and secretary of the Eastern Railway Men's Congress (Ranaghat unit), retired on October 31. In the months leading up to his retirement, Chakraborty relentlessly pushed for the revival of the long-neglected D.L. Roy Institute auditorium in Ranaghat, once a cultural hub, now worn down by years of neglect.

Thanks to the sustained efforts of Chakraborty and railway employee-artist Arindam Dev, Eastern Railway has sanctioned rupees 52 lakh for the building's renovation. Restoration work has already begun.

Calling Dwijendralal Roy "a neglected cultural icon," Chakraborty said, "New generations hardly know what icons like D.L. Roy did for our country and culture. We must revive that memory."

At his farewell ceremony, Chakraborty distributed framed portraits of D.L. Roy to nearly



400 guests, hoping they would carry forward awareness about the literary figure.

Railway colleagues hailed the gesture as a rare example of cultural commitment beyond service duty. Once restored, the D.L. Roy Institute is expected to reclaim its place as a cultural landmark in Nadia, echoing a legacy reignited on a railwayman's final working day.

Sovan Chatterjeere joins TMC with Baisakhi Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: After a gap of seven years, former Kolkata Mayor Sovan Chatterjee has officially returned to the Trinamool Congress (TMC) ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. Accompanied by Baisakhi Banerjee, he rejoined the party on Monday at the Trinamool Bhavan, where senior leaders Aroop Biswas and Subrata Bakshi handed them the party flag. Speaking to reporters after his return, Chatterjee said he intended to work actively to strengthen the party. Just a month ago, Chatterjee had made a comeback in public administration when he was appointed Chairman of the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA). Before this appointment, he and Baisakhi reportedly held several rounds of discussions with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, paving the way for his formal reinstatement in political activities. Party insiders suggest that Sovan Chatterjee will play a key role in the party's campaign strategy for the upcoming elections. His return is seen as a strategic boost for TMC as it prepares to consolidate its organizational base. In 2018, Sovan Chatterjee resigned abruptly from his posts as Kolkata Mayor and Cabinet Minister, distancing himself from active politics. Later, ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections, he and Baisakhi Banerjee joined the BJP in Delhi and were announced as star campaigners. However, their stint with the saffron camp was short-lived, and they soon drifted away from the party. Over the past year, the duo rekindled their ties with Trinamool leaders, and Sovan gradually reconnected with several old colleagues. Despite his political hiatus, he continued to maintain personal contact with Mamata Banerjee, notably visiting her residence during Bhai Phonta celebrations each year. Recently, multiple private meetings were held between the Chatterjee-Banerjee duo and Abhishek Banerjee. This was followed by a significant meeting with Mamata Banerjee at Richmond Hill in Darjeeling, which reportedly finalized his political return. Soon after, Sovan was given the NKDA chairmanship — and now, he has officially re-entered the TMC fold.

Haridevpur shootout solved within hours; accused arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a swift breakthrough, Kolkata Police cracked the Haridevpur shootout case within just three hours on Monday morning, arresting the accused, Bablu Ghosh, from a car near the Police Training School (PTS). The incident, which unfolded early in the day, saw Bablu allegedly shooting his lover, Mousumi Haldar, before fleeing the scene. According to police sources, Bablu was attempting to escape in a rented car after locking up his house and taking his belongings. Acting on intelligence inputs, a team led by Sub-Inspector Jaydeb Bairagi from Haridevpur Police Station traced the vehicle using its registration number and intercepted it near PTS. Officers described the quick arrest as a major achievement for the city police. The shootout occurred around 6:30 a.m. when 50-year-old Mousumi Haldar stepped out for her morning walk. Two men on a motorcycle reportedly approached her and opened fire, hitting her in the back. Before collapsing, Mousumi managed to name her attacker—Bablu Ghosh. Eyewitnesses confirmed her statement, identifying Bablu as a local poultry trader who was known to have an extramarital relationship with the victim. Investigators believe the attack stemmed from personal tension in their relationship.



Former Kolkata Mayor Sovan Chatterjee rejoined the party along with Baisakhi Bandopadhyay in the presence of senior TMC leaders Aroop Biswas and Subrata Bakshi at Trinamool Bhavan in Kolkata on Monday.

Team Abhishek launches ‘Tea and Development’ drive to spread SIR awareness

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, “Team Abhishek” has launched yet another mass outreach programme to connect with people and dispel fears surrounding the SIR initiative. Under the direction of Trinamool Congress MP and party’s national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, TMC leaders in the Diamond Harbour constituency have started a new campaign titled “A Story of Development through a Sip of Tea.” The objective of this campaign, party sources said, is to spread awareness about safety and security under the SIR framework and to reassure voters amid prevailing apprehensions. Through this initiative, the party aims to strengthen public contact and inform citizens about the upcoming launch of Sebaashraya, a welfare programme scheduled for December. The campaign also seeks to highlight the development projects undertaken by the state government and build closer ties with residents. The programme kicked off on Sunday evening at Dewantia area under the Nurpur Gram Panchayat in Diamond Harbour constituency. During the event, TMC leaders engaged in informal tea sessions with local residents, distributed tea and biscuits, and held interactive discussions about public issues and government welfare schemes. According to sources, the outreach will continue for the next three months across all booths in two blocks and one municipality under Diamond Harbour constituency. Meetings will be held at temple premises, social institutions, club grounds, markets, popular tea stalls, parks, and transport stands. Influential local personalities, social workers, members of self-help groups, senior citizens, and non-political community figures will be invited to participate. A special box will be placed at each venue where residents can write and drop their problems and suggestions. Additionally, a form will be distributed for citizens to share



their grievances or queries about SIR and other issues. A dedicated helpline has also been launched. The campaign was inaugurated on Monday by constituency observer Shamim Ahmed in the presence of MLA Pannalal Halder and other local leaders. Residents expressed happiness at the opportunity to interact directly with TMC representatives. Notably, Abhishek Banerjee has instructed party MLAs and MPs to form 15-member monitoring teams in each constituency to oversee SIR-related implementation and ensure transparency. Any irregularities or negligence in the process, he warned, will invite strict legal action.

CM Mamata proud as Bengal’s Type-1 diabetes model earns global acclaim



MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal’s healthcare initiative to combat Type-1 diabetes has earned global recognition, positioning the state as a model for the world in fighting the disease. The programme—the first state-run initiative of its kind in India—has been hailed by Harvard Medical School Associate Professor Dr. Gene Bukhman, an international expert on non-communicable diseases. Dr. Bukhman recently visited SSKM Hospital in Kolkata and lauded Bengal’s structured healthcare model for treating children and adolescents with Type-1 diabetes. Following his visit, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee shared the news on social media expressing pride in the state’s achievement. “I am delighted to announce that the ‘Bengal Model’ to fight Type-1 diabetes has become a global model to emulate,” she wrote. The Chief Minister also congratulated all medical professionals and administrators associated with the initiative for their success. Earlier this year, the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) had selected the

West Bengal government for its excellence in providing advanced healthcare facilities for young diabetes patients. This recognition, experts say, highlights Bengal’s leadership in developing a sustainable, organized public healthcare network for managing Type-1 diabetes—a chronic autoimmune disorder primarily affecting children and adolescents. Medical experts explain that diabetes is generally classified into Type-1 and Type-2. Type-1 diabetes results from genetic or autoimmune factors where insulin-producing cells in the pancreas are destroyed, stopping insulin production. Although symptoms of both types are similar, the prevalence of Type-1 among children has increased significantly, linked to modern lifestyle and dietary habits. To address the rising burden, Bengal’s Department of Health and Family Welfare launched a state-level public health programme dedicated to Type-1 diabetes care. Special clinics have been established in every district, offering regular treatment and counselling services. India has one of the world’s largest populations of children with Type-1 diabetes, yet West Bengal remains the only state with such a comprehensive, government-driven care system. The initiative began with four districts and later expanded to eleven more. Notably, the National Health Mission does not include juvenile diabetes treatment under its central programme, prompting Bengal to act independently.

ED attaches assets worth over Rs 3,000 Cr of Anil Ambani in money laundering case

From PG 1 spaces, residential units, and land parcels, with an aggregate value of approximately Rs 3,084 crore. The case stems from the alleged diversion and laundering of public funds raised by two group companies: Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL) and Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd. (RCFL). The ED probe found that between 2017 and 2019, Yes Bank invested nearly Rs 5,000 crore in these companies. These investments subsequently turned non-performing, leaving outstanding dues of over Rs 3,300 crore. The investigation uncovered a complex routing of funds to bypass regulations. According to the ED, public money invested in the erstwhile Reliance Nippon Mutual Fund was indirectly channelled through Yes Bank to the Anil Ambani Group companies, sidestepping SEBI’s conflict-of-interest rules that prohibit direct mutual fund investments in group firms. The ED’s fund tracing revealed “intentional and consistent control failures” in the lending process. The agency stated that loans to group-linked entities were “speed processed” without essential checks. Many loans were processed on the same day as application, sanction, and agreement, and in some cases, disbursement preceded sanction,” the ED said, adding that field investigations were waived and documents were often found to be “left blank, overwritten, and undated.” In a related development, the ED has also intensified its probe into the Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCOM) loan fraud case, where it has detected a diversion of over Rs 13,600 crore. The ED stated that it continues to trace the proceeds of crime and that recoveries made through such attachments would ultimately benefit the general public.

According to ED officials, the attachment orders were issued on October 31 and the assets include Anil Ambani family’s residence at Mumbai’s Pali Hill area, the Reliance Centre in New Delhi, and several other residential, commercial and land assets spread across Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Hyderabad and Chennai. During 2017–2019, Yes Bank invested Rs 2,965 crore in RHFL instruments and Rs 2,045 crore in RCFL instruments. By December 2019, these investments had turned non-performing, with Rs 1,353.50 crore outstanding for RHFL and Rs 1,984 crore for RCFL.

The ED investigation found that direct investment by Reliance Nippon Mutual Fund into Anil Ambani Group’s financial companies was prohibited under the Securities and Exchange Board of India’s (SEBI) conflict-of-interest norms. RES YOU MAY LIKE The fund-tracing exercise revealed a pattern of on-lending, diversion, and siphoning of funds to group-linked companies. The ED said the loans were “speed-processed” without due diligence in several cases; applications, sanctions, and agreements occurred on the same day, and in some instances, funds were disbursed even before loan applications were filed. Investigators flagged blank or undated documents, weak financials of borrowers, inadequate or unregistered security creation, and mismatched end-use of funds. ED termed these lapses as “intentional and consistent control failures.”

24 killed in road accident in Telangana, PM Modi condoles

From PG 1 fice-goers bound for Hyderabad. Police and rescue teams used heavy machinery to recover the mutilated bodies. Traffic on the Hyderabad-Bijapur road was disrupted for several hours following the accident.



Tridib Kumar Chatterjee (General Secretary-Publishers & Booksellers Guild), Sudhangshu Sekhar Dey (President-Publishers & Booksellers Guild), Andrés Sebastián Rojas (Head of the Political and Cultural Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India) and Anandi Queipo Riavitz (Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India) and others at the unveiling of logo of the 49th International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF) that will commence from 22 January 2026.

49th INTERNATIONAL KOLKATA BOOK FAIR starts from Jan 22

MI News service, Kolkata: The International Kolkata Book Fair happens to be the biggest festival in West Bengal after Durga Puja. The upcoming 49th International Kolkata Book Fair will commence from 22 January and will continue till 3 February 2026. Like previous years, the fair will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee. Eminent poets, authors and other scholars will be present as guests of honour at the inauguration. The venue for the mega event remains same, i.e Boimela Prangan, Karunamoyee, Salt Lake. The International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF) is the world’s largest attended non-trade book festival. Twenty-seven lakh book lovers visited the last book fair in 2025 and the book sales amounted to Rs 23 crores. For the first time in the history of the International Kolkata Book Fair, Argentina, a

country closely connected with India, especially Bengal, will be the Focal Theme Country in the International Kolkata Book Fair 2026. Andrés Sebastián Rojas, Head of the Political and Cultural Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India and Anandi Queipo Riavitz, Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India along with top officials of Publisher and Booksellers Guild were present at the formal press conference on Monday in Kolkata. Like every year, Great Britain, USA, Germany, Australia, France, Spain, Peru, Colombia, Japan, Thailand and other Latin American Countries will be participating in the upcoming book fair. Another attraction of the International Kolkata Book Fair; the Kolkata Literature Festival, KLF, will be held on 24 and 25 January 2026.

Fake social media profile of ex-minister triggers cyber fraud probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: A case of cyber fraud has been reported involving a fake social media profile created in the name of former West Bengal minister and ex-chief secretary Manish Gupta. The Kolkata Police’s cyber crime division at Lalbazar has initiated an investigation after Gupta recently lodged an official complaint, though the incident reportedly occurred several months ago.

According to police sources, cyber fraudsters allegedly created a fake Facebook account using Manish Gupta’s name and photograph. They also used his image on a WhatsApp profile and began sending messages to people known to him. Because the fraudsters used the former bureaucrat’s photograph on both platforms, many of his acquaintances believed the messages were genuine. Investigators revealed that the scammers sent messages to several of Gupta’s contacts, claiming an urgent need for money and requesting immediate financial help. Believing the requests to be authentic, some individuals reportedly transferred money to the bank accounts provided by the fraudsters. Once Gupta became aware of the situation, he personally alerted his acquaintances to beware of the fake profile and not to respond to such messages.

SIR of Voter List to Begin on November 4; BLOs to Visit Homes for Enumeration

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list is set to begin from Tuesday, November 4, across nine states and three Union Territories, with the most crucial part of the process—the Enumeration phase—kicking off. For the first time, voters will directly experience this stage of the SIR as Booth Level Officers (BLOs) begin door-to-door visits to distribute and collect enumeration forms. From November 4 to December 4, BLOs will visit households, explain how to fill out the forms, and later collect them. Each BLO will make up to three visits to a voter’s residence if necessary. The Election Commission announced the SIR on October 27, and at midnight that day, the 2025 draft electoral roll was officially frozen. BLOs will visit the homes of individuals whose names are already on the current draft voter list to deliver the forms. Each BLO, carrying an official ID issued by the Election Commission,

will provide two copies of the enumeration form to every voter—one must be signed and returned, while the other can be kept by the voter. If a voter is not present at home, the BLO will leave the form in the letterbox, under the door, or through a window, and return later to collect it. No documents are required during form submission. The forms provided will be partially pre-filled, containing existing voter details. Voters will only need to verify and update any changes. A blank box will be provided where each voter must attach a recent color passport-size photograph—one photo for the submitted form and one for their own copy. If a BLO fails to meet a voter after three visits, the voter can also submit the enumeration form online, which will later be verified by the BLO. Only after the publication of the draft electoral roll will voters need to furnish one of 11 accepted identity documents, as per official notice.

Name Change
I, Bimal Roy (Old Name) S/o Late Pranbhallav Roy Residing at 123B, Akhli Mistry Lane, Surendra Nath College Back Side, P.O.- Raja Ram Mohan Sarani, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700009, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimal Kumar Roy (New Name) as declared before the Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 03-11-2025. Bimal Roy (Old Name) and Bimal Kumar Roy (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arpita Mukherjee Bonala (Old Name) D/o Amarendra Nath Mukherjee Residing at 19, Garden Road Hattu, P.O.- Hattu, P.S.- Garfa, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700078, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Arpita Mukherjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 03-11-2025. Arpita Mukherjee Bonala (Old Name) and Arpita Mukherjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sayantika Bairagi (Old Name) W/o Sudip Bepari Residing at Vill - Kaya, P.o+P.s - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743249, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sayantika Bepari Bairagi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 03-11-2025. Sayantika Bairagi (Old Name) and Sayantika Bepari Bairagi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarina Faruki (Old Name) W/o Md Khalid Hasan Residing at Al Masjid Road Lane Near Baitul Masjid-Asan-sar, P.s - Asansol (South), District - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin - 713301, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sharina Faruki (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 03-11-2025. Sarina Faruki (Old Name) and Sharina Faruki (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Smt. Sudha Chokraborthy, Mother of No. JC-331030X Rank Ex Sub Maj & H/LT Name - Dwaiteeswar Chakraborthy resident of Vill-Dhonkora P.O.-Bhueria, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713156 have change my Name & Date of birth from Smt. Sudha Chokraborthy & 01 Jul, 1946 to Sandhya Chakraborthy & 01 Jan, 1952 vide Affidavit dated 30.10.25 before the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman (W.B.).

Name Change
I, Sekh Faizul Rahaman , s/o, Samad SK (Old Name-Father, in Passport), Bankiya Begam (Old Name-Mother in Passport), r/o. Vill. & P.O.-Bamsor, P.S.- Bhatar, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman-713125, declare that have changed & shall henceforth be known as Father's & Mother's Name as Sekh Samad & Bankia Begam (New Name-in Aadhar Card), before the Notary, Sadar, Purba Bardhaman, Dtd. 03.11.2025. Henceforth, Samad SK (Old Name) & Sekh Samad(New Name)and Bankiya Begam(Old Name) & Bankia Begam Seikh (Old Name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabindranath De (Old Name), s/o, Lt. Nanihushan De (Father), Lt. Renubala De(Mother), r/o. Bahir Sarbhamangala Para, Wd.No.-3, Bardhaman, P.S.-Bardhaman Sadar, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713101, W.B. declare that have changed & shall henceforth be known as Rabindra Nath De (New Name), before the Notary, Sadar, Purba Bardhaman, Dtd. 03.11.2025. Henceforth, Rabindranath Dey (Old Name) & Rabindra nath dey (New Name), Rabindranath de all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bipasha Halder, W/o Jayanta Halder D/o Jitendra Chandra Roy, residing at 81 No. Nalta School Road, Dum Dum Cantonment, P.O & P.S.-Dum Dum, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700028, W.B. declare that in my PAN Card my father's name has been recorded as Paritosh Chandra Halder in place of Jitendra Chandra Roy as mentioned in my Passport. That Jitendra Chandra Roy and Paritosh Chandra Halder both are same and one identical person i.e., my father vide affidavit no. 2601 dated 19.10.2025 before the court of Id. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, at Barasat.

Name Change
I, Matin Sekh, S/O- Erat Sekh, residing at Vill- Sanfua, P/O- Rupprampur, P/S-Murari, Dist-Birbhum. That in my son's (Tuwel Shaikh) Aadhaar card & birth certificate his name has been recorded as Tuwel Shaikh, S/O-Motin Shaikh & Sabir Ali, S/O-Matin Sekh & Sabbir Ali which is incorrect.So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class E.M at Rampurhat dt- 17/10/2025 (No.29535) that Tuwel Shaikh, S/O-Motin Shaikh & Sabir Ali, S/O-Matin Sekh & Sabbir Ali is same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Jouher Fatma D/O Mohammad Mohsin W/O MD Reyaz Khan residing at 26,Madan Mohan Burman Street, Jorasanko have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jauher Fatma as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Bankshall Court Kolkata West Bengal vide Affidavit No 619 dated 31st of Oct 2025 Jouher Fatma and Jauher Fatma both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Wangdi Bhutia, Son of Late Sonam Bhutia, residing at Ward no 05, Krishnanagar, Po & Ps-Mirik, Darjeeling Pin-734214, West Bengal, India, do hereby notified that my Father Sonam Dorjee Bhutia, Sonam Dorjay Bhutia (old name) shall henceforth be known as Sonam Bhutia (new name), as declared before the Ld Executive Magistrate Mirik, vide an affidavit dated 07/07/2025. Sonam Dorjee Bhutia, Sonam Dorjay Bhutia (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rakesh Kumar On Behalf Of My Minor Daughter Shyra Riddhi(Old Name) Residing At G/A GF-Ab89, Ground Floor,Pre-12-0087, Street-87,Tank No.2,Kidzee School, New Town,Action Area-1,Dist-24 Parganas North,Pin-700163,West Bengal,India.Have Changed Her Name And She Shall Henceforth Be Known As Pearl Riddhi (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Vide Affidavit No.10085 On 29/09/2025. Shyra Riddhi (Old Name) And Pearl Riddhi(New Name)Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, MAINUDDIN ALI (old name) son of ABDUL KADIR, residing at 85 TOOTI BAGAN, KAMARHATI, BARRACKPORE, 700058, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD MAINUDDIN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 31/10/2025. MD MAINUDDIN (new name) and MAINUDDIN ALI (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Adhir Kumar Banerjee (old name) son of Anil Kumar Banerjee, residing at Sucasa Towers, Flat No B/3d, 3rd Floor 30 Khollisa Kota Road, Manikpur, Eden Park, Italgacha, North 24 Parganas, 700079, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Adhir Banerjee (new name), as declared before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 3/11/2025. Adhir Banerjee (new name) and Adhir Kumar Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jayasree Basu (Old Name), D/O, Sachindra Nath Guha, W/O Samir Kumar Basu, Residing At 104/D, Garia Gardens, Po-Garia, Ps-Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas - 700084 have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jayashree Basu (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Vide Affidavit Dated 31/10/2025. Jayasree Basu And Jayashree Basu , Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rangana Bhattacharyya (Old Name) W/o Tapas Banerjee Residing at P10 Garfa East End Row, Po - Hattu, Ps - Garfa, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700078, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rangana Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Kolkata vide affidavit Date 03-11-2025. Rangana Bhattacharyya (Old Name) and Rangana Banerjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD ABDUS SAMAD S/o-Late MD SAYED ALI R/o- Vill.-Malayapur, P/O- Raghunathpur, PS- Baduria, North 24 Parganas do hereby declare that my deceased father's MD SAYED ALI and CHHAYED ALI MONDAL is the same and identical person vide Affidavit no. 23303 dt. 17.10.25 sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court.

Name Change
I, Abubakkar Mondal, S/O Din Islam Mondal & Salema Bibi Mondal, residing at Vill. Ghona, P.O. Gotra, P.S. Basirhat, Dist. North 24 Pgs, do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as Abubakkar Gazi, mother's name Salma Bibi in my birth certificate (reg. no. 1119, dt. 31.12.2001). On 15.09.2025 vide affidavit no. 19358 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that Abubakkar Mondal & Abubakkar Gazi and Salema Bibi Mondal & Salma Bibi both are same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sudip Das, S/O- Ld. DIPANKAR DAS, R/o- Vill.- Nadia, P.O.- Dhanyakuria, P.S.-Basirhat, Hal.P.S. Matia Dist. North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my father's name is wrongly recorded in my Birth Certificate (vide Regd. No. 121 dt. of Regd. 04-03-2005 issued by Dhanyakuria G.P. Basirhat-II, North 24 Pgs) as Bablu Das (Nick Name) in place of Dipankar Das. That my said deceased father, Dipankar Das and Bablu Das is same one and identical person vide Affidavit no. - 22259 dt. 08-10-2025 sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Samsunnesha Begum W/O SK. Kamaruzzaman residing at vill-Domjur, (Hazipara),P.O. & P.S.- Domjur, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711405.WB do hereby declare as follows That my D.O.B is 08.08.1979 which is recorded in my Aadhar Card (No.5890 4652 8547) and PAN card (No.EUYPB4852B), Voter id (No.ML.N2597771) and certificate Marriage (date is 04.02.2000) etc & in other documents also. That SK SAYED ISLAM since deceased is my father and Mamta BEGAM is my mother. That I'm swearing this affidavit before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Howrah date 24.10.2025, affidavit no.4397, to declare my D.O.B. i.e. 08.08.1979 as well as my place of Birth i.e Vill- Ghoradaha, P.O.- Mato, PS-Amta, Dist- Howrah, Pin- 711408. WB. as per documents stated above.

Name Change
I, Binoy Kumar Mukharjee (old name) son of Ramchandra Mukherjee, residing at Raghahapur, Ragha bpur Purulia - 723101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binoy Krishna Mukherjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. Binoy Krishna Mukherjee (new name) and Binoy Kumar Mukharjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dipankar Saha S/O Shankar Saha, R/O- Madhyapara, Habra, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal- 743263, Have Changed My Name To Pintu Saha Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 03/11/2025 At Kolkata. Dipankar Saha Henceforth Be Known As Pintu Saha For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sanjoy Pramanik S/O Adhir Pramanik, R/O- 664c, Napit Para, Bakhrabat Road, Thakurpukur Kolkata-700063, Have Changed My Name To Sanjay Pramanik Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 03/11/2025 At Kolkata. Sanjoy Pramanik Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Pramanik For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, EKBAL ALAM (old name) son of LATE NOOR ALAM KHAN, residing at 264, MOTILAL COLONY , PO- RAJBARI, PS-DUMDUM, KOLKATA - 700081, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as IQBAL ALAM (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. IQBAL ALAM (new name) and EKBAL ALAM (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Renu Kumari Lama(Old Name), Wife Of Prem Lama,Residing At 5e,C.N.Roy Road,Po & Ps-Tiljala, 700039,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Renu Lama(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/11/2025.Renu Kumari Lama And Renu Lama Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Mohammad Zahid(Old Name), Son Of Sekh Bhola,Residing At 46f Gora Chond Road,Po-Entally,Ps-Beniapukur, Kolkata,700014,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Zahid(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/11/2025. Mohammad Zahid And Md Zahid Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Moslem Ali(Old Name),Son Of Samsul Haque Molla,Residing At South Chakmir, Ps-Maheshatala-700141, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Moslem Ali Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/11/2025.Moslem Ali And Md Moslem Ali Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Shafique (old name) Son of Sk Mehmood, residing at 42N/14, Ekbalpore Lane, Khidderpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Shafique (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. Mohammed Shafique (old name) and Md Shafique (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ANITA SENGUPTA (old name) daughter of Sourendra Nath Pramanik, residing at 17 C, Hindustan Road, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata- 700029, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANITA PRAMANIK (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 31/10/2025. ANITA PRAMANIK (new name) and ANITA SENGUPTA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Rabiul Hossain (old name) son of Sk Ruhul Amin, residing at Vill- Enayethnagar, P.O.- Chagram, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713423, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Rabiul Hossain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. Sk Rabiul Hossain (new name) and Sk Rabiul Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabina Rasul (old name) wife of Maqbool Ahmed, residing at 4C, Green Park (Tiljala Lane), P.O.- Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabina Rasool (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. Sabina Rasool (new name) and Sabina Rasul (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Vinod Kumar Agarwal(old name) s/o Late Kulararn Agarwal residing at 6A,keytalata Road,Ps-Bardhaman & Sarovar,Kolkata-700029, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Kumar Agarwal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 03/11/2025. Vinod Kumar Agarwal (old name) and Binod Kumar Agarwal (New name) both are same and one identical person.



Nurses from various hospitals participate in a protest march over incidents of workplace violence, in Kolkata.

Rain likely in South Bengal as new low-pressure forms over BoB

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The Alipore Meteorological Department has predicted rain across several districts of South Bengal due to the formation of a new low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal. While Kolkata is likely to experience clear skies on Monday with no immediate chances of rainfall, the weather department has indicated that light rain could return later in the week as the system progresses inland. According to the forecast, several South Bengal districts, including North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, and East and West Midnapore, are expected to witness light to moderate rainfall on Wednesday and Thursday. The weather system, currently located over the central Bay of Bengal, is likely to move north-eastwards, causing scattered rain and cloudy conditions in these regions. Officials at the Meteorological Department have also advised fishermen to avoid venturing into the deep sea areas of the East-Central and adjoining North-east Bay of Bengal, particularly along and off the

South Bangladesh coast, from November 3 to 5. Strong winds and rough sea conditions are expected during this period, posing potential risks to marine activities. In North Bengal, the weather is likely to remain comparatively stable. Scattered rainfall has been forecast in certain pockets of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts on Monday, while other northern districts such as Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Malda, and Murshidabad are likely to experience dry conditions with mostly clear skies. The region is expected to see minimal thunderstorm activity over the next few days. The changing weather pattern comes at a time when temperatures have been gradually dipping across the state, marking the transition from post-monsoon humidity to cooler pre-winter conditions. Meteorologists have noted that such low-pressure formations in early November are not uncommon, as remnants of the monsoon occasionally interact with western disturbances, bringing intermittent rainfall to parts of eastern India.

Man Stabbed Over Bike Parking Dispute; Accused Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A minor argument over parking a bike turned violent in Topsia, Kolkata, on Sunday night when a man was stabbed multiple times during a heated altercation. Police have arrested the accused, identified as Mohammad Jasimuddin, while the injured person, Mohammad Hanif, is currently recovering after receiving treatment.

According to police sources, the incident occurred around 10:30 p.m. on Sunday at Avinash Choudhury Lane under the jurisdiction of Topsia Police Station. A group of men were reportedly chatting in the middle of the road, blocking passage, with their motorcycles parked there. Among them was the accused, Jasimuddin. At that time, Mohammad Hanif, a local resident, approached them and asked Jasimuddin to move his bike, saying it was causing an obstruction. The simple request quickly escalated into a verbal confrontation, leading to a violent outburst. Witnesses said that during the heated exchange, Jasimuddin suddenly took out a knife and stabbed Hanif several times in the abdomen, causing panic in the area. Hanif collapsed on the road, bleeding profusely, as bystanders rushed to help him. He was immediately taken to Chittaranjan Hospital, where he received emergency medical treatment. After being stabilized, he was discharged from the hospital later that night. Hanif subsequently went to Topsia Police Station and lodged a formal complaint against his attacker. Based on the FIR, police launched a swift investigation and arrested the accused within hours.

Name Change
I, NAZIMA BEGUM (old name) wife of ABDUL HAI MONDAL, residing at MANIKPUR, DELTAMIL-2, PS-SANKRALI, HOWRAH- 711309, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NAZMA BIBI (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. NAZMA BIBI (new name) and NAZIMA BEGUM (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, CHITTYA ROY (old name) son of JATINDRA NATH ROY, residing at GOBINDA NAGAR,GOURANGA NAGAR,PS-NEW TOWN,NORTH 24 PGS-700159, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as CHITTARANJAN ROY (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. CHITTARANJAN ROY (new name) and CHITTYA ROY (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swapna Nayek (old name) daughter of Jotin Nayek,residing at Little Sisters of The Poor 2 A.J.C Bose Road, Opp Hotel Hindustan International, P.O.- L.R. Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Margaret Swapna Nayek (new name) daughter of Jotin Nayek, as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/11/2025. Margaret Swapna Nayek (new name) and Swapna Nayek (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manjila Sekh(Old Name), Wife Of Atiyar Sekh @ Atiyar Rahaman Sekh,Residing At Vill-Sapkhali,Po & Ps- Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas- 743503, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manjura Rahaman Sekh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 59740 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 09/09/2025. Manjila Sekh And Manjura Rahaman Sekh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Miscellaneous

Director General (Railway Health Services) inspected Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital



MI News Service, Kolkata, 03.11.2025: Dr. Jagdish Chandra, Director General (Railway Health Services), visited Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital, Metro Railway, Kolkata today i.e. on 03.11.2025 (Monday). He was accompanied by senior medical officers of Eastern Railway and Metro Railway. During his visit, Dr. Chandra inspected, Endoscopy Department, ECHO, USG, Op-

eration Theatre, X-Ray Department, Ne bansap-tarshi@gmail.com phrology Unit under PPD model, Medicine Store, Oxygen Plant, both the IPD and OPD blocks of the hospital. He also held discussions with Dr. Gopa Majumdar, Principal Chief Medical Officer, Metro Railway, Kolkata regarding the upgradation and further development of Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital.

Man Detained for Taking Photos Outside American Center in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A youth was detained outside the American Center in Kolkata after security personnel grew suspicious of his activities. According to sources, the man was seen taking photographs near the high-security premises located on Chowringhee Road, prompting the guards to stop and question him. Security officials from the American Center immediately alerted the Shakespeare Sarani Police Station, following which officers arrived at the scene and took the youth into custody for questioning. The detained individual is reportedly a resident of North 24 Parganas, police confirmed. Eyewitnesses said the youth had been loitering around the area for some time, behaving in a manner that drew attention from locals and security staff. "He was moving around the American Center and taking pictures of the premises. Finding his behavior unusual, the guards detained him and informed the local police," a senior officer stated. The youth was subsequently taken to Shakespeare Sarani police station, where he is being interro-

gated for several hours. Police are investigating why he was present in the area, why he was taking photographs, and whether anyone had sent him or was assisting him.

Sources said the police are also trying to verify if he has any criminal background or links to any organization. The investigation includes checking his mobile phone, camera, and other electronic devices to determine what images were captured and whether they have been shared. Given the high-security nature of the American Center and nearby diplomatic offices, the incident has raised concerns. Police officers have spoken to the security personnel of the American Center, who were the first to spot the youth and hand him over to authorities. Officials said that despite the heavy security around foreign diplomatic premises in Kolkata, the fact that someone managed to approach the area and take photographs is being taken very seriously. Investigators are reviewing CCTV footage from the vicinity to retrace his movements and ascertain if he acted alone.

NGT audits landslides in Darjeeling region

MI News Service, New Delhi/Darjeeling:

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken suo motu cognisance on the issue pertaining to environment degradation in Darjeeling regions, which recently suffered large scale landslides due to heavy rainfall, observing unsustainable development in the region.

According to the Landslide Atlas of India 2023 published by Isro, Darjeeling ranks as the 35th most exposed district among 147 landslide-prone areas, the NGT observed. Heavy rain in the first week of October triggered landslides leading to disruption in road connectivity on key routes in north Bengal and collapse of the Duddha bridge over the Balason river, disrupting national and state highways. The heavy rainfall caused at least 33 deaths and extensive destruction in Darjeeling and surrounding regions. In 2023, the glacial lake outburst flood in Sikkim caused significant

downstream damage in Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts, exposing the region's vulnerability, the NGT noted. The proceeding was initiated by the NGT on the basis of a news report which blamed unsustainable development, changing rainfall patterns, and lack of institutional preparedness for the large-scale landslides and severe environmental degradation in the Darjeeling hills. Whether development took place in violation of the environment norms or not, the tribunal has sought to know, quoting news reports raising substantial issues relating to the implementation of green laws. "The news item raises concerns about national security implications due to Darjeeling's strategic location near the 'chicken's neck' corridor, underscoring the need for national-level interventions in climate resilience and disaster management in the Eastern Himalayas," the NGT said.

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Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Devan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security concerning a Housing Loan Facility granted pursuant to a Loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan Facility(ies) obtained by them from the secured creditor. The Loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them at their last known addresses; however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ & Address (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Mandeep Singh/ Surinder Kaur/ Sukna Hii Stn Siligury West Bengal Siliguri- 734009/ QZKXN0005039432	Part of Plot No. G-67, Station Area Nilokheri, Tehsil Nilokheri, Dist. Karnal, Haryana- 132117	08/10/2025 Rs. 13,00,236.3/-	08/ Aug/ 2025

The steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or the guarantor(s) of the Loan (as applicable) is/are advised to make the payments of the outstanding within the period of 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: November 04, 2025
Place: Kolkata

Authorised Officer,
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IKBF: ARGENTINA thrilled to be in Football Capital of India

MI News Service, Kolkata: The International Kolkata Book Fair happens to be the biggest festival in West Bengal after Durga Puja. The upcoming 49th International Kolkata Book Fair will commence from 22 January and will continue till 3 February 2026.

For the first time in the history of the International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF), Argentina, a country closely connected with India, especially Bengal, will be the Focal Theme Country in the International Kolkata Book Fair 2026.

Andrés Sebastián Rojas, Head of the Political and Cultural Section of the Embassy of Argentina

in India and Anandi Queipo Riazivz, Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India were present at the formal press conference for IKBF in Kolkata. Both the Argentine delegates expressed their deep satisfaction regarding their participation in IKBF.

According to, Anandi Queipo Riazivz, Head of the Consular Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India, “ Rabindranath Tagore and Satyajit Ray are very well known figures in Argentina. They are renowned world figures and are the great sons of this soil. IKBF is one of the most popular

and prestigious book fair in this world and it is our proud privilege and pleasure to be the part of it.”

Andrés Sebastián Rojas, Head of the Political and Cultural Section of the Embassy of Argentina in India further added, “ We are well aware that Kolkata is the football capital of India. We also know that how much popular is ‘Messi’ in this part of the world. Apart from literature, Football is a big binding force between Argentina and West Bengal. We do share a big emotional bondage. Participation IKBF would only enhance our deep bondage.”

ED conducted search operations at Chakdaha in Nadia and detained three members of a family in fake passport case

MI News Service, Chakdaha: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday conducted raids at different locations, including the house of a carpenter at Chakdaha in West Bengal's border district of Nadia and detained three members of a family for their suspected involvement in making fake Indian passports and distribution against payments to foreigners, including Pakistani, sources said.

Official sources said the ED also raided a shop near the passport office at Anandapur near Ruby Hospital on EM Bypass and the federal agency officials also were seen to have entered into the passport office for an inquiry regarding the fake passport racket.

As many as four ED sleuths aided by 12 armed CRPF personnel about 6 AM raided the house of Biplob Sarkar, and detained him, his mason brother Biplob and their father in the alleged fake passport case.

According to ED sources, the search was conducted at the premises of Biplob Sarkar, who is suspected of being an agent in the issuance of passports fraudulently. The raid is being conducted as part of its investigation into the

case linked to a Pakistani national, Azad Malik, who was arrested earlier this year from Birati in North 24 Parganas.

Sources said Biplob Sarkar's name surfaced during the interrogation of Indu Bhushan Halder, a middleman arrested last month for helping foreigners get Indian Identity documents (passport) in lieu of money. The family members of Biplob Sarkar are also under the scanner for being involved in the same activities.

The ED team reached Parari village in Chakdaha earlier this morning and went straight to Biplob Sarkar's house. The search began as soon as they entered his ordinary clay house. The team also got the passport.

The ED is investigating how fake passports were made and where all the people travelled to. Sarkar's family members were also questioned.

Pakistani citizen Azad Malik was arrested in the fake passport case earlier this year. At that time, the ED conducted searches at several places near the India-Bangladesh border in the North 24 Parganas and Nadia districts.

Monday's search is also based

on the same sources. Last month, an accused named Indu Bhushan Halder was arrested in Nadia in a passport forgery case. Indu Bhushan had renewed Azad Malik's Indian passport.

Sources said Biplob Sarkar has been linked to Indu Bhushan, and it is learned that about 350 fake passport applications were made from Indu Bhushan's cyber cafe in Chakdaha.

Based on that information, the ED raided Sarkar's house. Although he works as a carpenter, investigators are probing whether he has any Bangladeshi connections. The reason is that Indu Bhushan also used to make fake photo identity cards in several cases.

The investigators are checking the travel history and all his bank transactions. The officials are also checking the documents and passports of his brother, Bipul Sarkar and his family members.

Their travel history was also being checked. Sarkar's mobile phone was also being scanned.

The ED also searched the shop in the Anandapur passport seva kendra in the eastern part of the city in the fake passport case.

ANIL AMBANI: ED attaches assets worth over Rs 3K Cr

MI News Service, Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth more than Rs 3,000 crore linked to Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani as part of a money laundering investigation against his group companies, official sources said.

The federal probe agency has issued four provisional orders under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for attaching the properties, including the 66-year-old Ambani's house in Pali Hill, Mumbai, apart from other residential and commercial properties of his group companies, they said.

During 2017-2019, Yes Bank invested Rs 2,965 crore in RHFL instruments and Rs 2,045 crore in RCFL instruments.

These turned into "non-performing" investments by December 2019, with Rs 1,353.50 crore then outstanding for RHFL and Rs 1,984 crore for RCFL, according to the ED.

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Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/709, Date: 31.10.2025.
Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, near Howrah Railway Station, Howrah-711011 invites Open e-Tender for the under mentioned electrical works:
Sl. No.: 1; Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3388-R; Name of Work: Electrical General work for "Upgradation and modernisation of Bally Goods shed under Sr. DENI/HWH/"; **Tender Value (Rs.): ₹ 54,37,644,00/-;** **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs.): ₹ 1,08,800/-;** **Sl. No.: 2; Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3389-R; Name of Work:** Electrical General work for "Upgradation and modernisation of Harisingh goods sheds over Howrah Division under Sr. DENA/HWH/"; **Tender Value (Rs.): ₹ 73,43,890/-;** **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs.): ₹ 1,46,900/-;** **Closing Date and Time:** 21.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs.; **Completion Period:** 180 Days for Sl. No. 1 & 2 each. In case the date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website.
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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santargachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tender from respective eligible contractors through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below : **Sl. No.; Tender Notice No.; Name of the Work; Tender Value & EMD/Bid Security** respectively : (1); **Elect-OT-25-26-SP22-31;** Santargachi: Supply, Installation and Erection of Solar Power Plant at Santargachi Jurisdiction (Phase 2) : ₹ 14,97,07,778.57; ₹ 8,98,500.00.; (2); **Elect-Chg-25-26-RY750-32;** Provision of 750V supply EGO cassettes at Rectifier Building Line at Santargachi coaching depot: ₹ 3,29,97,015.72; ₹ 3,16,000.00. **Tender Closing Date :** 21.11.2025 at 11:00 hrs. Respective contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in www.ireps.gov.in website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender. Please read the tender document carefully uploaded in the document section for details. Tender Notice, tender document and other details are given in the www.ireps.gov.in. (PR-794)

Leopard attack: Pune forest dept issues 'shooting orders'

MI News Service, Pune: A day after enraged locals set ablaze a forest department vehicle following the death of a 13-year-old boy in a leopard attack in Pune district, the authorities ordered the capture and "elimination" of the animal.

A team of five sharpshooters has been deployed in the area for the purpose, forest officials said.

People from leopard attack-prone regions like Junnar, Ambegaon, Shirur in the district organised a "rasta roko" (road blockade) near Avasari on the Pune-Nashik Highway on Monday to protest against the frequent attacks by big cats.

In the last one month, three persons died in leopard attacks in

the Shirur region, sparking anger among the locals, who have been demanding preventive steps to curb the human-animal conflict.

"Today, we are conducting a camera trap exercise. Swabs will be collected from leopards caught during the tranquilising process to identify those involved in the recent fatal attacks. The samples will be sent to the labs for DNA matching with swabs taken from the victims and if a match is found, the particular leopard will be eliminated," said Smita Rajhans, assistant conservator of forests, Junnar forest division.

She said that the principal conservator of forests has issued the "shooting orders".

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e-AUCTION NOTICE
No. CV/MP/SDAH/e-auction Dated: 21.10.2025
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 invites e-auction through IREPS portal visit website www.ireps.gov.in for 05 Multipurpose Stall (MPS) Unit over Sealdah Division for the period of 5 years. **Admin Unit/Zone:** Sealdah Division - Commercial/Eastern Railway. **Auction Catalogue No. MPS-SDAH-05-25. Auctioning Authority:** Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah. **Bidding System :** Normal Auction (Single stage). **Auction Start (All Lots):** 17.11.2025, 13:00:00 hrs. **Auction Close Date/Time:** 17.11.2025, 14:10:00 hrs. **Auto Extension Zone:** 120 seconds. **Auto Extension Duration:** 120 seconds. **Initial Cooling Off Period:** 30 Minutes. **Successive Lots Closing Interval:** 10 Minutes. **Maximum Auto Extensions:** 10 Times. Details of which are as under : **Seq. No.; Lot no./Category; Description; Lot End Date and Time** respectively : **AA/1;** MPS-SDAH-KNR-MPS-6-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Kankinara Railway station on Platform No. 2 for a period of 05 years; 17.11.2025 at 13:30:00 hrs.; **AA/2;** MPS-SDAH-GBG-MPS-3-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Gobardanga Railway station on Platform No. 1 for a period of 05 years; 17.11.2025 at 13:40:00 hrs.; **AA/3;** MPS-SDAH-MMG-MPS-11-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Madhyamgram Railway station adjacent to New Booking Office near Platform No. 1 for a period of 05 years; 17.11.2025 at 13:50:00 hrs.; **AA/4;** MPS-SDAH-HLR-MPS-2-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Halishahar Railway station on Platform No. 2 near must no. 41/22 for a period of 05 years; 17.11.2025 at 14:00:00 hrs.; **AA/5;** MPS-SDAH-MGT-MPS-4-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Magra Hat Railway station near Booking Office for a period of 05 years; 17.11.2025 at 14:10:00 hrs.; **Rate** Unit: Annual Licensing Fee for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Trips/Days:** 1826 for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Min. Incr. (%)**: 0.2 for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Lot Status:** New in Draft Catalogue for AA/1 to AA/5 each. www.ireps.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Andhra see obesity more among women than men: Economic Survey

Delhi : Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have higher proportion of women with obesity compared to men, according to a shocking revelation in the Economic Survey tabled in the Parliament on Monday. In the National Capital Territory (Delhi), 41.3 per cent of women are obese compared to 38 per cent for men, said the survey, citing National Family Health Survey (NFHS). In Tamil Nadu, it is 40.4 per cent for women while 37 per cent men are obese. In Andhra Pradesh, 36.3 per cent of women are obese as against 31.1 per cent for men.

Tabled by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the survey said, "Combined with an ageing population in some states, obesity presents a concerning situation. Preventive measures must be taken to enable citizens to have



a healthier lifestyle." The survey added that obesity is higher in cities than in rural areas, affecting 29.8 per cent men in urban local-

ities compared to 19.3 per cent of men in villages. Unhealthy diets contribute to 54 per cent of total disease burden in India, said the

survey, sparking worries about increased consumption of processed food items, reduced physical activity and limited access to diverse foods.

The survey warned that preventive measures must be taken to enable citizens to have a healthier lifestyle. In order to reap the gains of the country's demographic dividend, it is critical that Indian population's health parameters transition towards a balanced and diverse diet, said the document. The adult obesity rate in the country has more than tripled while the rise among children is the steepest in the world, after Vietnam and Namibia, said the survey, citing a World Obesity Federation report. The Economic Survey was tabled a day ahead of the presentation of the Union Budget 2024.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS EMPHASISES ACCESS ISSUES

MASSACHUSETTS [US] : According to the American Psychological Association's 2023 Practitioner Pulse Survey, the ongoing mental health crisis is posing substantial obstacles for many psychologists as they deal with increased demand from patients coming with increasingly severe symptoms year after year.

The survey, which was completed by 561 licenced practising psychologists between August 30 and September 29, 2023, discovered that not only did more than half of psychologists (52 per cent) report an increase in the severity of symptoms among their patients, but 41 per cent reported an increase in the number of sessions spent treating each patient, which may limit their capacity to accept new patients.

Similarly, more than half (56 per cent) said that they had no openings for new patients. And more than two-thirds (69 per cent) of psychologists who maintained a waitlist said that the average wait was up to three months for a first appointment, while 31 per cent said average wait times were longer than three months. Psychologists reported increasing demand for treatment of certain mental health conditions, including anxiety disorders (68 per cent) and trauma- and stressor-related disorders (50 per cent), among those who treat those disorders.

"As the mental health crisis continues, psychologists are under

pressure," said APA CEO Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD. "These findings underscore the sustained demand for care, led by increased severity of symptoms and extended treatment courses, compounded by increases year after year. This paints a clear picture of psychologists operating at the brink of their



capacity. To better meet demand, it is essential that we develop comprehensive public health strategies that reach people throughout their lifespan and robustly address behavioral health alongside physical health."

The survey found that the psychologist workforce is already adapting to meet the changing needs of the population -- for example, as part of integrated care teams or in medical settings. More than 4 in 5 psychologists (86 per cent) said they have worked alongside other health care

providers, with 59 per cent saying they do so frequently or very frequently. Collaborating providers included psychiatrists (76 per cent of psychologists said they worked with them, with 38per cent doing so frequently); other physicians (45 per cent, with 17 per cent doing so frequently); occupational therapists (30 per cent, with 6 per cent doing so frequently); physician assistants (41 per cent, with 11per cent doing so frequently); community health workers (30 per cent, with 4 per cent doing so frequently); and speech language pathologists (28per cent, with 5per cent frequent collaborators). Alongside mental health concerns, psychologists reported treating patients with physical conditions, including 50per cent treating patients with chronic pain, 42per cent treating obesity or weight conditions, 27per cent some symp-

toms of cancer, and 25per cent high blood pressure.

"Integrated care, where psychologists work on health care teams with other providers, is one way that we can expand access to care, prioritize preventive care and find ways to better meet the biological, psychological and social needs of the patients," said Evans. "We must also support and expand the mental health workforce, foster innovation and technology, and support psychologists in extending their reach in the communities in which they live and work."

Psychologists have shown themselves to be adaptable, changing their work habits during the pandemic to include fully remote or hybrid practices. Only 21 per cent are now offering fully remote practices (down from a peak of 64 per cent in 2020), according to the poll, yet more than two-thirds (67per cent) are now working in hybrid practices seeing some patients in person and others remotely.

More than one-third (36per cent) of psychologists reported experiencing burnout and 1 in 5 psychologists (21per cent) said that they were planning to reduce their practice hours in the next 12 months. Yet nearly three-quarters (73per cent) said that they were able to practice self-care and nearly two-thirds (63per cent) said that they were able to maintain a positive work-life balance.

Research shows diet has significant impact on risk of Alzheimer's disease

CALIFORNIA [US] : In a detailed study published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, Diet's Role in Modifying risk of Alzheimer's Disease: History and Present Understanding, we can finally discover which diets are useful in lowering the chance of getting Alzheimer's disease. The importance of nutrition in reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease is well examined. Plant-based diets, such as the Mediterranean diet and traditional cuisines in China, Japan, and India, have been demonstrated to minimise risk, particularly when compared to the Western diet.

Alzheimer's disease rates rise in these countries as they make the nutrition transition to the Western diet. This study identifies dementia risk factors including higher consumption of saturated fats, meat, especially red meat such as hamburgers and barbeque as well as processed meats such as hot dogs, and ultra processed foods high in sugar and refined grains.

This review also lets us know why certain foods increase or reduce risk of Alzheimer's disease. For example, meat raised risk of dementia the most by increasing risk factors such as inflammation, insulin resistance, oxidative stress, saturated fat, advanced glycation end products, and trimethylamine N-oxide. This study also outlines several foods that are protective against Alzheimer's disease, such as green leafy vegetables, colorful fruits and vegetables, legumes (like beans), nuts, omega-3 fatty acids, and whole grains.

Ultra processed foods can



increase the risk of obesity and diabetes, themselves risk factors for Alzheimer's disease. Ultra processed foods often lack the very ingredients found in whole plant foods that keep dementia away, such as anti-inflammatory components and antioxidants.

Poverty is an important driver of Alzheimer's disease in the US since ultra processed foods and meat are cheaper sources of energy than fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other more nutritious foods, thus promoting obesity.

The paper also suggests that Alzheimer's disease rates in the US are projected to increase by 50% from 2018 levels by 2038. This calculation is based on comparing trends of obesity in the US with Alzheimer's disease trends. This comparison shows a 20-year lag between obesity rates and Alzheimer's disease rates. This estimate is very close to the estimate published by the Alzheimer's Association in 2018, an estimate of a 56% increase. Our estimate suggests that the rising trend of obesity, due to consumption of meat and ultra processed foods, is the force driving dementia. Although our personal risk of

Alzheimer's disease can be reduced with diet, it is expected that those who continue to eat the Western diet will continue to have a higher risk.

"Grant and Blake comprehensively review and synthesize the role of dietary factors in Alzheimer's disease. Evidence from diverse perspectives support that a diet that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and...de-emphasizes meat, especially red meat, saturated fats, and ultra-processed foods is associated with lower risk of Alzheimer's disease. Physical inactivity and obesity also contribute to higher risk. In addition, the dietary and lifestyle patterns associated with higher risk of Alzheimer's disease are known to affect the constellation of mechanisms believed to increase risk, including inflammation, insulin resistance and oxidative stress, among others. Grant and Blake make a strong case that, while further research is needed to better understand the mechanisms, diet and lifestyle factors linked to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and some cancers are likely to influence risk of Alzheimer's disease."

Early life antibiotic might increases risk of asthma: Study

SELANGOR, MALAYSIA : Early exposure to antibiotics might increase long-term vulnerability to asthma. Importantly, the study team discovered a chemical generated by gut bacteria that might possibly be used in the future as a simple therapy, in the form of a food supplement, to prevent asthma in children, according to recent study from Monash University.

Asthma affects around 260 million people worldwide, resulting in approximately 455,000 deaths each year.

Professor Ben Marsland's study, published today (TBC) in the journal Immunity, identified a molecule called IPA as critical for long-term asthma prevention. Importantly the finding of the

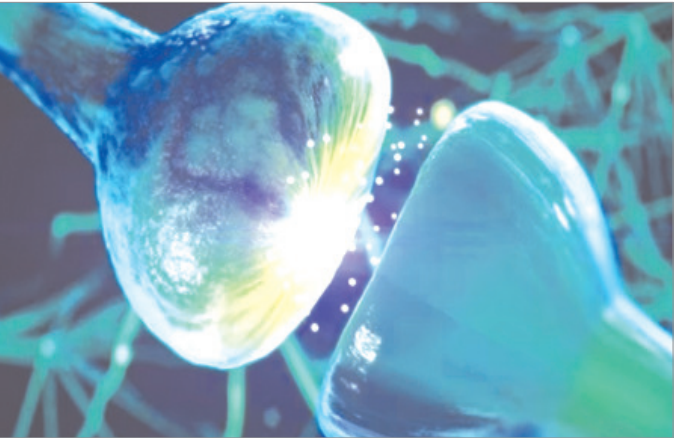
molecule produced by bacteria in a healthy gut provides an explanation as to why the recurrent use of antibiotics increases the risk of asthma, according to Professor Marsland. "We know that recurrent use of antibiotics early in life disrupts a person's healthy gut microbiota and increases the risk of allergies and asthma. We have discovered that a consequence of antibiotic treatment is the depletion of bacteria that produce IPA, thus reducing a key molecule that has the potential to prevent asthma," he said.

The first years of life are important in developing a stable gut microbiota, according to Professor Marsland. "It is shaped first by food intake - both milk and solid foods - as well as genet-

ics, and environmental exposures. Infants at high risk of allergies and asthma have been shown to have a disrupted and delayed maturation of the gut microbiome," he said. The use of antibiotics in the first year of life can have the unintentional effect of reducing bacteria which promote health, and we now know from this research that antibiotics lead to reduced IPA, which we have found is critical early in life as our lung cells mature, making it a candidate for early life prevention of allergic airway inflammation. "

Working in mice predisposed to develop asthma, the research team found that - when given antibiotics in early life - the mice were more susceptible to house-dust mite-induced allergic.

Researchers shed light on how to restore nerve cells after injury



LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) : More than 3 million people in the United States suffer from peripheral neuropathy each year, a condition in which nerves outside of the brain and spinal cord are destroyed, resulting in pain and loss of feeling in the affected areas.

Peripheral neuropathy can be caused by diabetes, trauma, genetically inherited disease, infection, and other reasons.

Salk researchers identified a way to repair destroyed nerves in mice during peripheral neuropathy. They discovered that the protein Mif1 aids in the activation of the repair function of the nervous system's specialist Schwann cells.

The findings, which will be published in Cell Reports, may inspire new therapeutics to increase repair function and heal peripheral neuropathy.

"We wanted to know what mechanisms control damage response in peripheral nerves under varying conditions--like acute trauma, genetic disorders, or degenerative diseases," says senior author Professor Samuel Pfaff. "We found that Schwann cells, which are special cells in nerves that protect and support

neurons' axons, enter their repair state because of a pathway mediated by the protein Mif1."

The peripheral nervous system is made up of all the nerves that branch out from the brain and spinal cord to give us sensation throughout our bodies. There are many cell types in peripheral nerves, but Pfaff and his team focus on understanding neurons, which transmit information throughout the nervous system, and Schwann cells, which protect healthy neurons and repair damaged ones.

The peripheral nervous system's ability to repair damage is remarkable considering that the central nervous system--made up of the brain and spinal cord--is not able to repair damage. Yet, the mechanisms that orchestrate this feat have remained poorly understood.

To unravel how Schwann cells differentiate to begin repairing peripheral nerve damage, the researchers looked at mouse models of Charcot Marie Tooth disease (CMT), a type of hereditary neuropathy.

"Going into this project, I thought that when you have a

genetic nerve degeneration disorder, cells are dying and recovery isn't possible," says first author Lydia Daboussi, a former postdoctoral researcher in Pfaff's lab and current assistant professor at UC Los Angeles. "But our findings show that there are gene programs turned on by Mif1 that repair some of the damage done in those chronic disease scenarios, and when you turn those programs off, disease symptoms get worse."

In mice with CMT, the researchers noticed that the Schwann cells completing the repairs had high levels of Mif1 in their nuclei--where the genetic instructions for how to be a Schwann cell and how to conduct repairs are stored.

Upon investigation of this relationship between Mif1 and Schwann cells, they found that Mif1 was in the cytoplasm of Schwann cells until sensing neuronal damage. Damage then prompted Mif1 to relocate from the cytoplasm of the cell to the nucleus, where it would direct the Schwann cell to make repairs.

To validate the importance of Mif1 in creating repair Schwann cells, the researchers removed Mif1 altogether. In cases of both trauma and CMT, nerve repair was arrested in the absence of Mif1--demonstrating that Mif1 is required for peripheral nerve repair and regeneration.

According to Daboussi, Mif1 acts like a fire extinguisher. Always there, sitting in the Schwann cell, unnoticed until damage occurs. And when that damage occurs, Mif1 is ready to go and immediately turns on the cell's repair functions.

Most surprising, noted Pfaff, was that Mif1 was orchestrating these repairs during a chronic disease like CMT.

Researchers reveals ways of preventing cancer cells from colonizing liver

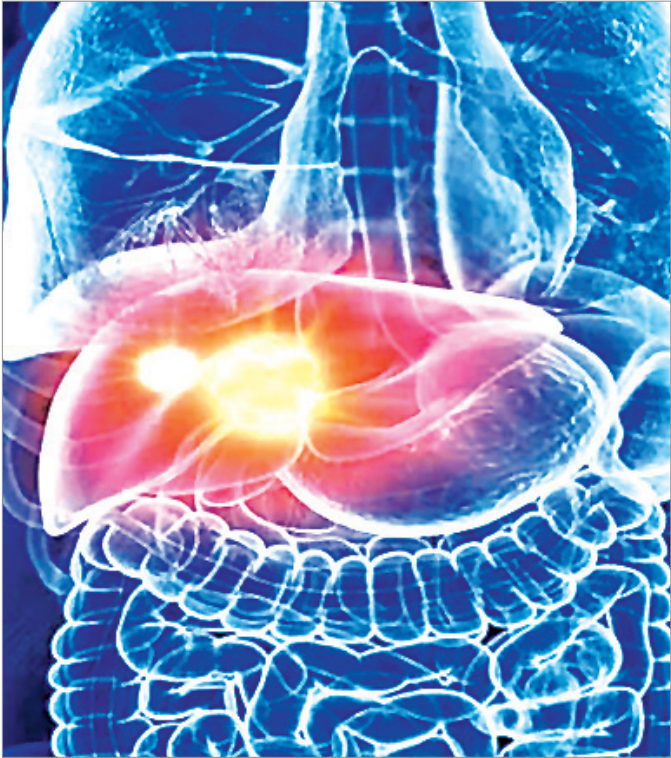
ZURICH [SWITZERLAND] : Nine times out of ten, metastasis is the cause of cancer deaths. This is the point when the primary tumour has sent out cells, like seeds, and invaded other organs of the body. Despite significant advancements in the treatment of primary tumours, medicine remains mainly powerless against metastases. As of right now, there are no drugs that stop this process.

Researchers from the Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering at ETH Zurich in Basel, under the direction of Andreas Moor, have now published findings in the journal Nature that demonstrate how colorectal cancer cells colonise the liver. Their research will aid in the creation of therapies that might impede the spread of disease.

Cancer is said to metastasise when cells from the primary tumour break off and travel via the circulatory system to other parts of the body. "Colorectal cancer metastasises to the liver because of how our blood flows," Moor says. Blood is first enriched with nutrients in the intestines before it goes to the liver, which metabolises the nutrients. For colorectal cancer cells, the liver is the last stop. "They get caught in the liver's capillary network," Moor says.

Costanza Borrelli, a doctoral student, and other members of Moor's team have now shown that the liver cells also play a large role in whether or not the cancer cells lodged there can colonise their new location. Science has known for over a century that, much like plant seeds in soil, cancer cells are dependent on their environment, yet it was previously unknown which molecular mechanisms play a role here.

Using sophisticated tests on



genetically modified mice, Moor and his team have discovered that the secret lies in certain proteins on the cell surface. When liver cells have a protein called Plexin-B2 and the colorectal cancer cells possess certain proteins from the semaphorin family, the colorectal cancer cells can attach themselves to the liver cells.

Cancer cells that have semaphorins on their surface are especially dangerous, as attested by clinical studies cited by Moor's researchers in their paper. The study data shows that colorectal cancer metastasises earlier and more frequently to the liver if the tumour has large amounts of semaphorin. Plexin and its counter-

part semaphorin were previously known to the research community for their function in the nervous system, where the two proteins steer growing nerve cells and ensure they form the right pathways. "Why liver cells also create plexin and what this protein does in healthy livers is anything but clear - and interests us immensely," Moor says. In other words, the question of its function remains open.

What Moor and his team have discovered, however, is that direct contact between plexin and semaphorin triggers fundamental changes in colorectal cancer cells. To break off from the primary tumour, the cancer cells have to

change their identity: they free themselves from the surface layer of the intestine, or epithelium, severing their close connections to neighbouring cells.

Once in the bloodstream, the cancer cells resemble those from connective tissue called mesenchyme. Yet once they find their new niche - thanks to the plexin on some liver cells - the cancer cells turn back into their sedentary form. "An epithelialisation process takes place," the researchers wrote in their paper. Moor expands: "You can spot this immediately if you look at the cancer cells, as they form invaginations similar to the folds or crypts in the intestines."

The researchers' discovery will have an impact on more than colorectal cancer patients: further tests have shown that plexin also encourages the formation of metastases in melanoma and pancreatic cancer. For Moor and his team, this throws up many new research questions. One in particular is drawing their focus: when cancer cells cluster together to form a tumour, they also influence cells in their environment. "Cancer cells set up their own ecosystem," Moor explains.

If efforts to inhibit the crucial interaction between plexin and semaphorin succeed, it may be possible to prevent the cancer from establishing new tumours in the first place. That's because early on, when the relationships among the cells in this ecosystem have not yet been firmly established, tumour metastases are especially vulnerable, Moor explains. He appears confident that an answer lies within this "critical period of time in the development of metastases", even though the path to any potential treatment is still long.

Khurda Road Division Implements “RailOne” – Your Smart Travel Companion

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:

In line with the vision of Digital India and to enhance passenger convenience through modern technology, Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has implemented the RailOne Mobile Application, an official App developed by Indian Railways.

The App brings multiple Railway Services under a Single Digital Platform, offering passengers a seamless experience — from Ticket Booking to Grievance Redressal — Ensuring Comfort, Convenience and Connectivity in every journey.

One App for All Railway Needs

RailOne has been designed with the philosophy of “One App for All Railway Needs,” serving as a comprehensive solution for passengers’ travel requirements. It enables users to:

- ✓ Book Reserved, Unreserved, Platform and Season Tickets with ease.

- ✓ Check PNR Status, live Train Tracking and Coach Position instantly.

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- ✓ Lodge complaints and manage refunds directly through Rail Madad.

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- ✓ Simple Grievance Redressal for quick solutions.

- ✓ Porter booking and last-mile taxi service for complete travel assistance.

- ✓ Search Train, Plan Journey and Track Progress — all in one place.

How to Install RailOne

01. Open Google Play Store on your Android mobile.

02. Search for “RailOne” and install the App.

03. Register as a new user using your mobile number.

04. Fill in your details, set username and password.

05. Log in to explore all features — from Journey Planner to Live Train Tracking.

Passenger Awareness Drive by Khurda Road Division

To ensure maximum outreach, Khurda Road Division has launched a Passenger Awareness Drive on RailOne App at Khurda Road Station, as

well as at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri Stations.

The campaign aims to educate passengers on the App's benefits and promote its use for a Faster, Smarter and more efficient travel experience.

Similar awareness programmes will be conducted at other major stations under the Division in the coming days.

RailOne – Bridging Technology with Travel

With RailOne, East Coast Railway continues to move forward on its mission of progress and passenger satisfaction. The initiative reflects the commitment of Khurda Road Division towards leveraging digital platforms for enhanced service delivery, transparency and passenger comfort.

On instruction of Divisional Railway Manager Shri Alok Tripathi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Khurda Road Division Shri Anil Kumar S engaged Commercial Supervisory staff to speed up the Awareness Drive for the knowledge and information of Passengers for their easy access without hurdles at Booking Counters, SAHYOG (Inquiry) Counters or at other Railway establishments.

The customers can use Railone App with the existing credentials for booking Reserved and unreserved tickets through IRCTC Next Gen application and UTS-on- Mobile.

RPF of Eastern Railway Conducts Awareness Drive to Prevent Cattle Run Over Incidents



MI News Service, Kolkata:

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Jamtara Post of Eastern Railway, conducted a special vigilance and awareness drive on 02.11.2025 to sensitize local villagers and cattle owners about the dangers and consequences of Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents.

Cattle Run Over cases not only cause harm to animals but also seriously affect railway traffic punctuality and safety. The RPF team interacted with residents near railway tracks, advising them to refrain from allowing their cattle to stray onto or near the railway premises. They were also informed

about the legal provisions under the Railway Act, 1989, which empower the RPF to take strict action against cattle owners or herders for negligence leading to obstruction or damage to railway property.

Through this initiative, RPF Asansol Division aims to strengthen community participation in ensuring safer railway operations. The Railway Protection Force of Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding railway property and ensuring smooth train movement through continued vigilance and proactive community policing programmes.

Ministry of Railways Actively Participates in Month-Long Special Campaign 5.0;

MI News Service, New Delhi:

The Ministry of Railways actively participated in the month-long Special Campaign 5.0 launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) on 2nd October to 31st October 2025, focusing on Swachhata, disposal of pending matters, and effective records management. The campaign was implemented across all Zonal Railways and Production Units under the close monitoring and guidance of the Railway Board.

The performance of the Ministry of Railways under Special Campaign 5.0 has surpassed the achievements recorded during Special Campaign 4.0.

During the campaign period, the Ministry of Railways conducted 84,184 cleanliness campaigns across stations, offices and work premises. Special emphasis was given to scrap disposal in offices and workplaces which resulted in freeing up of 6.06 lakh sq. feet of space and generating remarkable revenue of Rs. 570 Crore.

Under the dynamic leader-

ship of the Railway Board, the Ministry achieved 100% of the identified targets pertaining to the disposal of public grievances, VIP references, and other pending matters. A total of 99,968 files were reviewed for weeding out and recording, out of which 59,248 physical files and 7,482 e-files were weeded or closed.

To raise public awareness, citizen-centric initiatives in the form of 'Amrit Samvad' were organized at all major stations including 105 Amrit Bharat stations. The extensive social media coverage of activities also evoked awareness and interest in the Swachhata movement promoted by the Ministry across the country. A total 22,636 posts on various social media platforms (X, Facebook and Instagram) and numerous reposts during the implementation period indicate a high level of engagement.

These achievements highlight the strong efforts of Railway staff across all levels and the Ministry's sustained commitment to the objectives of the Special Campaign over the years.

Seven killed, 150 injured after powerful quake hits northern Afghanistan

MI News Service, Mazar-i-Sharif: A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake has struck northern Afghanistan near the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, killing at least seven people and injuring 150 others, according to local officials.

The quake struck at 12:59am on Monday (20:29 GMT) at a depth of 28km (17 miles) near Mazar-i-Sharif, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

Samim Joyanda, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Public Health in Samangan, a mountainous northern province near Mazar-i-Sharif, told the Reuters news agency that “a total of 150 people injured and seven martyred [dead] have been reported and transferred to health centres as of this morning”.

The toll was based on hospi-

tal reports collected as of Monday morning, he said.

The USGS issued an orange alert in its PAGER system, which is an automated system that produces information on the impact of earthquakes, and indicated that “significant casualties are likely and the disaster is potentially widespread”.

Past events with this alert level have required a regional or national level response, the system's alert added.

Afghanistan's national disaster management agency said that reports on casualties and damage would be shared later.

The earthquake also destroyed part of the holy shrine of Mazar-i-Sharif, Balkh province spokesperson Haji Zaid said, referring to the Blue Mosque.

Israel receives 3 bodies from Hamas: PM's office

MI News Service, Jerusalem/Gaza: Israel said on Sunday it had received the remains of three hostages from Hamas in Gaza, as part of the ongoing exchange of bodies under the ceasefire agreement.

The remains were handed over to Israeli forces inside the Gaza Strip by the International Committee of the Red Cross and will be transferred to the national forensic institute in Tel Aviv for identification, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

“Once the identification process is completed, an official notification will be delivered to the families,” the office said.

If confirmed, it would leave the bodies of eight hostages still in Gaza, out of 28 that Hamas was required to return to Israel under the truce, in exchange for the bodies of 360 Palestinian militants killed in the war.

Hamas's Al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement that the bodies were recovered from a tunnel in the southern Gaza Strip, east of Khan Younis. They identified one of them as Colonel Asaf Hamami, an Israeli officer killed during the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led assault while defending Kibbutz Nirim.



In a separate statement, Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said the handover “comes as part of the movement's firm commitment to continuing the exchange process,” calling on mediators to “pressure Israel to implement its obligations under the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip.”

Despite the ceasefire that took effect more than three weeks ago, at least 236 Palestinians have been killed and 600 wounded by Israeli fire since Oct. 11, according to Gaza health authorities. It said the total death toll from Israeli strikes since Oct. 7, 2023, had reached 68,865.

Families in Gaza take refuge in cemeteries amid war devastation

MI News Service, Khan Younis: Gravestones have become seats and tables for families like that of Maisa Brikah, who has lived with her children in a dusty, sun-baked cemetery in the southern city of Khan Younis for five months. Some 30 families shelter here.

A blonde-haired toddler sits outside one tent, running fingers through the sand. Another peeks playfully from behind a drape of fabric.

Nighttime is another matter. “When the sun goes down, the children get scared and don't want to go, and I have a few children, four small ones,” Brikah said. “They are afraid to go out because of the dogs at night, and the dead.”

The vast majority of Gaza's population of over 2 million people has been displaced by the two years of war between Hamas and Israel. With the ceasefire that began on October 10, some have returned to what remains of homes. Others are still crowded into the strip of remaining territory that Israeli forces don't control.

Here and in other cemeteries in Gaza, there is life among the dead. A prayer rug hangs on a line. A child pushes a water jug on a wheelchair between the graves. Smoke rises from a cooking fire.

Palestinian women stand

among graves in a Khan Younis cemetery where displaced families have set up tents, in the southern Gaza Strip, on October 31. Photo: AP

One of Brikah's nearest neighbours is Ahmad Abu Said, who died in 1991 at the age of 18, according to the carving on his tombstone that begins with lines from the Quran. There is unease, a feeling of disrespect, at setting up camp here.

Palestinians stand near makeshift tents for displaced people set up beside graves in a cemetery in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, on October 31. Photo: AP

But there is little choice. Brikah said her family's home elsewhere in Khan Younis was destroyed. There is no return for now. Israeli forces occupy their neighbourhood.

Mohammed Shmah said he has been living here for three months. He said his house had been destroyed, too.

“I'm a grown man, but I still get scared of the graves at night. I hide in my tent,” he said, perched on a broken tombstone and squinting in the sun. He said he had only 200 shekels (around USD 60) on him when a friend took it to help bring his family to the cemetery.

The lack of money for shelter elsewhere is one reason keeping families living among

the graves, said Hanan Shmah, Mohammed's wife. With care, she washed dishes in a soapy container the size of a pie tin, guarding precious water.

“Of course, life in the cemetery is full of fear, dread and worries, and you don't sleep in addition to the stress we experience,” she said.

There is no guarantee of safety, even among the dead. Israeli forces have bombed cemeteries during the war, according to the United Nations and other observers. Israel has accused Hamas of using some cemeteries for cover, and has argued that the sites lose their protection when they are used for military purposes.

During the war, bodies in Gaza were buried wherever they could, including in hospital courtyards. According to custom, Palestinian families are buried near loved ones. The fighting has largely disrupted that.

Now, with the ceasefire, the search is on for the dead.

Israel presses Hamas to turn over the remains of hostages. Palestinian health officials post gruesome photos of bodies returned by Israel in the hope that families can identify them. Others search Gaza's vast stretches of rubble for bodies that the fighting long made unable to claim.

Netanyahu vows to disarm Hamas, warns Lebanon over Hezbollah

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Sunday to disarm Hamas and demilitarise the Gaza Strip, saying his government would keep targeting remaining militant cells despite a ceasefire that took effect last month.

“Some Hamas cells remain active in parts of Gaza under our control, and we are systematically eliminating them,” Netanyahu told ministers, citing areas in Rafah and Khan Younis in southern Gaza, Xinhua News Agency reported.

“Disarming Hamas and demilitarising the Gaza Strip is our guiding principle,” he said, adding that it was a goal he had agreed on with US President Donald Trump. “If it cannot

be achieved one way, it will be achieved another.”

Netanyahu said Israeli forces would continue to act to protect troops still in Gaza, adding that Israel would notify its US allies of operations “but will not ask their permission.” He said Israel would not compromise its “supreme security responsibility.”

His remarks came as the White House works to preserve the ceasefire and secure further hostage releases, even as Israeli strikes have continued, though at a reduced pace.

Gaza health authorities said on Sunday that at least 236 Palestinians had been killed and 600 wounded by Israeli fire since the truce began more than three weeks ago, bringing the total death toll since October 7,

2023, to 68,865.

Netanyahu also urged Lebanon's government to enforce its commitment to disarm Hezbollah, accusing the group of rearming, and warned that Israel would act in self-defence if necessary.

Separately, Defence Minister Israel Katz called on Beirut to remove Hezbollah forces from southern Lebanon, saying in a statement that “maximum enforcement will continue and intensify — we will not allow any threat to residents of the north.”

The Israeli military said it killed four members of Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force on Saturday in the latest strike, part of ongoing cross-border attacks that have persisted despite the ceasefire reached last November

Road accidents kill 1,062 people in Cambodia in 1st 9 months of 2025

MI News Service, Phnom penh: The number of road fatalities in Cambodia declined to 1,062 people in the first nine months of 2025, a drop of 8 percent from 1,158 over the same period last year, said a National Police report on Monday.

“Some 831, or 78 percent of the dead, were motorists and 61 percent of them did not wear helmets,” the report said.

Besides the death toll, the road traffic accidents injured 2,256 others during the January-September period this year,

down 24 percent from 2,962 over the same period last year, the report said.

The Southeast Asian country recorded 1,641 cases of road crashes during the above-mentioned period, down 26 percent year-on-year, it added.

Phan Rim, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, said the main causes of road crashes included speeding, failing to adhere to traffic rules, not respecting the right of way, careless turning, reckless overtaking, driving under the

influence of alcohol, and drowsy driving.

“Averagely, road traffic accidents claim approximately four persons a day in Cambodia,” he told Xinhua.

Road accidents are the leading cause of deaths and injuries in Cambodia, costing the country about 466 million U.S. dollars a year, according to a report jointly conducted by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Cambodia and the National Road Safety Committee

'Pakistan Is Testing Nukes, US Also Needs To': Trump On Need For Nuclear Order

MI News Service, Islamabad: Pakistan is among the countries that are actively testing nuclear weapons, according to US President Donald Trump. The Republican leader's remarks came amid buzz of the US resuming the testing of its nuclear weapons.

Trump noted the move was necessary as several nations, including Russia, China, North Korea, and Pakistan, are conducting nuclear tests, and it's also “appropriate that the US also does it”.

“We're going to test because they test and others test. And certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing,” he added.

Trump claimed the US does not “necessarily know” where these “powerful” nations that

are testing nuclear weapons are but asserted the testing is being done.

“They-- they test way under-- underground where people don't know exactly what's happening with the test. You feel a little bit of a vibration. They test and we don't test. We have to test,” he said.

Trump made these remarks when he was asked about his decision of “detonating nuclear weapons” after more than 30 years following Russia's recent trials of advanced nuclear-capable systems, including a Poseidon underwater drone..

Trump also claimed that the US possesses “more nuclear weapons than any other country,” adding that he had discussed denuclearisation with

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

“We have enough nuclear weapons to blow up the world 150 times,” Trump said. “Russia has a lot of nuclear weapons, and China will have a lot. They have some. They have quite a bit.”

What Team Trump Said On Nuke Testing Plan

US Energy Secretary Chris Wright has clarified that the testing will not involve nuclear explosions at this time. This was the first clarity from the Trump administration since the president took to social media last week to say he had “instructed the Department of War to start testing our nuclear weapons on an equal basis.”

Israeli top lawyer found safe after going missing amid Palestinian rape scandal

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli military's top lawyer, Major-General Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi, who recently resigned over a Palestinian prisoner rape scandal, was found safe on Sunday, November 2, after being missing for several hours.

According to the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN), she went missing on Sunday morning after her car was discovered abandoned near the shoreline at Hatzuk Beach in northern Tel Aviv, alongside a note suggesting

suicidal intent.

In this regard, the Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir, instructed the Operations Directorate to “activate all available means to locate her as soon as possible,” the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a statement on X.

Helicopters and ground units were deployed along the coastline. Police later confirmed that Tomer-Yerushalmi had contacted her husband and was in a safe condition.

Rescue teams search Hof Hatzuk Beach in Tel Aviv for

Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi. Photo: Flash90

Her disappearance came after she submitted her resignation on October 31, following a criminal investigation into the leak of a video showing Israeli soldiers sexually assaulting a Palestinian detainee during the Gaza war.

At least nine soldiers were arrested in connection with the assault; five remain in custody. The video's release sparked widespread outrage and embarrassment for the military, prompting a probe into how it was leaked

SC to hear Delhi riots conspiracy bail pleas on Monday

MI News Service, Delhi: The Supreme Court is slated to resume hearing on Monday the bail pleas of student leaders Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Gulfisha Fatima, and other activists accused in the alleged “larger conspiracy” behind the 2020 North East Delhi riots.

They remain behind bars under the stringent Unlaw-

ful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). As per the cause list published on the website of the apex court, a Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N.V. Anjaria will continue hearing the submissions of co-accused Meeran Haider, Mohd Saleem Khan, and Shifa Ur Rehman, and the Delhi Police on November 3.

In an earlier hearing, ap-

pearing for Umar Khalid, senior advocate Kapil Sibal argued that the prosecution had consistently delayed the trial and was now attempting to shift the blame on the accused. “They say it is me who is taking time and delaying the case whereas the fact says otherwise,” Sibal argued. “Out of 751 FIRs related to the riots, Khalid was named in only one.



Khurda Road Division Achieves Best-Ever Loading Performance – Tops Indian Railways in Freight Handling

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:

In a remarkable display of operational efficiency and sustained excellence, Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has achieved its best-ever loading performance, continuing to lead the freight movement across Indian Railways.

Khurda Road Division – Key Highlights

No.1 Division in Indian Railways in Traffic Handling (Loading + Unloading): Khurda Road Division has once again emerged as the top-performing division in overall traffic handling, achieving a phenomenal 183 million tonnes up to October 2025 — comprising 101 million tonnes of loading and 82 million tonnes of unloading.

Bilasarpur Division stands second with 148 million tonnes, followed by Dhanbad (132 MT) and Chakradharpur (127 MT), reaffirming Khurda Road Division's leadership position in freight operations.

Fastest 100 Million Tonnes Loading Milestone:

For the first time in its history, the Division achieved 100 million tonnes of loading in just 213 days (as on 30.10.2025) — the fastest ever for Khurda Road Division.

The previous best was 234 days achieved during 2024–25 (as on 20.11.2024). This milestone marks a new benchmark of operational excellence and efficiency.

Record-Breaking October Performance:

The Division recorded an all-time high 14.52 million tonnes of loading during October 2025, surpassing all previous October records:

- 13.390 MT (Oct 2023)
- 13.200 MT (Oct 2022)
- 13.080 MT (Oct 2021)

This is the first time the Division's monthly loading has crossed the 14-million-tonne mark in October.

Outstanding Performance Amid Adverse Conditions:

Despite the challenges

posed by Cyclone Monthana and heavy rainfall, Khurda Road Division maintained uninterrupted freight movement, with several terminals achieving record-breaking figures.

Ever-Best Loading:

Paradeep Port area: 938 rakes (Previous best: 927 rakes in Mar'25)

Tata Steel / Jakhapura: 160 rakes (Previous best: 156 rakes in Jul'25)

Best Loading in Any Month of October:

Dhamara Port: 585 rakes (Previous best: 504 rakes in Oct'23)

Jindal Steel / Sukinda: 48 rakes (Previous best: 41 rakes in Oct'24)

Driving Force Behind the Success

This achievement is a result of the dedicated efforts of operating and commercial teams, coordination with stakeholders, and proactive leadership under the East Coast Railway administration. Continuous monitoring, efficient rake management, and customer-oriented logistics support have ensured this record-breaking performance.

Khurda Road Division – Leading the Way

Khurda Road Division's performance once again underscores its pivotal role in the national freight network and its contribution to India's economic growth. The Division continues its mission to uphold the vision of “Progress Our Mission, Fulfillment Our Vision” by ensuring seamless freight movement, enhanced efficiency, and customer satisfaction.

Three more one way unreserved special trains from Bhagalpur

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the extra rush of passengers, Railway has decided to run unreserved one way special for Delhi, Lokmanya Tilak & SMVB Bengaluru from Bhagalpur.

04487 Bhagalpur – Delhi one way unreserved Special will leave Bhagalpur at 11:00 hrs. on 04.11.2025 to reach Delhi at 09:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Sul-

tanganj, Bariarpur, Jamalpur, Dharhara, Abhaipur and Kajra stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction enroute.

03401 Bhagalpur – Lokmanya Tilak one way unreserved special will leave Bhagalpur at 05:00 hrs. on 07.11.2025 to reach Lokmanya Tilak at 17:20 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Sultanganj, Bariarpur, Jamalpur, Abhaipur and Kajra

stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction enroute.

03403 Bhagalpur – SMVB Bengaluru one way unreserved special will leave Bhagalpur at 22:30 hrs. on 07.11.2025 to reach SMVB Bengaluru at 22:30 hrs. on the 3rd day. The train will stop at Sultanganj, Jamalpur, Dharhara and Abhaipur stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction enroute.

BCCI announces cash prize of Rs 51 cr for India’s victorious Women’s World Cup contingent

MUMBAI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday announced a cash reward of Rs 51 crore for the players, support staff and selection committee, in recognition of India’s maiden triumph at the ICC Women’s World Cup.

Harmanpreet Kaur-led India were crowned the ODI champions after they defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final at DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Sunday.

"To honour this unprecedented success, the BCCI has announced a cash reward of INR 51 crore for the players, support staff and selection committee, in recognition of their remarkable performance, dedication and contribution to the nation's sporting glory," the board said in a statement.

"The BCCI also takes this opportunity to highlight the pivotal role of Jay Shah, who served with distinction as Honorary Secretary of the BCCI and now holds the position of Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). During his tenure at the BCCI, Shah championed significant initiatives for women's cricket, accelerating the expansion of domestic structures, launching elite-level competitions and ensuring improved infrastructure.

"As ICC Chairman, he has been a strong advocate for gender-equality across the sport. Under his leadership, the ICC announced

a landmark increase in prize-money for the Women's World Cup, signalling that women cricketers will be treated on par with their male peers," it added.

The transformation of women's cricket in India, from modest beginnings to world-stage triumph owes much to his steadfast vision, his commitment to professionalising the women's game and ensuring India built a pipeline of talent capable of achieving global success.

The BCCI extended its deepest gratitude to Shah for his leadership, and acknowledges that this historic title for the India women's team is rooted in years of effort, infrastructure building, investment and belief.

The team's success will undoubtedly inspire a surge of interest among young girls to take up cricket, and accelerate the expansion of grassroots programmes across the country, it added.

The BCCI reaffirmed its commitment to sustain this momentum - continuing investment in women's cricket, strengthening domestic pathways, nurturing future generations, and securing India's place among the dominant forces in world women's cricket.

BCCI president Mithun Manhas, secretary Devajit Saikia among other office bearers congratulated Women in Blue for their historic triumph.



India Women’s captain Harmanpreet Kaur poses with the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup Trophy after leading the team to their maiden title. (IANS/BCCIWomen)

IOA ANNOUNCES CASH AWARDS FOR YOUTH ASIAN GAMES MEDALLISTS

NEW DELHI: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Indian contingent for their exceptional performance at the 3rd Asian Youth Games held in Bahrain, where the nation's young athletes secured a commendable total of 48 medals across various sporting disciplines.

India delivered its best-ever performance at the 2025 Asian Youth Games in Manama, Bahrain, winning 13 gold, 18 silver, and 17 bronze, surpassing previous tallies from 2009 and 2013.

In acknowledgment of these commendable accomplishments, the IOA has decided to felicitate all medal winners, coaches, and athletes who secured fourth positions at a special ceremony to be held shortly.

The IOA has announced cash rewards for athletes and coaches. Gold medalists will receive Rs 5,00,000 each, while silver and bronze medalists will be awarded Rs 3,00,000 and Rs 2,00,000, respectively. Fourth-place finishers will get Rs 50,000 each, and coaches of medal-winning athletes will be honoured with Rs 1,00,000 each. In addition, both the boys' and girls' kabaddi teams will receive Rs 10,00,000 each in recognition of their outstanding performances.

This remarkable achievement reflects the growing strength and depth of India's youth sporting ecosystem and stands as a testament to the athletes' dedication, discipline, and commitment to excellence. The IOA recognises that such performances are the result of sustained effort, rigorous training, and the invaluable guidance provided by their coaches and support staff. PT Usha, President of the Indian Olympic Association, said, "The Indian Olympic Association takes immense

Sports Minister outlines plans to commemorate 100 years of Indian Hockey

NEW DELHI: On Monday, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya, announced a grand celebration marking 100 years of Indian Hockey (1925-2025). The centenary events, organised in partnership with Hockey India, will take place on November 7 at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, alongside simultaneous events in over 550 districts across India.

The milestone event will mark 100 years of India's rich hockey legacy, honouring the legends who brought glory to the nation and celebrating the enduring spirit of the sport that continues to inspire millions. Celebrations will begin at 8:30 AM with a series of special events that highlight India's historic journey in hockey.

"As India celebrates 100 years of hockey, we honour a century of pride, perseverance, and national glory. This milestone is an occasion to remember our heroes who brought honour to the country and to draw inspiration from their journey as we look ahead. Hockey is more than just a sport for India - it is part of our identity and collective spirit. The celebrations across more than 550 districts will not only highlight our legacy but also take the story of Indian hockey to every corner of the nation, inspiring young boys and girls to pick up the stick and play with passion," Mandaviya said.

A 30-minute exhibition match between the Hon'ble Sports Minister's XI and Hockey India's Mixed XI (men and women) will

showcase gender parity, teamwork, and inclusivity, featuring top players from both the men's and women's national teams. Afterwards, hockey legends from different generations will be honoured for their contributions to India's proud history as the world's leading hockey nation, with eight Olympic gold medals and 13 Olympic podium finishes.

Hockey ranks as a key sport in the government's agenda. Both men's and women's hockey are part of major initiatives, such as the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and the Target Asian Games Group (TAGG). These programs provide national teams with funding for training, competitions, exposure trips, allowances, and other facilities throughout each Olympic cycle. To promote hockey among women, the sports ministry organises the ASMITA hockey league nationwide at junior and sub-junior levels.

"The government remains deeply committed to strengthening India's sporting ecosystem through greater investment, modern infrastructure, and institutional reforms. Our vision is clear - to make India one of the top sporting nations in the world by 2036 and to consistently perform at the highest levels in every discipline. With continued collaboration between the Ministry, the Sports Authority of India, and federations like Hockey India, we will continue to nurture young talent, expand access to sport, and ensure that India's tricolour flies

high on every international stage," the sports minister added.

The centenary will also mark the release of the official commemorative volume, "100 Years of Indian Hockey," which chronicles the sport's remarkable journey-highlighting its triumphs, challenges, and revival. This publication will function as both a historical record and a tribute to the generations of players who have contributed to India's hockey legacy.

Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey said, "Celebrating 100 years of Indian hockey is a deeply emotional and proud moment for all of us. This milestone honours our glorious past while inspiring a new generation to carry the legacy forward. Indian hockey has always represented the spirit of resilience, unity, and excellence. As we celebrate this centenary, our focus is on strengthening the game from the grassroots, empowering both men and women equally, and preparing our teams to reach the pinnacle of world hockey once again. I extend heartfelt gratitude to all those who have stood by Indian hockey over the years - our players, coaches, fans, and partners. Together, we will make the next century even more golden."

A large-scale photo exhibition at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium will guide visitors through a visual journey celebrating 100 years of history, showcasing rare archival photographs, memorabilia, and Olympic moments-from the 1928

Amsterdam Games to today's resurgence.

To celebrate the occasion locally, over 1,400 hockey matches will take place simultaneously in 550 districts nationwide, involving more than 36,000 players. Each district will host one men's and one women's match, representing equality and inclusion. The goal is to foster a festive environment across the country, bringing together rural and urban India in a celebration of the national sport.

Hockey India secretary general Bhola Nath Singh added, "As we mark this historic milestone, it gives me great pride to see how Hockey India has evolved into a transparent, accountable, and forward-looking organisation. Our focus has been on strengthening systems - from performance-based funding and grassroots development to the successful launch of professional leagues for both men and women. We are also investing in coaching, analytics, and infrastructure to ensure sustainable growth. I would like to express sincere gratitude to the Sports Authority of India, whose consistent support has been vital in developing world-class facilities and nurturing young talent. This centenary is not just a celebration of history, but a reaffirmation of our commitment to building a stronger future for Indian hockey." The Ministry of Sports and Hockey India are dedicated to safeguarding and advancing India's hockey legacy while fostering a new era of excellence and inclusivity in the sport.

Messi in India? Kerala sports minister’s renewed claim sparks fresh wave of skepticism

MALAPPURAM:The Kerala government has once again stirred public excitement and controversy with Sports Minister V. Abdulrahiman asserting that Argentine football legend Lionel Messi will play in India next year.

According to the minister, the state has received a new email from the Argentine Football Association (AFA) confirming that the G.O.A.T player Messi and his team will visit India in March.

"Two days ago, we received an email from the AFA team confirming their visit to Kerala in March," Abdulrahiman said.

He added that the match was initially planned for November but had to be deferred due to infrastructural issues at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi.

However, this fresh claim has drawn widespread skepticism, with critics recalling the earlier unfulfilled promise of Messi's visit.

The absence of any official agreement or confirmation from the AFA has led to questions about the government's credibility and the procedures followed in organising what is billed as a major international sporting event.

The Opposition and sports enthusiasts have also raised concerns over why the Kochi stadium was partially dismantled for "renovation" despite the lack of a signed deal.

With no documented terms, the government is now under pressure to clarify who the sponsors are, what the contractual commitments were, and whether due diligence was observed.

Adding to the controversy, it has emerged that the sponsors involved in the initiative have alleged links to the notorious Muttit tree felling case despite the government's previous assurances that it would not engage with tainted entities.

As anticipation mixes with disbelief, many are demanding transparency and official documentation to substantiate the minister's claim.

For now, Messi's supposed Kerala appearance remains more of a political talking point than a confirmed sporting event, a story that continues to keep football fans across the country guessing and critics on edge.



Anukul Roy’s Eight-Haul Put Jharkhand on Verge of Victory

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RANCHI: Anukul Roy's brilliant spin bowling left Nagaland reeling on the third day of the Ranji Trophy clash at the JSCA Stadium in Ranchi. The left-arm spinner completely dominated proceedings, dismantling the visitors' batting lineup and putting Jharkhand on the verge of an emphatic victory.

Nagaland, resuming their first innings, crumbled to 154 all out in response to Jharkhand's massive total. Chetan Bist offered some resistance with an unbeaten 46, while Nischal contributed 41 runs. However, none of the other batters could handle Roy's guile and control. Roy bowled a marathon spell of 24.5 overs, claiming eight wickets for just 55 runs, including 10 maidens, to enforce the follow-on.

Asked to bat again, Nagaland once more struggled against Jharkhand's spin attack. At stumps on Day 3, the visitors were 105 for 5, still trailing by a significant margin. Jonathan fought valiantly with a gritty 50-run knock, but his effort wasn't enough to rescue his side from another collapse.

In the second innings, Manishi struck thrice while Roy picked up two wickets, keeping the pressure on the Nagaland batsmen throughout.

With five wickets remaining and a full day's play left, Jharkhand stand firmly in control and look poised to wrap up a comprehensive victory on the final day.



Lohardaga Premier League 2025 Kicks Off with Grand Inauguration; MP Sukhdeo Bhagat Flags Off Event

MD QUAIYUM KHAN

LOHARDAGA: The much-awaited Lohardaga Premier League (LPL) 2025 kicked off with great fanfare on Monday at CM School of Excellence, Nadia Hindu Ground (Mini Stadium). The event was inaugurated by Member of Parliament and District Football Association President Sukhdeo Bhagat, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar Tarachand, Superintendent of Police Sadiq Anwar Rizvi, district officials, public representatives, and thousands of football enthusiasts. MP Sukhdeo Bhagat said the LPL is not just a football tournament but a platform to showcase the hidden talents of Lohardaga's youth at national and international levels. "This event will give Lohardaga a new identity in the sporting map of India," he said.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tarachand emphasized that sports play a vital role in building discipline, teamwork, and leadership among youth, while SP Rizvi highlighted how such events channel positive energy and keep youth away from negative influences. The league features eight teams - Lohardaga Lions, Senha Stallions, Bhandra Bulls, Kairo Kinetic, Town Titans, Peshrar Panthers, Kisko Kings, and Kudu Knights. The tournament runs from November 3 to 10, with ₹2 lakh for the champion, ₹1.5 lakh for the runner-up, and a motorbike for the Player of the Series.

