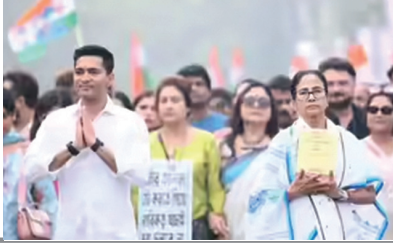


# Abhishek Reaches Out to Families of SIR Victims, Joins Mamata in Rally

As Bengal grapples with anxiety over the ongoing SIR of the electoral rolls, Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Tuesday took a prominent role in expressing solidarity with families allegedly affected by the panic surrounding the process. The SIR verification drive, which began across the state on Tuesday, has sparked widespread confusion and fear among citizens regarding voter documentation and eligibility. "Seven people ended their lives in 7 days in Bengal due to fear of SIR", claimed TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee at a rally in Kolkata, which was commenced after a 3.8-km-long march from the statue of BR Ambedkar on Red Road. PG 3



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TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, All India Trinamool Congress General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, along with other TMC leaders and activists, took part in a protest rally against the SIR in Kolkata on Tuesday. Pic Prabir Bhattacharyya

## Mamata-Abhishek led massive rally to protest SIR

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** Reiterating her frequent warnings that deletion of any "genuine" voters' names from the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state by the Election Commission would meet with severe protest. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and TMC All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee took out a massive march in Kolkata on Tuesday afternoon. Staring the march from BR Ambedkar's statue on Red Road at around 1-30 pm, the Chief minister, accompanied by thousands of party workers and supporters, covered the five km route to reach Jorasanko Thakurbari, the birthplace of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore in heart of the city after about two hours to end the procession. She addressed the gathering from there highlighting her protest against the roll out of SIR. Addressing from a podium Mamata Banerjee intensified her attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for launching the SIR with an alleged ulterior motive to remove the names of large number of genuine voters from the list with a view to coming to power

in the state for the first time 'through the backdoor' after the next year's election to the 294 member state Assembly. Referring to the recent deaths of a few people in different parts of Bengal including a 95-year-old man from Birbhum district who took his

fear psychosis that led to these "avoidable, politically inflicted tragedies."

Incidentally, 57-year-old Pradeep Kar, a resident of Khardaha in North 24 Parganas district also died by suicide, leaving a note that read, NRC is responsible for my death. On October

tragedies? Will the Home Minister accept responsibility? Will the BJP and its allies, under whose watch this fear psychosis has spread, find the courage to speak out?" Mamata Banerjee said. Two deaths by suicide and another attempt in three days have stirred con-

projected to be around 100 million.

Meanwhile, the family of the first suicide victim from North 24 Parganas filed a police complaint on Thursday saying the victim was provoked and influenced. The complaint did not name anyone, police said. Trinamool Congress (TMC) National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee visited the victim's family on Wednesday and alleged that Union Home minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar were responsible for the death. TMC held a protest rally on Thursday in the area where the man lived. The chief minister intensified her attack after the death in Birbhum district. "For generations, the people of Bengal have lived with dignity. Today they are being forced to ask whether they still belong to the land of their birth. This cruelty is unconscionable and must not be allowed to stand," she said. "I appeal to every citizen: Do not be provoked, do not lose faith, and do not take any extreme step. Our Maa-Mati-Manush Sarkar stands with you. We will not allow the NRC to be implemented in Bengal—neither through

the front door, nor through the back door. We will not permit a single legitimate citizen to be branded an 'outsider,'" she added. In the midst of the row, TMC state General Secretary and party spokesman Kunal Ghosh alleged that thousands of names that existed in the 2002 electoral roll have disappeared. "I urge citizens to be on the alert. BJP has started its silent rigging," Ghosh said.

In his 15 minute long fiery speech at the conclusion of TMC's padayatra at Jorashanko in the heart of the city, TMC All India General Secretary and Diamond Harbour MP, Abhishek Banerjee dared the BJP to 'even think of replacing TMC from power' in West Bengal after the next year's assembly poll. Highlighting the series of government schemes for the benefits of the common people of the state Abhishek Banerjee said if the Election Commission Followed The Direction Of BJP bloidly and make any attempt to remove the name even one voter from the 2022 list, I gurantee you to take

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--CM Mamata Banerjee

own life by hanging, with his family linking his death to the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, Mamata Banerjee said, the deceased was scared of losing his land and property as his name does not figure in the 2002 electoral roll." This was the second suicide linked to the Election Commission of India's plans to conduct the exercise in the state. In a detailed post on X earlier the Chief minister blamed the BJP and its allies for creating the

28, a 63-year-old man from Dinhat, Cooch Behar also attempted to take his own life, terrified of a possible harassment under the SIR process. In the third such instance earlier this week, a 95-year-old person from Kotwali, Paschim Medinipur living with his daughter in Ilambazar, Birbhum ended his life, gripped by the fear that he and his family might be dispossessed of their land," she said. Who will answer for these avoidable, politically inflicted

trovery over the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) ahead of the 2026 assembly polls. The BJP, which has claimed that at least millions of Muslim Bangladeshi infiltrators enjoying voting rights in Bengal would be detected during the SIR exercise, found itself in a tight spot as both men who died by suicide were Hindus. Although a census has not been conducted since 2011, the state's current population is

**Mamata pays tribute to ex minister Subrata Mukherjee on his death anniversary**



**MI News Service, Kolkata :** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday paid tribute to her former ministerial colleague Subrata Mukherjee on his death anniversary. Former Panchayat minister and a close confidant of the Mamata Banerjee for a long time, Subrata Mukherjee died at state-run SSKM Hospital on November 4, 2021, following a brief illness. "My heartfelt tributes to veteran politician and former minister of the West Bengal government, Subrata Mukherjee, on his death anniversary. I learned a lot from him at the beginning of my political career," Mamata Banerjee said in a post on X. Mamata Banerjee also had described the demise of former Kolkata Mayor as a "big personal loss" Subrata Mukherjee was

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## India, Israel require to work together in combating terrorism: S Jaishankar

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** India and Israel should work together to build a global approach of "zero tolerance" in combating terrorism, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday. He made the remarks at a meeting with his visiting Israeli counterpart Gideon Sa'ar here in the National capital this afternoon. "Our two nations face a particular challenge from terrorism," Jaishankar said. During his maiden three day visit to India since yesterday, Israeli Foreign Minister Sa'ar described his meeting with EAM Jaishankar as very fruitful. Incidentally, the Israeli minister's India visit comes ahead of a possible trip by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in December. Sa'ar's visit also coincides with the implementation of the US-brokered Gaza ceasefire that has facilitated the release of all 48 Israeli hostages, both alive and dead, by Hamas and hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. Delhi is seeking to advance connectivity initiatives linking India, the Middle East, and Europe, which would pass through Israel, following the restoration of



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Israel's Foreign Affairs Minister Gideon Sa'ar and others during a meeting, in New Delhi.

peace and stability in the region. The India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor (IMEC), initially proposed in September 2023 at the G20

Arabian Peninsula, as well as develop high-speed trains running from the ports in the UAE to the Haifa port in Israel through Saudi Arabia

**“Our two nations face a particular challenge from terrorism --S Jaishankar**

Leaders' Summit in Delhi, faced setbacks after the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, which killed 1,200 people and left around 250 hostages. Following two years of conflict in Gaza, during which more than 68,000 Palestinians were killed, both sides have now agreed to a peace plan, paving the way for renewed progress on the corridor. IMEC's goal is to strengthen maritime connectivity between India and the

and Jordan. The corridor would facilitate the movement of goods to and from European countries. In addition, the IMEC aims to develop a clean hydrogen pipeline, an electricity link, a high-speed undersea digital cable, and to integrate existing infrastructure, including ports. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed US President Donald Trump's

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## Tourists inflow in Manipur depleted, largely due to ethnic strife

**MI News Service, Imphal :** In the wake of unabated ethnic violence between Meiteis and the Kuki-Zo communities in Manipur for more than two years, the tourist footfalls in this picturesque North Eastern state have plummeted to only about 17,000 in 2024-25 from as many as 1.79 lakh in 2019-20, a recent study has revealed. Not only the unrest in the state, but the exorbitant airfare is also the other factor responsible for the sharp decline in the number of travellers in the state, it said. During a meeting with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who arrived in Imphal on Monday and re-

viewed various central schemes, the state government officials raised the issue of high airfare.

On a query, Kumar was informed that "the number of tourists visiting the state has drastically decreased from over 1,79,000 (1,67,000 domestic and 12,000 foreign) in 2019-20 to approximately 17,000 (15,700 domestic and 1,300 foreign) in 2024-25", the study said. The state officials also urged the central minister to take up the issue with the Ministry of Civil Aviation. "The sharp decrease in tourist inflow is primarily due to civil unrest in the state,

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## Special Session on Funding Opportunities for New Businesses & Entrepreneurs



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organised a Special Session with Shri Sanatan Mishra, General Manager, State Bank of India, Shri Prem Shankar Jha, General Manager, UCO Bank, Shri Sujit Bose, Zonal Head, Business Banking, HDFC Bank and Shri Sunil Kumar, Deputy General Manager, Central Bank of India on 'Funding Opportunities for New Businesses & Entrepreneurs' on 1st November 2025), at the Conference Hall of the Chamber. They spoke on the evolving role of banking services in the role of funding for new businesses & entrepreneurs. Shri Smarjit Mitra, Chairman, Council on Banking, Finance & Insurance, MCCI in his Welcome Address said that government schemes play a vital role in promoting entrepreneurship. The Session concluded with a hearty Vote of Thanks proposed by CA Sunil Singh, Co-Chairman, Council on Banking, Finance & Insurance, MCCI who in his summary note shared that, funding is a critical component of any business, and New Businesses require access to timely and affordable credit to grow and thrive. By leveraging government initiatives, banking products, and maintaining financial discipline, they can overcome funding challenges and contribute to India's economic growth.



Teen ends life over iPhone denial

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: A pall of grief has descended on Kultali in South 24 Pagarans after a 10th-grade student allegedly took his own life over not getting an iPhone. The shocking incident took place in the Shankijahan area under Gopalganj Gram Panchayat on Monday afternoon.

The deceased, identified as 16-year-old Dipanjan Das, was a student of Nimpith Ashram. His father, Bhaskar Das, a migrant worker, had reportedly purchased an Android phone worth around 32,000 rupees for him only a few months ago. However, Dipanjan had allegedly been pressing his family to buy him an iPhone as a birthday gift. Family members said the teenager became extremely upset when his request was refused. His uncle, who promised to buy him the phone after saving for a few months, claimed the boy had grown withdrawn and stopped eating regularly. Dipanjan even warned his uncle that he would end his life if his demand went unmet. On Monday afternoon, the boy's family found him hanging inside his grandmother's house after he had been missing for several hours. He was rushed to Jaynagar-Kultali Block Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination. Neighbors described Dipanjan as a bright student who was generally well-behaved. The incident has sent shockwaves through the locality, where locals expressed disbelief over the extreme step taken for a mobile phone. Police have registered an unnatural death case and initiated an inquest.

Sexual assault on Housewife

MI News Service, East Medinipur: A housewife in Paskura was allegedly gang-raped by two minors while she was changing clothes inside her home on Monday evening. The chilling incident has triggered political unrest in the region. According to police and local sources, the assault occurred in the sources, the assault occurred in the Sundarnagar area when the woman was alone at home after completing household work. The two accused, both minors, allegedly barged into the house, grabbed the woman from behind, and sexually assaulted her.

The victim's mouth was reportedly covered, leaving her unable to scream for help. The ordeal was witnessed by the housewife's belder daughter, who screamed in shock, alerting neighbors. On seeing people rushing towards the house, the accused fled the scene. Soon after, police from Paskura police station arrived and detained both minors. They were later sent to a juvenile home, authorities said. The victim's husband, who was away during the incident, claimed that local intoxication had been a growing menace in the area. "Liquor and illegal gatherings have been going on here for a long time. My wife was even harassed earlier. I demand the strictest punishment for the culprits," he said. Meanwhile, the case has spiraled into a political war of words. The Trinamool Congress accused the BJP-led gram panchayat of administrative failure, stating that law and order violations have become rampant under its control. Party leaders claimed that despite the Chief Minister's efforts to pass a safeguarding bill in the Assembly, the BJP's obstruction has emboldened such incidents. Police said the investigation is ongoing, and statements from the victim and witnesses are being recorded. The medical examination report is awaited.

Rozgar Mela 2.0 Registration Extended

MI News Service, Malda: The Darjeeling Welfare Society has extended the registration deadline for Rozgar Mela 2.0 to November 7, 2025, aimed at youth from North Bengal and the hills. The event will occur on November 15 and 16 at Salesian College, Siliguri, featuring over 60 companies and more than 10,000 job openings in various sectors. Participation is free, and candidates can register on the society's website. MP Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla encouraged eligible youth to take advantage of this opportunity.



Mamata Banerjee alongwith Abhishek Banerjee led a massive protest rally in Kolkata on Tuesday in protest of Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

PIC: Prabir Bhattacharya

Mother & daughter get lifer in Madhyamgram murder case

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: In a verdict that brings closure to one of Bengal's most gruesome murder cases in recent years, the Barasat Additional District Judge's Court has sentenced a mother and daughter to life imprisonment for the brutal killing of their mother-in-law and the subsequent attempt to dispose of her body in a trolley bag at Ahiritola Ghat. The convicts, identified as Aarti Ghosh and her daughter Falguni Ghosh, were also fined ₹1 lakh each, with an additional six months of imprisonment ordered in case of default.

The case, which sent shockwaves across the state earlier this year, traces its origins to Madhyamgram in North 24 Parganas. The accused lived in a rented house near Basanti Mandir in Dakshin Biresphalli, where the victim, Sumita Ghosh, had come to stay for a few days in February. Sumita, who was related to Falguni's maternal uncle, was supposed to leave for Assam on February 24 but never did. Investigations revealed that a bitter dispute over property led to her gruesome murder inside the rented home on



Life Imprisonment

February 23. According to the prosecution, the mother and daughter first smashed Sumita's head with a brick before repeatedly hitting various parts of her body until she died. They then placed the body in a trolley bag and locked it inside the house. The following day, the duo used the victim's PhonePe account to purchase a large blue trolley bag and, chillingly, used her money to dine at a hotel and buy gold jewellery before returning home later that night. On February 25, they stuffed the body into the newly bought bag and hired a van and then a white cab to transport it to Ahiritola Ghat in Kolkata, intending to dispose of it discreetly. How-

ever, their plan fell apart when locals at the ghat grew suspicious upon noticing two women struggling with a heavy trolley at around 7 a.m. When confronted, the duo hesitated, prompting bystanders to open the bag. To the horror of those present, a blood-stained, decomposed human body was found inside. Police from Uttar Bandar Police Station were immediately informed and arrested the two women at the spot. The investigation was later handed over to Madhyamgram Police on February 27. An application filed in the Calcutta High Court seeking a transfer of the case to the CBI was subsequently rejected, keeping the probe under state police

jurisdiction. On May 20, the Madhyamgram police filed the first chargesheet against the accused under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, including murder and destruction of evidence. After a months-long trial, the Barasat court on October 30 found both Aarti and Falguni Ghosh guilty based on extensive forensic evidence, witness statements, and digital payment records that directly linked the purchase of the trolley bag to the deceased's account. The sentence was pronounced on November 3, marking the end of a case that exposed shocking levels of cruelty and deception within a family torn apart by greed. The Madhyamgram trolley bag murder stands as one of the most spine-chilling examples of calculated brutality in recent memory—a mother and daughter who not only killed a family member in cold blood but also used her own money to carry out the act and attempt to erase its traces. The life sentence handed down by the Barasat court ensures that both will now spend the rest of their lives behind bars for a crime that stunned an entire state.

Teacher locked in by parents over BLO election duty

MI News Service, Gaighata: A serious educational crisis had unfolded at Chandigarh Special Cadre FP school, where all three enrolled teachers, entrusted with shaping the future of the students have been assigned duties as BLO by the Election Commission. In a stark and unprecedented move, local parents have forcibly confined these educators within the school premises, barring them from leaving to fulfill their BLO responsibilities. The conflict escalated sharply today, as the BLO door-to-door campaign commenced across the region.

The parents, voicing steadfast opposition to their children's teachers being diverted from classroom instruction to electoral duties, resorted to locking the school gates, effectively holding the three teacher captive. Their demand is unequivocal—the educators must prioritize teaching over election-related assignments. The school serves approx-

imately 150 students in an economically disadvantaged area, relying on just five staff members, of whom only three are trained teachers. With

ents underscored their grave concerns: "This is a poverty-stricken area with limited educational resources. The three teachers are indispen-



all three appointed as BLOs, the educational continuity of this institution hangs precariously in the balance. "There are five people in this school, and three of us are teachers. Who will teach if we leave for BLO work?" lamented one of the trapped teachers. "Our primary responsibility must be the education of our children, not election duty." Par-

able. If they are deployed as BLOs and absent from school, who will teach our children?" Their apprehension highlights the harsh reality confronting many rural and semi-urban school where administrative mandates clash with pressing educational needs. The situation has triggered heightened tensions, compelling the intervention of

the BDO and Gaighata police officials, who arrived at the scene to negotiate and restore order. This incident mirrors an earlier episode in the district where the allocation of teaching staff to BLO duties cast the future of another school into uncertainty. The Gaighata education system now faces a critical juncture: the imperative to balance crucial election operations with the indispensable role of teachers as guardians of knowledge and community upliftment. The question looms large—how will the schooling of 150 vulnerable children proceed if their sole educators are compelled to forsake classrooms for electoral roll responsibilities? This unfolding crisis demands urgent administrative redress to ensure that democratic processes do not derail fundamental rights to education in underprivileged communities. The future of these students hinges on immediate, decisive action.

Two killed, five others injured as a private car rams into a toto on NH-12



MI News Service, Shantipur: A devastating road accident on National Highway 12 near Gobindapur fish market in Shantipur left two people dead and 5 others seriously injured on Tuesday. The collision between a passenger-carrying Toto and a speeding private car sparked panic and grief across the locality.

According to police and local sources, a group of around 7 people were trav-

elling in a Toto from Karigar Para in Shantipur to Chapra. Around the same time, a private car on same direction allegedly hit the Toto during overtaking.

Eyewitnesses said the impact was so severe that the Toto was flung off the road, killing two passengers on the spot and injuring others. The private car then rammed into the central divider. But there was no report of serious in-

juries to driver or passengers in the car.

Locals and nearby traders rushed to the spot and began rescue operations before police arrived. The injured were taken to Shantipur Hospital, while two critically injured persons were shifted to Ranaghat's Anulia Hospital, where both were declared dead.

The deceased have been identified as Toton Sheikh, the Toto driver, and Sabina Ansari, a passenger. Police from Shantipur station and the road traffic division reached the site shortly after the incident and removed both the Toto and the private car from the highway.

Authorities have launched an investigation to determine whether reckless driving or over-speeding led to the crash. The accident caused heavy traffic congestion for over an hour on the busy national highway.

Raas Purnima festival begins at ISKCON Mayapur; thousands of devotees expected

MI News Service, Mayapur: The global headquarters of ISKCON in Mayapur is gearing up for its annual Raas Purnima celebrations, set to be held from November 4 to 6 this year. The three-day festival, considered one of the most significant religious observances for Vaishnav devotees, commemorates the divine Raas Leela of Lord Krishna.

According to ISKCON officials, visitors from across India and several countries are expected to arrive in Mayapur during the festival. The temple premises have been illuminated with decorative lights, floral arrangements and thematic décor, creating a vibrant devotional atmosphere across the pilgrim town.

The celebrations will include special prayers, kirtans, scriptural recitations and cultural performances by devotees from India and abroad. Scholars and spiritual speakers will address gatherings



in multiple languages, elaborating on the philosophical significance of Raas Leela and the essence of devotional life.

A large-scale prasadam distribution programme has also been planned for pilgrims over the three days, temple authorities said.

With a heavy footfall anticipated, ISKCON Mayapur has

Man Ends Life Amid 'SIR Panic'; Wife Says, "SIR Ended the Man"

MI News Service, Uluberia: A fresh wave of tension swept through Uluberia on Tuesday as the hanging body of daily wage earner Zahir Abbas was recovered from his home in Malpara under Uluberia Block II, sparking shock and political outcry. The death comes just as the Summary Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list begins across Bengal, with the ruling Trinamool Congress alleging that "SIR panic" drove the young man to suicide. According to family members, Zahir had been deeply anxious for days over the ongoing voter list verification process. His wife recounted that on Monday night, during dinner, he repeatedly voiced fears that their names might be struck from the electoral roll and that they could be forced to leave the country. Despite her attempts to calm

deceased's home soon after the incident, condemned the death as a tragic consequence of fear sparked by the SIR process. "A boy committed suicide today due to fear of SIR. We urge the BJP to stop the politics of death and demand that the Election Commission suspend the SIR," Roy told reporters, assuring the bereaved family of state support.

The incident marks the latest in a string of alleged "SIR-linked" deaths reported from Agradara, Ilambazar, Jamalpur, and Dankuni in recent days. The recurring pattern has sparked concern within political circles and among residents vulnerable to misinformation and anxiety surrounding the ongoing voter list revision. Zahir's wife delivered a chilling statement: "SIR has made people mad. It took a man's life." However, the opposition BJP dismissed Trinamool's allegations as politi-



Suicide in fright of SIR

him, she found him hanging the next morning after returning from the market. Minister Pulak Roy, who rushed to the

ically motivated. Party spokesperson Debjit Sarkar countered, "The Trinamool government is lying as usual."

Bangla Pakkho gives deputation to EC regarding SIR



Nurul Islam Khan SIR has started in West Bengal. On Tuesday, Bangla Pakkho, the national organization of Bengalis in India, sent a deputation to the State Election Commission office regarding this. Led by General Secretary Garg Chattopadhyay, they gathered in front of the Election Commission office. Organizing Secretary Kaushik Maiti, Supreme Council Member Arindam Chatterjee, Md Sahin, Kolkata District Secretary Soumya Bera were present. Three specific demands were submitted in writing to the Assistant Election Officer by the organization. The demands are- The foreign fake voters in the Bengal voter list, whose voter cards are in two states, should be removed from the Bengal voter list through the SIR process. The names of those criminals and their addresses in West Bengal must be made public. Not a single name of a Hindu Bengali, a Muslim Bengali, or a Hindu Bengali refugee who came to India due to religious persecution from Bangladesh should be excluded from the voter list. The names of every person who illegally entered India by abusing the Indo-Nepal agreement and was included in the voter list of Bengal and their children should be removed from the voter list (similar to Bihar's SIR). Bangla Pakkho GS Garg Chattopadhyay said, "Due to

SIR conspiracy of central government, the children of Jagat Seth are the sons of Bengal, and the children of Baba Loknath, Harichand Thakur and Guruchand Thakur are outsiders in Bengal?" The Bangla Pakkho wants illegal and fake names to be removed from the voter list of Bengal. Therefore, the commission must take strict action on the issue of dual voter cards, and if there is a card from another state, the Bengali voter card must be canceled. The Bangla Pakkho will file criminal cases against the criminals who forged voter cards in the two states. No Hindu Bengali's name can be left out as a sacrifice of partition. "If you do that, the Bangla Pakkho will not remain silent. The fire will burn. The Election Commission's data says that only 10 people have received citizenship through the CAA. So what will happen to the millions of displaced Matuas? Election Commission officials have clearly stated that applying for the CAA will not get your name on the voter list, which is a lie. "Citizenship certificate will be required. Shantanu Thakur is cheating the Matuas, there is no use in applying for CAA." He spoke out against the BJP's hypocrisy in clear language and demanded protection of the voting rights of all Hindu Bengalis who had fled to West Bengal due to religious violence.



SIR Process Begins  
in Bengal Amid  
Public Concern;  
Voters Can Easily  
Contact BLOs Online

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Amid anxiety and confusion, the SIR of the electoral rolls began across West Bengal on Tuesday. From today, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have started visiting households to verify voters' physical presence and distribute the official Enumeration Forms. Accompanying them are Booth Level Agents (BLAs) — representatives of political parties — ensuring transparency in the verification process.

According to the Election Commission, each BLO will have complete information about the voters assigned to their area. To ensure thorough verification, officials will visit each voter's residence not once but up to three times. However, many citizens are worried about what happens if they are not at home during the visit. Will their names be deleted from the voters' list if they miss the BLO? Officials have clarified there is no reason to panic. Voters can easily contact



their assigned BLO through official channels and obtain their contact number online. To find the relevant BLO's details, voters need to visit the Chief Electoral Officer's official website at <https://ceowestbengal.wb.gov.in>. Once on the site, follow these steps: Click on the "Electors" tab. Select "Find Your Name on the Electoral Roll." You will be redirected to the Voters' Service Portal. Enter your EPIC (voter ID) number, select your state and preferred language. Click on "View Details." Your details will appear on the screen, including the contact numbers of the BLO (Booth Level Officer), DEO (District Election Officer), and ERO (Electoral Registration Officer). Alternatively, voters can search using their mobile number or by entering personal details such as name, date of birth, and constituency to identify their BLO and get in touch directly. The Election Commission has emphasized that no genuine voter's name will be removed due to absence during the BLO's visit. Citizens are advised to stay informed, verify their details promptly, and use the online resources to ensure smooth participation in the voter list revision process.

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to ex minister  
Subrata Mukherjee on  
his death anniversary

**From PG 1** considered the political mentor of Mamata Banerjee during her initial years in politics in Chhatra Parishad, the student wing of the Congress. "I will not be able to see Subrata-da's body," she had said on the day of the death of the 75-year-old leader on this day four years ago.

India, Israel require  
to work together in  
combating terrorism:  
S Jaishankar

**From PG 1** 20-point peace plan and said it was a step towards reaching long-term peace and security for not just Israelis and Palestinians but the whole of Middle East region at large. "We welcome President Donald Trump's announcement of a comprehensive plan to end the Gaza conflict. It provides a viable pathway to long-term and sustainable peace, security and development for the Palestinian and Israeli people, as also for the larger West Asian region," said Modi in a post on X.



Various spiritual leaders of the society joined hands and participated in a massive protest rally against the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, led by TMC Supremo Mamata Banerjee and joined by TMC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata on Tuesday  
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Mamata Slams BJP of Spreading  
Fear and Rigging Voter List

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday led a massive protest rally in Kolkata against the Systematic Intensive Revision (SIR) process, accusing the BJP and the Election Commission of spreading fear and confusion among the people of Bengal. The rally, which began at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue on Red Road and culminated at Jorasanko Thakurbari, saw thousands of Trinamool Congress supporters, community leaders, and families of alleged SIR-related victims joining in solidarity.

Addressing the crowd, Mamata said, "People from every section — hawkers, small traders, migrant laborers — are scared that their names will be struck off the list. Speaking Bengali does not make anyone Bangladeshi, just as speaking Hindi doesn't make anyone Pakistani. BJP is spreading fear

and hatred to divide the country." In a sharp attack, she added, "BJP has some traitors who use central agencies as their weapons. They roam around in 80 cars and call themselves people's leaders. If you have courage, meet the people directly, not through agencies or paid media." The TMC chief said that even if a single eligible voter is "removed from the electoral rolls in Bengal", the TMC would "ensure the fall of the BJP government". The Chief Minister accused the BJP of attempting to manipulate voter records to seize control of Bengal. "They plan to strike off two crore names, send people to detention camps, or deport them to Bangladesh. But Bengal will never bow down to this conspiracy," she declared. The TMC has described the update exercise as "silent invisible rigging" by the BJP-led Centre and the Election



Commission. Attacking the EC over the SIR, Mamata Banerjee said: "EC must reveal how many Rohingyas, Bangladeshis found in Bihar after SIR" Criticizing the Aadhaar controversy, Mamata remarked, "When Aadhaar cards were made, people were charged ₹1,000 each. Now they're saying it's not proof of citizenship! If this voter list is fake, then your government is fake too. You won elections with the same list — then how can it suddenly be false?" She also revisited the demonetization issue, saying, "They demonetized overnight, claiming black money would return. But it never did. Over a hundred people died standing in queues. Even LIC funds are unsafe now. The BJP government in Delhi must go."

Mamata concluded her fiery address with a challenge: "If this SIR is meant to erase voters, then we reject it. The people of Bengal will protect their rights and their identity." Her words echoed across the rally grounds as thousands chanted, "Korte loot, bolte jhoot — Bengal won't be fooled again."

Abhishek Reaches Out to Families  
of SIR Victims, Joins Mamata in Rally

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As Bengal grapples with anxiety over the ongoing SIR of the electoral rolls, Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Tuesday took a prominent role in expressing solidarity with families allegedly affected by the panic surrounding the process. The SIR verification drive, which began across the state on Tuesday, has sparked widespread confusion and fear among citizens regarding voter documentation and eligibility. "Seven people ended their lives in 7 days in Bengal due to fear of SIR," Abhishek Banerjee was quoted as saying at the rally. He further said: "PM Modi, as per his whims and fancies, is dictating terms to common people — he demonetisation or furnish documents for citizenship... I asked you to be ready in the coming days for a mega protest in Delhi. All are ready



for this protest. The next 2026 election (WB Assembly election) is not a fight to win and choose Mamata Banerjee as the CM for the fourth time, but the next election is about bringing the BJP to zero seats." Early in the day, Abhishek joined Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee in leading a peace march from Red Road to Jorasanko Thakurbari. The rally began after the Chief Minister paid floral tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue, symbolizing unity and constitutional rights. Representatives from multiple faiths, civil society groups, and families of those who reportedly lost their lives due to SIR-related fears participated in the procession. Among them were relatives of Kakali Sarkar from Titagarh, Kshitish Ma-

jumdar from Ilambazar, and Siraj from East Midnapore — all of whom, according to their families, died under psychological stress linked to the SIR process. Before the march began, Abhishek Banerjee personally met the bereaved families, speaking with them to understand their grievances. He assured them of full support from the Trinamool Congress and promised that no citizen would be wrongfully deprived of their voting rights. Abhishek reportedly told the families that the state government stood firmly with them and criticized attempts to spread fear among voters. "This is not just about a list — it's about people's dignity and their right to exist without fear," he said, reiterating the TMC's commitment to protect every valid voter.

Haridevpur Shooter Arrested  
Revenge Angle Emerges

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A shocking twist has emerged in the Haridevpur shooting case, suggesting that an attempt to maintain friendship has landed one behind bars. Police on Monday night arrested the alleged shooter, identified as Bappa Das, in connection with the early-morning firing incident that shook South Kolkata's Haridevpur area. According to police sources, Bappa had been living in a rented flat near Ambedkar University in Ballygunge. Acting on a tip-off, officers raided the premises late Monday and apprehended him. The firearm used in the Haridevpur shooting was also recovered from his possession. The incident took place early Monday morning on Kali Pada Mukhopadhyay Road, under Haridevpur Police Station limits. Around 6 a.m., two assailants opened fire on a woman identified as Mousumi Halder. The sound of gunshots and her cries for help jolted the neighborhood awake. Local residents, along with the victim's son, rushed to the spot and found her lying in a pool of blood. She had been shot in the back.

Mousumi was initially taken to M.R. Bangur Hospital and later shifted to the trauma center at SSKM Hospital for advanced treatment. Following the attack, the police launched a swift investigation and soon arrested the prime accused, Bablu Ghosh. Investigators revealed that Bablu was an acquaintance of the victim and had shared a long-standing relationship with her. However, their bond had soured in recent months, leading to bitter disputes and a complete communication breakdown. According to police officials, preliminary findings suggest that Bablu orchestrated the shooting out of revenge. However, he did not carry out the attack himself. Instead, he enlisted the help of his friend, Bappa Das, to execute the plan. During interrogation, the arrested shooter reportedly confessed that he had fired the shots at Bablu's request. Both accused are currently in police custody and will be produced in court for remand. Investigators are also probing whether any other individuals were involved in planning or facilitating the attack.

Big Win for State in Cal HC Over  
Digha Jagannath Temple Case



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The West Bengal government secured a major victory in the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday after the Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) over the naming of the Jagannath temple in Digha as "Jagannath Dham." The VHP had approached the court questioning why the temple was referred to as a "Dham," arguing that traditionally there are only four Dhams in Hindu belief and that no temple can be suddenly designated as one. The organization had sought the

court's intervention to remove the word "Dham" from the temple's name. The case had been under hearing for several months, with the petitioners repeatedly seeking adjournments. On Tuesday, the court made it clear that further delays would not be permitted and dismissed the case. The Bench observed that granting repeated extensions would render the term "final opportunity" meaningless. However, the court allowed the petitioners the liberty to file a fresh case if they wished, provided they submitted complete documentation and supporting evidence in due form.

Tourists inflow in Manipur depleted,  
largely to due to ethnic strife

**From PG 1** while another factor deterring travellers from visiting the state is high airfare", the study stated further. The union minister was also briefed on the details of "funds released by the Ministry of Home Affairs for relief and rehabilitation of thousands of Internally Displaced Persons", it said. During the meeting, Kumar reviewed various programmes and policies of central ministries, departments and organisations for ensuring the speedy implementation of various programmes. Kumar also assessed the status of different programmes being implemented by the departments under the state government. Reiterating that Manipur's tourism industry has plunged to one of its lowest points, deeply impacted by successive setbacks beginning with the COVID-19 pandemic and worsened by the ongoing ethnic crisis that erupted on May 3, 2023, the study said as a result the tourist footfalls—both domestic and in-

ternational—have seen a steep decline, as government-imposed travel regulations and safety concerns continue to deter potential visitors. The state has always been under the ambit of the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958, requiring foreign nationals to obtain a Protected Area Permit (PAP) to enter. While the restriction was temporarily relaxed, it was reinstated on December 19, 2024. Tour operators now say the system is marred by confusion and inconsistency. H. Radhakrishna, Managing Partner of Seven Sisters Holidays, said that the regulatory framework is so unclear that even seasoned travel agencies struggle to keep up with frequent policy changes. "The process is so complex that it discourages tourists altogether. In some cases, even Indian citizens from Manipur who have married foreigners, or whose children are foreign nationals, face immense difficulties in bringing their families home," he said.

Mamata-Abhishek led  
massive rally to protest SIR

**From PG 1** lakhs of voters from here to organise a seize of the Commission in New Delhi. In this connection he also urged the party workers to remain ready to leave for Delhi even at short notice. He said the Trinamool Congress has primary two assets — its leader Mamata Banerjee and the party workers. It was because the people wished to see change after 34 years of Left Front rule that they had voted Trinamool to power. The tide of support witnessed in 2011 was well-rewarded with developmental projects all over the State. Now there is peace and prosperity everywhere. He requested the people to vote for the Trinamool Congress once again, to bring it back to power for the 4th consecutive term next year. In its 34 years in power, the CPI(M) could not generate even 10% of development that the Trinamool has brought about in less than five years, he said.



## NAME CHANGE

I, Mamataj Bibi, d/o. SK. Mohobub Hossain, w/o. Md. Rouf Ali Mondal, r/s.-Aghra Purbia Para, P.O.-Rajarhat Gopalpur, Dist.-24 Pgs.(N),700136, W.B. declare that have changed my Father's Name (School Certificate) & shall henceforth be known as Mohobub Hossain, in the Court of Ld. 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate, Alipur & Affidavit No.-14928, Dtd. 18.09.2025, SK. Mohobub Hossain & Mohobub Hossain both are the same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, TACHILIMA BIBI W/o- LT. YUNCH GAZI, R/o- Vill.- Bena, P.O.-Chakpatli, PS- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my name is written in the Voter List of 2002 vide Part No.- 62, Si. No. 116, under 99 Hingalgaon (SC) constituency as ROKEYA GAZI in place of TACHILIMA BIBI. That TACHILIMA BIBI or ROKEYA GAZI is the same one and identical person vide Affidavit no. 23220 dt. 06-10-2025 sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Parvin Sultana, D/O- SK. Ruhul Amin, aged about 35 years, by faith Islam, by profession House hold duties, residing at Vill Bhabanpur, P.O. Melki, P.S. Gurap, Dist Hooghly, henceforth known as Karabi Das, W/o- Bimal Das, as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate, Hooghly Sadar, vide Affidavit No. 44, dated 14/09/2012. That Parvin Sultana, D/O- SK. Ruhul Amin, & Karabi Das, W/o-Bimal Das are the same and one identical person.

## Change of Name

I, **MONIKANCHAN MISHRA** S/o Late Bijay Gopal Mishra residing at Arabinda nagar, P.O.- Midnapore, P.S.- Kotwali, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur declared that in my L.R. Record of rights of Mouza- Maheshpur, J.L. No. - 112, Khartian No- 195 my name has been recorded as **BABU MISHRA** S/o Late Bijay Gopal Mishra instead of my actual / correct name with surname i.e. **MONIKANCHAN MISHRA** vide affidavit No- 3412 dated 29/02/2024 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur. **MONIKANCHAN MISHRA** & **BABU MISHRA** are the same & identical person.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, S. No 14433091Y, Ex Hav, Susanta Kumar Mondal residing at Vill & P.O.- Damodarpur, P.S.- Goghat, Dist- Hooghly (W.B.), PIN- 712616 have changed my spouse name and date of birth from ANJUSRI MANDAL (DoB: 22-03-1989) to ANJUSRI MONDAL (DoB : 02-05-1990) vide affidavit dated 30-10-2025 before the Court of the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rita Mondal, spouse of No. 14505980P, Ex Hav, Satya Narayan Mondal resident of Vill - Nirbhoypur, P.O. & P.S. - Arambagh, Dist. - Hooghly (W.B.), PIN - 712601, have changed my name and date of birth from Rita Mondal (Age : 28 Yrs.) to Ritarani Mandal (DoB : 14-08-1960) vide Affidavit dated 29-10-2025 before the Executive Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

## NAME CHANGE

I, Netai Chakraborty, S/o Late Kashi Pati Chakraborty presently residing at 5B, Maharani Sarnamoyee Road, P.S.-Narkeldanga, Kolkata-700009 declare that I have changed my religion from Hindu to Islam and changed my name from Netai Chakraborty to Md Abdullah and henceforth shall be known as Md Abdullah in all purpose vide affidavit No. 4796 dated 21.05.2025 before the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Sealdah. Netai Chakraborty and Md Abdullah both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Rumela Bhattacharya D/o, Tapas Bhattacharjee and Arati Bhattacharjee, W/o, Anirban Gangopadhyay residing at 6/1, Uttara Para Lane, Doltala, Duttapara, P.O.- Bhadrakali, Dist.- Hooghly, W.B. - 712232, have changed my name and henceforth be known as Rumela Gangopadhyay as declared before the Notary Public, City Civil Court, Kolkata, W.B. vide Affidavit No. 4 dated 30.10.2025. Rumela Bhattacharya and Rumela Gangopadhyay both are same and identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Surabuddin Mondal resident of vill-paschim Satterbia, Po-panpur, P.S.-baringhata, Dist-Nadia.Actual name of my father is Najmuiddin Mondal which is recorded in my voter ID card, pan card and ration card. By mistake in my madhyamik admit card and certificate his Name is recorded as Naju Mondal.As on 28/10/2025 before the court of Ld.A.C.J.M-II (1st class) Kalyani, Nadia his name is rectified as Najmuiddin Mondal from Naju Mondal.Najmuiddin Mondal and Naju Mondal is one and identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I Nasher Khan son of late Suleman khan aged about 65 years residence of B.B.Iye lane, Telinpara PS Bhadreswar of Dist Hooghly That my actual and Original name is Nasher Khan which has been rightly recorded in Aadhar card, PAN card and other documents. That Hafiz Khan is my son and in his passport (no U9980672) my name is wrongly recorded as Nisar Khan in place of Nasher Khan and also my son Hafiz Khan's School certificate vide being no 54/1999 my name has been also wrongly recorded as Nesar khan in place of Nasher Khan. That Nasher khan, Nisar Khan and Nesar khan is the same and one identical person and my original and actual name is Nasher Khan vide an affidavit sworn before 1st Class judicial Magistrate Chandan Nagore Hooghly on13 October 2025.

## Name Change

I, Sapan Sashibhusan Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Sashi Bhusan Ghosh Residing at 8A/1, G.T Road (West), P.o - Mallickpara, P.s - Serampore, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712203, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Swapan Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-11-2025. Sapan Sashibhusan Ghosh (Old Name) & Swapan Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Tapan Kumar Jana (Old Name) S/o Kanai Jana Residing at Vill - Moujbrindabanpur, P.o - Rampur, P.s - Nandigram, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721631, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Tapan Jana (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-11-2025. Tapan Kumar Jana (Old Name) and Tapan Jana (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Ramananand, Ramanananda Karuvan Shangunni (Old Name) S/o Thangappan K S Residing at 419B, Diamond Harbour Road, Sakher Bazar, P.O - Barisha, P.s - Thakurpukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700008, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ramananand K S (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-11-2025. Ramananand, Ramanananda Karuvan Shangunni (Old Name) & Ramananand K S (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Majibar Dafader (Old Name) S/o Gopal Dafadar Residing at Umarpur Paschimpara, Kumari Ramnagar, Hanskhali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Majid Dafadar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 64/2025 Dated 04-11-2025. Majibar Dafader (Old Name) and Majid Dafadar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Amjad Dafader (Old Name) S/o Majid Dafadar Residing at Umarpur Paschimpara, Kumari Ramnagar, Hanskhali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amjed Dafadar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 65/2025 Dated 04-11-2025. Amjad Dafader (Old Name) and Amjed Dafadar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Soumitra Mandal s/o. Santosh Mandal, r/s.-Boyarbandha, Kaspu, Dist.-Nadia, WB-741160 declare that my daughter's actual name is Suhani Mandal & have changed my daughter's name in my Service Book as Suhani Mondal to Suhani Mandal, before the Executive Magistrate, Purbia Bardhaman & Affidavit No.-1528, Dtd. 14.10.2025. So, Suhani Mandal & Suhani Mondal both are the same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Md. Shamim Khan, S/o Md. Ismail, Resident- 38/1, Pikhana 1st lane, 2nd floor, P.S.- Golabari, District - Howrah, Pin- 711101, solemnly affirm and declare before The Ld. Executive Magistrate 1st Class at Howrah, vide recorded No. 16812/25, dated- 29/10/2025. That my actual and correct name is MD Shamim Khan. But due to inadvertency my name has been recorded as Shamim Khan in my son's educational certificate. That Md. Shamim Khan and Shamim Khan is the same and one identical person. Henceforth I shall be known as Md. Shamim Khan.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Hasiba Nasrin, daughter of Habibar Rahaman Mir, resident of vill - Bilandapur, P. S.P. O.- Magrahat, Block - Magrahat II, South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743355, hereby declare that there is a difference in spelling of my father's name appearing in my documents (HABIBUR RAHAMAN MIR) and in his own documents (HABIBAR RAHAMAN MIR) respectively. Affidavit sworn before the Ld 1st class magistrate, Alipore, dated 06/08/25(no.52311) that Both names refer to the same person. This declaration is made for record and clarification purposes.

## NAME CHANGE

I, LIPIKA PAL SARKAR, W/o Sanjit Pal, residing at B-15/101, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, hereby declare that an affidavit was sworn before the Court of Ld. A.C.J.M-II (1st Class), Kalyani, Nadia on 17/10/2025 affirming that my correct name is Lipika Pal Sarkar. My Aadhaar Card No. 7828 8893 1438 records my name as Lipika Pal Sarkar. My name has been wrongly recorded as Lipika Pal in my son Sovan Pal's Birth Certificate (Regn. No. 305, dated 19/11/2007). Both names, LIPIKA PAL and LIPIKA PAL SARKAR, refer to the same person i.e., myself. I am applying for correction of my name in my son's Birth Certificate accordingly.

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Sariful Islam S/O. Samsul Hoque of Vill.- Rasungani, P.O.- Chandmoni, P.S.- Ratua, Dist.- Malda do hereby solemnly declare before the Notary Public Chanchal court (Affidavit no.18, dt. 04/11/25), Malda that my father's name has been recorded as Samsul Hoque in my Aadhaar card no. 713863661959 & my father's aadhaar card no. 429019282749. My father's name has been wrongly recorded as Md. Samsul Hoque in my Passport no. M6653372. That Samsul Hoque and Md. Samsul Hoque is the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

ISK NAJMUL ALI, SO-SK Ayub ALI, residing at Vill: Bajuara, P.O. & P.S.: Keshpur, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, Pin: 721150. Do hereby Solemnly affirm and declare that my father's actual name is SK AYUB ALI which recorded in my Aadhaar card being 5392 8161 3687 and also my Madhyamik card being registration 7221-025842. But due to inadvertently my Birth Certificate being Registration No. 2574/MMCIV, dt.10.02.2007 where my father's name has been recorded SK SAKIR ALI instead of SK AYUB ALI. By an affidavit before the Ld. Judicial 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Pachim Medinipur that SK AYUB ALI & SK SAKIR ALI is the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Shibani Tikadar W/o Bablu Tikadar residing at Vill. Khidirpur colony, P.O. haripura, P.S. Hariharpara, Dist. Murshidabad, W.B. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual name as Shibani Tikadar and my daughter name as Punam Tikadar in my daughter Birth certificate, being certificate No. B/2023/1127001 date of issued on 06.10.2023. When my daughter Aadhar card issued being No. 9297 9614 3866. My daughter's name has been wrongly noted as Shibani Tikadar in place of Punam Tikadar. By an affidavit in the Court of S.D.E.M.(s) 1st Class at Berhampore, Murshidabad, W.B. on 29.09.2025 that Shibani Tikadar and Punam Tikadar is the same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Abdul Rejak Mollick, S/O- Abdul Hamid Mollick, residing at Vill- Pardups, P/S-Kalna, P/O-Dupsa, Dist- Purbia Bardhaman. That in my educational documents and school register my father's name has been recorded as Hamid Mollick & Ab Hamid Mallick which are incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class J.M at Purbia Bardhaman dt-04/11/2025 (No.5445) that Abdul Hamid Mollick & Hamid Mollick & Ab Hamid Mallick is same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Goutam Mitra on behalf of my father Late Swadesh Kumar Mitra, residing at Trayee Apartment, Barjibhaty, Chanditla, Hooghly - 712072, West Bengal, declare that his actual and correct name is Swadesh Kumar Mitra but inadvertently his name recorded in my Educational Certificate as Swadesh Kumar Mitra instead of Swadesh Kumar Mitra. Swadesh Mitra and Swadesh Kumar Mitra both are same and one identical person as sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Chinsurah, Hooghly vide affidavit No. 4453 dated 28/10/2025.

## Name Change

I, Ronita Dutta (old name) wife of Deepjojal Chakraborty, resides at 37/1, Rabindranagar, Dankuni, Hooghly - 712311, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranita Chakraborty (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, at Chinsurah, Hooghly, vide affidavit No. 4452 dated 28/10/2025. Ronita Dutta and Ranita Chakraborty both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Alak Kr Adak (Old Name) S/o Sambhu Nath Adak Residing at Naranga Dighi, Narangadighi, District - Paschim Medinipur, Pin - 721155 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Alak Adak (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 92/2025 Dated 04-11-2025. Alak Kr Adak (Old Name) and Alak Adak (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Serajul Ali Sekh alias Serajul Islam Sek(Old Name) S/o Sek Besej Residing at Bijayram Chak, Udaypur, District - East Midnapore, Pin - 721152 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Alak Adak (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 91/2025 Dated 04-11-2025. Serajul Ali Sekh, Serajul Islam Sek (Old Name) and Sek Serajul Islam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Saraj Kumar Haldar (Old Name) S/o Nabagour Haldar Residing at Opposite Panachay Office, Madarat Purbia Para, Barupur, Aghra, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743610, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Saroj Kumar Haldar (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kolkata vide affidavit 62 Dated 03-11-2025. Saraj Kumar Haldar (Old Name) and Saroj Kumar Haldar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Jayashree (Old Name) W/o Ramanand & K S Residing at 419B, Diamond Harbour Road, Sakher Bazar, P.o - Barisha, P.s - Thakurpukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700008, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Jayashree Ramanand (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-11-2025. Jayashree (Old Name) and Jayashree Ramanand (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Sanjoy Kr. Shaw (Old Name) S/o Late Lalchand Shaw Residing at 24A, Nabin Sarkar Lane, Po - Bagbazar, P.s - Shyampukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700003, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sanjoy Shaw (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Howrah vide affidavit Dated 11-09-2025. Sanjoy Kr. Shaw (Old Name) and Sanjoy Shaw (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Parna Mitra (Old Name) W/o Asim Aditya Residing at Dulliya, Po - Dulliya, P.s - Sankrail, District - Howrah, Pin - 711302, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Parna Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-11-2025. Parna Mitra (Old Name) and Parna Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## GST reforms to help India's growth: IMF



**MI News Service, New Delhi:** India's economy is projected to expand at a healthy pace of 6.6 per cent this year (FY26), up from 6.5 per cent in 2024 (FY25) -- owing to strong Q2 growth and GST 2.0 reforms, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in its latest regional economic outlook report for Asia. The forecast for India has improved since April 2025 as strong Q2 growth and the goods and services tax (GST) reform are expected to outweigh the negative effects of higher US tariffs on demand for Indian goods.

India's growth is expected to moderate to 6.2 per cent in 2026, according to the IMF report. "Economies in the Asia-Pacific region have been resilient in 2025, posting stronger-than-expected economic growth in the first half of the year amid external and domestic challenges. Nevertheless, higher US tariffs and increasing protectionism will likely reduce demand for Asian exports and eventually weigh on growth in the near-term," said the IMF.

China's growth is expected to moderate to 4.8 per cent in 2025, from 5.0 per cent in 2024. "India will still expand at a healthy pace of 6.6 per cent this year, the most among major emerging economies," the

IMF noted. The latest IMF report further stated that higher US tariffs and increasing protectionism will likely reduce demand for Asian exports and eventually weigh on growth in the near-term.

"Amid these forces, policies should focus on increasing regional integration by reducing barriers to trade and investment, and boosting productivity growth with better financial intermediation and allocation of capital. Additional measures to support the services sector, mitigate the impact of population aging, and upgrade policy frameworks are critical for resilient and sustainable growth, and would help prepare for future shocks," the report suggested.

Growth in Asia is expected to hold broadly steady in 2025 and moderate noticeably in 2026, given building negative effects of higher US tariffs and headwinds to medium-term potential growth. "Reflecting the higher tariffs and higher trade policy uncertainty, GDP growth forecasts for most Asian countries in 2025 and 2026 are below those of October 2024 — China and India being notable exceptions," the IMF report noted.

The IMF projects Asia's economy to expand 4.5 per cent in 2025, slowing from 4.6 per cent last year but up 0.6 percentage point from its estimate in April, due to strong exports driven in part by front-loading of shipments ahead of higher US tariffs. Asia is projected to continue to contribute around 60 per cent of global growth in 2025 and 2026. Inflation is expected to stay soft in 2025 in most emerging markets and move closer to targets in 2026, said the IMF.

## Cancellation Of Durgapur – Asansol – Durgapur Memu For Non-Interlocking Work At Durgapur

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Nov.25 :** Due to pre non-interlocking/non-interlocking work at Durgapur in Barddhaman – Asansol section 63527/63528 Durgapur – Asansol – Durgapur MEMU will remain cancelled from 5.11.2025 to 12.11.2025.

## Grameen Score gets launched in India

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Grameen Score gets finally launched. Experian Credit Information Company of India, one of India's leading credit bureaus, has launched the Experian Grameen Score, a new credit scoring model designed to make access to formal credit easier for people in rural areas. The initiative aims to empower rural consumers by enabling Credit Institutions to gain a more accurate understanding of their repayment behaviour and overall financial well-being.

The new scoring system aligns with the Government of India's vision to expand financial inclusion and the Reserve Bank of India's directive to enhance credit access for underserved communities. It enables Credit Institutions to serve rural customers confidently and responsibly, supporting more families in their journey toward formal credit access.

The score uses data that reflects the financial patterns of rural life, such as repayment behaviour on small loans, the mix of credit products typically used in villages, and migration trends between rural and urban areas.

The score supports more accurate risk assessment and faster decision-making by lenders.

## Limited Height Subway Commissioned Between Sargachhi &amp; Berhampore Court Stations



**MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Nov.25 :** In a significant step towards enhancing safety and eliminating manned level crossings, Level Crossing Gate No. 124/E, located between Sargachhi and Berhampore Court stations under Sealdah Division, has been closed to road traffic with the simultaneous commissioning of Limited Height Subway (LHS) No. 124 on 03.11.2025.

The level crossing, having a Train Vehicle Units (TVU) of 83,916, served as a crucial link connecting Berhampore Town to NH-12, catering to a large volume of local commuters and road users.

The LHS project, for

which the box was inserted in January 2025, faced multiple challenges including bank slips and a high water table, which caused delays in the construction of the sump and approach roads. Despite these obstacles, the project has been successfully completed through the active coordination among local authorities and all departments concerned.

With the opening of LHS No. 124 to traffic and the closure of LC No. 124/E, Eastern Railway has taken another important step towards enhancing safety, reducing train delays and improving connectivity in the region.

## Metro To Run Saturday Services On Guru Nanak's Birthday

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Nov.25 :** Metro Railway will run Saturday Services in Blue Line and Green Line on the occasion of 'Guru Nanak's Birthday' i.e. on 05.11.2025 (Wednesday).

**BLUE LINE :** Metro will run 236 services (118 UP & 118 DN) on 05.11.2025 (Wednesday) instead of 272 services.

**First Service:** At 06:50 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram (No Change), At 06:54 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change), At 06:55 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar (No Change), At 06:55 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change).

**Last Service:** At 21:28 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change), At 21:33 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change), At 21:43 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum (No Change).

**GREEN LINE :** Metro will run 186 services (93 UP & 93 DN) on 05.11.2025 (Wednesday) instead of 226 services.

**First Service:** At 06:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change), At 06:32 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (Instead of 06:39 hrs.).

**Last Service:** At 21:45 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change), At 21:47 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No Change).

Normal services will be available on Yellow Line, Orange Line and Purple Line on that day.

## DRM Khurda Road Inspected Khurda Road-Kerjang (Angul) Railway Section

● **Focus on Safety and Infrastructure Reliability**

● **Review of Progress of 3rd & 4th Line Works & Industrial Sidings**

**MI News Service, New Delhi, 4 Nov.25 :** Divisional Railway Manager of East Coast Railway (ECoR) Khurda Road Division Shri Alok Tripathi conducted a Window Trailing Inspection between Khurda Road and Kerjang (Angul) Railway Section today, accompanied by Senior Divisional Officers.

The inspection was aimed at ensuring the safety, reliability and smooth flow of train operations over the section. During the inspection, the track and associated infrastructure were thoroughly examined. Various safety parameters were reviewed, including rail track geometry and alignment, crossings and turnouts, bridges, minor structures, signals, interlocking systems, drainage arrangements, protective

works and fencing/guarding.

Progress of the 3rd and 4th Line works in the Budhapank-Rajathgarh-Salegaon Section between Cuttack and Angul was also reviewed to ensure timely completion, augment line capacity and enhance operational efficiency for seamless train movement.

Shri Tripathi also inspected Tata Steel Limited (TSL) siding at Meramandali and Jindal Steel Plant Limited (JSPL) siding at Kerjang, Angul and discussed measures to improve freight movement and coordination with industrial stakeholders.

The inspection was conducted to ensure safe train movement, improved infrastructure reliability and to benefit general public, rail passengers and freight customers, contributing to the overall efficiency of the Khurda Road Division.

## Ticket Checking and Passenger Awareness Drive Conducted Across Malda Division During October 2025



● **Continuous Efforts to Ensure Ethical Travel Amid Ongoing Festive Season**

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Nov.25 :** Malda Division of Eastern Railway continues its efforts to promote disciplined, ethical, and passenger-friendly travel across its jurisdiction. Under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta and the supervision of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Malda, Miss Anjan, intensive ticket-checking drives and awareness campaigns were conducted throughout October 2025.

During the month of October, a total of

14,459 cases of ticketless travel and irregularities were detected, and approximately ₹81,34,580/- was collected as fines. These checks were carried out extensively at major stations and onboard trains by Commercial Inspectors, Ticket Checking Staff, and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel.

In view of the ongoing festive season, when passenger footfall remains significantly high, Malda Division has intensified its ticket-checking activities at crowded stations and onboard trains to ensure smooth boarding and an orderly travel experience. Alongside enforcement, the Division is also running awareness drives urging passengers to travel with valid tickets and avoid last-minute rush or overcrowding at booking counters.

Furthermore, special campaigns are being organized to educate passengers on digital ticketing facilities such as the RailOne App, UTS on Mobile App, and ATM machines to promote convenient, cashless, and hassle-free ticket booking.

Travelling without a valid ticket is a punishable offence under the Indian Railways Act. Malda Division appeals to all passengers to cooperate with the railway administration by purchasing valid tickets and supporting a fair, transparent, and inclusive travel environment.



Operation Khanpi

MI News Service, Imphal: In the early hours of 04 Nov 25, during an intelligence based operation, terrorists resorted to unprovoked firing on the Army column at Khanpi village, approximately 80 Km West of Churachandpur, Manipur. In the ensuing firefight between Security Forces and armed cadres of UKNA, a non-SOO insurgent group 04 cadres of the terrorist group were neutralised.

The operation is still in progress and search of the ad-joining areas is in prog.

This operation follows recent atrocities by UKNA cadres including killing of a village chief, intimidation of locals and attempts to disrupt peace and stability in the region. Successful neutralisation of these terrorists highlights the Indian Army and Assam Rifles commitment to protecting innocent civilians, mitigating all threats and ensuring peace and security in Manipur.

Regulation of Circular trains for “Deva Deepavali Utsab”

MI News Service, 4 Nov 2025, Kolkata: In anticipation of huge crowd gathering in and around Baja Kadamtala Ghat & Nimtala Ghat area for Deva Deepavali Utsab, Eastern Railways' Sealdah Division has planned to regulate the Circular Railway train services on 05.11.2025 as under:

Regulation on 05.11.2025

- 05 (Five) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30324, 30346, 30312, 30314 and 30122) will be short terminated at Kolkata Station and 05 (Five) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30333, 30331, 30311, 30111 and 30313) will be short originated from Kolkata station.
- 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30154) will be diverted & short terminated at Sealdah (North) station and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30123) will be short originated from Sealdah (North) station.
- 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30332) will be diverted via Kankurgachi

Road Jn-Ballygunge route to Majherhat and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30353) run via diverted route from Majherhat and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30135) will run via diverted route via Ballyguange.

- 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30711) will be short terminated at Ballygunge station and 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30552) will be short originated from Ballygunge station.
- 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30112) will be diverted and short terminated at Ballyguange and 01 (One) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30317) will be short originated from Ballygunge and run via Ballygunge Jn. – Kankurgachi Road.
- 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30416) will be short terminated at Majherhat and 01 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU locals (30451) will be short originated from Majherhat.

ECOR to run Kartik Purnima passenger special trains between Brahmapur and Puri

MI News Service, 4 Nov 2025, Puri: To manage the heavy rush of devotees traveling to Puri for the auspicious Kartik Purnima festival and the associated Boita Bandana rituals, East Coast Railway is operating Passenger special trains connecting Brahmapur and Puri, on 4th, 5th and 6th November.

The passenger special trains are being run to accommodate the surge of passengers and devotees visiting Puri for the holy occasion, including taking holy dips and participating in the rituals connected with Kartik Purnima.

The details of the special trains are as below:

Brahmapur-Puri-Brahmapur passenger specials (Train No.08417/18418)

1. Train No.08417, Brahmapur-Puri, passenger special will leave from Brahmapur at 20.35 hrs (8.35 PM) on 4th November (Tuesday) and will reach Puri at 01.30 hrs (1.30 AM) on 5th Nov.
2. Train No.08418, Puri

- Brahmapur passenger special will leave from Puri at the early morning 03.00 hrs (3 AM) on 5th November (Wednesday) and will reach Brahmapur at 7.15 hrs (7.15 AM) on the same day.

Puri-Brahmapur passenger special (Train No.08448)

3. Train No.08448, Puri-Brahmapur passenger special will leave from Puri at 5.00 hrs (5 AM) on 6th November (Thursday) and will reach Brahmapur at 9.30 hrs (9.30 AM) on the same day.

These passenger special trains will have stoppage at Jagannathpur, Chatrapur, Ganjam, Humma, Rambha, Khalikot, Chilika, Balugaon, Gangadharpur, Kuhuri, Kaluparghat, Bhusandpur, Nirakarpur, Tapang, Kaipadar, Haripurgram, Motori, Kanas Road, Delang, Biropurshottampur, sakhigopal and malatipattur, between Brahmapur and Puri, bypassing the Khurda Road junction.

ODISHA mulls Rs 50K Cr maritime push

MI News Service, Puri: Odisha unveiled its maritime ambitions and investment potential at India Maritime Week 2025, which began on Monday in Mumbai, signing memoranda of understanding worth ₹ 50,000 crore and outlining plans to expand its port capacity to 500 million tonnes by 2047.

Chief minister Mohan Charan Majhi, who attended the inaugural session alongside Union home minister Amit Shah, highlighted Kalinga's ancient maritime prowess, its enduring trade linkages and Odisha's modern vision for sustainable blue growth.

Emphasising Odisha's emergence as India's maritime hub on the eastern coast, Majhi said: "With Paradip, Dhamra, Gopalpur, and upcoming ports at Astaranga, Jatadhari Muhan, Subarnarekha and Bahuda, we are expanding our total port handling capacity to 500 million tonnes annually, supported by three major ship anchor points. The Bahuda Port, with an investment of ₹21,500 crore, and ₹24,700 crore towards the Shipbuilding and Repair Cluster, along with the Puri Cruise Terminal, will redefine Odisha's coastal economy and global trade links.

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE No. NIT/02/25/64 Dated: 03.11.2025.** Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, Fairlie Place, 2nd Floor, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items: **Sr. No.; Tender No.; Description & EMD** respectively: (1) **10251926;** Oil Cooling unit for Transformer with Aluminium Impeller and casing l; ₹ 1,49,740; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 25.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (2) **11251814;** Procurement of FOOT STEP ARRANGEMENT ETC.; ₹ 1,48,180; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 01.12.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (3) **15255031B;** Supply, Installation & commissioning of EOT Crane, Capacity 30/05 TON etc.; ₹ 1,52,000; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 27.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (4) **10251791;** Purchase of Gear Wheel 58 Teeth etc.; ₹ 1,47,940; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 20.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (5) **11251818;** PROCUREMENT OF TWO PIECE GLASS SHUTTER (FRP) ASSEMBLY ETC.; ₹ 1,26,360; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 27.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (6) **10251092;** OVERHAULING KIT FOR LEVELLING VALVE CONSISTING OF 13 ITEMS AS PER ATTACHED; ₹ 1,52,160; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 04.12.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (7) **10251087;** Lower Rubber Washer for Axle Box Guide Argnt. of MI Coach; ₹ 1,12,990; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 29.12.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (8) **15255125;** Supply, Installation and commissioning of EOT Crane Capacity: 13 Ton etc.; ₹ 1,26,840; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 17.12.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (9) **10252142A;** SPHERIBLOC FOR P77/G9 Loco; ₹ 12,54,430; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 20.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (10) **11251833;** Secondary Lateral Damper; ₹ 2,17,510; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 26.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (11) **11251150;** Procurement of Secondary Vertical Damper for LHB AC Coaches etc.; ₹ 4,91,970; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 25.11.2025, at 13:30 hrs.; (12) **11251548;** KNUCKLE; ₹ 1,60,700; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 24.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (13) **104255020;** Stop Brake Valve SBB-30BA SAE6 M16 653363 or Control Valve Block NG3 32Q600 DP30 Ident no. 653363/02 or COUNTERBAL VALVE BLOCK NG32 Q600 DP30 IDENT No. 653363/02, Make - MONTAN; ₹ 2,06,490; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 26.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (14) **11251010;** Procurement of WEARING PIECE FOR SIDE BEARER Etc.; ₹ 1,83,660; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 29.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs. (15) **10251002A;** Procurement of Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrode, Class-A2 (Rutile Type), Type of Coating : Medium as per Specification IRS-M-28/2020 and STR : RDSO MC STR W01 Rev-03, Code as per IS-814-2004 (R 2016), Size : 4 mm x 450 mm; ₹ 2,28,380; (16) **11251642;** Regulated Battery Charger etc.; ₹ 1,07,000; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 24.11.2025, at 13:30 hrs. for SL 15 & 16 each; (17) **11252623;** KNUCKLE; ₹ 5,53,920; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 26.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (18) **11255005B;** EOT CRANE Capacity 5T as per Specification no. ANNEXURE/EOTC/ ST/KPA; ₹ 1,41,400; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 25.11.2025, at 13:30 hrs.; (19) **11255407;** Running Contact for HVN Insulating Liner 66 to RDSO Drg No. T-3708; ₹ 20,00,000; **Tender Opening Date & Time:** 07.11.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (20) **11255227A;** Inj Luspaterecpt 25 mg Item Code No: M251033, AI 25-26; ₹ 0; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 04.11.2025, at 13:30 hrs. **Tender Cost :** ₹ 0 for Sr. No. 1 to 20 and note. **NOTE:** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenders are requested to submit their line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. STORES-46/2025-26

Tender Notice is also available at websites : [www.eir.indianrailways.gov.in/](http://www.eir.indianrailways.gov.in/) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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Sealdah Division Organizes Safety Seminar on Winter and Fog Precautions

MI News Service, 4 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway held a comprehensive safety seminar "Precaution during Winter Season" on 03.11.2025 at Manthan, Sealdah. The seminar, chaired by Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah along with ADRMs other Branch Officers (BOs) (Sr.DSO, Sr.DEN/C, Sr.DSTE, Sr.DEE/TRD, Sr.DOM, and Sr.DEE/OP). The discussions involved detailed interactions between the BOs and the staff on crucial safety aspects related to various department and brought together over 170 staff members including Senior Supervisors, Traffic Inspectors (TIs), Station Masters (SMs), Loco Pilot Passenger (LPP), Assistant Loco Pilot (ALP), Track Maintainers (TM), and Maintainers for an interactive session. The main goal of this comprehensive session was to ensure train operations remain smooth and safe despite reduced visibility on winter and foggy conditions.



train passage despite dense fog, the Sealdah Division specially focusing on Signal Visibility. This involves ensuring that every Loco Pilot has a clear and immediate view of necessary guidance points by checking that all existing signal lights are operating at peak brightness, often through the use of modern LED signals. Furthermore, critical warning markers like Signal Sighting Boards and W/L Boards are being inspected and maintained—including checking luminous paints and strips—to ensure they are perfectly positioned and reflective, confirming that drivers are given ample warning and adherence to safety visibility standards are met even when the fog rolls in thick.

- Safer Level Crossings: Extra precautions are being taken at Level Crossings (LC) gates. Staff are focusing on make sure barriers are highly visible with retro-reflective tapes and clear markings, level crossing gates are either painted or provided with yellow/black luminous strips, hooters are working properly so motorists and pedestrians are warned clearly, even in dense fog.
- Protecting the Tracks: The maintenance of the railway tracks themselves is critically important, especially as the winter season brings colder temperatures that can cause

tracks to become brittle and potentially crack. Deployment of Petrol-man during 22:00hrs to 06:00hrs on each day for special monitoring of track to avoid the adverse impact of rail, weld fracture. They are equipped with GPS tracker and wear retro-reflective jackets with a three set torch. They regularly inspect four KM in single line section and two KM in double line section in their assigned beat. Their movement is monitored through GPS tracker and ambush check by Officers for safe train movement.

- For alerting Loco Pilots by placement of detonators, Fog signal posts are erected/ marked.
- Speed restrictions during Fog

In this context DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena stated that, safety is our paramount concern, especially as we approach the challenging winter season with dense fog. This seminar was a vital platform to pro-actively review and reinforce our operating procedures. I commend the dedication of our staff members who attended, and it is their vigilance and adherence to protocols that will ensure the continued safe movement of trains for our passengers and freight.

Unjustified alarm chain pulling causes train delays – Eastern Railway urges passengers to act responsibly

MI News Service, 4 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Eastern Railway has observed a growing number of incidents involving the improper pulling of alarm chains by passengers in non-emergency situations. Such misuse is disrupting train schedules and causing inconvenience to hundreds of other travellers. Despite continuous awareness campaigns and enforcement measures, a section of passengers continues to misuse this vital safety mechanism, defeating its intended purpose.

The alarm chain is designed to be used strictly in genuine emergencies—such as medical crises, accidents, or immediate safety threats. Unfortunately, in many cases, passengers pull the chain for reasons such

as waiting for companions or attempting to disembark at unscheduled stations—actions that are both unsafe and illegal.

Remember! The alarm chain is not a fancy. There is no reason to get inspired from various popular movies where heroes pull alarm chain or stop the train to pick up the fiancé. This act may bring sensual pleasure to those who are watching in silver screen but the practice in reality will induct punishment for unnecessary pulling of alarm chain which may result in fine or even imprisonment.

Eastern Railway urges all passengers to act responsibly and refrain from misusing the alarm chain. Such acts not only delay trains but also compromise the safety and comfort of

fellow passengers.

From 1st January to 31st October 2025, a total of 3,839 cases of alarm chain pulling were recorded across the four divisions of Eastern Railway, resulting in the apprehension of 3,651 offenders. Division-wise figures are as follows:

- Asansol Division: 1,223 cases; 1,191 passengers apprehended
- Malda Division: 1,278 cases; 1,250 passengers apprehended
- Howrah Division: 1,159 cases; 1,032 passengers apprehended
- Sealdah Division: 179 cases; 178 passengers apprehended

These incidents have caused significant delays to Mail/Express and Passenger trains,

affecting not only passengers' travel plans but also the transport of essential goods. Such delays often result in passengers missing medical appointments, job interviews, or examinations.

In October 2025 alone, a total of 98 long-distance Mail/ Express trains lost punctuality due to alarm chain pulling—37 in Asansol Division, 31 in Malda Division, and 27 in Howrah Division.

Eastern Railway once again appeals to passengers to use the alarm chain only in genuine emergencies. Misuse of the Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP) mechanism is a punishable offence under the Railway Act, and strict action is being taken against violators.

CAB celebrates women's CWC victory with Eden illumination

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) proudly celebrated the historic victory of Team India at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 with a spectacular decorative display at the iconic Eden Gardens. The vibrant illumination and specially designed backdrop honouring the Indian women's cricket team created a dazzling spectacle,

drawing admiration from cricket fans across the city.

The front façade of the stadium was adorned with striking visuals of the victorious Indian team, bathed in radiant blue lights to reflect the spirit of pride and achievement. The decoration stood as a tribute to the women's team's remarkable performance, which brought immense glory to the nation and

inspired millions of aspiring cricketers.

Speaking to the media, Sourav Ganguly, Former Indian Cricketer and President of CAB, said, "As the home of cricket in Bengal, we wanted to celebrate their success and express our heartfelt congratulations through this special tribute. Twenty years ago, when women's cricket struggled due to lack of infrastruc-

ture, not many were confident about its future. Kudos to all the women who fought hard to take the game to the next level. When I became the BCCI President, I was thrilled to work towards the upliftment of women's cricket and did my best to strengthen its foundation. Winning the 50-over World Cup is just the beginning - women's cricket will go even bigger from here."

Film shooting resumes in Kashmir after 6-Month gap

MI News Service, Srinagar: Film shooting has resumed in Kashmir six months after the

**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**  
For and on behalf of President of India, the Chief Engineer (CON)/I/Gandea Reach invites e-tender for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The tender will be closed at 12:00 hrs. on due date: **e-Tender Notice No.: 4586-GRC-CE-C-IL-19-2025: Brief Description of Works :** Yard Remodelling of Sini and Kandra Station in connection with proposed 3rd & 4th line between Sini-Kandra Station in Chakradharpur Division of S. E. Railway; **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 74.27 Crore; **Bid Security :** ₹ 38,63,700.00; **Completion period:** 24 months; **Closing Date :** 27.11.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB:** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) to participate in all other tenders." (PR-803)

Pahalgam terror attack that killed at least 26 people, according to media reports.

The cast and crew of an upcoming Telugu comedy film have begun filming at the Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, the same place where the terror attack took place on April 22.

The film is being directed by Vimal Krishna, known for films such as Jessie and Ladies & Gentlemen.

In a statement, Krishna told reporters that Kashmir is safe for visitors and film shootings.

"I want to thank every Kashmiri. We are the first

people to come here for shooting. I can say that it is 100 per cent safe. We feel totally safe. I hope in the coming days, more tourists come here," Krishna said.

The filmmaker said that he was searching for a beautiful location for the film and Kashmir was the perfect place.

"I thought, why not Kashmir? Right now it is completely safe. We came for a recce in July and did not find any problem. We have been treated very well by the government, the security forces and especially locals who have treated us like their family members," he added.

KARNATAKA to set up 70 EV charging stations

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Karnataka's energy department has announced plans to set up 70 EV charging stations for electric vehicles along national and state highways to make long-distance travel in EVs more convenient across the state.

The plan is to be implemented through the department's state-run utility Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom).

According to officials from the department, these charging points will be placed along the Bengaluru-Belagavi National Highway (NH-48) and various toll plazas throughout Karnataka.

The project is a step in the

state's vision to develop an extensive electric vehicle corridor network.

The makers will continue to shoot in Srinagar after completing the Pahalgam schedule.

On April 22, terrorists opened fire at a well-known meadow near Pahalgam, killing 26 people — most of them tourists — in the deadliest assault the Baisaran Valley has witnessed since the 2019 Pulwama attack.

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NOTICE OF 146TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the 146th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Longview Tea Company Limited ("the Company") will be held on Friday, the 28th day November, 2025 at 4.30 p.m. through video conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice of the 146th AGM. In compliance with the General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022, 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and 09/2024 dated 19th September, 2024 ("MCA Circulars"), the Companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC / OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Hence, the 146th AGM of the Company is being held through VC / OAVM only. Members attending the 146th AGM through VC / OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. In accordance with the Circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2024-25 have been sent to all the Members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/ Depository Participants. Members may note that these documents are also available on the Company's website at [www.longviewtea.co.in](http://www.longviewtea.co.in) and the website of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).

1. In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Secretarial Standards- 2 issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India on General Meetings, the company is providing to its Members the facility of remote e-voting before the AGM and during the AGM in respect of the businesses to be transacted at the 146th AGM and for this purpose, the Company has appointed CDSL for facilitating voting through electronic means.
2. Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date, Friday, 21st November, 2025 may cast their vote electronically.
3. The remote e-voting period will commence on 25th November, 2025 at 9.00 a.m. and end on 27th November, 2025 at 5.00 p.m. No remote e-voting shall be allowed beyond the said date and time.
4. Any person who become Member after sending of the Notice of the 146th AGM and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 21st November, 2025 may obtain the User ID and Password by sending a request to CDSL at [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com). The procedure for obtaining the User ID and Password is also provided in the Notice of the 146th AGM.
5. Members attending the 146th AGM who have not cast their votes by remote e-voting shall be eligible to cast their vote through e-voting during the AGM. Members who have voted through remote e-voting shall participate at the 146th AGM through VC / OAVM, however, they shall not be eligible to vote at the AGM. Once the vote is cast on a resolution by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
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OFFICE OF THE COUNCILLORS OF TAHERPUR NOTIFIED AREA AUTHORITY

**E-Tender Notice**  
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# Doctors from Max Hospital, Vaishali, Perform Complex 'Limb-Saving Surgery' at Jharkhand Cancer Centre, Ranchi

**Ranchi:** A team of doctors from Max Super Speciality Hospital, Vaishali (Ghaziabad, Delhi-NCR) successfully performed a highly complex limb-saving reconstructive surgery on a 31-year-old patient from Jharkhand at the Jharkhand Cancer Centre, Ranchi.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, Dr. Vivek Verma, Orthopaedic Onco and Reconstructive Surgery specialist, said that patient Kunal Khanna was suffering from Recurrent Synovial Chondromatosis - a rare, progressive benign tumour affecting the knee joint. The condition had caused stiffness, chronic pain, and difficulty in movement.

Dr. Verma announced the launch of exclusive Orthopaedic Oncology and Joint Reconstructive Surgery OPD services at the Jharkhand Cancer Centre, in collaboration with Max Hospital. He will be available for consultations and follow-ups on the first Thursday of every month between 1 PM and 3 PM at the centre.

Highlighting the need for early diagnosis, Dr. Verma cautioned, "Bone and joint



pain or swelling should never be ignored. Early consultation with a specialist can prevent severe complications." Detailing the case, Dr. Verma said that Kunal's leg bones

had become misaligned, causing intense pain and restricted mobility. After consultation in Ranchi, he was advised to undergo an advanced limb-sparing reconstruc-

tive surgery at Max Hospital, Vaishali. The four-hour-long procedure was successful, and the patient is now able to walk comfortably.

Post-surgery, the patient underwent intensive physiotherapy at the hospital's Ortho Rehabilitation Unit. "Within a few days, Mr. Khanna regained the ability to walk independently and confidently after years of immobility," Dr. Verma added.

He further noted that such advanced limb-sparing reconstructive surgeries have revolutionised treatment outcomes for bone and soft tissue tumours. "By combining oncology principles with modern reconstructive techniques, we can now preserve the limb and restore its full functionality, eliminating the need for amputation in many cases," he said.

The hospital continues to play a pivotal role in orthopaedic oncology and reconstructive care, offering patients renewed hope and a chance to lead active, normal lives. The press conference was also attended by Dr. Kumar Saurabh, the patient, and his family members.

Waist-to-height ratio more accurate in predicting heart disease risk than BMI

New Delhi, Nov 4 (IANS) While obesity is a known risk factor for heart disease, a new study showed that the ratio of a person's waist measurement compared to their height is more reliable than body mass index (BMI) at predicting the risk.

The finding, published in The Lancet Regional Health Americas, could reshape how clinicians and the public assess cardiovascular risk, especially for people who don't meet the classic definition of obesity.

"Higher BMI, waist circumference, and waist-to-height ratio at baseline were all associated with higher risk of developing future cardiovascular disease -- until we adjusted for other classic risk factors, such as age, sex, smoking, exercise, diabetes, hypertension, and cholesterol," said lead author Thiago Bosco Mendes, from the University of Pittsburgh, US

"When we did that, only waist-to-height ratio held as a predictor," Mendes said.

Researchers analysed data from 2,721 adults who had no cardiovascular disease at baseline and were followed for more than five years.

Much of that predictive power is concentrated among individuals with a BMI under 30, which is below the classic threshold for obesity, who may not realise they are at risk for cardiovascular disease.

BMI doesn't account for fat distribution or distinguish between harmful, visceral fat and protective, subcutaneous fat.

By contrast, waist-to-height ratio (WHtR), calculated by dividing waist circumference by height, directly reflects central obesity, which is more closely linked to heart disease.

That means that people with a BMI lower than 30, but a WHtR over 0.5, may be at higher risk of future coronary artery calcification, a key marker of cardiovascular disease, even in the absence of other risk factors, the study showed.

"Using waist-to-height ratio as a cardiovascular screening tool could lead to earlier identification and intervention for at-risk patients who might otherwise be missed," said senior author Marcio Bittencourt, Associate Professor of Medicine at Pitt.

"It's a simple and powerful way to spot heart disease risk early, even if a patient's weight,

## Tata Steel West Bokaro Inaugurates Quality Month with Focus on 'Customer Experience'

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**RAMGARH :** Tata Steel's West Bokaro Division launched the Quality Month today, underscoring the organisation's unwavering commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction. The inaugural ceremony, held at the General Manager's Office, was graced by Narendra Kumar Gupta, Chief, Quarry SE, West Bokaro Division, Tata Steel, as the chief guest.

The auspicious event commenced with the ceremonial unfurling of the quality flag, followed by a collective pledge. This year's Quality Month is centered around the theme, "Quality of Customer Experience: Every Interaction Matters."

A comprehensive calendar of engaging activities has been rolled out for the month, designed to sensitise and engage with employees, particularly those on the shopfloor. These initiatives



include small group improvement activities, a suggestion mela, knowledge-sharing sessions, a quiz, a 1-minute video contest, and a vendor panel discussion. Best Department for Driving Daily

Management and Showcasing Strong Employee Engagement will be recognised.

Addressing the gathering, Narendra Kumar Gupta stated that Quality Month serves to reaffirm our commitment to quality across all facets of our business. It underscores company's dedication to excellence, continuous improvement, and ultimately, customer satisfaction. Tata Steel's enduring legacy is a testament to the quality with which its operate, and are determined to maintain this standard. Through engagement activities, it aims to sensitise and engage employees, which in turn will significantly enhance the business processes and deliver an even better customer experience.

The Quality Month reflects Tata Steel proactive approach to fostering a culture where every employee contributes to delivering superior quality and an exceptional customer journey.

## The goal is to create a drug-free society: Kavita Kumari Khati

**Ranchi:** On the instructions of the Honorable JHALSA, under the guidance of the Honorable Justice Commissioner-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi, and under the direction of the DALSA Secretary, the DALSA team organized a legal awareness program on the schemes run by Honorable NALSA, namely, Don, Asha, Jagriti, Samvad, and Saathi, at the Khukhara Panchayat Bhawan in Beddo block. Deputy LADC Kavita Kumari Khati, PLV Sadhni Kumari, Satish Kumar, Amit Badaik, Dinesh Pramanik, Mangal Tirkey, Sat Prakash Kumar, Sanjay Hazam, and Raja Verma, along with the Panchayat Bhawan staff, were present on the occasion.

Deputy LADC Kavita Kumari Khati focused on drug abuse and drug misuse, and the dangers they pose. Focusing on the Saathi scheme, she said that the objective is to bring destitute children into the mainstream by establishing their Aadhaar identification. Under the Asha Abhiyan, villagers were informed about the services provided by the District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi. Under the Samvad scheme, she focused on the rights afforded to tribals, while also providing information about the Jagriti scheme.



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Focusing on the NALSA scheme, Don, she stated that drug abuse causes financial and health losses. Mrs. Khati also focused on the NDPS Act.

PLV Satish Kumar said that DALSA, Ranchi, periodically organizes awareness programs on drug eradication and street corner events. Our aim is to wean youth and children away from drug abuse and build a drug-free society. PLV Amit Baraik and Dinesh Pramanik focused on the holistic development of street chil-

dren and protecting them from the dangers of drug abuse. He said that if any children are seen using drugs on the roadside, please identify them and inform us.

DALSA will make every effort to bring drug addicted children into the mainstream. Finally, all PLVs provided information about the Special Lok Adalat to be held on November 29th and the National Lok Adalat to be held on December 13th, and pamphlets and leaflets were also distributed.

## IIT Bombay researchers study hidden blood markers to spot diabetes risk

**New Delhi :** Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay have studied hidden blood markers to find diabetes risk, paving the way for early detection and more personalised treatments. India is often called the diabetes capital of the world, with an estimated 101 million adults currently living with the condition and another 136 million at risk with prediabetes.

Current tests like fasting blood glucose, HbA1c, capture only a fraction of the complexity biochemical disruptions underlying the disease and cannot always predict who faces the greatest risk. The team from IIT Bombay used metabolomics -- the study of small molecules in the blood -- to find biochemical patterns that could help identify patients at risk of diabetes. Metabolites are tiny molecules present in the body that reflect the ongoing activity in cells. By analysing them, hidden shifts in body chemistry that precede clinical symptoms can be detected.

"Type 2 diabetes is not just about high blood sugar. It disrupts amino acids, fats, and other pathways in the body. Standard tests often miss this hidden activity, which may often begin years before the onset of clinical symptoms," said Sneha Rana, doctoral scholar from IIT B. For the study, published in the Journal of Proteome Research, the team collected whole blood samples from 52 volunteers at Osmania

General Hospital in Hyderabad between June 2021 and July 2022. The participants included 15 healthy controls, 23 patients with type 2 diabetes, and 14 patients with diabetic kidney disease (DKD). Using two complementary techniques -- liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) -- the team scanned for nearly 300 metabolites. They found 26 metabolites that differed between diabetic patients and healthy controls. Some were expected, such as glucose, cholesterol, and 1,5-anhydroglucitol (a short-term marker of blood sugar). But others, like valerobetaine, ribothymidine, and fructosyl-pyroglutamate, had not been linked to diabetes before.

"This suggests that diabetes is a much broader metabolic disorder beyond just glucose dysregulation," said Prof. Pramod Wangikar from the varsity.

The team found that biochemical patterns could also help identify diabetic patients at risk of kidney complications.

When comparing patients with kidney disease to the other groups, the team identified seven metabolites that steadily increased from healthy to diabetic kidney disease patients.

These included sugar alcohols like arabitrol and myo-inositol, as well as ribothymidine and a toxin-like compound called 2PY, which accumulates when the kidneys are damaged.

## Hydrogen may replace natural gas in India in 5 to 10 years: Top official

**New Delhi :** With hydrogen prices declining faster than anticipated, India could see hydrogen become a viable alternative to natural gas within the next five to ten years, making this route central to our decarbonisation and global competitiveness goals, a top Government official said on Tuesday.

Addressing the CII Steel Summit 2025 here, Union Steel Secretary Sandeep Poundrik said: "The DRI (Direct Reduced Iron) plus Hydrogen route offers a promising pathway for green steel production." He highlighted that there are significant opportunities for investments in the steel industry, driven by growing needs from sectors such as defence, space, automotive and power - all of which are expanding rapidly and increasing demand for high-grade steel products. Poundrik said that with consistent growth in consumption and capacity, along with rising opportunities from specialty steel and green steel, India is on its way to achieving the target of 500 million tonnes by 2047.

"Aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat, our target is to reach 500 million tonnes steel-making capacity by 2047. At the current pace, we would be adding around 100 million tonnes every five to seven years, positioning India to not only meet domestic demand but also emerge as a global leader in sustainable steel production," he said. The Steel Secretary pointed out that there is a misconception that India's steel industry is driven only by a few large producers. In fact, nearly 47 per cent of the steel in the country is produced by around 2,200 medium and small enterprises. These players form the backbone of India's distributed and resilient steel ecosystem, he noted.

"There is a strong need for India to achieve self-reliance in the steel sector, given its strategic significance. The Ministry of Steel is working closely with the Ministry of Coal to increase the share of domestic coking coal in steelmaking, ensuring greater self-reliance and security in raw material supply. The government is also taking proactive measures to ensure that cheap and substandard steel does not flood the Indian market," he added. He underlined that the government was creating a level playing field through Quality Control Orders (QCOs) to ensure that both domestic and foreign producers meet the same quality benchmarks. Tata Steel Ltd Executive Director and CII National Committee on Steel Co-Chairman Koushik Chatterjee highlighted that steel forms the backbone of India's industrial transformation and national resilience. As the foundation for construction, transport, energy, and manufacturing, the sector will be pivotal in shaping world-class infrastructure, modern cities, and sustainable growth. Emphasising India's demographic advantage and the structural reforms like GST 2.0 fueling new consumption opportunities, JSW Steel Ltd Joint Managing Director & CEO and CII National Committee on Steel Co-Chairman Jayant Acharya noted that rapid urbanisation, a growing middle class, and rising discretionary spending are creating strong demand prospects for the steel industry.

## Multidisciplinary study finds estrogen could aid in therapies for progressive multiple sclerosis

**Texas [US] :** About 100,000 of the estimated million persons in the United States with multiple sclerosis (MS) have a progressive form of the disease, with symptoms worsening over time or following periods of remission. "Progressive MS is profoundly challenging because it is relentless and treatment options are limited," said Francisco P. Gomez, a neurologist who specializes in MS and neuroimmunology. MS is believed to occur when the immune system attacks the myelin sheath -- the protective coating of the nerve fibers that transmit electrical impulses throughout the body -- and disrupt this communication. The disease occurs more often in women, older people and those in northern latitudes. Symptoms include fatigue, numbness or tingling, bladder and bowel problems and cognitive issues, but difficulty walking and balancing are the most common symptoms -- and these are more pronounced in the progressive form of the disease. In addition, the progressive form is more prevalent among Black patients. Now, Gomez and colleagues with the Texas A&M University Health Science Center (Texas A&M Health) have identified two estrogens that show promise in reducing the symptoms of progressive MS: estradiol and estriol. For their study, published in the Journal of Neuroimmunology, the team evaluated estriol and estradiol as possible treatment protocols through a study that used a virus to mimic progressive MS. "Testing potential therapies by using virus models of the disease is important because we recently learned that the Epstein-Barr virus contributes to the formation and development of MS by triggering an autoimmune response in susceptible individuals.

**Houston [US] :** New research from Houston Methodist reveals how obesity may directly drive Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists discovered that tiny messengers released by fat tissue, called extracellular vesicles, can carry harmful signals that accelerate the buildup of amyloid-b plaques in the brain.

These vesicles even cross the blood-brain barrier, making them powerful but dangerous connectors between body fat and brain health.

The study, "Decoding Adipose-Brain Crosstalk: Distinct Lipid Cargo in Human Adipose-Derived Extracellular Vesicles Modulates Amyloid Aggregation in Alzheimer's Disease," was published on October 2 in Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

It explores the link between obesity, which affects about 40% of the U.S. population, and the dreaded neurodegenerative disease affecting more than 7 million people in the U.S.

The research was led by Stephen Wong, Ph.D., the John S. Dunn Presidential Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Engineering . Alongside Wong, Li Yang,



Ph.D., a research associate at Houston Methodist, and Jianting Sheng, Ph.D., an assistant research professor of computational biology and mathematics in radiology at the Houston Methodist Academic Institute, provided leadership in experimental design and cross-institution coordination. "As recent studies have underscored, obesity is now recognised as the top

modifiable risk factor for dementia in the United States," said Wong, corresponding author and director of T. T. & W. F. Chao Centre for BRAIN at Houston Methodist.

The researchers found that the lipid cargo of these cell messengers differs between people with obesity and lean individuals, and that the presence and levels of specific lipids that differed between the

groups changed how quickly amyloid-b clumped together in laboratory models.

Using mouse models and patient body fat samples, the researchers examined the vesicles, which are tiny, membrane-bound particles that travel throughout the body and act as messengers involved in cell-to-cell communication.

These minuscule communicators are also capable of crossing the blood-brain barrier. Targeting these tiny cell messengers and disrupting their communication, which leads to plaque formation, may help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease in people with obesity.

The researchers said future work should focus on how drug therapy could stop or slow the build-up of Alzheimer-related toxic proteins (such as amyloid-b) in at-risk individuals.

The research was coauthored by Michael Chan, Shaohua Qi, and Bill Chan from Houston Methodist; Dharti Shantaram, Xilal Rima, Eduardo Reategui, and Willa Hsueh from The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center; and Xianlin Han from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. (ANI)



# India sends 20 tonnes of relief material for Jamaica and Cuba after Hurricane Melissa

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** An Indian Air Force flight dispatched from India on Tuesday to deliver 20 tonnes of humanitarian aid for the hurricane-hit Jamaica and Cuba, External Affairs Minister (MEA) S Jaishankar said. Sharing the details in a post on X, the EAM said that the relief material includes AarogyaMaitri BHISHM Cube, rehabilitation support items, food & daily utilities, medicines, medical equipment, power generators, shelter support and hygiene kits.

"Despatched 20 tonnes each of HADR relief materials for Jamaica and Cuba in the aftermath of HurricaneMelissa. @IAF\_MCC flight carrying aid including AarogyaMaitri BHISHM Cube, rehabilitation support items, food & daily utilities, medicines, medical equipment, power generators,



shelter support and hygiene kits has departed from New Delhi today. India stands with our Global South partners in the face of such natural disasters and will assist our friends in recovery and reconstruction," he wrote.

Hurricane Melissa has left at least 50 people dead in the Caribbean as it finally moves away after devastating communities in Jamaica, Haiti, and Cuba, with au-

thorities warning that the death toll could rise further, Al Jazeera reported.

According to Al Jazeera, the hurricane struck Jamaica as a Category 5 storm on Tuesday, causing widespread destruction. More than 60 per cent of the island remains without power, and nearly half of the water systems are offline. Jamaica's Information Minister Dana Morris Dixon said

that while 19 deaths have been confirmed, credible reports suggest up to five additional fatalities may be identified.

Cuba reported no deaths as of Friday but faced severe flooding after more than 735,000 people were evacuated from the eastern part of the island. The Cauto River overflowed, forcing emergency workers to conduct rescues using boats and military vehicles in waist-deep floodwaters. Some areas received up to 380mm (15 inches) of rainfall, as reported by Al Jazeera. Experts have said that Hurricane Melissa, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the region, was made four times more likely by human-induced climate change, according to a study by Imperial College London, as reported by Al Jazeera.

## Jaishankar backs Gaza Peace Plan, urges "durable and lasting solution" in talks with Israeli FM



**MI News Service, New Delhi:** India has formally extended its support for the Gaza Peace Plan, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar expressing optimism that the initiative will help establish a "durable and lasting solution" in the region.

Jaishankar made the remarks during a high-level meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar in New Delhi, where both sides discussed ongoing developments in West Asia amid growing international attention on the Gaza crisis.

During the interaction, Jaishankar said, "We have been following developments in your region with very close attention. We welcome the return of the hostages and the remains of those who, unfortunately, lost their lives."

Reaffirming India's position on peace and stability in the region, he added, "India supports the Gaza Peace Plan and hopes that it paves the way for a durable and lasting solution."

The meeting took place at a pivotal moment in regional diplomacy, as global efforts intensify to address the humanitarian and security challenges in Gaza. Jaishankar's remarks also followed his

statement a day earlier at the 5th India-Bahrain High Joint Commission meeting in New Delhi, where he reiterated India's support for the peace initiative and emphasised the need for lasting regional stability.

These developments come three weeks after the announcement of a US-brokered ceasefire on October 10, 2025, which initially generated cautious optimism following two years of intense conflict triggered by Hamas's October 7 attack and Israel's large-scale retaliation. However, despite the ceasefire being hailed as a breakthrough, the situation in Gaza continues to fluctuate between hope and uncertainty.

The truce was based on US President Donald Trump's 20-point peace framework, which aimed to provide a comprehensive roadmap for ending hostilities and initiating long-term reconciliation. Yet, the plan's implementation has encountered serious challenges, reflecting the fragile nature of the ceasefire and the deep-rooted mistrust that continues to define relations between the parties involved.

Tensions further escalated in September, when Israel allegedly attempted to assassinate Hamas negotiators in Qatar while they were considering an earlier US ceasefire proposal. Although the operation failed, it triggered a diplomatic crisis across the Gulf and raised questions about Washington's credibility as a neutral mediator.

In an effort to rebuild confidence and revive the peace process, Trump later unveiled the 20-point Gaza Peace Plan, a detailed framework outlining steps for de-escalation, the exchange of hostages, transitional governance, and long-term stabilization in the region.

## Canada, Pakistan agree to boost canola trade and investment ties

**MI News Service, Islamabad:** Canada and Pakistan have agreed to facilitate the export of canola to Pakistan, the two countries announced in a joint statement issued late on Monday. The announcement comes as Canada seeks new markets for its canola after China imposed preliminary anti-dumping duties on Canadian imports in August. This followed Canada's move last year to levy a 100 per cent tariff on Chinese electric vehicles. According to the Pakistan-Canada joint statement, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishag Dar held a phone conversation with Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand on October 30, "reaffirming the strong and enduring ties between Pakistan and Canada and em-

phasising the importance of deepening cooperation in areas of mutual interest."

"Pakistan and Canada agreed to facilitate the export of Canadian canola to Pakistan, recognising the significant potential of Pakistan's expanding market for this Canadian commodity," the statement said. It added that both sides had acknowledged the benefits of renewed trade in the agricultural sector. The statement also highlighted the successful completion of the first round of negotiations toward a Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement. It said that the talks, led by Pakistan's Minister for Investment Kaiser Ahmed Sheikh and Canadian Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu, re-

flected "both countries' dedication to fostering a stable and transparent investment environment." "Both sides also expressed keen interest in expanding bilateral cooperation on energy security and critical minerals, recognising the strong and growing role of Canadian companies in achieving Pakistan's ambitious mineral development goals and harnessing its clean energy potential," the statement added. The ministers further looked ahead to the upcoming sixth round of bilateral consultations. The meeting would serve as a platform to "advance shared priorities, reinforce government-to-government and private sector linkages, and explore new avenues for strategic collaboration."

## People in Bangladesh urge political stability, stronger ties with India

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** Bangladeshis expressed mixed reactions to the upcoming elections amid concerns over the law and order situation. Although the people have welcomed the initiative of the interim government to hold elections in mid-February, some fear that keeping the Awami League out of the electoral process could cause one-third of the people to be out of scope. Activities of BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, and NCP are widely visible in the run-up to the elections. "Regarding upcoming elections, I want to see it positively. Internal and external forces are working. The political parties are also working to get a good election", Abu NaserMainul Hossain, a private company employee in Dhaka, told ANI.

"Political situation is not bad, alright now. Security is a concern. But improving day by day. So, I am hopeful and positive that the upcoming election will send a



good message to the world," he added.

The BNP has already announced its party nominations for most of the parliamentary seats it will contest in the upcoming elections. "I have a mixed opinion. If you look at the previous culture, some leaders and parties should come out a bit more. In some cases, choosing the right persons in certain areas should be more responsible. I have doubts on this issue", Mainul said, in reply to a question about BNP's nominations.

Whether the election will be inclusive, keeping Awami League out of Bangladesh's Election process, he said, "It is a tough question. Awami League is a very big force. If we discontinue them, one-third of the people would be excluded from the political scope. This is complex right now. Everyone should talk, because they are also a real force" However, the young entrepreneurs fear that the political unrest could negatively impact Bangladesh's economy. They urge a stop to unrest and start coopera-

tion with countries, including neighbouring India.

"Any political unrest definitely affects the economy and threatens the entrepreneurs and start-ups as well. But I think this unrest should be stopped as soon as possible", MounotaAlam, a leader in the non-profit youth organisation, Junior Chamber International (JCI), told ANI. "Any kind of political unrest or disruption is not good for any country. I am definitely looking forward to the easiest way to get a visa from India", she added.

"India is a very big market. There are a lot of opportunities over there. Collaborating with such a neighbouring country is a massive opportunity for us to create different types of scopes. The young generation in our country is very creative. India is also doing very well in this sector. We will encourage collaboration for the next opportunities", said Mounota, also an athlete of Bangladesh.

## Pakistan inflation rises to 6.2 per cent as core prices surge again

**MI News Service, Islamabad:** Pakistan's inflation rate rose for the second consecutive month, reaching 6.2 per cent in October, driven by price hikes across multiple categories, particularly non-food and non-energy goods, signalling growing underlying inflationary pressures.

According to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Monday, the year-on-year surge aligned with both government and market projections. Authorities have linked the rise to supply disruptions caused by recent floods and the temporary closure of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, as reported by The Express Tribune. Urban inflation grew by 6 per cent compared to last year, while rural regions saw a sharper increase of 6.6 per cent, making inflation a renewed focal concern after several months of relative easing.

As cited by The Express Tribune, core inflation, a key metric that excludes volatile food and energy prices to assess long-term trends, also continued to climb. PBS figures reveal that core inflation in urban areas increased to 7.5 per cent from 7 per cent a month earlier, and in rural sectors rose to 8.4 per cent from the previous 7.8 per cent. These figures suggest that inflationary pres-



sure may persist in the coming months.

Recently, the World Bank revised Pakistan's inflation outlook for the current fiscal year to 7.2 per cent, slightly above the official target. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) had earlier cautioned that inflation would rise temporarily due to flood-related shocks before tapering off later in the fiscal year. Despite this, the central bank maintained its benchmark interest rate at 11per cent, significantly higher than the headline inflation level. Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb stated that interest rates were moving in the right direction and expressed hope for further reductions. The business community, however, has urged the government to

ease borrowing costs, arguing that there is ample room for rate cuts.

The Express Tribune further stated that the government has allocated PKR 8.2 trillion for interest payments this year, although Finance Secretary ImdadUllah Bosal expects actual spending to be lower, citing improved debt management. Meanwhile, the SBP has warned that the 4.2 per cent economic growth target for the year is likely to be missed. Food inflation also intensified, rising to 4.5 per cent in cities and 6.8 per cent in villages. Prices of non-perishable food items, which constitute nearly 30 per cent of the inflation basket, went up by 6.2 per cent on average, while perishable items grew by 1.7 per cent.

Border disruptions sent tomato prices soaring by 127 per cent, sugar increased by 35 per cent, and wheat and flour prices also jumped. In contrast, prices for onions and chicken fell sharply. Gas tariffs increased 23 per cent year-on-year, whereas electricity rates dropped by 16 per cent. Minister for Power SardarAwaisLeghari attributed the reduction in power tariffs, down by PKR 10.3 per unit from last year, to renegotiated energy contracts and improved efficiency.

## Festival Special Express Trains To Bengaluru- Train On Demand

**MI News Service, Bhubaneswar, 4 Nov.25 :** East Coast Railway is operating some special train services to Bengaluru, via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam, from various destinations over East Coast Railway, to clear the extra passenger rush during the festive season. These Trains On demand (TOD) will ease the passengers, to plan for the return journey after the ongoing festivals.

The details of special trains are as below:

1. Araku-Yelahanka-Araku TOD Special (Train No.08551/08552), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08551, Araku-Yelahanka festival Special Express, will depart from Araku at 12:00 hrs on 13th and 23rd November'2025 and will reach Yelahanka at 10.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Yelahanka-Araku Spl, Train No.08552, will depart from Yelahanka at 13.30 hrs (1.30 PM) on 14th and 24th November'2025 and will reach Araku at 14.30 hrs (2.30 PM) on the next day. 2. Araku-Yelahanka-Araku TOD Special (Train No. 08555/08556), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08555, Araku-Yelahanka festival Special Express, will depart from Araku at 12:00 hrs on 17th and 24th November'2025 and will reach Yelahanka at 10.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Yelahanka-Araku Spl, Train No.08556, will depart from Yelahanka at 14.00 hrs (2 PM) on 18th and 25th November'2025 and will reach Araku at 14.30 hrs (2.30 PM) on the next day. The major stoppages of above trains between Araku and Yelahanka are Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijayawada, Guntur, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. 3. Srikakulam Road-Bengaluru Cantonment- Srikakulam Road TOD Special (Train No.08553/08554), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08553, Srikakulam Road-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special Express, will depart from Srikakulam Road at 15:30 hrs (3.30 PM) on dt.21.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 14.45 hrs (2.45 PM) on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment- Srikakulam Road, Train No.08554, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 14.00 hrs (2 PM) on 24.11.2025 and will reach Srikakulam Road at 17.00 hrs (5 PM) on the next day. The major stoppages between Srikakulam and Bengaluru are Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijayawada, Guntur, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam, in both the directions. 4. Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru Cantonment- Bhubaneswar, TOD Special (Train No.08463/08464), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08463, Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special, will depart from Bhubaneswar at 06:15 hrs on dt.16.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 11.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment- Bhubaneswar, Train No.08464, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 05.30 hrs on 20.11.2025 and will reach Bhubaneswar at 10.15 hrs on the next day. The major stoppages between Bhubaneswar and Bengaluru are Khurda Road, Brahmapur, Palasa, Vizianagaram, Duvvada, Rajmundry, Vijayawada, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. 5. Sambalpur-Bengaluru Cantonment- Sambalpur, TOD Special (Train No.08335/08336), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08335, Sambalpur-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special, will depart from Sambalpur at 06:30 hrs on dt.20.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 11.15 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment- Sambalpur, Train No.08336, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 05.30 hrs on 24.11.2025 and will reach Sambalpur at 12.00 hrs on the next day. The major stoppages between Sambalpur and Bengaluru are Bolangir, Titlagarh, Rayagada, Vizianagaram, Duvvada, Vijayawada, Dharmavaram and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. 6. Cuttack-Bengaluru Cantonment- Cuttack, TOD Special (Train No.08445/08446), Via Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam. Train No. 08445, Cuttack-Bengaluru Cantonment, festival Special, will depart from Cuttack at 05:00 hrs on dt.21.11.2025 and will reach Bengaluru Cantonment at 10.45 hrs on the next day. In the return direction, Bengaluru Cantonment- Cuttack, Train No.08446, will depart from Bengaluru Cantonment at 05.30 hrs on 25.11.2025 and will reach Cuttack at 11.30 hrs on the next day.

## Record early voting surge boosts Zohran Mamdani's chances in New York City mayoral race

**MI News Service, New York:** New York City witnessed record-breaking voter enthusiasm during the latest election cycle, with more than 735,000 ballots cast during the nine days of early voting, Fox News reported. According to the New York City Board of Elections, Sunday alone saw a historic turnout of 151,212 early voters, the highest single-day total ever recorded in the city's history. Officials said this marks the largest early voting turnout for a non-presidential election year and is nearly four times higher than the early vote count during the 2021 mayoral race. Brooklyn led all boroughs in early voter turnout, followed by Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island, according to Fox News. Political observers said the record-setting participation underscores the heightened engagement among New Yorkers this election cycle.

## More Connectivity, More Convenience: Special Trains From Malda & Bhagalpur For Passengers' Ease

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Nov.25 :** Eastern Railway has taken the initiative to run special trains to accommodate the surge in passenger traffic during the festive season, ensuring convenient and comfortable travel for all. In view of the increased demand for travel, additional special trains are being operated in various directions across the country. These services will greatly facilitate passengers, particularly those returning to their workplaces after the festivities. **Special trains which are still available from Malda Town and Bhagalpur:**

- 04457 Bhagalpur – Anand Vihar special (via Jamalpur , Kiul) will leave Bhagalpur at 18:00 hrs. daily till 30.11.2025. The train will have General Second Class and Sleeper class accommodations.
- 04063 Bhagalpur – Delhi special (via Jamalpur , Kiul) will leave Bhagalpur at 13:40 hrs. on every Wednesday between 05.11.2025 & 26.11.2025. The train will have General Second Class and Sleeper class accommodations.
- 03435 Malda Town – Anand Vihar special (via Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Kiul)

will leave Malda Town at 09:30 hrs. on every Monday between 10.11.2025 & 24.11.2025. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper class and Air Conditioned accommodations.

- 09452 Bhagalpur – Gandhidham special (via Munger) will leave Bhagalpur at 05:00 hrs. on every Monday between 10.11.2025 & 24.11.2025. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper class and Air Conditioned accommodations.
- 03417 Malda Town – Udhna special (via Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Kiul) will leave Malda Town at 12:20 hrs. on 08.11.2025. The train will have General Second Class and Sleeper class accommodations.
- 03401 Bhagalpur – Lokmanya Tilak unreserved special (via Jamalpur , Kiul) will leave Bhagalpur at 05:00 hrs. on 07.11.2025. The train will have General Second accommodations.
- 03403 Bhagalpur – SMVB Bengaluru unreserved special (via Jamalpur, Kiul, Jhajha, Asansol, Bardhaman, Bhattanagar) will leave Bhagalpur at 22:30 hrs. on 07.11.2025. The train will have General Second accommodations.

## UKPNP denounces move to merge PoJK and PoGB into Pakistan, calls it "illegal occupation"

**MI News Service, Geneva:**

In a strong statement posted on social media platform X, Sardar Nasir Aziz Khan, Spokesperson of the United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP), voiced firm opposition to any move aimed at making Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) a province of Pakistan or merging it into the country's federal structure.

The statement said, "Both PoJK and Pakistan-occupied Gilgit Baltistan (PoGB) are historically and legally part of the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. These regions are not constitutional or legal parts of Pakistan. Any constitutional move or administrative attempt to merge PoJK or PoGB into Pak-

istan would be illegal."

The UKPNP spokesperson accused Pakistan of having "no legal authority over the State of Jammu and Kashmir."

He stated, "Pakistan has no legal authority over the State of Jammu and Kashmir. She invaded the State of Jammu and Kashmir on 22 October 1947. Pakistan has no right to unilaterally alter or determine the future of the territories under its control."

Calling for unity among Kashmiris, he urged all people of the region to "stand united against occupation, exploitation, and injustice" and appealed to the United Nations and the international community to help ensure PoJK's people's right to freedom.

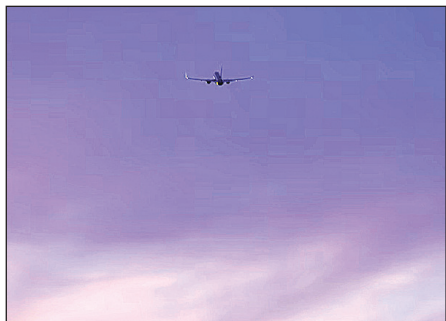
He added, "No one has

the right to abolish our history, culture, identity, values, or occupy our land and natural resources."

Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) came under Pakistan's control after its tribal militias, backed by the Pakistani army, invaded the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir on 22 October 1947, leading to the first Indo-Pak war.

The region remains under Pakistan's illegal occupation, divided into "Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir" and "Pakistan-occupied Gilgit Baltistan (PoGB)." Despite lacking constitutional rights or representation, the people face political suppression, censorship, forced disappearances, and restrictions on freedom of speech and movement.

## US shutdown deepens, flight delays mount as air traffic controllers skip work



We won't let people travel. We're not there at this point. It's just significant delays."

The shortages have disrupted air traffic across major hubs, including Chicago, Denver, Houston, and Newark, causing extensive ground delays. Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport has warned passengers that TSA checks could take up to three hours due to staff shortages. Keith Jeffries, vice president of K2 Security Screening Group and a former TSA federal security director at Los Angeles International Airport, told CNN that call-outs will likely continue.

"Call-outs will continue to rise in TSA, because those frontline employees are forced with making those decisions," he said. Mike McCormick, assistant professor of Air Traffic Management at Embry-Riddle University, told CNN that while there are safety concerns, controllers are handling the situation responsibly.

"If controllers were more reporting to work in such a condition that they could not be 100%, for their air traffic control duties, then, yes, that creates a risk of safety," he said. "From what I'm seeing across the system, controllers are recognizing their limitations, and they're not reporting to work, so that is actually helping to keep the system safe." Erik Hansen, senior vice president of government relations at the US Travel Association, said the shutdown is hurting the dependability of air travel.

"The challenge is that the system is never going to compromise safety, but we're absolutely compromising predictability and the ability of Americans to get to where they want to go on time," he said. Union leaders and airline executives have urged lawmakers to resolve the impasse. "Our message is simple, open the government, and it has to open now," Daniels said.



**RANJI Trophy**

# Jharkhand Crush Nagaland by an Innings and 196 Runs, Anukul Roy Stars with 13-Wicket Haul

**PC JHA**  
RANCHI: Jharkhand registered a commanding victory over Nagaland by an innings and 196 runs in their Ranji Trophy encounter at the JSCA International Stadium, Ranchi here on Tuesday. The home side dominated all departments of the game, securing full points from the contest.

After posting a mammoth total of 510 for 8 declared in their first innings, Jharkhand's spin duo once again proved too hot to handle for Nagaland's batting lineup. Resuming their second innings, Nagaland faltered against relentless spin pressure and were bundled out for just 160 runs before lunch on the final day.

For Nagaland, Jonathan Rongsen fought valiantly with a



well-compiled 50, while Hem Bahadur Chettri remained unbeaten on 33. However, the rest of the batting unit failed to put up any

meaningful resistance.

Anukul Roy continued his dream run in the match, claiming 5 wickets for 35 runs in the second

innings. Combined with his first-innings figures, Roy ended with an astonishing 13-wicket haul, earning him the Player of the Match award.

His precise control and sharp turn left the Nagaland batters completely outfoxed. Spinner Manishi also made a crucial impact, taking 4 wickets for 62 runs.

Earlier in the match, Jharkhand's dominance was set up by a record-breaking double century from Shikhar Mohan, who scored a brilliant 207 with 21 boundaries and three sixes. His efforts, coupled with valuable contributions from the middle order, helped Jharkhand post an insurmountable total.

With this emphatic win, Jharkhand not only secured maximum points but also sent a strong message to opponents in their Ranji Trophy campaign. The team's balance, particularly the form of their spin attack, bodes well for the matches ahead.

## Sir David Beckham receives knighthood at Windsor Castle

**BERKSHIRE** : Former England captain Sir David Beckham received a knighthood at Windsor Castle on Tuesday. The football star was honoured for his services to sport and charity.

Earlier this year, Sir David said he was "immensely proud" of being recognised in the King's Birthday Honours.

"I couldn't be prouder," said Beckham. "People know how patriotic I am - I love my country."

"I've always said how important the monarchy is to my family. I'm lucky enough to have travelled around the world, and all people want to talk to me about is our monarchy. It makes me proud."

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder earned 115 caps for England and captained the Three Lions for six years, from 2000 to 2006. He represented his country in three World Cups and two European Championships. He ended his career in the Major League Soccer. Beckham rose through Manchester United's academy in 1992 and spent 11 years with the senior team before making a GBP 25 million move to Real Madrid in 2003. After four seasons in Spain, he joined the LA Galaxy in Major League Soccer, where he also enjoyed two loan spells at AC Milan. He concluded his illustrious playing career with Paris Saint-Germain in 2013. Beyond football, Beckham's influence extends well off the field. Born in east London, he played a key role in helping London secure the 2012 Olympic Games. He has been associated with UNICEF since 2005, and in 2015, a special fund was created in his name to mark ten years of partnership with the organisation.

## Brazil recall Fabinho, Roque for friendlies, Neymar misses out

**RIO DE JANEIRO** : Brazil manager Carlo Ancelotti has named uncapped left-back Luciano Juba in his squad with Neymar Jr. missing out on the squad for friendlies against Senegal and Tunisia. Al-Itihad's defensive midfielder Fabinho and Palmeiras forward Vitor Roque were also recalled for the fixtures in England and France later this month.

Juba, 26, who is also able to play in central midfield, was rewarded for a series of impressive performances for Bahia in Brazil's Serie A this season. "He has a very important technical profile," Ancelotti told a news conference in Rio de Janeiro. "He has the ability to play inside, and he's been playing well with Bahia. He deserves this opportunity so that we can take a closer look at him."

Ancelotti praised 32-year-old former Liverpool player Fabinho, who last played for Brazil at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. He said he viewed Fabinho, who can also play as a right-back or central defender, as a possible backup for Manchester United's Casemiro. "We'd like to have an option that can fit with Casemiro's characteristics," the Italian said. "He has a different defensive profile to Casemiro, and also experience. He's a player who has played at a very high level in Europe."

Roque, whose only Brazil cap came in 2023, has scored 17 goals and provided five assists across all competitions for Palmeiras since his February move from Barcelona.

## Football: India U23 men to play friendly against Thailand

**NEW DELHI** : The Indian U23 men's team will travel to Bangkok to play a friendly match against Thailand U23 on November 15, during the upcoming FIFA international match window, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) informed here on Tuesday.

The Blue Colts will begin training in Kolkata on November 7 before departing for Thailand. The match will be played at the Thammasat Stadium in Pathum Thani on Saturday, November 15 at 15:30 IST.

India U23s have played six friendly matches earlier this season, travelling to Tajikistan in June to face the hosts and the Kyrgyz Republic, followed by two games against Iraq in Malaysia in August before the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers.

In the October window, the Blue Colts played two matches against Indonesia, winning 2-1 and drawing 1-1, the AIFF said on Tuesday.

The India U23 men's national team were held to a 1-1 draw by Indonesia in their second friendly at the Gelora Bung Karno Madya Stadium in Jakarta on October 13. After a goalless first half, Korou Singh Thingujam (47') put the Blue Colts in the lead, before Dony Tri Pamungkas (71') equalised for the hosts. India had earlier defeated the hosts 2-1 in the first match,



following which, head coach Naushad Moosa made six changes to his starting lineup.

Earlier, the India U23 men's team defeated Indonesia 2-1 in the first of two U23 international friendlies at the Gelora Bung Karno Madya Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia, on October 10, 2025.

All goals came in the first half, as Naushad Moosa's side raced to an early two-goal lead thanks to a superb brace from Suhail Ahmad Bhat (5' and 26') before Dony Tri Pamungkas pulled one back four

minutes before half-time. After another intensely fought second half that yielded no goals, the Blue Colts claimed a well-deserved win that underlined both their attacking prowess and defensive solidity.

**India U23 men's list of 25 probables for Thailand friendly:**

**Goalkeepers:** Dipesh Chauhan, Kamaluddeen A.K., Mohanraj K., Priyansh Dubey.

**Defenders:** Dippendu Biswas, Harsh Palande, Muhammed Saheef, Ricky Meetei Haoabam, Roshan Singh Thangiam,

Sanatomba Singh Yangleam, Sumit Sharma Brahmacharimayam.

**Midfielders:** Ayush Dev Chhetri, Lalrinliana Hnamte, Manglenhang Kipgen, Mohammed Aimen, Shivaldo Singh Chingangbam, Singamayam Shami, Vibin Mohanan, Vinith Venkatesh.

**Forwards:** Alan Saji, Korou Singh Thingujam, Mohammed Sanan, Parthib Gogoi, Pasang Dorjee Tamang, Thoi Singh Hudrom.

**Head coach:** Naushad Moosa

with a two-spot jump to the top position and a career-high rating of 814. Mandhana, who had held the No.1 spot throughout the tournament and was also named in the Team of the Tournament, now sits just behind Wolvaardt in second place with 811 rating points.

Despite the slip, Mandhana's consistent performances, including a string of match-defining innings that helped India lift their maiden Women's World Cup title, ensured she remains among the world's elite.

Australia's Ellyse Perry also broke into the top 10 after a knock of 77 in the semi-final, moving to joint seventh on 669 points, where she shares the spot with New Zealand's Sophie Devine, who recently announced her retirement from the format.

There was plenty to cheer for India beyond Mandhana's dominance. Jemimah Rodrigues' match-winning hundred against Australia in the semi-final in Navi Mumbai saw her enter the top 10 for the first time in her career. Young opener Phoebe Litchfield, too, made waves, climbing 13 spots to a career-best 13th (637) after her century in the same game.

In the bowling rankings, South Africa's Marizanne Kapp surged to second place after her devastating spell of 5 for 20 against England in the semi-final, closing in on England's Sophie Ecclestone for the top spot. Kapp now sits on a rating of 712, while Australia's Annabel Sutherland and Kim Garth made one-spot jumps to sixth and seventh, respectively. India's Shree Charani also made a significant leap, climbing seven spots to 23rd (511) after taking three crucial wickets across the knockout stages.

Meanwhile, World Cup Player of the Tournament Deepti Sharma continued her steady rise in the all-rounder rankings, moving up to fourth (392) after contributing seven wickets and 82 runs across the semi-final and final. She overtook Sutherland (388) in the process. South Africa's Nadine de Klerk also made gains, climbing two spots to 10th (262) following her three wickets in the closing stages of the competition.



## Wolvaardt dethrones Mandhana to become new ODI No.1 women's batter

**DUBAI** : Smriti Mandhana's reign at the top of the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings has come to an end, as South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has climbed to No.1 after a record-breaking Cricket World Cup campaign in India. Wolvaardt's sensational form throughout the tournament - highlighted by back-to-back centuries in the semi-final and final - powered her to the summit of the rankings.

The 25-year-old amassed a staggering 571 runs, the most ever scored in a single edition of the Women's World Cup, and her efforts were rewarded

## ECB announces men's central contract list for 2025-26

**NEW DELHI:** The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has revealed the revised Central Contract list for England men's international cricket. A total of 30 players have received England men's central contracts, which include 14 two-year central contracts, 12 annual central contracts, and four development contracts.

While 14 players have been awarded two-year contracts, 12 players received one-year contracts, and four were handed development contracts. Of these 30, six players, namely Sonny Baker, Jacob Bethell, Liam Dawson, Saqib Mahmood, Jamie Overton and Luke Wood, have been awarded England Central Contracts for the first time.

Three players; Eddie Jack, Tom Lawes and Mitchell Stanley have agreed England Development Contracts for the first time, joining Josh Hull.

The system, which encompasses both red-ball and white-ball cricket, considers the likelihood of players being selected for England teams across formats over the next period, while also taking into account their



performances over the past year.

Rob Key, managing director of England men's cricket, said, "This year's central contract group reflects the depth and strength of talent we have across England Men's cricket. We have awarded two-year deals to our multi-format players, so we can manage their workloads responsibly and give them the stability they need to perform across formats."

"We have also secured a number of white-ball players on longer agreements to help us plan effectively around the growing franchise calendar and ensure England remains their priority. This structure allows us to support our players properly while maintaining strong squads across all formats as much as possible."

England Two-Year Central Contracts (September 30, 2027):

Jofra Archer (Sussex), Gus Atkinson (Surrey), Jacob Bethell (Warwickshire), Harry Brook (Yorkshire), Jos Buttler (Lancashire), Brydon Carse (Durham), Sam Curran (Surrey), Ben Duckett (Nottinghamshire), Will Jacks (Surrey), Adil Rashid (Yorkshire), Joe Root (Yorkshire), Jamie Smith (Surrey), Ben Stokes (Durham), Josh Tongue (Nottinghamshire)

**England One-Year Central Contracts (September 30, 2026):**

Rehan Ahmed (Leicestershire), Sonny Baker (Hampshire)\*, Shoaib Bashir (Somerset), Zak Crawley (Kent), Liam Dawson (Hampshire)\*, Saqib Mahmood (Lancashire), Jamie Overton (Surrey)\*, Ollie Pope (Surrey), Matthew Potts (Durham), Phil Salt (Lancashire), Mark Wood (Durham), Luke Wood (Lancashire)\*

**England Development Contracts**

Josh Hull (Leicestershire), Eddie Jack (Hampshire), Tom Lawes (Surrey), Mitchell Stanley (Lancashire)

(Denotes newly centrally contracted player for 2025-26)



## WPL mega auction to be held on November 27 in New Delhi: Sources

**NEW DELHI** : The mega player auction for the 2026 season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be held on November 27 in the national capital, sources aware of the development told IANS on Tuesday. IANS had previously reported on October 22 that New Delhi edged Goa to emerge as the top choice to be the host city of the mega auction set to be held for the first time in WPL's history. "There was a toss-up between November 26, 27, and 28. But it has now been communicated to all five franchises by the BCCI that the auction will be on November 27," further said sources.

In terms of the venue for the auction to be held for one day, IANS understands that a plush hotel in Aerocity could be the venue for the WPL mega auction, especially after it emerged that the initial choice, Bharat Mandapam, will be busy hosting the India International Trade Fair (IITF) from November 14-27.

The player retention deadline for all five WPL teams - two-time winners Mumbai Indians, 2024 winners Royal Challengers Bengaluru, three-time runners-up Delhi Capitals, UP Warriorz, and Gujarat Giants - is on Wednesday. Each franchise will be allowed to retain a maximum of three capped Indian players, two overseas players, and two uncapped Indian players. If a team chooses to retain five players, at least one must be an uncapped Indian player. The auction purse has been set at INR 15 crore.

Retention slabs have been defined as follows: INR 3.5 crore for Player 1, INR 2.5 crore for Player 2, INR 1.75 crore for Player 3, INR 1 crore for Player 4, and INR 50 lakh for Player 5. The Right to Match (RTM) option will enable franchises to buy back players who were part of their 2025 WPL squads, with a cap of five RTMs per team. Depending on the number of retained players, the corresponding deductions from the purse will be: INR 9.25 crore for five players, INR 8.75 crore for four, INR 7.75 crore for three, INR 6 crore for two, and INR 3.5 crore for one. The number of RTMs available will vary accordingly - franchises retaining fewer players will have more RTMs at their disposal. Teams using all five retentions will forfeit the RTM option entirely. The final date for WPL mega auction player registration is November 18, while the final list of players in the auction will be released on November 20.

IANS understands that India's win in the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup could have a late impact on WPL teams' player retention strategies.

"A few franchises may have a relook at their retained players list to accommodate the ones who did well for India in winning the trophy. The same goes for a few overseas players who did well in the World Cup," further said sources.



## Super Cup: Winner takes all as Punjab FC and Bengaluru FC battle for a semifinal spot

**FATORDA** : Punjab FC and Bengaluru FC will face each other in a winner-takes-all clash in Group C of the AIFF Super Cup, which will be played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda on Wednesday.

With both sides tied on six points and also having the same goal difference, the final group stage match will be crucial to decide who will secure their spot in the semi-finals. If the teams play out a draw in regulation time, the group winners will be decided through penalties. Punjab FC started the group stage with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Gokulam Kerala FC with the help of goals from Nikhil Prabhu, Princeton Rebello, and an own-goal from Gursimrat Singh, and they followed up with another 3-0 victory over Mohammedan SC with the help of goals from Ninthoinganba Meetei, Samir Zeljovic, and Manglenhang Kipgen. On the other hand, Bengaluru FC started their campaign with a 2-0 win over Mohammedan SC and followed it up with a 4-0 thrashing of Gokulam Kerala FC.

Speaking ahead of the match, Punjab FC head coach Panagiotis Dilmperis said, "We've shown great character and consistency in the group stage so far, and I'm proud of how the boys have stepped up. Bengaluru FC are a strong side with experience and quality, but our focus is on playing our game and maintaining the intensity that has brought us here. Every player understands what's at stake, and we're ready to give everything for a place in the semifinals."

The head coach has trusted his young Indian core for both the matches, with Muhammad Suhail, Ninthoi, and Kipgen shining in attack, along with the midfield marshalled by captain Nikhil Prabhu and Princeton Rebello. Dilmperis has gone with an all-Indian defence of Suresh Meetei, Bijoy Varghese, Khaiminghang Lungdim, and Muhammad Uvais in both the matches. The new foreign signings who joined ahead of the Super Cup, Dani Ramirez, Samir Zeljovic, and Nsungusi Effiong, have started their life in Indian football well, while defender Pablo Renan Dos Santos is yet to make his debut. The Shers also have a good bench strength with the likes of Pramveer Singh, Leon Augustine, Singamayam Shami, Ricky Shabong, and Vinit Rai, who can be called upon by the head coach. Bengaluru FC have also been in fine form with Sunil Chhetri, Ryan Williams, and Vinith Venkatesh finding the net in the previous game, while youngster Taorem Kelvin Singh scored in the first match. The Blues will once again bank on their experienced players to come good at the crucial .