



Mamata Attends KIFF Closing Ceremony: Calls for Investments in Bengali Cinema

The 31st Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) concluded this evening with a vibrant closing ceremony at RabindraSadan, where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee graced the event.

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Agencies hunt for third missing car linked to Red Fort blast

MI News Service, New Delhi: After tracing down two cars linked to the suspects in last Monday's Delhi Red Fort blast case, including the recovery of a red sports car from Haryana last night, multiple security agencies are now on the lookout for a third car, which is also believed to be linked to the same blast case, police sources said on Thursday.

While a white Hyundai i20 exploded near Red Fort on Monday evening, killing 13 people and injuring 30 others, investigators later traced a second vehicle -- a red Ford EcoSport -- to Faridabad.

However, a third car, suspected to be a Maruti Brezza, remains untraced.

"The missing third car is suspected to have been used by the accused for reconnaissance or escape. Multiple teams are looking for the third car," said the source.

Searches are being carried out in Delhi-NCR and adjoining states to locate the Maruti Brezza, she said.

After a white Hyundai i20 exploded on Monday evening near the Red Fort area in Delhi, causing huge damage, police traced a second vehicle, a red Ford EcoSport, to Faridabad. However, a third missing car linked to the case has surfaced, the search for which is underway in Delhi-NCR and adjoining states.



Delhi police personnel during investigation at the site of the car blast near Red Fort, in New Delhi on Thursday.

The EcoSport, found by the police on Wednesday, is believed to be linked to the prime suspect, Dr Umar Un Nabi. The vehicle was found parked at a farmhouse near Khandawali village on the outskirts of Faridabad, owned by an acquaintance of the prime suspect.

The vehicle (DL10CK0458) had been registered at the Rajouri Garden RTO, according to details available online. The diesel car was registered on November 22, 2017.

The car is owned by Dr Nabi, who is also the owner of the i20, and was suspected to be driving it when it exploded.

"Police have asked the Delhi transport department to share details of all vehicles transferred in the last few months," a police official familiar with the matter said.

However, the police has not yet revealed details regarding how the car came into the picture and if there were any occupants in it.

Meanwhile, with one

more injured person succumbing to injuries at the LNJ hospital on Thursday morning the death toll in Monday's powerful blast went up to 13, official sources said. The deceased has been identified as Bilal, the sources said adding the post-mortem of the deceased will be conducted later in the day.

More than 20 injured people from the blast are still being treated in different hospitals in the National capital, the police said.

Women outnumbered men by over 7% in voter turnout in Bihar

MI News Service, Patna: Women outnumbered men by as much as 14 percentage points and more in voter turnout in seven districts of Bihar, where assembly elections were recently held, as per the Election Commission data.

In 10 other districts, the gap was over 10 percentage points.

Patna, however, was the only district in the state to have recorded more turnout of men than women. A total of 57.88 per cent of the women voters in the district exercised their franchise, while 60.05 per cent of the men voted in the polls.

Bihar's 243 assembly seats went to the polls in two phases on November 6 and 11. Results will be declared tomorrow on November 14.

This time Bihar registered a historic voter turnout of 67.13 per cent, the highest-ever in the state since 1951. Women's voter turnout was also highest 71.78 per cent so far, while polling percentage among men was 62.98, as per the data released by the EC.

EC's latest gender-wise data regarding voter turnout in all 38 districts showed that Supaul recorded the biggest gap at 20.71 percentage points, as 83.69 per cent of the women exercised their franchise, while 62.98 per cent of the men voted in the polls.

A wide gap in favour of women was also recorded in

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Umar Nabi seen at a mosque near Ramlila Maidan before Delhi blast

MI News Service, New Delhi: Fresh CCTV footage from the day of the Delhi blast shows prime suspect Dr Umar Nabi walking near a mosque close to the Ramlila Maidan, police said on Thursday.

In the footage, Umar can be seen walking straight along a narrow lane before turning his head to the right — the moment when the camera captures his face — and then continuing ahead. Investigators believe that he may have visited the mosque shortly before allegedly carrying out the explosion, a senior police officer said.

A massive blast had rocked Delhi on Monday evening when a Hyundai i20 car exploded at 6:52 pm near the Red Fort, killing 13 people so far and injuring 30 others. The impact of the explosion was so massive that several vehicles were damaged, and visuals from the site showed mangled bodies and scattered debris.

Officials said Umar, who is suspected to have been driving the explosives-laden car, was seen in multiple CCTV clips recorded across Delhi on the day of the incident.

One particular piece of footage from the Sunehri Masjid parking lot near the Red Fort shows him entering at 3:19 pm and leaving at 6:28 pm, barely 24 minutes before the explosion occurred. Prior to that Dr Umar Nabi was seen walking near a mosque close to the Ramlila Maidan, police said on Thursday.

New CCTV footage also captured the tainted Kashmi-



ri doctor entering and leaving the Faiz-e-Ilahi Mosque near Ramlila Maidan, opposite Turkman Gate, where he stayed for over 10 minutes before heading towards the Red Fort at 2.30 pm on Monday. A 19-second video shows Dr Umar walking on the Asaf Ali Road near the mosque.

Hours later, he detonated his Hyundai i20 at one of the city's busiest tourist hotspots. Investigators believe he acted in haste after his accomplices from the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM)-linked Faridabad terror module were arrested earlier in the day.

Meanwhile, the Faiz-e-Ilahi Mosque is known for its Tablighi Jamaat activities that began after the group separated from the Nizamuddin Markaz. The Tablighi Jamaat is a transnational Deobandi Islamic missionary movement that focuses on exhorting Muslims to be more religiously observant.

In a major development, a DNA test has confirmed that

Dr Umar, described as the most radicalised member of the "white-collar" terror module, was driving the i20 at the time of the blast. Until now, investigators were unable to verify his remains as the high-intensity blast tore his body to pieces.

DNA samples collected from his family members in Kashmir's Pulwama were later matched with human remains recovered from the car, confirming his identity.

Meanwhile, Dr Umar's second car, a red Ford EcoSport, is under the scanner of investigating agencies after it was located in a village in Haryana. According to sources, investigators suspect that Umar and his associates used the vehicle to transport and stockpile ammonium nitrate several times.

National Security Guard (NSG) teams and central agencies are present at the site where the car was found, and the area has been cordoned

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India, China leading global clean energy transition: COP30 President

MI News Service, New Delhi / Belem (Brazil): Despite their unsatisfactory role in terms of climate change and global warming, India and China were profusely praised by COP30 President Andre Corrêa do Lago for playing a transformative role in the global energy transition, saying both countries have embraced climate action "in a very clear way" and are driving down the cost of clean technologies worldwide.

Addressing a press conference at the opening of COP30

in Belem, Brazil, do Lago said China has "embraced this agenda in an extraordinary way" by combining scale, technology and affordability, three crucial ingredients that have accelerated the world's progress towards cleaner energy systems. He said both China and India are shaping the future of the global energy transition.

"China has very advanced technology and has a scale that can only be compared to India. And India is somehow doing the same, because they also have brilliant companies

and engineers and incredible people. They are going in the same direction," he said in response to a question on China's contribution to the fight against climate change.

Do Lago emphasised China's leadership in clean technology manufacturing, particularly in electric vehicles, solar panels, wind energy and battery production. "I don't need to say how important China has become for electric vehicles, for solar panels, for wind, for batteries. Thanks to their scale, by

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India is poised for 7 pc growth in 2025, says Moody's

MI News Service, New Delhi: US based internationally renowned rating agency Moody's has projected India's economic growth as high as 7 per cent in 2025 and 6.5 per cent in the next year, supported by domestic and export diversification, amid a neutral-to-easy monetary policy stance.

Moody's in its Global Macro Outlook, released on Thursday, said India's current economic growth is supported by robust infrastructure spending and solid consumption, although the private sector remains cautious about business capital spending.

Moody's said it expects India — the fastest-growing G-20 economy — will also grow at 6.5 per cent through 2027, if not 7 per cent for the second straight year, supported by domestic and export diversification. Real GDP growth for 2025 calendar year is pegged at 7 per cent, higher than 6.7 per cent in 2024.

The agency noted that strong infrastructure spending and healthy consumption continue to underpin activity, even as the private sector stays cautious on capital expenditure.

Moody's said Indian exporters have shown resilience despite facing 50 per cent US tariffs on selected products, with overall outbound shipments rising 6.75 per cent in September even as exports to the United States fell by 11.9 per cent.

"We expect its economy to continue to grow around 6.5 per cent in 2026 and 2027, supported by a neutral-to-easy monetary policy stance amid low inflation," the agency said.

It added that steady international capital inflows, buoyed by positive investor sentiment, have helped buffer external shocks.

On the global economy, Moody's said growth is likely to remain steady but subdued, with advanced economies expanding modestly and emerging markets retaining comparatively stronger momentum. It warned that rising trade restrictions have increased the possibility of US-China

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Japanese university confers D.Litt. on Mamata Banerjee



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a group picture during the ceremony to confer honorary D. Litt on CM, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In recognition of her untiring work for the benefit of common people, particularly the poor and downtrodden, West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee was conferred with her first honorary D.Litt from a prestigious institution outside India, and fourth in total, at a glittering ceremony here on Wednesday.

The internationally famous Okayama University of Japan conferred the honorary D.Litt, to her at an event in the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium here, where she announced her decision to visit Japan in 2026.

The Japanese national university's President, Nasu Yasutomo, led a high power delegation from his country for this ceremony and presented the honour to the Chief minister at the function last evening.

Speaking on the occasion Yasutomo said: "Mamata Banerjee has dedicated herself for the benefit of poor women and children of the state. She has under-

taken several projects to improve their social security and health."

"It is because of her humanitarian leadership that Okayama University is awarding an honorary D.Litt. for the first time to a woman from Asia," he added.

The Calcutta University and St Xavier's University here, and the KIIT in Bhubaneswar had earlier conferred honorary D.Litt. degrees on the Chief minister.

Accepting the honour, the Trinamool Congress chief hailed Japan and its various aspects.

"A very beautiful country... We have a lot to learn from the discipline, health awareness and work culture of the people there," she said, hailing centuries of Bengal-Japan ties, and underscoring Rabindranath Tagore, Rash Behari Bose, and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's connection with the east Asian economic powerhouse and the land of the rising sun.

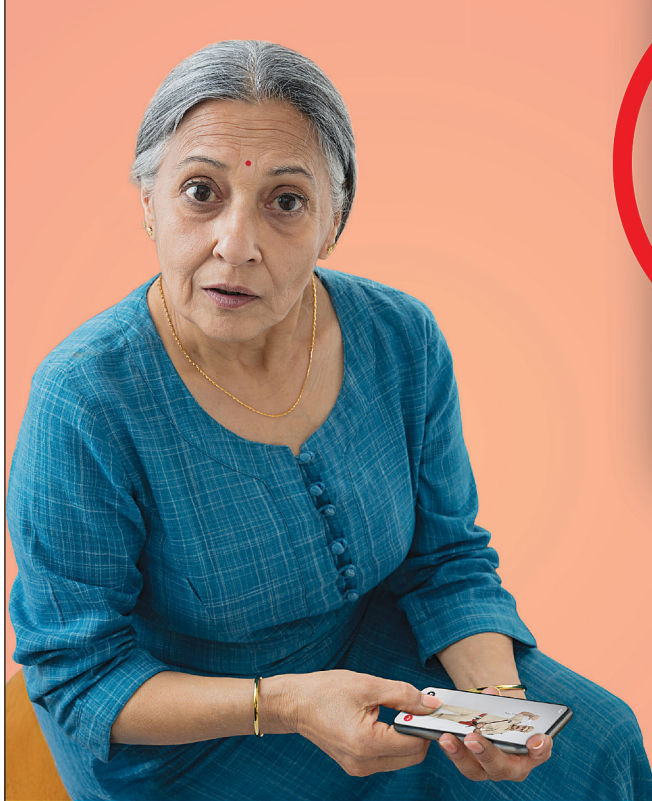
"It was my duty to honour this courtesy. It has nothing to do with politics," Mamata Banerjee said after receiving the honorary

degree, adding that in February, representatives from the Japanese university came to Kolkata to participate in the Bengal Global Business Summit when they had invited her to visit Japan to receive the D.Litt. "I said I wouldn't be able to make it. So they decided to come to Kolkata and do this."

The Chief minister also promised to visit the university in Okayama next year, besides undertaking a brief tour of the country.

"I know that many will have difficulty with this as well. But I am not a VIP, I am a LIP — less important person. I want to stay that way for the rest of my life," she said.

On the sidelines of the event, Mamata Banerjee and the Japanese delegation held preliminary discussions on the possibilities of developing more educational and cultural exchanges between West Bengal and Japan apart from holding joint research and making new investments.

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Bangladeshi youth held for forged Indian ID in canning, probe ordered

MI News Service, South 24 Parganas: A major allegation of identity fraud has surfaced in Canning as a Bangladeshi national is accused of fabricating Indian identity documents by posing as a local resident's father. The case has now reached both the police and the Election Commission, triggering administrative scrutiny. According to local sources, the accused identified as Shafiq Gazi, allegedly infiltrated India from Bangladesh several years ago and later settled met Delhi.

There, he reportedly met Salema Gazi, whom he subsequently married. After their marriage, Shafiq moved to Canning in South 24 pgs, living with his wife I her parental home at Chhota Dumki village under

Nikarighata Gram Panchayat. Investigators alleged that Shafiq manipulated officials records to obtain Indian citizenship credentials, preparing a voter ID and Aadhar card in his name by falsely listing his wife's uncle, Joyanal Gazi, as his father. The falsification, according to documents reviewed by the complaints, was achieved using Joyanal's own identity details. The fraud came to light when Joyanal Gazi, the elderly villager whose name was allegedly misused, discovered the discrepancies and lodges multiple complaints-first with the Canning police station, and now, amid the state's renewed drive to identify illegal citizens with the Election Commission and the Canning Sub-divi-

sional Administration. Joyanal has demanded swift action, alleging administrative inaction on his earlier complaints made several years ago. Meanwhile, the accused, Shafiq Gazi is reported to have gone into hiding following the renewed complaints. His wife, however, has dismissed the allegations as "false and malicious," claiming that Joyanal himself is Shafiq's father and accusing him of fabricating charges over internal property disputes. As the investigation gather pace under state scrutiny, the case has stirred concern across the region highlighting long-standing vulnerabilities in the verification system governing citizenship documentation in border districts such as South 24 pgs.



A condolence meeting was held near Bhukailash Ground on the occasion of the second death anniversary of the late Ram Pyare Ram, former MMIC of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The event was attended by his son-in-law Daya Kinkar Ram (Trinamool leader, Ward 79), along with Krishna Sahu, Sanjeev Singh, Suraj Prasad, Manoj Kumar Sharma, and several other dignitaries. During the program, organizer Sanjeev Singh covered the educational expenses for several schoolchildren and also distributed school bags to children from the local community. It is noteworthy that Ram Pyare Ram passed away on 12th November 2023, and the gathering was held to honor his memory and pay heartfelt tributes.

Female Law Student Found Hanging in Advocate's Chamber

MI News Service, Kakkdwip: Mystery surrounds the death of a 21-year-old female law student, whose body was found hanging inside an advocate's chamber in South 24 Parganas district. The lawyer has remained untraceable since the incident, official sources said on Thursday. The deceased, identified as Sonia Halder, a resident of Gandhinagar village under Kakkdwip block, was discovered hanging in the chamber of advocate Sheikh Manowar Alam at Pratapaditya Gram Panchayat on Wednesday evening. According to police, Sonia had left home in the morning for the Kakkdwip court, where she worked under Alam, but failed to return home

later that evening. After a frantic search, her family and relatives found her hanging inside the advocate's chamber. Police recovered a handbag belonging to the victim, which contained several letters. Investigators suspect the student may have shared a close relationship with the lawyer.

The lawyer has been missing since the incident and is believed to have fled. The victim's family has lodged an FIR against the advocate, alleging murder. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination, and police said they are awaiting the report before confirming the cause of death.

SIR Spur: Children rush to forgotten parents in old age homes

MI News Service, Nadia: In a striking twist of fate, the launch of the State Identity Registration (SIR) drive has turned the spotlight onto neglected parents living in old age homes across Bengal. Those once abandoned by their children are now witnessing a sudden surge of concern — but this newfound affection, many believe, stems less from love and more from self-interest. At the Jagadish Memorial Old Age Home in Ranaghat's Old Chapra area, the rare scene of once-forgotten sons and daughters returning to meet their aged parents has startled both residents and caretakers. Most visitors, it is learnt, are not there for emotional reunions but to collect documents or personal details required under the SIR verification process. "The same people who never came to see their parents are now calling every day," said Gourahari Sarkar, head of the old age home.

"We have forty-four residents here from Nadia, Burdwan and Kolkata. But since SIR was announced, the number of visits and phone calls from their children has suddenly spiked." Even staff members describe the shift as unprecedented. Ruma Debnath, who has worked at the ashram for five years, said, "Earlier, not many cared to check on their parents. Now, every few days, someone comes asking whether their parents need anything — or what documents they might still have." Behind the apparent resurgence of care lies a growing suspicion. Observers point out that the SIR process requires families to verify records and link parental details to household documentation, prompting a rush among those who had long severed ties. For many elderly residents, the visits have reopened painful memories — blending moments of joy with silent grief. Some parents, like Subhash Saha of Katwa, said softly, "After my son's marriage, things stopped going well. I came here on my own. It feels good to see him again, but I know why he came."

Shakti Pumps Shows Strong Growth Across Segments

MI News Service, Kolkata : Shakti Pumps (India) Limited (SPIL) reported a robust performance for Q2 and H1 FY26, delivering one of the highest quarterly revenues in its history despite operational challenges posed by an extended monsoon and raw material cost increases.

Financial Performance: The company posted consolidated revenue of Rs. 666.4 Crores in Q2 FY26, a 5% YoY growth, taking H1 FY26 revenue to Rs. 1,288.9 Crores, up 7.2% YoY. EBITDA stood at Rs. 136 Crores for the quarter with margins at 20.4%, impacted by a 3-4% rise in prices of copper, steel, and solar panels. PAT came in at Rs. 90.7 crores in Q2 and Rs. 187.5 crores for H1 FY26. **Operational Highlights:** Solar pump installations remained strong with 22,304 units deployed in Q2 and 39,861

Agriculture is the most useful means of employment : Governor Bose at BCKV Convocation

Dipankar Edbar, Mohanpur (Nadia) : "Agriculture is the most useful means of employment," said West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose while addressing the 23rd Convocation of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (BCKV) at Mohanpur in Nadia on Thursday. He emphasised that India has advanced in agriculture by effectively applying science and technology, leading to remarkable progress in the sector.

During his address, Dr. Bose also raised concerns over increasing toxification in the sector. He urged young graduates to contribute meaningfully towards solving agricultural challenges through innovation and research.

"The role of an agricultural university is crucial in addressing the problems faced by farmers and ensuring sustainable development," he said, adding, "Farmers deserve not just support, but also respect." In this Convocation, Degree certificates were

awarded to total 1368 students, spanning over last three years (2023, 2024 and 2025), out of which 660 are graduates, 464 are post-graduates and 244 are doctoral candidates. In addition, 70 University Gold Medals and Endowment Medals and 6 book prizes were awarded to the students for their academic performances in the respective fields.

BCKV was privileged to confer Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) to eminent personalities, viz, Dr. Suresh Kumar

Chaudhari, a luminary in the field of natural resource management, Dr. Saurindra Prasad Ghosh, a distinguished figure in agricultural science, Dr. Puranjan Das, an eminent agricultural extension specialist and Mallika Srinivasan, a distinguished industrialist and Philanthropist. We felt elated and proud to honour three luminaries of agricultural science, Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, an eminent alumnus of



BCKV for Bidhan Krishi Ratna Award, Sudip Bhui, an innovative alumnus and agricultural entrepreneur for Bidhan Krishi Udyogpati Award and Kutubuddin Biswas, a progressive farmer of Nadia district for Bidhan Krishak Shiromani Award.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor, BCKV shared the success stories of BCKV during the last three years (2023-25), where he mentioned that since the last convocation, 32 students have secured admissions in

premier national and international institutes like IITs, IISc, IISERs, 112 students have cleared National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by ICAR, 47 students secured Junior Research fellowship (JRF), 6 students secured Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). In the last two academic years, 53 students of this University have cleared National Level Entrance Examination for PG and PhD education in India (AIEEA-PG-PhD-ICAR) with many top-tier rankers in various disciplines.

Elderly woman found dead in pond after going to collect firewood in Kalyani

Dipankar Edbar Kalyani (Nadia)

A 62-year-old woman, who went out to collect dry firewood on Wednesday morning, was found dead in a pond near a jungle area in Kalyani's Gayeshpur on Thursday morning, triggering tension in the locality.

The deceased has been identified as Anita Pal, a resident of Ward No. 4 under Gayeshpur Municipality. Police said Anita went to the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya farm area on Wednesday morning to gather firewood but did not return home.

As hours passed with no sign of her, family members and neighbours launched a search and informed the Gayeshpur police outpost. Municipal sanitation workers, along with councillors and the chairperson, joined the search on Wednesday night. The area was illuminated and both the adjoining jungle and ponds were



combed.

On Thursday morning, locals noticed a woman's hand floating in a pond inside the wooded area. She was wearing traditional bangles and ornaments, suggesting she was married. Police were called, and the body was later identified as that of Anita Pal by her family. The body has been sent to Kalyani JNM Hospital Police Morgue for post-mortem examination. Police have launched an investigation to ascertain whether the woman accidentally fell into the pond or if there was any foul play involved.

CBOA's 20th National Triennial Conference concludes with grandeur

MI News Service, Kolkata : The 20th National Triennial Conference of the Canara Bank Officers Association (CBOA) began on November 8 and concluded with pomp on November 10. The event was inaugurated by K. Satyanarayana Raju, Managing Director and CEO of Canara Bank.

In his inaugural address, Raju appreciated the role of the Canara Bank Officers Association. He said that the efforts of officers across the country under the leadership of the young leader K. Ravi Kumar are playing a significant role in the development of the bank. He further said that he sees a reflection of himself in Ravi Kumar's hard work, vision and vision for the welfare of the officers and the development of the bank. During the event, the association released a book titled "The Master Stitch", which highlights the biography of Satyanarayana Raju and the contributions of his mother Smt. Rama Sita.

CBOA General Secretary K. Ravi Kumar in his address said that the unity of bank employees across



the country is their strength, due to which today they have become the second largest trade union in India. Solving the problems of the employees is their goal and unity is their path. He mentioned that Canara Bank has been The business has grown to 7 lakh crore taka - which is the result of the hard work of the officers. He thanked the bank's MD, Satyanarayana Raju, for helping to fulfill the demands of the association and contributing to the welfare and development of the officers.

On the second day, delegations from different states of the country participated. General Secretary Ravi Kumar called for discussion on important issues and 100

proposals were approved. At the end of the conference, a new central committee was elected. K. Ravi Kumar was elected General Secretary for the third time. Along with him, President Rajiv Nigam, Chairman Jacob P. C. were re-elected.

From Kolkata, Ujjwal Narayan Saha has been elected as Joint General Secretary, Sukanta Dey as Deputy General Secretary and Smt. Gautami Ghosh as Assistant General Secretary. The newly elected committee was congratulated and the members expressed their deep trust and support for Ravi Kumar, promising to stand with him and further advance the ideals and responsibilities of CBOA.

Gangasagar Inferno: Dried fish godown gutted in might blaze

MI News Service, South 24 Parganas: A devastating fire gutted a dried fish godown in Gangasagar late Wednesday night, causing damages estimated at several lakh rupees. The blaze, which broke out under the jurisdiction of Gangasagar Coastal Police Station, quickly spread through the storage facility before fire tenders managed to bring it under control. According to local sources, residents first noticed smoke rising from the godown late in the night and alerted authorities. Despite their efforts, the intensity of the fire made control difficult until fire brigade personnel arrived at the scene and managed to douse the flames after prolonged efforts. Preliminary assessments suggest the trader has incurred a loss of around three and a half to four lakh rupees, as large quantities of dried fish and other stored materials were completely destroyed. Photographs from the site revealed blackened remains of goods and charred wooden structures scattered across the area. The exact cause of the fire remains uncertain. Police have initiated an investigation to determine whether it was triggered by a short circuit or other causes. Officials from Gangasagar Coastal Police Station collected samples from the spot for forensic examination. Dried fish, commonly known as shutki, is a staple trade in many coastal areas of South Bengal. Rich in protein, iodine, iron, and zinc, this traditional product supports the livelihood of hundreds of families in the region. However, safety measures in local godowns often remain inadequate, raising fresh concerns after Wednesday night's inferno.

Traffic Restrictions Announced on 'Sri Gouranga Setu' for Repair Works

Dipankar Edbar, Krishnanagar (Nadia) : The Nadia district administration has announced a series of traffic restrictions on Sri Gouranga Setu, the bridge over the Bhagirathi River connecting Krishnanagar and Nabadwip Dham Road (State Highway 8), to facilitate essential repair work.

According to a notification issued by the office of the District Magistrate, Anish Dasgupta, IAS, the bridge will undergo replacement of metallic bearings and other related structural components under the supervision of the Executive Engineer of Nadia Highway Division No. 1, Public Works (Roads) Department. The work is scheduled to continue from November 15 to December 31, 2025.

During this period, both complete and partial clo-



sures of the bridge have been planned in phases to allow safe and smooth execution of the maintenance work. Heavy goods vehicles and other heavy motor vehicles will not be allowed to ply during the periods of full closure, while light vehicles weighing up to 3 metric tonnes and not exceeding 2.25 metres in height will be permitted

to cross the bridge during partial closures, maintaining a maximum speed of 5 km per hour.

The District Magistrate, exercising powers under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Section 4(1) of the West Bengal Traffic Regulation Act, 1965, has ordered that these restrictions remain effective till the completion of

the repair work.

The Public Works Department has been instructed to install clear signage and "Restriction / Capacity Plying" boards at both approaches of the bridge in consultation with the district police to ensure public awareness and smooth traffic management.

The restriction schedule includes multiple full and partial closures between November 15 and December 31, with the first complete closure slated from 6 p.m. on November 15 to 6 a.m. on November 16, followed by alternating partial and full shutdowns through the end of December.

The administration has clarified that the notification has been issued in the interest of public safety and smooth traffic regulation during the period of repair work.

EC's historic overhaul: Dual voter lists to debut in Bengal SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata : In an unprecedented move, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has intensified its focus on Bengal's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list. Barely eight days into the ongoing drive, the Commission announced major directives on Wednesday, setting Saturday as the deadline for completing the distribution of enumeration forms across the state. According to top ECI sources, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to finish the form distribution process within this deadline following a high-level internal review. Meanwhile, a team of senior Commission representatives is scheduled to visit Bengal next week — right in the middle of the SIR exercise — to assess progress on the ground. Officials have confirmed that the visiting delegation will primarily monitor ac-



tivities in Kolkata and South Bengal to ensure full transparency in the voter list revision.

"The aim is absolute transparency. The Commission will personally review the status of form submissions and field-level compliance," sources said. In a landmark decision, the Commission on Wednesday made another major announcement —

for the first time in its history, a separate list will be published alongside the draft voter list on December 9. This additional list, introduced following a Supreme Court directive, will include names of voters who fail to fill or submit the enumeration form, as well as deceased or fake voters identified during verification. As per the new system, those who

duly submit their enumeration forms will find their names in the draft voter list, while non-respondents will be automatically excluded and appear in the separate "non-verified" list. The ECI has also directed that specific reasons for exclusion be clearly mentioned in each case. The Commission believes this dual-list approach will bring unprecedented transparency to Bengal's voter roll, exposing discrepancies and eliminating ineligible names. "This massive verification exercise will make the state's electoral roll one of the cleanest and most credible ever," an official involved in the process remarked. With Bengal in the spotlight ahead of major political contests, the ECI's mid-process review and strict deadlines have added fresh momentum — and tension — to the SIR operation across districts.

Biddhannagar Nagar
Police Bust Online Fraud
Ring; Kerala Man Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: Biddhannagar East Police have uncovered an online fraud syndicate, arresting one of its members from Kerala in connection with a high-value scam. The investigation began after Dip-ti Jain, a resident of Salt Lake, filed a complaint at Biddhannagar East Police Station alleging that she was defrauded through WhatsApp and Telegram.

According to the complaint, the fraud centered around a restaurant-related transaction. Initially, the perpetrators sent her ₹2,897 to gain her trust, but later manipulated her into transferring a total of ₹6,68,900. The complaint prompted the police to launch a detailed investigation into the online scam, tracing the suspects across state lines.

During a coordinated operation in Kerala, the investigating team apprehended Kollaran Muhammad SinuFali, a key accused in the case. He is expected to be brought to Kolkata on transit remand for further interrogation. Police sources confirmed that the investigation is ongoing, and additional details about the fraud network are being examined.

Authorities have urged the public to exercise caution while engaging in online financial transactions or dealing with unknown contacts on social media platforms. "Cyber fraud is evolving rapidly, and such syndicates use sophisticated tactics to lure victims. People should remain vigilant and verify the authenticity of any online financial request," a senior police official said.

The Biddhannagar Police team is also coordinating with cyber-security experts to trace the full extent of the syndicate's operations and identify any other potential victims. Residents are advised to report suspicious messages immediately to prevent falling prey to similar scams.

This case highlights the growing trend of online fraud targeting unsuspecting individuals through social media messaging apps, and the authorities' increasing focus on tracking cyber-criminal networks across states to ensure swift legal action.

Kunal Ghosh Reflects on His
2014 Suicide Attempt, 11 Years
Later – "Life Has Many Turns"

MI News Service, Kolkata: On November 13, 2014, Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh attempted to end his life inside the Presidency Correctional Home. Eleven years later, on the same date in 2025, Kunal took to social media to recall that dark night, writing: "Life has many turns."

In his emotional post, Ghosh revisited the harrowing memories of that night in Cell No. 21, when he consumed a large number of sleeping pills in a bid to end his life. He remembered two people who, in his words, "changed the course of my fate." One was Asim Acharya, a prison officer who noticed his unusual condition late at night and arranged immediate medical help—saving his life just in time. The second was Judge Manojyoti Bhattacharya of the MP-MLA Court, who later ruled him guilty of attempting suicide but delivered a landmark judgment by refusing to impose any punishment, citing his "fragile mental state" at the time.

"The judge told me, 'Your writing and journalism are very good. You have a lot more to do in life. Never try to end it under any circumstances.' Those words still echo in my ears," Kunal wrote.

Kunal's ordeal began in 2013, during the explosive Saradha chit fund scam, which rocked Bengal's political and financial landscape. Then a TrinamoolRajya Sabha MP and journalist with a Saradha-run media house, he was arrested in November 2013. His 2014 suicide attempt inside jail came amid that turmoil, sparking a major controversy.

Umar Nabi seen at a mosque

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off from the public due to suspicion that it may contain explosives.Officials say all standard operating procedures are being strictly followed, and the vehicle will not be handed over to any agency until theNSG confirms it is safe.

Security agencies and police have also traced another route taken by Dr Umar. After fleeing from Faridabad, Umar is believed to have travelled through Mewat to reach Firozpur Jhirka before returning to Delhi via the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. He reportedly spent the night at a roadside dhaba along the expressway, sleeping inside his car. On Monday morning, he re-entered Delhi through the Badarpur border after passing through Faridabad once again. Investigators have confirmed that Umar was captured on CCTV cameras along the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

Mamata Attends KIFF
Closing Ceremony: Calls for
Investments in Bengali Cinema

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 31st Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) concluded this year with a vibrant closing ceremony at RabindraSadana, where West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee graced the event. The Chief Minister joined a host of notable personalities from the film and cultural world, including actors Dev and MahuaMoitra, composer Shantanu Moitra, directors ArindamSil, SrijiMukherji, Goutam Ghosh, and senior artists like Haranath Chakraborty and Indranil Sen.

The ceremony saw the presentation of awards, with "Bijoy Japer Patkotha" winning the Best Film award, directed by JoydeepBandyopadhyay. Bandyopadhyay also received the Best Film award in the Bengal Indian Documentary Film category, marking a significant recognition for his contribution to regional cinema. The festival celebrated creative talent across multiple cinematic categories, promoting both contemporary and documentary filmmaking in Bengal.

The event commenced with a dance performance by Donna Gangopadhyay's troupe "Diksha-manjari", choreographed and performed by Donna herself. The Chief Minister, while addressing



the audience, once again urged investment in the Bengali film industry, stressing that Kolkata is not just a city of culture but also a fertile ground for quality cinema. She highlighted that while Hollywood and Bollywood have the capacity to produce large-scale films, Bengali cinema, if properly supported, could reach new heights both nationally and internationally.

Mamata Banerjee expressed her gratitude to the stars, filmmakers, and organizers involved in the festival. She remarked, "Bengal always believes in festivals. People's talent comes alive through such events, bringing positive energy and creativity. KIFF is truly a festival of the people, and such celebrations will continue."

Although the Chief Minister had prior commitments and had not initially planned to attend the closing ceremony, she made a special appearance to witness the award presentations. She expressed joy at seeing the winners' proud faces and highlighted the importance of encouraging artistic talent through public recognition.

The 31st edition of KIFF reinforced Kolkata's status as a cultural hub, celebrating not only cinematic achievements but also the rich legacy and potential of Bengali cinema. Mamata Banerjee's presence and her emphasis on industry investment underscored the state government's commitment to nurturing film talent, ensuring that Bengal remains a vibrant center for culture and creativity for years to come.

Tight Security at Eden Gardens as India
Takes on South Africa in Test Match

MI News Service, Kolkata: The India vs South Africa Test is set to commence at Eden Gardens on Friday amid heightened security measures following the recent devastating explosion in Delhi. The city has been placed under red alert, and Kolkata has been transformed into a fortress to ensure the safety of players, spectators, and officials.

The Kolkata Police have left no stone unturned in securing the historic stadium, often referred to as cricket's NandanKanan. During the match, plainclothes police officers will be mingling with the crowd, while a large contingent will also be deployed along the stadium fencing. The focus is on maintaining strict security protocols without disrupting the game.

In preparation, Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma recently inspected Eden Gardens, reviewing all security arrangements. The stadium has been divided into multiple zones, each under the supervision of a Deputy Police Commissioner assisted by nine Assistant Commissioners (ACs). Areas where spectators are seated will have a dedicated Deputy Commissioner and at least nine ACs overseeing security. Additionally, specialized police teams will be stationed at key points, including the clubhouse and VIP zones, with senior officials monitoring safety in these critical areas.

Security will not be limited to inside the stadium. Armed forces personnel and Quick Response Teams (QRT) have been deployed at strategic points around Eden Gardens. Bunkers are being set up around the stadium, manned



Indian cricket players during a practice session ahead of the upcoming first Test match between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Thursday.



South African cricket players during a practice session ahead of the upcoming first Test match between India and South Africa at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Thursday. by Kolkata Police combat units. Roads surrounding Eden Gardens will see traffic restrictions to ensure smooth and secure movement during the match.

The police have emphasized that these measures are necessary not only to protect the cricketers but also to safeguard the thousands of fans expected to attend. This comes in the wake of heightened nationwide security concerns following the Delhi explosion. Kolkata Police have reassured that, while security will be tight, the arrangements are designed to allow spectators to enjoy the game safely without undue inconvenience.

With multiple layers of protection, Eden Gardens has been turned into a high-security zone, combining police vigilance, armed forces support, and emergency response teams to ensure that the iconic venue remains safe during the international fixture.

Investigators identified JitendrakumarChourasia, a businessman, as the key accused. On Wednesday, he was produced before the Alipore Court in Kolkata. His lawyer, Sanjay Dasgupta, applied for bail, claiming that the allegations against his client were incorrect. He stated that although GST authorities in Jammu and Kashmir initially revoked Chourasia's license, it was later reinstated. However, GST legal representatives opposed the bail plea, and the court remanded the accused to custody until 26 November.

India is expected to submit its updated NDCs and National Adaptation Plan, which will outline how it will prepare for and cope with the impacts of climate change, at COP30.

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Second Hooghly Bridge
to Remain Closed
Again on Sunday for
Maintenance Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Second Hooghly Bridge, also known as VidyasagarSetu, is set to remain closed once again this Sunday due to scheduled maintenance work. Kolkata Police has announced. The bridge will be completely shut for vehicular movement from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on November 16 (Sunday), according to an official statement issued by the police.

Police sources said that regular maintenance is essential to ensure the safety and durability of the structure, which connects Kolkata with Howrah. In recent weeks, the bridge has been undergoing frequent repair and inspection works to maintain its condition. As part of this ongoing effort, vehicular movement will remain suspended during the specified hours this Sunday.

Over the past several Sundays, repeated closures of the bridge have caused significant inconvenience to daily commuters. Many regular travellers have been forced to take long detours as no direct alternative routes were available. To minimize disruption, Kolkata Police has urged commuters to use alternative routes this weekend as well.

In previous weeks, the bridge had remained closed for maintenance for durations ranging from eight to sixteen hours, prompting major traffic diversions across the city. Vehicles coming from the Khidderpore side via CGR Road and heading towards the VidyasagarSetu were diverted left from Hastings Crossing through St. George's Gate Road, leading to Strand Road and then to Howrah Bridge.

Similarly, vehicles entering Kolkata from Kolaghat and Dankin were rerouted via Nivedita Bridge, while several passenger vehicles from the Kolkata side were redirected through Khasipara, GT Road, and Andul Road to reach National Highway 16.

The Kolkata Police have stated that the repeated closures are part of a planned maintenance schedule aimed at preserving the structural stability of one of the city's most vital transport links. Commuters have been advised to plan their travel accordingly to avoid congestion and delays.

The Second Hooghly Bridge, inaugurated in 1992, is one of India's largest cable-stayed bridges and a crucial connector between Kolkata and Howrah, carrying thousands of vehicles daily.

GST Fraud of Nearly
Rs 450 Cr Uncovered;
Businessman Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A massive GST fraud worth nearly ₹450 crore spanning from Jammu and Kashmir to Kolkata has been uncovered, according to authorities. The GST investigation team alleged that two companies were used to create fake invoices and documents, enabling the businessman at the center of the scam to siphon off huge sums.

Investigators identified JitendrakumarChourasia, a businessman, as the key accused. On Wednesday, he was produced before the Alipore Court in Kolkata. His lawyer, Sanjay Dasgupta, applied for bail, claiming that the allegations against his client were incorrect. He stated that although GST authorities in Jammu and Kashmir initially revoked Chourasia's license, it was later reinstated. However, GST legal representatives opposed the bail plea, and the court remanded the accused to custody until 26 November.

India is poised for 7 pc growth in 2025, says Moody's

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decoupling, even as other major economies deepen bilateral ties.

For China, Moody's forecast 5 per cent growth in 2025 aided by government stimulus and strong exports, with real GDP expansion gradually slowing to 4.2 per cent by 2027.

The agency expects global real GDP growth to hover between 2.5 and 2.6 per cent in 2026 and 2027, after an estimated 2.6 per cent in 2025 and 2.9 per cent in 2024.

The global ratings agency factored in the "unpredictable" US tariffs which it said will hit business planning, stall investment and "raise the risk of a global economic recession".

The agency's report on "Tariffs and trade turmoil" said that the tariffs will weigh on global trade activity, reduce demand for regional exports and undermine busi-

State-wide SIR Sparks Controversy
Over Deactivated Aadhaar Data

MI News Service, Kolkata: With just months to go before the state assembly elections, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process has begun across West Bengal, provoking controversy after reports emerged that the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) provided the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) with data indicating that approximately 3.2-3.4 million Aadhaar numbers of deceased residents have been deactivated. The information reportedly surfaced during a recent meeting between UIDAI officials and the state's Chief Electoral Officer, prompting questions and alarm from political quarters.

The Trinamool Congress has been particularly vocal, taking to social media to challenge the authenticity and provenance of the dataset. Party spokespersons pointed out that UIDAI had previously told Parliament it does not maintain records of Aadhaar deactivations broken down by state, year, or reason. The



party demanded clarification on what legal or evidentiary basis such a vast compilation was created and handed over to electoral authorities, calling the move "constitutionally problematic" if left unverified.

SIR involves door-to-door enumeration as Booth Level Officers (BLOs) distribute and collect forms to update the electoral rolls. With the election clock ticking, the Trinamool warned that any erroneous removal of eligible voters from rolls could have grave consequences. The party cited the Bihar episode—where thousands were mistakenly listed as "deceased" in draft voter rolls before corrections

were made—as a cautionary example, arguing that similar mistakes or deliberate manipulations in West Bengal could disenfranchise large numbers of electors.

The ruling party has vowed to mobilize protests and pursue legal remedies if legitimate voters are found to be excluded on the basis of the disputed dataset. "If even a single valid voter loses their name due to this opaque, unverified compilation, it will be treated not just as an administrative lapse but as a political conspiracy," the party statement read, promising both courtroom battles and mass agitation to hold perpetrators accountable at the ballot box.

Election officials have yet to issue a full public explanation regarding UIDAI's alleged communication. Observers say transparent verification protocols and independent audits must be instituted immediately to prevent errors and to ensure the integrity of the voter list.

Cal HC Disqualifies Mukul Roy as
MLA Under Anti-Defection Law

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Thursday delivered its final verdict in the long-pending Mukul Roy case, disqualifying the Trinamool Congress leader from his position as an MLA. The judgment was passed by a division bench comprising Justice DebangsuBasak and Justice Shabbir Rashid, following petitions filed by SuvenduAdhikari and Ambika Roy. The court ruled that Mukul Roy's membership in the West Bengal Assembly stands invalid under the anti-defection law, while also setting aside the earlier decision of Speaker BimanBanerjee.

The controversy dates back to 2022, when Mukul Roy, who was elected as a BJP MLA in



the 2021 Assembly elections, returned to the Trinamool Congress within a year of his victory. His "homecoming" prompted allegations of defection from the BJP camp. Although Leader of the Opposition SuvenduAdhikari had initially refrained from making public comments, he later stated that he was well aware of the provisions of the anti-defection law.

Acting on these grounds, the BJP approached the Supreme Court, challenging the

Speaker's earlier decision that Mukul Roy continued to be a BJP legislator. The Supreme Court, however, advised the petitioners to move the High Court instead. Following that, SuvenduAdhikari and Ambika Roy filed separate petitions in the Calcutta High Court, challenging the Speaker's ruling.

Ambika Roy, BJP MLA from Kalyani, had also raised objections to Mukul Roy's appointment as Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman, questioning how a ruling party member could hold the post. The division bench upheld both petitions, ruling in favor of the complainants. Consequently, Mukul Roy's MLA status now stands disqualified under the anti-defection provisions.

No Special Privileges for Partha Chatterjee
in Upcoming Winter Assembly Session

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former West Bengal Education Minister and ex-Trinamool Congress Secretary General Partha Chatterjee will not receive the special treatment he was once accustomed to if he attends the forthcoming Winter Session of the State Assembly later this month.

According to insiders from the Assembly, Chatterjee, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in July 2022 in connection with the school-job recruitment scam, had already been suspended by the Trinamool Congress. As a result, he will now be treated as an independent legislator rather than a party-affiliated member.

Consequently, his seating arrangement on the floor of the House will neither be in the Treasury Benches nor in the Opposition Benches, but instead in a designated spot between the two. The Speaker of the House, BimanBan-



dopadhyay, confirmed that Chatterjee will not be allotted a separate room within the Assembly premises, which he previously enjoyed as a minister. "He is no more a minister. So he will attend the session like any other MLA and will get all the facilities like them. His new seat will be decided before the Winter Session," the Speaker said.

While Chatterjee's privileges have been curtailed, the Speaker also assured that he will still have the right to participate in debates during

the session. "Chatterjee was removed from the state Cabinet. But he was not expelled from the Assembly. He is a veteran legislator. If he wants to speak, time will be allotted to him to present his views as per the Assembly rules," Bandyopadhyay added.

Partha Chatterjee has already stated that he intends to attend the Winter Session and, if possible, will take part in discussions on the floor of the House. While his ministerial perks have been revoked, he remains an elected MLA with full legislative rights, ensuring his voice can still be heard in Assembly proceedings despite his altered status.

This development underscores the Assembly's approach to treating Chatterjee like any other legislator, ensuring transparency and fairness while maintaining procedural decorum, reflecting the rules governing independent members in the House



CA Pawan Patodia, President of Special Olympics Bharat, attended a press conference to announce the commencement of the Senior, Junior, and Sub-Junior National Football Championship, organized by Special Olympics Bharat in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India, at Salt Lake SAI Complex from 18th to 20th November. Over 300 athletes from 20 states participated. The press conference, held on Thursday at the Press Club in Kolkata, highlighted the event's role in promoting sports for differently-abled athletes.

Name Change

I, Kasem Mondal S/o Late Rafik Mondal Residing at Vill - South Kolsur Biswas Para, Po - Kolsur, P.S - Deganga, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743438, West Bengal, India that my deceased father who previously known as Rafik (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Rafik Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 13-11-2025. I declare that my deceased father Rafik (Old Name) and Rafik Mondal (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rijiya Bibi (Old Name) W/o Kasem Mondal Residing at Vill - South Kolsur Biswas Para, Po - Kolsur, P.S - Deganga, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743438, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rijiya Begam (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-11-2025. Rijiya Bibi (Old Name) and Rijiya Begam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rijiya Begum (Old Name) W/o Kasem Mondal Residing at Vill - Biswas Para Dakshin Kalsur, Po - Kalsur, P.S - Deganga, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743438, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rijiya Begam (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-11-2025. Rijiya Begum (Old Name) and Rijiya Begam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Saijad Sk, S/o. Rousan Sk (in my Aadhar PAN & Voter card), r/o. Vill.+ P.O.-Kamari, P.S.- Kaliganj, Dist.- Nadia-741137, WB, declared that my & my Father's both name have wrongly recorded in my Driving Licence as Saijad Sekh s/o. Oshan Ali Sekh, in place of Saijad Sk, S/o. Rousan Sk as declared that in the Court of the Ld Judicial Magistrate, (1st Class), Krishnagar, Nadia, Vide Affidavit Sl. No. 70, Dated 13/11/2025. Henceforth, Saijad Sk, S/o. Rousan Sk and Saijad Sekh, s/o. Oshan Ali Sekh both are the same & one identical person.

I, Saumik Patra (Old Name), S/o Sanat Patra, R/o-Vill + P.O.- Mukhtarpur, P.S.- Tarakeswar, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712401, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soumik Patra (New Name) as declare before Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate court, Sadar Hooghly vide affidavit no. 5509, Dated 07.11.2025. That Saumik Patra and Soumik Patra both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Sri Prosenjit Sarkar, S/O Late Santosh Sarkar, Lakhmi Rani Sarkar, residing at Bisaka Barramp, 24/16 Bidhan Pally 2nd Lane, Barrackpore VTC, P.O.- Nona Chandanpurk, P.S.- Titagarh, District-North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700122, W.B, do hereby declare that my Passport being No. N4105020 issued by Republic of India where in my Mother's name Wrongly recorded as Laxmi Rani Sarkar in place of my Mother's correct spelling name is Lakhmi Rani Sarkar. That I have changed my Mother's name Laxmi Rani Sarkar to Lakhmi Rani Sarkar in all purpose, vide an affidavit(Sl. No. 171) sworn before in the court of the Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas date 10/11/2025 . That my Mother's Lakhmi Rani Sarkar and Laxmi Rani Sarkar are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ritesh Gupta (in Aadhar Card), s/o. Late Badrinath Gupta, r/o. 4/H/1, Shew Prasad Road, Hastings, S.O.- Hastings, Kol-22, W.B. declare that my name as recorded has been wrongly recorded in my Secondary School Examination record (DOB-19.06.1975) as Ritesh Kumar Gupta in place of Ritesh Gupta, that before the Notary Public, Kolkata, vide Affidavit Dated-13/11/2025. Henceforth, Ritesh Gupta & Ritesh Kumar Gupta both are the same & one identical person not different person.

I, Yeasir Arafat, S/o Lt. Md. Reza Ahmed (father) & Ashiya Khatun Seikh (mother), residing at Vill Ujalpur, P.O. Sadipur Berugram, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, W.B. do hereby declare that my name has been inventively recorded as Eyasir Arafat, S/o Reja Ahamad (father) & Asia Khatun (mother) in my birth certificate reg. no. 1727 dt. 18.07.1996. On 12.11.2025 vide affidavit no. 2782 before the court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Yeasir Arafat, S/o Lt. Md. Reza Ahmed (father) & Ashiya Khatun Seikh (mother) and Eyasir Arafat, S/o Reja Ahamad (father) & Asia Khatun (mother) is the same & identical person.

I, Rentu Sk, S/o Lt. Abdur Rasid, residing at Vill. Chenchuri, P.O. Ankona, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, W.B. do hereby declare that my name has been inventively recorded as Aynalahaque Sekh, S/o Rashid Sekh in 2002 voter list of 282 Ketugram Legislative Assembly, Part No. 1, Sl. No. 340. On 12.11.2025 vide affidavit no. 2776 before the court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Rentu Sk, S/o Lt. Abdur Rasid & Aynalahaque Sekh, S/o Rashid Sekh both are same & identical person.

I, Hasmot Ali (Old Name) S/o Kamrul Zamal (Old Name) R/o-Naturgram, P.O.-Laigola, P.S.- Laigola, Murshidabad do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Hasmot Ali (Old Name) S/o Kamrul Zamal (Old Name) to Hasmat Ali (Correct Name) S/o Kamrul Jamal (Correct Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Hasmat Ali S/o Kamrul Jamal in all purpose, vide affidavit no- 1353 sworn before the S.D.E.M.(S) Court at Berhampore, Murshidabad on 26-09-2025, both names are same identical person.

Name Change

I, Mahim Mullick (40 years) S/o Late Naosar Ali Mullick. Residing at Dakshin,Haradhai, Domjur, Garbagana, Dist-Howrah-711405, WB. My father's name wrongly recorded as Sk Naosar Ali in voter list 1966 Part no 304 (Sl No-87) & 1971 Part No-304(Sl No-88). On 12.09.2025 vide an affidavit before the Ld. 1st class Executive magistrate at Howrah. Dated-12.09.2025. That Sk Naosar Ali and Naosar Ali Mullick both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JAKIR HOSEN MALLICK S/o- HIYAT MALLICK Residing at, - Sonatola, Dakshin Sonatola, Rupdaha, Nadia, Pin-741104, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAKIR HOSEN MALLICK To JAKIR HOSSAIN MALLICK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAKIR HOSSAIN MALLICK in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, JAKIR HOSSAIN MALLICK and JAKIR HOSEN MALLICK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ASHALATA SARKAR S/o- ANIL SARKAR Residing at, Vill - Anandanagar, Post- Anandanagar, Ps Dhubulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741125, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASHA-TATA SARKAR To KSHANTI SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I shall be Known as (New name) KSHANTI SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, KSHANTI SARKAR and ASHALATA SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SURJIT MANDAL S/o- MAHEN MANDAL Residing at, Vill - Khanjipur Dakshinpara Post- Khanjipur, Ps - Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741164, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SURJIT MANDAL To SURAJIT MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SURAJIT MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, SURAJIT MONDAL and SURJIT MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Irshad Ali (Old Name) son of Afsar Ali, residing at S.B.V. Patel Road, Titagarh, P.S.- Khardah, Dist- 24 parganas(north), Pin-700119, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Irsad Ali (New name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 13/11/2025.Irsad Ali (New Name) and Irshad Ali (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Dil Mohammad Khan (Old Name) Son of Late Sekabab Khan, residing at Basti Para, Bishalakhshimpur, Dist-24 Parganas(South), Pin- 743347, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dil Mahammad Khan (New name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 13/11/2025.Dil Mahammad Khan (New Name) and Dil Mohammad Khan (Old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Zinat Sarkar (Old Name) W/o Rafik Sarkar Residing at Vtc - Chittrashali, P.O - Chittrashali, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712407, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zinat Aman Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 13/11/2025.Dil Mahammad Khan (New Name) and Dil Mohammad Khan (Old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Umappaad (Old Name) S/o Biswanath Bhattacharya Residing at 93 Gouranga Mandir Road, Baghajatin, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700086, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Know as Umananda Bhattacharya (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 47/2025 Dated 13-11-2025. Umappaad (Old Name) and Umananda Bhattacharya (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nasim Bibi (Old Name) W/o Late Sk Giasuddin Residing at Vill - Gopalpur Chandigarh, P.o - Gangana- gar, P.s - Madhyamgram, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700132, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nasimbabu Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Barasat vide affidavit no 6294 Dated 12-11-2025. Nasim Bibi (Old Name) and Nasimbabu Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Cecil D Rozario (Old Name) S/o Simon Drozarzio Residing at 10, Serang Lane, Entally, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Cecil Robin Drozarzio (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-11-2025. Cecil D Rozario (Old Name) and Cecil Robin Drozarzio (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajesh Kumar (Old Name) S/o Jaydev Jha Residing at 432/B/3, S.C. Aon Road, P.o - Rishra, P.s - Rishra, District - Chandannagar, Pin - 712248, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar (Old Name) and Rajesh Kumar Jha (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-11-2025. Rajesh Kumar (Old Name) and Rajesh Kumar Jha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Prodyut Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Late Dharendra Chandra Ghosh Residing at EA/25 Deshbandhu Nagar Baguiati, Po - Deshbandhu Nagar, Ps - Baguiati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700059, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Prodyut Kumar Ghose (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-11-2025. Prodyut Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) and Prodyut Kumar Ghose (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Muktar Ahmad (Old Name), Son Of Md Moquit, Residing At 17/H/10, Canal West Road, Ps-Narkeldanga, Kolkata-700009, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mukhtar Ahmed (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025.Muktar Ahmad And Mukhtar Ahmed Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Affan Ahmad (Old Name), Son Of Mukhtar Ahmed, Residing At 17/H/10, Canal West Road, Ps-Narkeldanga, Kolkata-700009, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Affan Ahmed (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Affan Ahmad And Affan Ahmed Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Muzafar Alam (Old Name) S/o Late Md Amin, residing at 44, Cowies Ghat Road, Shibpur,Dist-Howrah, Pin-711102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Muzafar Alam (New name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata dated 13/11/2025. Muzafar Alam (New Name) and Muzafar Alam (Old name),both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shantilata Mallick Biswas D/o Late Kalipada Biswas, residing at Shuk pukuria, ghatbour, Bongaon, Dist-24 Parganas (North), pin-74323, West Bengal, India, have changed my father's name Kartick Biswas to Kalipada Biswas and shall henceforth be known as Kalipada Biswas (New name) vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Alipore dated 17/10/2025. Kalipada Biswas (New name) and Kartick Biswas (Old name),both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Amulya Dhan Sarker (Old Name), Son Of Harendra Chandra Sarkar, Residing At 114/S, Belegkata Main Road, Gopi Kanana, Po-Belegkata, Kolkata-700010, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amulya Dhan Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025.Amulya Dhan Sarker And Amulya Dhan Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shila Dey (Old Name), Wife Of Amit Pathak, Residing At Budha Road, Near Chakroborty Lane, Asansol (M Crop), Bardhaman-713301, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shila Pathak (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Shila Dey And Shila Pathak Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Maya Singh (Old Name), Wife Of Sarbjit Singh, Residing At Arabindanagar, Dankuni M, Dankuni Coal Complex, Hooghly-712310, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Maya Devi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Maya Singh And Maya Devi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Anwar Kamal (Old Name),Son Of Reazuddin,Residing At 4fAhripurk,2nd Lane,Po Ballygunge,Kolkata-700019,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kamal Anwar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025.Anwar Kamal And Kamal Anwar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ANANDA KUMAR KUNDU S/O- SHIBDAS KUNDU Residing at - Vill - Majhipara, Post- Haripur, Ps- Khargram, Diat- Murshidabad, Pin- 752147, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANANDA KUMAR KUNDU To ANANDA KUNDU (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ANANDA KUNDU in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, ANANDA KUNDU and ANANDA KUMAR KUNDU both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SAMIR MANDAL S/O-MANORANJAN MANDAL Residing at, - Vill - Paikpara, Post- Swarnakhal, Ps- Krishnaganj, Diat- Nadia, Pin-741506, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAMIR MANDAL To SAMIR MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SAMIR MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, SAMIR MONDAL and SAMIR MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JAHIRUDDIN AHAMED S/O- ASAN ALI Residing at, - Vill + Post- Biswaspara, P.S.- Jalangi, Diat- Murshidabad, Pin- 742305, West Bengal, DO hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAHIRUDDIN AHAMED To JAHIR AHAMAD (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) JAHIR AHAMAD in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 04 Nov 2025, JAHIR AHAMAD and JAHIRUDDIN AHAMED both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kuldeep Saha Pabitra Kishore Saha (Old Name), Son Of Pabitra Kishore Saha Residing At Fd-47/1 Vidyasagar Palli, Zarda Bagani, Baguiati, North 24 Pgs 700059, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kuldeep Saha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Kuldeep Saha Pabitra Kishore Saha And Kuldeep Saha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shubhaxmi Chaudhury (Old Name), Daughter Of Ranendra Kumar Pal, Residing At 120 Block B, Bangur Avenue South Dumdum(Mo North 24 Parganas 700055, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shubhaxmi Chaudhury (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Shubhaxmi Chaudhury And Shubhaxlaxmi Chaudhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Debpan Dipraj Bhanu (Old Name), Son Of Bhanu Debpan, Residing At Shub Galaxy Villa, Premises No 16a, Chandi Charan Ghosh Road, Po-Barisha, Ps-Thakurpukur, Kolkata-700008, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipraj Debpan (New Name) Vide An Affidavit 56494 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 21/08/2025. Debpan Dipraj Bhanu And Dipraj Debpan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Nayeem Ahmed (Old Name) S/O Late Abdul Aziz, residing at Mohammadpur Poghja, Po-Babhtanoli, Ps-Bhagwanpur, Dist-Vaishali, Pin-844114, Bihar. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md. Naeim Ahmed (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata dated 13/11/2025. Md. Naeim Ahmed (New Name) and Md Nayeem Ahmed (Old name),both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Bimal Choudhary (old name) Son of Late Bajpauth Choudhary, Residing at 31, Nalini Ranjan Avenue,Block A, P.O.-New Alipore, Kolkata, Pin-700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimal Kumar Choudhary (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/11/2025. Bimal Kumar Choudhary (new name) and Bimal Choudhary (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, KHURSHIDA MIDDE (old name) CO SALIM ALI MIDDEY, residing at VILL- METEKHAL MOLLARCHAK MADHYAPARA, PO-BHAGABATIPUR, PS-CHANDITALA, DIST-HOOGHLY, PIN-712701, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as KHURSHIDA BEGUM (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. KHURSHIDA BEGUM (new name) and KHURSHIDA MIDDE (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SEKH MATIUR (old name) S/O SK NAIMUL, residing at BARA KAMALAPUR, PO- BORA, PS-SINGUR, DIST-HOOGHLY, PIN-712306, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK MATIUR (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. SK MATIUR (new name) and SEKH MATIUR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SALIM MIDDYA & SALIM MIDDE (old names) CO- SARAFAT ALI MIDDEY, residing at VILL- METEKHAL MOLLARCHAK MADHYAPARA, PO-BHAGABATIPUR, PS-CHANDITALA, DIST-HOOGHLY, PIN-712701, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SALIM ALI MIDDEY (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. SALIM ALI MIDDEY (new name) and SALIM MIDDYA & SALIM MIDDE (old names) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Bimal Bengani (Old Name), Son Of Late Sohanlal Bengani, Residing At 9th Floor, Jindal House, 8A, Alipore Road, P.O-Alipore, Kolkata-700027, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bimal Kumar Bengani (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Bimal Bengani And Bimal Kumar Bengani Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sanjoy Mukherjee (Old Name), Son Of Late Susil Mukherjee, Residing At Aj-143, Sector-2, Sech Bhaban, Bidhannagar (M), Salt Lake, Dist-24pgs(N)-700091, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjoy Kumar Mukherjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Sanjoy Mukherjee And Sanjoy Kumar Mukherjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sajjad Ali (Old Name), Son Of Mohd Muktar Ali, Residing At 14/1a, Kabithritha Sarani, Khiddirpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md. Sajjad Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Sajjad Ali And Md.Sajjad Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, SARMISTHA GHOSH BASU (old name) daughter of PRADYOT KUMAR BASU, residing at SPANDAN APARTMENT-3RD FLOOR,27/24,BAKUL-TALA,KANEANW, BALLYGUNGE, PS-KASBA, KOLKATA-700044, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SARMISTHA GHOSH (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit No 37 dated 11/11/2025. SARMISTHA GHOSH (new name) and SARMISTHA GHOSH BASU (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, BANKIM BISHAL DAS,S/O-Dharani Bishal, R/O- Vill - Kalikakundu, P.O.- Barageria, P.S.- Pingla, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, Pin-721140, My Son Indrajit Bishal (DOB-16-05-1989) Madhyamik Admit Card being Roll No. L1821 No.0085 Issued by W.B.B.S.E. Whenin My name has been Wrongfully Recorded as Bakunath Bishal. DO hereby declare that Bakunath Bishal. DO hereby declare that Bakunath Bishal DAS S/O-Dharani Bishal and Bakunath Bishal Same and One Identical Person Vide affidavit (No.-19345) Sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Midnapore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur on-15-09-2025.

Name Change

I, Babun Biswas, s/o Late Chitta Ranjan Biswas, RID at Vill-Dwarikanagar, P.O.- Nokari, P.S.- Ranaghat, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741202, DO here by declare that my son changed his name Sahirban Biswas to Surya Biswas, Vide Affidavit (No-18095) Sworn before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Ranaghat (1st class) on 21-6-25, That my son Surya Biswas and Sahirban Biswas is the same and one identical Pereson.

Name Change

I, Ajaz Ahmed (old name) son of Mohammad Altaf Bhat, residing at 31/1, Tiljala Road, Kmc, Topsis, Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajaz Ahmed Bhat (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. Ajaz Ahmed Bhat (new name) and Ajaz Ahmed (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Faiyaz Alam (old name) son of Md Anwaruddin, residing at 5,Tanti Bagan Road, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Faiyaz Alam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. Md Faiyaz Alam (new name) and Faiyaz Alam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sanjoy Jana (old name) son of Narugoppal Jana, residing at Vill & P.O.- Dwariknagar, P.S.- Namkhana, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin-743357, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Jana (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. Sanjay Jana (new name) and Sanjoy Jana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ram Parvash Shaw (old name) son of Ramlangan Shaw, residing at Akra fatak balurghat, Meheshtala, Rabindranagar, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal- 700018, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ram Parvash Shaw (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/11/2025. Ram Parvash Shaw (new name) and Ram Parvash Shaw (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajyashri Matilal (old name) daughter of Sonmath Matilal, residing at Ujjwaine Flat No 504, 20 Gorakshabasi Road, Opposite Five Star Club, Nager Bazar, Kamardanga, South Dumdum, North 24 Parganas, Pin-700028, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajyarsi Matilal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/11/2025. Rajyarsi Matilal (new name) and Rajyashri Matilal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, KIYAMUDDIN MD (old name) son of MOHAMMAD ALI SHER, residing at 7 BECK BAGAN ROWKARAYA,P.O.-CIRCUS AVENUE,KOLKATA- 700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as KIYAMUDDIN MOHAMMAD (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. KIYAMUDDIN MOHAMMAD (new name) and KIYAMUDDIN MD (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Shamsul Haque Khan (old name) son of Rashid Khan, residing at 10, M.M. Ali Road, Khiddirpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shamsul Haque Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. Shamsul Haque Khan (new name) and Mohammad Shamsul Haque Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Alok Kumar Agarwal (old name) son of Ram Gopal Agarwal, residing at 55B, Kalki Temple Road, P.S.- Kalighat, Kolkata- 700026, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alok Kumar Agarwala (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. Alok Kumar Agarwala (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kabita Rani Saha (old name) wife of Sankar Saha, residing at 35/D, Bidyatan Sarani, P.O.- Alam Bazar, P.S.- Baranagar, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700035, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kabita Saha (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. Kabita Saha (new name) and Kabita Rani Saha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Asif Khan (old name) S/O Mehboob Khan, residing at T303/1, Panch Para Road 44 No Gate Raja Bagam Mullahpara Masjid, Bartala, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asif Mehboob Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/11/2025. Asif Mehboob Khan (New name) and Asif Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Seminar on Stress Management and Professional Performance held at Khurda Road Division

MI News Service, New Delhi, 13 Nov.25 :

East Coast Railway Khurda Road division organized a seminar on Stress Management and Professional performance for the officials and staff posted at Khurda Road Division. The seminar aimed to enhance awareness on Stress Control, Mental Well-being and professional efficiency for ensuring Safe Railway Operations. The session was conducted by Dr. E. V. Swaminathan, an eminent motivational Speaker, Trainer and Counsellor from Brahmakumaris Headquarters, Mount Abu. Dr. E V Swami Nathan, known for his thought-provoking lectures across various organizations, spoke extensively on “Managing Stress with 3 S – Speed, Safety and Spirituality”. He is Associated with the organization Brahma Kumaris which is largest spiritual organization in the world having spread over 110 countries and The organization is promoting spiritual knowledge beyond religion by promoting secular feeling and true spirit of Indian constitution.

During his address, Dr. Swaminathan emphasized that “Our Behaviour is our Safety”, highlighting that Mindfulness, Emotional Balance and Self-Awareness play crucial roles in maintaining Safety in a high-pressure work environment. He further elaborated that work pressure and continuous responsibility of ensuring passengers’ safety 24x7 can often lead to stress, but adopting a positive mind-set and spiritual discipline can convert pressure into productivity and stress into strength. Quoting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, “Meditation should be prescribed along with medicine”, underscoring the importance of mental health practices. He stressed the need to move from ‘Pathology to Psychology

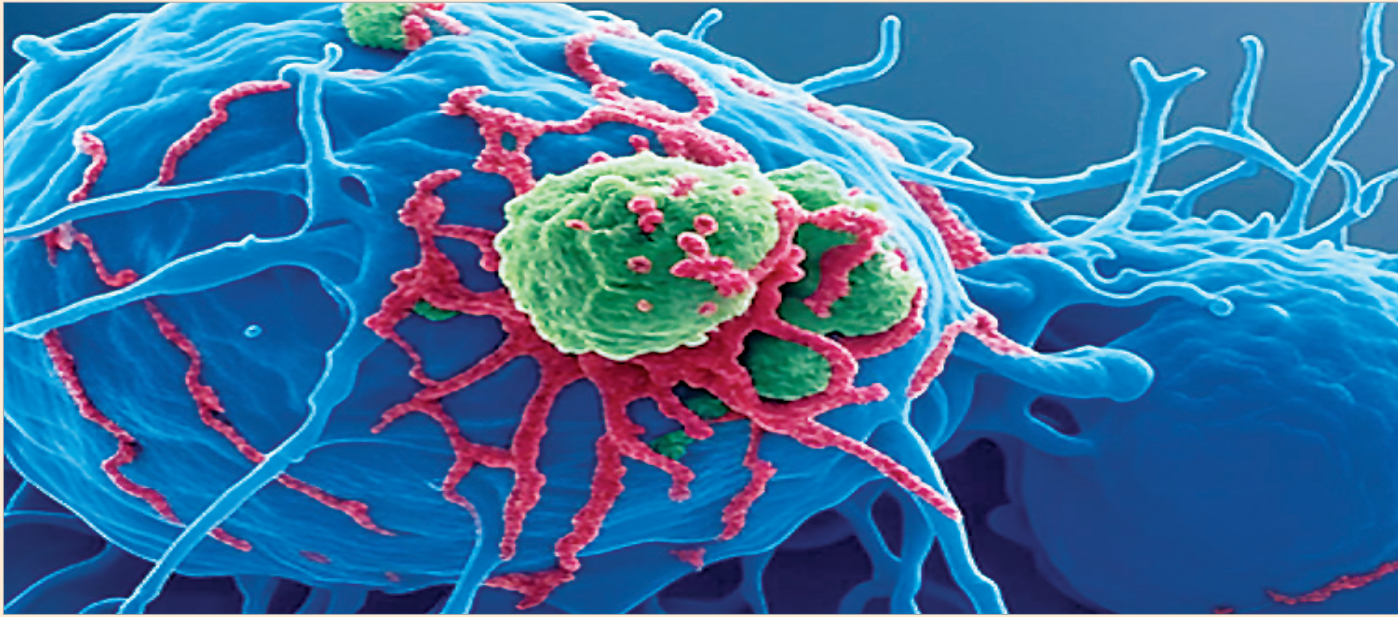
Chinese PVC Imports raise cancer risk for Indians

New Delhi : Extensive dumping of poor quality PVC resin with high levels of carcinogen compounds by China poses a significant public health risk in India, and timely enforcement of the proposed Quality Control Order (QCO) is necessary, a report said on Thursday.

The report by Centre for Domestic Economy Policy Research (C-DEP.in) launched here said that PVC currently contributes to nearly 30 per cent of use cases in India's economy, with widespread use across water, sanitation, irrigation, healthcare, construction, and infrastructure.

PVCs from China contain Residual Vinyl Chloride Monomer, a Category 1A carcinogen, at concentrations up to five times higher than globally accepted safety limits, the report noted.

The United States, the European Union, and Thailand regulate Residual Vinyl Chloride Monomer (RVCM) levels in PVC resin within a stringent range of 0.5 ppm to 3 ppm, ensuring safety in water and



food-contact applications.

India, however, does not yet have a binding national limit on RVCM, which has allowed imports of PVC resin from China with concentrations reported between 5 ppm and 10 ppm. This difference in quality benchmarking should be removed by the timely implementation of the PVC QCO to ensure Indian standards are at par with global safety benchmarks, the report argued.

The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals had notified a Quality Control Order (QCO) on PVC resin in August 2024, but deferred enforcement three times, with enforcement now scheduled for December 2025.

"The government has been championing the Zero Defect, Zero Effect by adopting the Quality Control Order (QCO). Such a policy step by the government is strengthening consumer safety and industrial standards while promoting exports from India that are dependable and of high quality," said Dr.Jaijit Bhattacharya, President of C-DEP.in.

At the launch event, Anil Sharma from the SwadeshiJagranManch said that QCOs must encompass the entire value chain, ensuring quality and accountability at every stage of production.

2 to 3 players to dominate India's quick commerce market in top 40 cities: Report

New Delhi : Like the e-commerce segment, where two or three players typically dominate the market in most countries, this concentration pattern has been extended to food delivery and quick commerce (QC) sector in India as well, where the top two or three firms are likely to control a major share of the market, a report has said.

The QC ecosystem in India is likely to follow a similar trajectory, with major players securing market share through aggressive growth, technological advancements, and operational effectiveness.

According to a Bernstein Research report, QC will dominate in top cities, while modern trade (MT) - retail supermarkets - will flourish in the next 400 cities.

"QC will dominate in the Top-40 cities, MT to flourish in the Next-400 cities and GT to lead the Last-4000 cities," the report noted.

At the same time, general trade (GT) -- kiranas and pop shops -- will remain the leader in the smaller cities, towns and villages. With rapidly evolving dynamics across city tiers, India's internet economy is entering a fresh phase of rapid growth.

The report predicted that GT to lose ground to QC, e-commerce (EC), and MT; however, MT and EC may have healthy growth going ahead as well.

In India's top urban markets, quick commerce (QC) will dominate the retail channel, fuelled by consumer demand for immediacy, convenience, and efficient logistics networks.

The report, however, emphasised that MT and EC still hold an advantage in areas such as product cataloguing and cost competitiveness. While MT retailers are focusing more on margins and deeper assortments, especially in semi-urban areas, QC and EC platforms are making significant investments in warehouse networks and logistics optimisation to cut costs. According to the report, India's top 40 cities, which are home to about 200 million people and 1,700 pin codes, are the centre of the digital economy and the main centres of growth and consumption for the nation's changing retail scene.

Emami Ltd Announces Strategic Rebranding of Kesh King; Launches Kesh King GOLD

Kolkata : Kesh King, India's leading Ayurvedic haircare brand as a part of the brand's transformative rebranding initiative has been unveiled as Kesh King GOLD marking a strategic evolution in the brand's identity, proposition, and packaging. At the core of this rebrand, Emami Limited makes a strategic shift for its brand Kesh King, moving beyond its traditional Ayurvedic roots to embrace a powerful new proposition: Ayurveda + Science.

This evolution, offering elevated quality, efficacy, premiumness and a modern outlook-while staying rooted in the brand's Ayurvedic heritage, is driven by extensive consumer research, that resonated today's discerning consumers' demand for authenticity, performance and scientific validation. Kesh King GOLD addresses this consumer demand by blending the potent actives of 21 trusted Ayurvedic herbs with advanced scientific ingredients like Gro Biotin and Plant Omega 3-6-9, which are clinically proven to activate hair growth and reduce hairfall. As part of its strategic repositioning, Kesh King is also entering new categories to address evolving hair concerns with targeted, results-driven solutions. Recognizing that hair growth remains a major unmet need, the brand has further added under the Kesh King GOLD



Range - a new breakthrough product, Advanced Hair Growth Serum. This serum packs the highest concentration of growth actives - a unique blend of Ayurvedic herbs and powerful molecules like Redensyl,

AnaGain, Kopexil Aqua and Procapil for visible new hair growth. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Priti A. Suerka, Executive Director, Emami Ltd said, "This rebranding of Kesh King is not just a facelift-it's a strategic transformation from the core. The brand's long-term vision is to establish Kesh King GOLD as the gold standard in holistic haircare, where the wisdom of Ayurveda meets the precision of modern research. The new identity is designed to appeal to a generation that demands visible efficacy, trusted ingredients, and aspirational, progressive value."

Brand ambassador Shilpa Shetty will continue to endorse Kesh King, lending credibility and trust to the brand's philosophy as a wellness icon. In the new communication strategy, the focus will shift toward authentic consumer stories highlighting the brand's new proposition supported by strong efficacy claims. To support the launch, Kesh King GOLD will roll out a high-impact 360-degree integrated campaign across television, digital platforms, print media, and in-store channels.

The relaunch will focus on driving premiumisation and strengthening leadership in key markets, reaching both loyal users and new audiences seeking trusted, performance-led haircare solutions.

85 pc of Indian businesses see Saudi Arabia as attractive investment destination: Report

Mumbai : Eighty-five per cent of Indian businesses - the highest among surveyed markets - see Saudi Arabia as a more attractive destination for trade and investment amidst global uncertainties, a report showed on Thursday.

Moreover, 78 per cent of Indian businesses are planning to increase investments in Saudi Arabia in the next six months - representing the highest level of commitment among any market outside the Middle East, according to an HSBC report.

Indian business leaders are showing a strong intent to increasing trade and investment with Saudi Arabia. This aligns with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 plan, which aims to build a resilient, stable economy with attractive growth opportunities.

"Our research indicates increased confidence from international businesses in Saudi Arabia's economic transformation and highlights the Kingdom's unique ability to combine heightened growth prospects with economic stability," said SelimKervanci, Chief Executive Officer, Middle East North Africa and Türkiye (MENAT), HSBC Bank Middle East. The report sur-



veyed 4,000 business decision makers with international operations, each generating annual revenues of \$50 million to \$500 million, uncovering insights into the evolving trade and investment links between Saudi Arabia and eight major global markets.

Bilateral trade ties between India and Saudi Arabia have steadily grown over the years. India is the second largest trade partner of Saudi Arabia while Saudi Arabia is the fifth largest trading partner of India. In FY 2024-25, bilateral

trade stood at \$41.88 billion, with Indian exports at \$11.76 billion and imports at \$30.12 billion. Survey respondents from India highlight Saudi Arabia's growing economy (60 per cent), economic stability (56 per cent), and business-friendly policies (51 per cent) as top reasons to do business in the Kingdom.

The strategic alignment between Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and India's Viksit Bharat agenda opens up synergistic opportunities for trade and

investment, fostering sustainable growth and shared prosperity, said Ajay Sharma, Head of Banking, HSBC India.

Indian IT and tech firms are contributing to Saudi Arabia's digital transformation, while interest is also growing in areas like healthcare, logistics, mining, and startups. Indian businesses already investing in the Kingdom rank foreign ownership restrictions (35 per cent) and market competition (35 per cent) as equal top barriers to increasing their investments.

India to stay fastest-growing major economy despite US tariff hikes: Moody's



New Delhi : India is expected to remain the fastest-growing economy among the G20 nations with a growth rate of 6.5 per cent through 2027, despite the Donald Trump administration's tariff hikes, according to Moody's latest 'Global Macro Outlook report for 2026-27'.

The report states that the pace of India's growth will be supported by robust infrastructure investment, strong domestic consumer demand, and export diversification.

"Indian exporters, facing 50 per cent US tariffs on some products, have succeeded in redirecting exports, with overall exports climbed 6.75 per cent in September even as shipments to the US dropped 11.9 per cent," the report points out.

The report praises the RBI's monetary policy for keeping the country on a stable growth path. "In India, the RBI held its repo rate steady in October, showing that it is cautious on policy with inflation subdued and growth strong," the report states.

The strong international capital inflows, driven by positive investor sentiment, have helped cushion external shocks and maintain liquidity, the report further states.

However, it also observes that while domestic demand remains the primary growth engine, the private sector is yet to fully regain confidence for large-scale business investments.

Global growth will likely remain steady but subdued with advanced economies growing modestly and emerging markets mostly maintaining stronger momentum, the report states. It projects global growth at around 2.5 to 2.6 per cent in 2026 and 2027, reflecting steady but uneven expansion across regions.

Advanced economies are expected to grow about 1.5 per cent while emerging markets are likely to post a 4 per cent growth.

The United States is clocking slower but stable momentum, supported by modest consumer spending and AI-related investment and adoption, the report states.

The fiscal stimulus, a more accommodative monetary policy, and regulatory easing could extend the US credit cycle into 2026, offsetting tariff and immigration pressures - though risks could rise as the cycle matures, the report added.

In the case of Europe, the report observes a modest improvement driven by employment gains, wage stability, and monetary policy easing by the European Central Bank. Investments in infrastructure and green technology, particularly Germany's investment in defence and public projects, are expected to spur regional growth.

China's growth rate is expected to slow down from 5 per cent in 2025 to 4.2 per cent by 2027.

Happiness doesn't depend on wealth, says study

Researchers have discovered that happiness and life satisfaction can be achieved even without material wealth.

The prevailing belief that economic growth is the key to happiness has been challenged by this research, which found that many societies with low monetary incomes reported remarkably high levels of life satisfaction, comparable to those in wealthier countries. This revelation raises questions about the universality of the link between wealth and happiness.

Global surveys, such as the World Happiness Report, have often overlooked small-scale societies where monetary exchanges play a minimal role in daily life. These societies rely directly on nature for their liveli-

hoods. By disregarding these communities, previous studies have skewed the understanding of what truly contributes to human well-being.

The study was conducted by the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ICTA-UAB) in collaboration with McGill University in Canada. The study focused on Indigenous and local communities from 19 different sites worldwide.

The survey encompassed 2,966 individuals and revealed that only 64% of the households had any cash income. Despite this, the average life satisfaction score across the studied small-scale societies was an impressive 6.8 out of 10. Some communities

even reported scores higher than 8, similar to those of wealthy Scandinavian countries.

Eric Galbraith, lead author of the study and researcher at ICTA-UAB and McGill University, emphasizes that these findings challenge the notion that material wealth generated by industrialized economies is essential for happiness. This opens up new possibilities for sustainable development and human well-being, as it demonstrates that resource-intensive economic growth is not a prerequisite for achieving high levels of subjective well-being.

While the study sheds light on the fact that people in many Indigenous and local communities report high levels of life satisfaction, it does not provide clear-



cut reasons for this phenomenon. However, previous research suggests that factors such as strong family and social support systems, spiritual beliefs, and a deep connection to nature play crucial roles in their happiness.

A study conducted by Snapbizz and London Business School (LBS) has shed light on the vital connection between shopping behaviour and nutrition in slum communities. The research, led by renowned faculty members Kamalini Ramdas and Ali Aouad from LBS, focused on encouraging healthier shopping habits in low-income Indian communities, specifically in Mankhurd, Mumbai.

Snapbizz, a Bengaluru-based company providing innovative solutions for neighborhood

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Kirana stores, played a crucial role by leveraging its cutting-edge technology to track purchase data in these communities. The study revealed that subsidizing cereals can significantly enhance healthier eating habits in slum communities.

Israel attacks Gaza's south, north during 'repeatedly violated' truce



MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel has carried out an air attack on Gaza's northern city of Beit Lahiya, eastern areas of Gaza City and the southern city of Khan Younis, where artillery shelling also has been reported, according to our colleagues at Al Jazeera Arabic. Gaza's Health Ministry says Israel has killed at least 245 Palestinians and wounded 627 in the enclave since the ceasefire came into force on October 10. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has described the ceasefire in Gaza as "fragile" and "repeatedly violated" while appealing for it to be respected and used to advance peace efforts. In southern Lebanon, Israel has struck what its army says is "a weapons storage facility and an underground terror infrastructure site used by Hezbollah". Zikim crossing, the main entry point into the devastated northern Gaza Strip, has been reopened to allow the flow of humanitarian aid into the region, according to Israeli officials. Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 69,185 Palestinians and wounded 170,698 since October 2023. A total of 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attacks, and about 200 were taken captive.

U.S. Mint ends penny production after 232-years circulation

MI News Service, New York: The U.S. Mint on Wednesday ended production of the one-cent coins, or the penny, which have circulated for more than two centuries.

During a ceremonial strike event at the Philadelphia Mint, U.S. Treasurer Brandon Beach struck the final circulating one-cent coins, marking the official end of 232 years of penny production in the country.

"Today the Mint celebrates 232 years of penny manufacturing," said Kristie McNally, acting mint director. "While general production concludes today, the penny's legacy lives on. As its usage in commerce continues to evolve, its significance in America's story will endure." Rising production costs and evolving consumer habits have made the production of pennies unsustainable, as the cost of producing each penny has risen from 1.42 cents a decade ago to 3.69 cents, according to the U.S. Mint.

Earlier this year, U.S. President Donald Trump ordered the Treasury Department to halt what he called the "wasteful" minting of pennies. Suspending production of the penny is expected to save the U.S. Mint about 56 million U.S. dollars a year, Beach said. The penny was first issued in 1793, one year after authorization by the Coinage Act.

Profiling fears in Rajasthan: Security checks target Muslims post-Delhi blast

MI News Service: A day after the November 10 Delhi Red Fort blast killed 13 and injured over 30, Rajasthan police in Barmer on November 12 intensified railway screenings—visibly focusing on Muslim passengers. Videos circulating online show officers singling out men wearing skull caps and beards, frisking pockets, inspecting seats, and rummaging through luggage in search of "evidence."

The blast, linked to doctors from Al Falah University Hospital in Faridabad, Haryana, prompted nationwide high alerts and directives to scrutinize suspicious activity. Yet, the selective checks in Barmer have sparked outrage, with critics arguing one community is bearing the brunt of post-attack paranoia.

Eyewitnesses report non-Muslim travelers passing with minimal



checks while those appearing Muslim face prolonged, invasive searches. "They didn't even glance at others," said a passenger in one viral clip. The footage captures an officer emptying a bag, scattering

clothes and personal items, as the traveler waits silently.

Human rights advocates condemn the approach as discriminatory profiling, warning it risks alienating communities and un-

dermining trust in security forces during a national crisis. "Targeted checks based on appearance violate dignity and constitutional equality," said a local activist.

Families of blast victims continue mourning, with many bodies still unidentified. The National Investigation Agency probes the 'white-collar terror module' spanning Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttar Pradesh, recovering explosives from off-campus locations.

As investigations deepen, calls grow for balanced, intelligence-led security—not blanket suspicion of a faith. Rajasthan police defend the checks as routine under heightened alert, but admit reviewing procedures to avoid bias perceptions. The incident highlights a recurring tension: how to ensure safety without stigmatizing innocence in the shadow of terror.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Pays Floral Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Part of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada Celebration



MI News Service, New Delhi, 13 Nov.25 : As part of the fortnight-long celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, paid floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi today.

In a spirited tribute to the valour, vision, and contributions of tribal heroes, Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada is being celebrated across the nation from 1st to 15th November 2025. The fortnight-long celebration forms part of the year-long Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh observance marking the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda — one of India's most revered tribal freedom fighters and an enduring symbol of resistance against colonial oppression.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced the observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh to honour the sacrifices, culture, and heritage of India's tribal communities and to bring their stories of courage and nation-building into the national consciousness. Under his visionary leadership, the Government of India institutionalized Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on 15th November each year, ensuring that the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other tribal freedom fighters continues to inspire future generations.

Railway Upgrades Two Express Trains To State-Of-The-Art LHB Rakes

MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Nov.25 : Eastern Railway has planned a major upgrade to convert the (04) four rakes of 13173/13174 Sealdah – Sabroom – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express & 13175/13176 Sealdah – Silchar – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express with conversion from ICF to LHB rake.

13173/13174 Sealdah – Sabroom – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express will run with LHB rake, leaving Sealdah with effect from 28.11.2025 & leaving Sabroom with effect from 30.11.2025 and 13175/13176 Sealdah – Silchar – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express will run with LHB rake, leaving Sealdah with effect from 29.11.2025 & leaving Silchar with effect from 01.12.2025.

The introduction of state-of-the-art Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes signifies a significant step forward in enhancing the overall travel experience for

passengers. LHB coaches are renowned for their advanced safety features, improved performance and enhanced passenger comfort. With this upgrade, Eastern Railway aims to set new benchmarks in rail travel safety, comfort, and efficiency.

Eastern Railway is dedicated to leading this transformation in the railway sector, striving to provide passengers with the best possible travel experience. Passengers are invited to experience the upgraded amenities and services available on board the Sealdah – Sabroom – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express and Sealdah – Silchar – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express. From enhanced safety features to improved passenger comfort, every aspect of the journey has been meticulously designed to elevate the overall passenger experience.

Now Book, Track And Travel Smarter With The New 'RailOne' App

MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Nov.25 : As part of Indian Railways' continued efforts towards digital empowerment and enhanced passenger convenience, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway has undertaken an extensive awareness campaign to promote the usage of the recently launched 'RailOne' App — India's Official Railway SuperApp. This initiative aims to familiarize passengers with the app's wide range of services and encourage them to experience a smarter, faster, and more connected way of travelling.

The RailOne App, already available for download on Android Play Store and iOS App Store, brings together multiple railway services under one digital roof. With the motto "Book any ticket. Track any train. Order food. File complaints. Get refunds. All in a tap.", the app redefines passenger convenience by integrating previously separate railway platforms into a single, unified system. Through awareness drives, digital displays, and passenger interaction programmes at stations, Asansol Division is highlighting

the app's key features — including Unreserved UTS Ticket Booking via R-Wallet with a 3% discount, Live Train Tracking, Online Grievance Redressal, Refund Management, and E-Catering. Facilities for Porter Booking and Last-Mile Taxi Services are also being showcased to promote ease of travel for passengers.

The Division is also informing passengers that existing UTS and RailConnect credentials can be used to access RailOne seamlessly. The app supports Single Sign-On login through mPIN or biometric authentication, and integrates R-Wallet for quick, cashless transactions. For reserved ticketing, IRCTC continues as the authorized platform, while RailOne functions as an officially approved partner. With this awareness campaign, Asansol Division is reinforcing Indian Railways' mission to enhance digital accessibility and passenger engagement. The initiative reflects the Division's commitment to promoting technology-driven solutions that simplify travel and strengthen the vision of a Digital Railway Ecosystem.

Hindu priest Yati Narsinghanand calls for bombarding Al Falah, AMU, JMI, Darul UloomA

MI News Service, Ghaziabad: Yati Narsinghanand Giri, the controversial Mahant of Ghaziabad's Dasna Devi Temple, infamous for anti-Muslim hate speech, has demanded military action to destroy four prominent Islamic educational institutions. In a viral video, he declared: "Terrorist dens like Al-Falah University, AMU, Jamia Millia, Darul Uloom Deoband should be blown up with cannons by sending in the army." The inflammatory call follows the detention of three doctors from Al Falah University in Faridabad, arrested in connection with a suspected terror module and the November 10 Delhi Red Fort blast that killed 13. Police allege the doctors are linked to the attack.

Narsinghanand accused Al Falah of mourning "terrorists" killed in blasts and criticized Hindus for abandoning him despite his confrontations with "jihadis." "They stand by their people in every circumstance—that's why

they have 57 countries. But you desert those who fight for you," he said, urging Hindus to support "fighters" or risk extinction. "This is the final phase of my life," he added. "Pressure your leaders to demolish these institutions with cannons, otherwise there will be no escape." The statement has fueled a surge in Islamophobic and genocidal rhetoric online post-blast. Threats and calls for violence against Muslim institutions are circulating not just from anonymous accounts but from verified Hindutva leaders and mainstream journalists. Rights groups warn such speech normalizes violence and risks communal unrest. No action has been announced against Narsinghanand, who faces multiple FIRs for prior hate speeches but remains free. As investigations into the blast continue, the rhetoric underscores deepening polarization, with minority institutions now openly targeted in public discourse.

U.S. weather agency issues severe geomagnetic storm warning

MI News Service, Los Angeles: The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued a warning for a severe geomagnetic storm through Thursday, following the arrival of a major coronal mass ejection (CME).

According to NOAA, solar activity on Tuesday produced an X5.1-class solar flare associated with a CME whose remnants have now reached near-Earth space.

"We have seen the final CME arrive and are now waiting to see just how much magnetic energy exists within," NOAA said in an alert on Wednesday.

A CME is an eruption of solar material and magnetic fields that, upon reaching Earth, can trigger geomagnetic storms, according to NOAA.

The agency warned that enhanced solar radiation could increase biological risks for astronauts and passengers and crew on high-latitude, high-altitude flights, and may cause single-event effects on satellite systems.

Kenyan jurist Okowa elected judge of Int'l Court of Justice

MI News Service, United Nations: Kenyan jurist Phoebe Okowa was elected a judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Wednesday to fill the seat vacated by Somalia's Abdulqawi Yusuf, who resigned effective Sept. 30. Okowa will serve the remainder of Yusuf's term, which runs until Feb. 5, 2027. She is a Kenyan lawyer and professor of public international law at Queen Mary University of London and has served as a member of the UN International Law Commission since 2023. Under the ICJ's Statute, judges are elected by secret ballot in both the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Ministry of Railways Sanctions Ferozepur-Patti Rail Link Project (25.72 km)

- S Ravneet Singh Bittu Union Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries
- Railways writes letter to the Chief Secretary Punjab for early acquisition of land
- Project will benefit nearly 10 lakh people and creating approximately 2.5 lakh employment opportunities

MI News Service, New Delhi, 13 Nov.25 : The Ministry of Railways has sanctioned the Ferozepur-Patti Rail Link Project, covering a total length of 25.72 km at an estimated cost of ₹764.19 crore, including ₹166 crore towards land acquisition to be borne by the Railways. Announcing this at a media briefing today, S. Ravneet Singh Bittu Union Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries, said that the project holds strategic and economic importance, significantly reducing the distance between Ferozepur and Amritsar from 196 km to about 100 km, and shortening the Jammu-Ferozepur-Fazilka-Mumbai corridor by 236 km. It will serve as a crucial link between the Malwa and Majha regions of Punjab, enhancing regional mobility and logistics efficiency.

Thanking Hon' Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi ji, Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah ji, Railway Minister Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw ji for this historic gift to Punjab, Bittu said that the new rail line will connect the Jalandhar-Ferozepur and Patti-

Khemkaran routes, providing a direct and alternative connection close to the international border. Passing through areas of strategic defence significance, it will facilitate rapid movement of defence personnel, equipment, and supplies.

Ravneet said that Beyond strategic benefits, the project promises significant socio-economic gains, benefiting nearly 10 lakh people and creating approximately 2.5 lakh employment opportunities. It will serve 2,500-3,500 daily passengers, particularly students, employees, and patients from nearby villages. The rail link will spur trade and industrial growth, reduce freight transportation costs, and improve access to agricultural markets, thereby boosting investment in education, healthcare, and essential infrastructure. It will also link Amritsar, a major commercial, educational, and religious hub attracting over one lakh tourists daily, with Ferozepur, ensuring faster connectivity and stronger regional integration. Importantly, the new alignment will revive a historic route lost during Partition, reducing the Ferozepur-Khemkaran distance from 294 km to 110 km. DRM AMBALA Shri Vinod Bhatia, CPM / Construction Shri Ajai Varshney, CPM / RLDA Shri Balbir Singh, ADRM Firozpur Shri Nitin Garg and Shri Dhananjay Singh, EDPG, MOSR were also present there.

Bihar readies for counting of votes

MI News Service, Patna: People of Bihar wait with bated breath for Friday's counting of votes polled in the recent assembly elections, which will decide whether JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar, the state's longest-serving chief minister, will get a record fifth term or whether a change in government will be witnessed.

Bihar registered a historic voter turnout of 67.13 per cent in the elections to the 243-member assembly in two phases on November 6 and 11. Counting of votes will begin at 8 am, and the trends and results are likely to start trickling in by 9 am. A total of 46 counting centres have been enumerated by the Election Commission across 38 districts in the state.

A total of 7.45 crore voters were eligible to decide the electoral fate of 2,616 candidates. According to a statement issued by the EC



on Wednesday, EVMs and VVPATs used in the elections have been sealed inside the strong rooms under a double-lock system.

"Under the presence of central observers and agents deputed by candidates, the entire process will be videographed," the statement said. Two-tier security has been ensured at the counting centres.

"While the inner tier has been assigned to central armed paramilitary forces (CAPFs), state police have been deployed at the outer

rung. Also, 24/7 CCTV surveillance and other security provisions have been put in place," the statement said. A control room has been set up within every strong room campus, which will be staffed with senior district officials. All district election officers and returning officers of the assembly constituencies concerned have been directed to frequently inspect the strong rooms.

Exit polls have been nearly unanimous in predicting a clean sweep for the NDA, of which the JD(U)

is a part, much to the annoyance of the opposition INDIA bloc. Tejashwi Yadav, the young RJD leader whom the opposition coalition has named its chief ministerial candidate, rubbished these predictions and claimed Mahagathabandhan would form the government with a thumping majority.

The NDA in Bihar comprises five parties, though a bulk of seats, in the 243-strong assembly, were contested by JD(U) and BJP, both of which fielded candidates in 101 constituencies each. The INDIA bloc includes RJD, Congress, CPI(M), Liberation, other Left parties, and Vikasheel Insaan Party (VIP). Prominent candidates of both alliances who are in the fray include Deputy Chief Ministers Samart Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, JJD's Tej Pratap and Bihar Congress president Rajesh Kumar.

Sami Hamdi returns to UK after US detention over Gaza war comments

MI News Service, United Kingdom: The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and members of Hamdi's legal team on Wednesday evening, November 12, said no criminal charges were filed and that US authorities did not provide evidence linking him to terrorism or national security risks. His lawyers said he was held on what they described as a "government-manufactured" visa-overstay allegation. His return followed an agreement allowing him to voluntarily depart the United States (US) Hamdi was detained by US immigration authorities at San Francisco International Airport on October 26 after he criticised US and Israeli policies in Gaza during a CAIR gala in Sacramento. The Department of Homeland Security also revoked his visitor visa the same day, and ICE took him into custody pending removal proceedings.

In a statement, Hamdi expressed deep gratitude to his family, lawyers and support-

ers. "I am profoundly grateful to my family, my legal team and every individual in the global community who prayed, protested and refused to be silent. Let the record show: I broke no law and posed no threat. My only 'offense' was speaking the unvarnished truth about the genocide in Gaza," he said. Hamdi added that his voluntary departure did not reflect the strength of the case against him, but rather the political climate that enabled his detention. "This is not merely an injustice against me, but a searing indictment of any nation that claims to uphold free speech, a free press and the right to due process." Hamdi and his lawyers said he was held in crowded quarters, received delayed medical attention and was repeatedly transported in full shackles. They said his experience mirrored the treatment faced by many civil detainees held in privately run immigration facilities, where oversight is limited and long-term confinement is common.

Verdict on ousted Bangladesh PM's case to be delivered next Monday

MI News Service, Dhaka: A special tribunal in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka said on Thursday that it will deliver a verdict in a case against ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and two of her top aides on Nov. 17.

Amid tight security, Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Chairman Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder fixed the date in the case over crimes against humanity during the July 2024 uprising.

The prosecution brought five charges of crimes against humanity and mass killings against Hasina, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and former Bangladesh Police's In-



spector General Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, who is now behind the bars.

Bangladesh has increased security nationwide to prevent possible protests on Thursday. This followed reports that the opposition Bangladesh Awami League (AL) party has planned a "Dhaka

lockdown." A government official said that police are patrolling more frequently and have increased protection for important buildings.

Hasina resigned and fled to India on Aug. 5 last year after protesters stormed her official residence amid the student-led uprising.

