

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee is expected to return to the political field later this month, with party sources indicating that a new phase of his outreach programme will begin on November 24 from Cooch Behar. Although an official announcement is yet to be made, preparations are underway for his visits to SIR camps and public meetings across various districts of North Bengal. Party insiders say it is highly likely that Abhishek will be seen on the streets of Cooch Behar that day. With Assembly elections nearing, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has emerged as a central issue in state politics. From the first day of form distribution, both Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee have taken to the streets voicing strong objections. The Trinamool leadership has repeatedly stressed that they will fight till the end to ensure that no legitimate voter is excluded from the rolls. PG 3



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Mamata extends best wishes on Children's Day, describes children as 'light of tomorrow'

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday wished every child on the occasion of Children's Day, describing them as the "light of tomorrow". "Children are the light of tomorrow. On Children's Day, I extend heartfelt love, best wishes, and congratulations to all children," she said in an X post. "May their beautiful lives see success and progress," Mamata Banerjee said.



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Meanwhile, A forum of political leaders, trade union representatives and educators plans to inform the Chief minister how illegal sand and stone mining from rivers and unplanned construction of high-rises and dams have severely harmed the environment in north Bengal. Such practices have contributed to devastating landslides and floods in the hills and plains on October 5 this year, they said. As a part of their initiative, representatives of the Jami Jibika Paribesh Bachao Avijan (Land, Livelihood, and Environment Protection Movement) — a 29-member forum formed in March this year — sent a memorandum to Mamata Banerjee through the Divisional Commissioner of Jalpaiguri on Friday. "Over 100 landslides occurred and incessant rainfall — over 300mm within just 12 hours — flooded vast areas of these districts, displacing thousands of residents," said Avijit Majumder, a representative of the forum. "One of the major causes of

such devastation is uncontrolled river mining and the construction of dams. We have sent a memorandum to the Chief minister, seeking appropriate steps to stop these practices, which in turn can reduce such natural disasters." In the light of recent disasters across Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, the state government must draw up comprehensive plans to maintain the region's ecological balance and protect its environment, they said. On March 30, 2025, the forum also held a convention in Siliguri to protest the government decision to allow the use of up

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Bihar Assembly poll results won't have any bearing on West Bengal: TMC

MI News Service, Kolkata : Exuding full confidence, the ruling Trinamool Congress on Friday asserted that the poll results in neighbouring Bihar, where the BJP-led NDA recorded a landslide victory to retain power, will not have any impact whatsoever on next year's assembly elections in West Bengal. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh claimed in a post on X that the Mamata Banerjee-led party will certainly come to power for the fourth time with over 250 seats in the 294 member state assembly. He said the Bihar poll results also showed again that the Congress had failed miserably in its opposition to BJP.



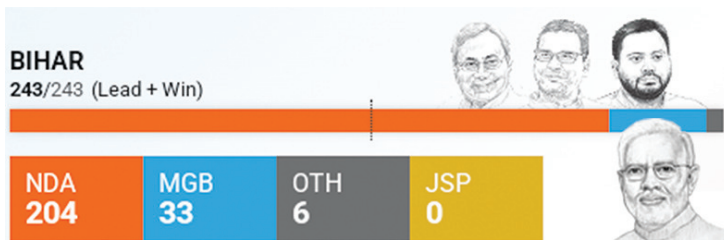
But that is Bihar's equation. It has no connection with Bengal. It will not affect Bengal. In Bengal, the factors are development, unity, harmony, rights, and self-respect. With 250+ seats, Mamata Banerjee will become Chief minister again

power. Trinamool's movement will continue against this. Through close public outreach, Trinamool will foil all the BJP's conspiracies," he claimed. In a jibe at West Bengal's saffron camp, Ghosh alleged that the BJP leaders who are issuing statements and threats by showing Bihar as an example to intimidate Bengal are wasting their time. "You cannot win people's love by hurting the rights and self-respect of the people of Bengal and simply pointing to another state," Ghosh asserted. Claiming that several states including Bihar follow Mamata Banerjee's model of development, he said, "Here whether winter, summer, or monsoon Mamata Banerjee is the people's trust.



South African batsman Zorzi on his way towards pavilion after his dismissal in first day of the first test at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Friday.

NDA achieves landslide victory in Bihar elections, a massive blow to INDIA bloc



MI News Service, Patna : Creating a tsunami as well as a history, the ruling NDA achieved a landslide victory for the alliance in elections to the Bihar Assembly winning as many as 204 seats for a two third majority in the 243 member house Bihar went to the polls in two phases this time on November 6 and 11. As per the election results after the day long counting from 7 a.m. on Friday morning, the ruling NDA alliance won 204 seats, far surpassing the simple majority mark of 122, according to the Election Commission. On the other hand the opposition INDIA bloc under Mahagathbandhan re-

mained way behind and showing a dismal result by winning only 33 of the 243 seats in the assembly. Among the NDA allies, the BJP clinched the highest 92 seats, while its prime ally JD(U) won in 84 others, followed by the LJP(RV) in 19, the HAM (S) in four, and the RLM was in one seat after the final round of counting in the evening. In total contrast within the opposition bloc, the RJD could manage to win only in 25 seats and the Congress only five. The CPIM(L) Liberation five, and the CPI and CPI(M) got one seat each. However, the most unfortunate outcome of this election was



JDU members celebrate as the NDA alliance leads during the counting of votes of the Bihar Assembly elections, in Patna

that of newly formed Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraj Party which after a much hulla bullu, drew blank and the Mukesh Sahani-helmed VIP also lost all the seats they have contested. Among the

prominent candidates, RJD Chief and the Mahagathbandhan's Chief ministerial candidate Tejreswari Yadav marginally won the election from his stronghold at Raghupur by a slender margin, followed by his

party colleague singer-turned-politician Khesari Lal Yadav who also lost from Chhapra assembly, while BJP nominee Maithili Thakur, a first timer and a singer, won from Alinagar. RJD's Osama Shahab, the son of gangster-turned-politician Mohammad Shahabuddin, however won from Raganathpur, and state minister Leshi Singh of the JD(U) retained his seat in Dhamdaha. Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary of the BJP also won from Tarapur.

Another Deputy CM, Vijay Kumar Sinha, won in Lakhisarai, while JJD founder Tej Pratap Yadav was at the fourth spot in Mahua, as LJP(RV)'s Sanjay Kumar Singh retained his seat. "The NDA will form the government in Bihar again. We have won with a vast majority. People of Bihar trusted the double-engine government. And the fact that not a single booth has required recounting, which only proves the ground situation," said the BJP spokesperson. .

'Tiger abhi zinda hai', 'Bihar mein ek star': Nitish posters dominate Patna

MI News Service, Patna : As the ruling NDA created history by registering a totally one sided and a landslide victory in Bihar on Friday, Patna's skyline saw a visual grammar of its own -- bold, swaggering and unmistakably centered on one man: Nitish Kumar. As the NDA's advantage solidified through the day, freshly minted posters began appearing across the city, leaving no ambiguity about who, in the JD(U)'s telling, remained Bihar's central axis of power. Outside the Chief minister's residence in the heart of Patna, a massive poster of Nitish Kumar standing beside a crouching tiger, with the tagline 'tiger abhi zinda hai' (the tiger is still alive), became the first showstopper of the morning. The imagery was not subtle. It was defiant, triumphant, and unmistakably aimed at setting the tone before the numbers settled.

Through the day, more posters sprouted across arterial stretches, roundabouts, party offices and neighbourhood corners, as though Patna itself had been cast in a JD(U) production. One declared: 'Humaare Bihar mein ek star, har baar Nitish Kumar' (in our Bihar, there is only one star; every time, it is Nitish Kumar). The design was more striking, a towering image of Nitish Kumar, with a big photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the backdrop. Another went even further, stating sim-

Tasveere in baatein karte hain, picture abhi baki hain (photographs tell a story, the film is not yet over) --JD(U) worker

ply, 'Bihar ka matlab Nitish Kumar' (Bihar means Nitish Kumar), a sweeping assertion that sought to blur the



line between individual and the state's identity.

Political observers said the visual grammar made the JD(U)'s message crystal clear: In Bihar's political theatre, Nitish Kumar is not just the protagonist, he is the plot. "The line 'Humaare Bihar mein ek star' is not just praise. It is a reminder that whatever the arithmetic at the Centre, Bihar's leadership mantle is that of Nitish ji," a JD(U) worker told a TV channel, pointing to the posters. The timing was even more telling. Even though the BJP was leading in more seats than the JD(U), the posters doubled as a calibrated counter to weeks of spec-

ulation, fanned by the Mahagathbandhan and pockets of the political commentary that the BJP might project a new CM face after the polls. Both parties had publicly dismissed the buzz, but the visuals on Friday appeared crafted to silence it once and for all. For the JD(U) cadre, the posters worked as reassurance and assertion in equal measure: reassurance that Nitish Kumar was firmly in command, and assertion that within the NDA, hierarchy had its own logic, and Nitish Kumar remained its senior-most partner in Bihar. The visuals appeared almost in lockstep with counting trends. "Tasveere in baatein karte hain, picture abhi baki hain (photographs tell a story, the film is not yet over)," said a JD(U) worker dancing outside the party office. By late afternoon, as the NDA surged ahead in 204 seats and the Mahagathbandhan lagged at 33, the posters took on sharper meaning.

Within the NDA, the BJP led in 95 seats, ahead of the JD(U)'s 83. The LJP (Ram Vilas) added 19 leads and the HAM(S) and RLM four each. On the other side, the Mahagathbandhan's figures were anchored by the RJD's

Congress alleges 'counting irregularities' as NDA sweeps Bihar poll

MI News Service, Patna : Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Ram on Friday raised doubts over the "integrity" of the counting process even as Election Commission placed the NDA comfortably ahead of the Mahagathbandhan with the final results of the Assembly polls being declared. . The Election Commission's numbers showed a sweeping results in favour of the ruling alliance signalling a sharp tilt in favour of the BJP-led coalition.

Within the NDA, the BJP won the highest 90 seats, followed by the JD (U) which clinched 80 more, with other allies LJP (RV) (21) and HAMS (5) adding heft to the front. On the other hand the INDIA bloc's Mahagathbandhan's tally rested largely on the RJD's dismal 29 seats, followed by Congress only at four, Left partners CPI(ML)-Liberation (5) and CPI(M) and CPI in one each. Amid this tectonic shifting of electoral map, Ram alleged "serious anomalies" in the counting process, claiming that the procedure had slowed abruptly in several centres after the initial rounds.

Accusing the administration of attempting to "steal votes", he claimed



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Cong chief Rajesh Ram

there were reports of "server vans" hovering around counting centres and "irregularities at booths." "When vote theft happens in Maharashtra and Haryana, why will people not suspect the same here? Especially the Opposition," he alleged. Ram argued that Bihar's electorate have shown "visible resentment" rooted in unemployment, paper leaks,

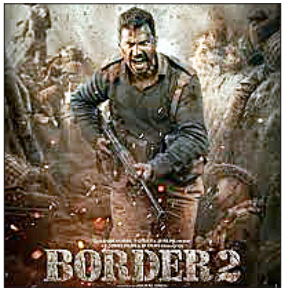
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Nationwide mobilization
of civil defence must
to counter terrorism:

KIRAN BEDI
MI News Service, Kolkata: Kiran Bedi, a former high-ranking police officer, called for the swift activation of a nationwide Civil Defence initiative to support police forces in their grassroots counter-terrorism efforts. Her statement, which followed the recent Delhi blast that resulted in 12 casualties, was made while addressing the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Ladies Forum on the topic of women's empowerment. Bedi described Civil Defence as an "untapped potential that is ready to be utilized", asserting that with more effective implementation, this system could serve as a true national framework to bolster preventive security measures.

Dhawan's first look from
'Border 2' unveiled



MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the tremendous response to the first poster of Border 2 featuring Sunny Deol, the makers T-Series and JP Films, have now unveiled the much-awaited first look of Varun Dhawan, introducing a new generation of courage to India's biggest patriotic film.

Directed by Anurag Singh, Border 2 brings together a powerful ensemble led by Sunny Deol, Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh, Anah Shetty, Medha Rana, Mona Singh and Sonam Bajwa with production by Bhushan Kumar, JP Dutta & Nidhi Dutta. The film is set to release on 23rd January 2026.

'Vrusshabha' releasing
at Christmas

MI News Service, Kolkata: The makers of the highly anticipated film Vrusshabha have officially announced a grand worldwide theatrical release on 25th December 2025, promising audiences a cinematic spectacle like never before.

Written and directed by Nanda Kishore, Vrusshabha is a sweeping saga of love, destiny, and vengeance, exploring the unbreakable bond between a father and son.

The film stars Mohanlal, alongside Samarjit Lankesh, Ragini Dwivedi, and Nayan Sarika, Ajay and Neha Saxena with a powerful ensemble cast. Vrusshabha features music by Sam CS, sound design by Academy Award-winner Resul Pookutty, dialogues by SRK, Janardhan Maharshi, and Karthik, and high-octane action choreographed by Peter Hein, Stunt Silva, Ganesh and Nikhil.

Presented by Konnekti Media and Balaji Telefilms in association with Abhishek S. Vyas Studios, Vrusshabha is produced by Shobha Kapoor, Ektaa R Kapoor, C.K. Padma Kumar, Varun Mathur, Saurabh Mishra, Abishek S Vyas, Praveer Singh, Vishal Gurnani, and Juhi Parekh Mehta. Co Produced by Vimal Lahoti.

BENGAL tops SIR
performance charts

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal has emerged as one of the top performers in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, having distributed 93.22 per cent of voter enumeration forms — among the highest proportions in the country.

According to Election Commission of India (ECI) data, 7.14 crore forms have already been delivered to electors in the state, which has a total voter population of 7.66 crore.

A senior official in the office of the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said 80,861 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been deployed for the door-to-door exercise, which began on November 4 across 12 states and Union Territories. In comparison, BJP-ruled states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh have recorded lower distribution figures at 79.89 per cent, 74.41 per cent, and 78.41 per cent, respectively.



Players of South Africa and India, along with the umpire and match referee, pose for a photo with the trophy before the start of the Test match at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Friday.

IND-SA FIRST TEST: Bumrah's 5 wkts demolishes South Africa at Day 1

MI News Service, Kolkata: India ripped off South Africa for just 159 in their first innings on Day 1 of the first Test at the Edens Garden on Friday. Jasprit Bumrah was the star of the show with his five-wicket haul as India dominated South Africa on Day 1 of the first Test in Kolkata. India lost the wicket of opener Yashasvi Jaiswal in the final session; Proteas speedster Marco Jansen cleaned up Jaiswal for 12. India at stumps reached 37/1 after 20 overs, trailing by 122 runs, with KL Rahul and Washington Sundar at the crease. Proteas started the final session on 154-8. Jasprit Bumrah returned after tea to skittle out the last two wickets as he bundled out Simon Harmer and Keshav Maharaj in the 55th over to square off South Africa's innings.

Bumrah was outstanding for his 5 for 27. Kuldeep was excellent as well, Mohammed Siraj had a slightly off-day, but he too chipped in with two wickets in an over. Bumrah became the first fast bowler to pick a five-fer in the opening day of a Test in India, since Ishant Sharma, in a D/N Test against Bangladesh at the same venue in 2019.

Earlier in the match, exceptional bowling performance from Indian bowlers demolished South Africa's middle order and restricted them to 154/8 at the end of the second session in the first Test of the two-match series. At the stroke of Tea, South Africa are struggling at 154/8 in 52 overs with Tristan Stubbs 15* unbeaten on the crease.

South Africa started the second session at 104/3, with Mulder (22*) and de Zorzi (15*) unbeaten. Kuldeep Yadav struck early, trapping Mulder leg-before-wicket for 24 in 51 balls (with three fours), leaving SA at 114/4 in 29.5 overs. Soon Zorzi also gave in to the pressure, trapped lbw by Bumrah for 24 in 55 balls, with a four and a six. SA had half their side down at 120 runs in 32.3 overs. Kyle Verreynne and Tristan Stubbs, two batters with an attacking game, were left to provide stability to the WTC champions.

When the partnership was building, Verreynne was trapped leg-before-wicket by Mohammed Siraj for just 16 runs, reducing SA to 146/6 in 44.1 overs. Siraj soon got his second, removing Marco Jansen without disturbing the scorers, leaving SA at 147/7 in 44.4 overs. Proteas touched the 150-run mark in 47.4 overs. Axar Patel joined the party as well, getting a wicket of Corbin Bosch for single digits on the last ball of the session. At the end of the first session, SA was 104/3, with Mulder (22*) and de Zorzi (15*) unbeaten.

Electing to bat first, South African openers Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickelton were initially cautious, till Rickelton broke the shackles in the fourth over, making good use of a quick outfield and Mohammed Siraj's questionable lengths and getting two successive fours.

While Jasprit Bumrah was containing the runs pretty well on one hand, Siraj was leaking runs and undoing his hard work.

As seen in the sixth over, he was struck with three boundaries, including a straight as an arrow cover drive and a scrumptious cover drive by Markram, which ended the over at a score of 31.

Siraj was taken off the attack, but the introduction of spin with Axar Patel did not exactly pay dividends, as Markram got two boundaries against him in the eighth over and a six over long-on in the 10th over. SA touched the 50-run mark by 9.2 overs, ending the first 10 overs at 57/0, with Markram (26*) and Rickelton (23*).

However, Bumrah beat the outside edge of Rickelton's bat and left the ball crashing into his off-stump, giving India their breakthrough in the 11th over. Rickelton was gone for 22-ball 23 (with four boundaries) and SA was 57/1 in 10.3 overs.

In the 12th over, extra bounce cost Markram his wicket as he attempted to get a feel for a fifth-stump delivery that bounced too high; the ball hit the shoulder of his bat, and Rishabh Pant dived to grab a catch. Markram was gone for a 48-ball 31 (with five fours and a six), with SA suddenly under the pump courtesy another piece of brilliance from Bumrah, at 62/2 in 12.1 overs.

The fresh pair of Temba Bavuma and Mulder had the task of taking the Proteas through the remainder of the session without a wicket. However, a delivery spinning back into Bavuma got the inside edge of his bat, with Dhruv Jurel ready to grab it at short-leg. Bavuma was gone for three, with SA at 71/3 in 16 overs.

Traffic restriction on Sunday due to repair of 2nd Hooghly Bridge

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 2nd Hooghly Bridge (Vidyasagar Setu) will remain closed for 16 hours in connection with repair and rehabilitation of Vidyasagar Setu including replacement of stay and holding down cables and bearings etc. of Vidyasagar Setu, Kolkata from 05:00 hrs to 21:00 hrs on 16.11.2025 (Sunday).

Whereas it is necessary for public safety and convenience traffic will be restricted. During replacement

of stay and down cables and bearings of 2nd Hooghly Bridge, movement of all types of vehicles shall be restricted along Vidyasagar Setu and its ramps from 05:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m. on 16/11/2025 (Sunday). West bound all types of vehicles, coming along AJC Bose Road from Zeerut Island side for Vidyasagar Setu, will be diverted from Turf View via at grade road towards Hastings Crossing to avail St. Georges gate Road -Strand

Road -Howrah Bridge or to take right turn from Hastings Crossing for K.P. Road. West bound all types of vehicles, coming along K.P. Road from J&N Island side for Vidyasagar Setu, will be diverted from Furlong Gate towards Hastings Crossing to avail St Georges Gate Road-Strand Road-Howrah Bridge.

East bound all types of vehicles, coming along CGR Road from Khidderpore side for Vidyasagar Setu, will

be diverted from Hastings Crossing to take left turn to avail St Georges Gate Road -Strand Road-Howrah Bridge.

All types of vehicles of K.P. Road, availing Vidyasagar Setu via ramp at Y-Poin,t near Ghora Pass, will also be diverted from YPoint on K.P. Road towards 11 Furlong Gate to avail KP Road-Red Road for Howrah Bridge.

Vehicular traffic will also be diverted through arterial roads as and when required.

AIIMS Kalyani marks 3rd Institute Research Day, celebrates innovation

MI News Service, Kalyani: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani celebrated its 3rd Institute Research Day on November 12, 2025, commemorating the contributions of Padma Vibhushan Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, pioneer of Oral Rehydration Therapy. The annual observance aims to promote a culture of research and innovation among students, residents and faculty members.

This year's theme, "Fostering Innovation... from classroom to clinics," highlighted the importance of translating scientific ideas into clinical practice. The event was attended by Prof. Yogesh Kumar Sarin, Director Professor of Paediatric Surgery at Lady Hardinge Medical College, who delivered the Research Day oration. In his address,



Prof. Sarin underscored the need to nurture critical thinking and align innovations with the practical needs of patients and healthcare providers. He also emphasized the crucial role institutions like AIIMS Kalyani play in providing platforms for young innovators.

AIIMS Kalyani Executive Director Prof. Arvind Sinha congratulated faculty members, residents and students for their contributions to research, stressing the need for greater investment in scientific inquiry to address societal challenges. He also outlined

the institute's recent achievements in research and innovation.

Dean (Research) Prof. Aparna Palit lauded the ongoing efforts of the research community and shared her vision for expanding the institute's research footprint in the coming years.

Medical Superintendent Prof. Mahuya Chattopadhyay, Dean (Examination) Prof. Ajay Malik, and former Dean (Academics) & Nodal Officer of the Multidisciplinary Research Unit Prof. Kalyan Goswami were also present.

The institute felicitated top-performing researchers from faculty, resident doctors and students. Awards were also presented to the best-performing departments in recognition of their research output.

Kalyani hosts inter-school essay competition celebrating Nazrul's legacy

MI News Service, Kalyani: The Ritwik Sadan auditorium in Kalyani turned into a vibrant cultural hub on Friday as an inter-school essay competition themed on "Why we like Nazrul" was organised under the initiative of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The event was conducted jointly by the West Bengal Kazi Nazrul Islam Academy and the State Information and Cultural Affairs (I&CA) Department, with supervision from the Kalyani Sub-Divisional Information & Cultural Office.

More than a hundred students from nearly 12-15 schools across the Kalyani subdivision, including areas such as Haringhata and Chakdah, participated in the one-hour-long essay competition. Students from Classes VIII to XI penned their thoughts on Kazi Nazrul Islam's literature, philosophy, humanism, egalitarianism and patriotism.

The venue buzzed with anticipation as students revised their notes and prepared their



ideas minutes before the competition began. Their essays reflected a deep, youthful engagement with the works of the 'Rebel Poet', underscoring his continued relevance among the younger generation.

District Information & Cultural Officer Shubhamoy Mitra, Ranaghat SDICO Anushree Goswami, Kalyani SDICO Mousumi Roy, and Te-

hatta SDICO Biswajit Biswas were present at the programme.

The panel of judges included Suprana Kundu Chatterjee, Prof. at Ranaghat College, and Bandhan Chandra Sengupta, noted Nazrul researcher.

Nazrul scholar Sengupta said the initiative was "highly necessary and timely". "Children must reconnect with Nazrul's poetry, songs and

humanistic message. This competition allows them to express what Nazrul means to them. I appreciate the effort and I believe it will inspire a positive direction among young minds," he said.

Kalyani SDICO Mousumi Roy said the topic was "immensely appealing to students". "They can express their own feelings and respect for Nazrul through writing. Girls are showing remarkable participation too, they are progressing equally in academics, competitions and sports," she added.

Following the competition, a cultural programme was held, after which prizes were distributed among the participants. The organisers said the event was aimed not just at holding a contest, but at spreading Nazrul's message of humanity and equality among schoolchildren. The goal was well achieved judging by the enthusiasm of students and teachers alike, they said.

Siliguri's DORJEE gets team India berth

MI News Service, Siliguri: While Siliguri girl Richa Ghosh shot to global cricketing stardom this week, city boy Pasang Dorjee Tamang has earned his first-ever selection for the Indian Under-23 men's national football team.

Twenty-one-year-old Tamang has been named in the national squad set to play a friendly match against Thailand U-23 on November 15.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) officially announced the India U-23 men's team on Tuesday, confirming the squad's upcoming trip to Bangkok for the friendly against Thailand.

Jayabrata Ghosh, an A-licensed coach of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) who has closely followed Tamang's progress, said the young player, who is popularly known as Saurabh, hails from the Pradhannagar area of Siliguri.

"After representing various local football clubs, Tamang established himself as a capable attacking winger and striker," Ghosh said. "In January this year, he received a call from the Mohun Bagan Super Giant in Calcutta and officially signed with the club soon after."

Mohun Bagan Super Giant, commonly known as Mohun Bagan, is on of the oldest football clubs in Asia, established in 1889, and among the topmost clubs of India.

In Mohun Bagan, Tamang's position is defensive midfield.



Ghosh added that Tamang's national selection came after he was spotted by talent scouts from the AIFF.

"This is simply a remarkable achievement for any footballer from this region. It's been quite some time since a local player earned a place in the national squad," Ghosh said.

Back home, Tamang continues to represent the Mahananda Sporting Club in the local football league organised by the Siliguri Mahakuma Kirira Parishad (SMKP), the sub-divisional sports body.

"It's a proud moment for Siliguri and football lovers of the city," said Suman Ghosh, the football secretary of the SMKP. "This is perhaps the first time a local player has been selected for the national

team."

The functionary added: "Tamang will play in the super league match against Sashasthra Seema Bal (SSB) at the Kanchenjunga Stadium here. There, we will felicitate him."

Siliguri boy Tushar Vishwakarma, 21, also joined the Mohun Bagan Super Giants' reserve team recently. Tushar began his journey with Siliguri United Football Club and gained prominence playing in the Calcutta Football League (CFL) for Ka-light Milan Sangha.

The Dooars also has a promising female footballer. Tanushree Roy, 20, who is from the Dhupguri area of Jalpaiguri district, is a rising star in the Indian Women's League (IWL). She plays for Kickstart FC.

PLASTINDIA spotlights Bengal's ₹3K Cr plastics investment

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Plastindia Foundation, organizers of the world's largest plastics exhibition, successfully hosted the PLASTINDIA 2026 Kolkata Roadshow recently. The event brought together industry stalwarts, policymakers, and business leaders to highlight West Bengal's rapidly growing plastics sector, which has attracted over 3,000 crore in new capital expenditure.

The initiative reinforced Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's vision of positioning West Bengal as a global manufacturing hub and empowering the MSME sector. The

new investments are expected to generate around 2 lakh jobs and contribute nearly 20,000 crore to the state GDP.

The roadshow was graced by Chief Guest Firhad Hakim, Mayor of Kolkata and Minister for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, and Guest of Vandana Yadav, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Government of West Bengal.

Distinguished dignitaries present included Ravish Kamath, President, Plastindia Foundation; Dr. Raju Desai, Vice President, Plastindia Foundation; Vikram Bhadau-

ria, Chairman, PLEXCONCIL; and Vinnet Kumar Gupta, Chairman, Promotion NEC.

The event, held in collaboration with the Indian Plastics Federation (IPF), also announced the upcoming PLASTINDIA 2026 — the 12th International Plastics Exhibition, Conference & Convention—scheduled from February 5-10, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the theme "Bharat Next."

The Kolkata Roadshow concluded with networking sessions, underscoring the region's pivotal role in shaping India's polymer future.

Pickup Van Catches Fire in Tehatta; Family Narrowly Escapes

MI News Service, Tehatta: A moving pickup van caught fire at Sonadah Para in Nadia's Tehatta on Friday afternoon, triggering panic in the area.

According to local sources, Prasenjit Datta of Gopalpur was returning home with his wife and mother after completing some work at the panchayat office when he noticed smoke billowing from the vehicle's engine. Within moments, flames started spreading.



Prasenjit immediately stopped the vehicle by the roadside and moved his family members to a safe distance, preventing a major accident.

School shut for 9 days as all three teachers engaged in SIR duties; parents protest

MI News Service, Nadia: Academic activities at a primary school in Santipur have come to a standstill as all three teachers have been deputed for SIR (Special Intensive Revision) duties. The Nrisinghapur Tewari Math Primary School under Haripur panchayat has reportedly remained closed for nearly nine consecutive days, triggering strong resentment among parents.

The school, which once had a higher enrolment, now has only 30 students. Parents allege that even af-

ter Puja vacation, regular classes had not resumed properly. The sudden closure without any prior notice, they say, has jeopardised preparations ahead of the annual exams scheduled for December.

Parents questioned, "If teachers are engaged in SIR activities, why should the school remain locked? Who takes responsibility for the academic loss?" They have demanded immediate administrative intervention.

However, local panchayat pradhan Biren Mahato

said he was "unaware" of the long closure. "I came to know about it from the media. Teachers may be busy with SIR work, but the administration should have been informed before keeping the school shut," he said, adding that he would take up the issue with the BDO.

The school inspector stated that he had already emailed higher authorities on November 4 after receiving complaints from parents. Despite that, no action has been taken so far, parents allege.



A walkathon was organised in Howrah on Thursday to observe World Diabetes Day and spread awareness about diabetes prevention and control. The event, conducted by the Howrah Town Diabetes Study Society, began in front of a private hospital on Andul Road and passed through nearby neighbourhoods. Local residents, students, healthcare workers and volunteers took part in the march, carrying placards and sharing messages on diabetes risks, early detection and the importance of regular health check-ups. Doctors highlighted that regular walking, daily exercise and a balanced diet play a vital role in preventing diabetes and managing the condition effectively. The walkathon was inaugurated by Somnath Banerjee, chief Public Prosecutor of Howrah district, who stressed that lifestyle disorders are increasingly affecting young people due to fast food consumption and irregular habits. Among the key participants were the Society's social secretary Jayati Bhattacharya, artist Mallar Ghosh, endocrinologist Dr. Sanjay Shah, diabetes specialist Dr. Guruprasad Bhattacharya and medicine specialist Dr. Mridul Bera.



Team India during the national anthem before the start of the first Test match against South Africa at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Friday.

Abhishek Likely to Resume Mass Outreach from Cooch Behar on Nov 24

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee is expected to return to the political field later this month, with party sources indicating that a new phase of his outreach programme will begin on November 24 from Cooch Behar. Although an official announcement is yet to be made, preparations are underway for his visits to SIR camps and public meetings across various districts of North Bengal. Party insiders say it is highly likely that Abhishek will be seen on the streets of Cooch Behar that day. With Assembly elections nearing, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has emerged as a central issue in state politics. From the first day of form distribution, both Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee have taken to the streets voicing strong objections. The Trinamool leadership has repeatedly stressed that they will fight till the end to ensure that no legitimate voter is excluded from the rolls. Abhishek's renewed public outreach during this crucial phase is expected



to intensify the party's stance even further. In the last Lok Sabha polls, Trinamool achieved unexpectedly strong results in several traditional North Bengal strongholds, boosting organisational morale. However, the region has since faced multiple tensions. Before the SIR process began, many families received NRC-related notices, sparking confusion and fear.

This was followed by the devastating floods in the Dooars, which dominated state-wide discussions. Mamata Banerjee's ground visits and the party's sharp attacks on BJP leadership in Assam and Meghalaya have further heated up political dynamics in North Bengal. Amid all this, recent deaths reported during the ongoing SIR process have triggered fresh controversy. Trinamool leaders have accused the Opposition of attempting to intimidate voters and undermine democratic rights. Adding to the political exchanges, Abhishek Banerjee recently remarked that the BJP, which fell from 303 to 240 seats after demonetisation, would drop further to 100 seats following what he termed "vote-ban". In this charged atmosphere, Abhishek's upcoming rallies in North Bengal have generated significant curiosity. Observers across the state are keen to see what message he delivers from the political stage, as his remarks are expected to shape the next phase of West Bengal's pre-election narrative.

Three Women Arrested in Separate Fraud Cases

MI News Service, Kolkata: Police in Kolkata and its adjoining areas on Friday arrested three women in connection with three separate fraud cases, ranging from online honey-trapping to illegal property sales. The arrests were made by different police stations after complaints were filed by victims who had allegedly lost significant amounts of money through these scams. According to police sources, the first arrest was made in Howrah's Liluah area, where officers detained a woman identified as Riya Roy. She is accused of running a dating app scam, allegedly using online platforms to befriend individuals before deceiving them and extorting money. Multiple victims reportedly approached the Kolkata Cyber Crime Police after suffering financial losses. Acting on those complaints, officers conducted a raid and arrested Riya. Police seized two mobile phones and several electronic devices believed to have been used in the fraud. In the second case, officers from Park Street Police Station arrested a woman named Raziya-Mondal.



Enthusiastic Indian supporters and fans cheer for Team India ahead of the first Test match against South Africa outside Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Friday.

KKR Appoints Tim Southee as Bowling Coach for IPL '26

MI News Service, Kolkata: Marking a strategic move ahead of the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Friday confirmed the appointment of New Zealand pace great Tim Southee as the franchise's new bowling coach. The former Black Caps spearhead, renowned for his swing, control and longevity across formats, steps into a crucial mentoring role as KKR begins early preparations for the upcoming edition of the tournament. Southee, one of the most celebrated fast bowlers of modern cricket, represented New Zealand in 107 Tests, 161 One-Day Internationals and 126 T20 Internationals, claiming a remarkable 776 wickets across formats. His international career, which spanned over 15 years, established him as one of the most consistent and respected pace bowlers in world cricket. In the IPL,

Southee was associated with KKR during the 2021, 2022 and 2023 seasons, earning the trust of the team management through his professionalism and dressing-room presence. Expressing his excitement at returning to the franchise, Southee said, "KKR has always felt like home to me, and it's an honour to return in this new role. The franchise has an incredible culture, passionate fans, and a great group of players. I look forward to working closely with the bowlers and helping the team achieve success in IPL 2026." Team officials believe Southee's familiarity with the KKR environment, combined with his deep understanding of modern fast bowling, will significantly strengthen the side's preparation. His appointment comes at a time when franchises across the league are revamping their coaching structures and investing heavily in specialist mentors.

NABARD Hosts Gramin Bharat Mahotsav in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), West Bengal Regional Office, proudly inaugurates the Gramin Bharat Mahotsav at New Town Mela Ground, Kolkata — a 10-day long exhibition-cum-sale event showcasing the vibrant tapestry of India's rural entrepreneurship. The event features over 70 stalls representing Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Off-Farm Producer Organizations (OFFPOs), and rural entrepreneurs

from across the country. Artisans and producers will present a diverse array of traditional crafts, organic products, textiles, processed foods, and eco-friendly innovations. In a special tribute to collective enterprise, NABARD is also celebrating the International Year of Cooperatives with a dedicated Cooperative Pavilion comprising 10 stalls, highlighting the contributions of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), dairy cooperatives, and multipurpose societies. The key highlights of the exhibi-

tion include direct market access for rural producers and artisans, buyer-seller interactions and branding opportunities, showcasing NABARD's support for SHGs, FPOs, and cooperatives, promotion of digital onboarding, GI tagging, and climate-resilient value chains. The event was inaugurated by Shri Sudhanshu Prasad, Regional Director, RBI who acknowledged NABARD's role in the upliftment of the rural farmers and artisans through its various initiatives.

ZSI Scientists Identify New Slender Gecko Species in Andhra Pradesh

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant addition to India's reptilian diversity, scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have announced the discovery of a new species of slender gecko from the Eastern Ghats. The species, belonging to the genus Hemiphyllodactylus, was located in the Tirumala Hill ranges of the Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve in Andhra Pradesh—an area already known for its rich biodiversity. The newly catalogued species has been formally named Hemiphyllodactylus venkatadri sp. Nov., in honor of its type locality, the sacred Venkatadri Hills of Tirumala. The name Venkatadri draws from Sanskrit: Venkata, referring to Lord Vishnu—"one who removes sins"—and Adri, meaning mountain. The discovery has been detailed in the international journal Herpetozoa (Vol. 38, 2025) and is the result of a collaborative effort involving ZSI's Freshwater Biology Regional Centre (Hyderabad), the Reptilia Section (Kolkata), and Fakir Mohan University (Odisha). Molecular studies conducted by the team established that the new species shows a 9.7–12.9 percent genetic divergence from its closest relatives found in peninsular India, including H. jnana, H. nilgiriensis, and H. peninsularis. Distinct morphological

traits further distinguish the Venkatadri Slender Gecko. These include 12–16 chin scales, 6–8 pre-cloacal pores, and 5–7 femoral pores separated by poreless scales. The species also displays a notable lamellar arrangement of 2-2-2-2 on both limbs. Researchers found the gecko under tree bark in a sandalwood plantation encircled by tropical dry deciduous forest at an elevation of roughly 881 meters. This marks only the second Hemiphyllodactylus species reported from Andhra Pradesh, the first being H. arakuensis.

Congratulating the research team, ZSI director Dr. Dhriti Banerjee said, "Discoveries like the Venkatadri Slender Gecko strongly reiterate the need for sustained systematic surveys and molecular research in the Eastern Ghats. This region remains one of India's most underexplored biogeographic pockets, yet it consistently reveals remarkable new reptile species." The finding highlights the importance of continued biodiversity conservation in the Eastern Ghats, an ecosystem facing increasing anthropogenic pressures. Geckos, a subgroup of lizards, share classic reptilian traits such as ectothermy and watertight skin and represent one of the most diverse reptile groups globally.

Inmates Across Bengal Anxious as SIR Process Sparks Confusion in Prisons

MI News Service, Kolkata: Uncertainty looms large for inmates across West Bengal as the Statewide Special Identity Registration (SIR) process begins. Among them is Alim from Birbhum, currently lodged in Dum Dum Central Correctional Home after being convicted of murder. Also anxious is Amir Ali of Baruiপুর, who is named in multiple cases involving snatching and robbery. With SIR procedures under way, these inmates and their families are deeply worried about what the new identification requirements might mean for their future. Across the state's 59 correctional homes, one question dominates conversations among inmates: What will happen to us under the SIR process? According to officials, the Election Commission of India has issued no specific notification regarding inmates, leaving both convicts and undertrial prisoners in a state of confusion. Their families, too, remain concerned, unsure of the implications of the new system for those behind bars.

The state's correctional network includes 7 central correctional homes, 3 open correctional homes, 5 special homes, 1 women's cor-

rectional home, 12 district prisons, and 31 subsidiary prisons. Together, they house over a lakh inmates—both undertrial and convicted. High Court lawyer Tapas Bhanja, who has long worked on inmate rights since the Covid-19 period, explains the distinction. "There are two categories of inmates: undertrials and convicts. Anyone sentenced to more than two years cannot contest elections, but they retain the right to vote," he said. He added that families can take the enumeration forms to correctional homes, where inmates are allowed to fill and sign them following prison protocols. "Convicted inmates can vote only if they are released on parole. Undertrials may vote if they are released on bail," he clarified. SIR, he said, poses no legal barrier for either category. The Election Commission announced the SIR process in West Bengal on 27 October, and the procedure has already begun. This has triggered widespread public debate and political discussion, along with petitions filed before the Calcutta High Court. One such case is being heard by the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul.

Cal HC Seeks Detailed Affidavit on Land Transfer for Indo-Bangladesh Border Fencing

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the West Bengal government to file an affidavit detailing the current status of land meant to be handed over to the Centre for fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The order was issued by the Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujayit Pal, which gave the state a 15-day deadline to submit the report. The Bench, however, declined to issue any interim order, despite a request from the Centre's counsel, the Additional Solicitor General. During the hearing, the Centre alleged that the West Bengal government had failed to transfer the required land for border fencing, even though funds for land acquisition had already been provided. According to available data, nearly 2,216 kilometres of the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal remain unfenced. The Union government has been pushing to expedite fencing work, accusing the state of non-cooperation. The matter has gained renewed urgency following political instability in Bangladesh after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government in August 2024. The Centre has intensified efforts to secure vulnerable stretches of the border. However, attempts to carry out fencing have faced resistance from Bangladesh's Border Guard (BGB) at several points, prompting counter-responses from India. Both sides have since held multiple rounds of discussions between the Border Security Force (BSF) and BGB to ease tensions.



BJP supporters celebrating their party's victory in the Bihar Assembly election at the BJP State Office on Murlidhar Sen Street in Kolkata on Friday.

Mamata extends best wishes on Children's Day, describes children as 'light of tomorrow'

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to 30 per cent of tea garden land for non-tea purposes. Since then, the forum has held a number of conventions across the region to apprise people of these issues. Samik Chakraborty, a trade union leader, said that while organising conventions to secure tea workers' rights over their land, it became evident that large-scale projects, like the ongoing Sivok-Rangpo railway project and construction of dams over the Teesta river, are severely affecting the region's ecological stability, including National Highway 10, the principal highway that connects Sikkim and Kalimpong with

Siliguri and rest of the country. "We will appeal for the cancellation of the Sivok-Rangpo railway project and demand a halt of the construction of all large and medium-sized dams in the Himalayan regions of Darjeeling and Sikkim," Chakraborty said. The forum also called for an immediate end to deforestation, and sought the declaration of eco-sensitive zones (from Lalitong Busty near the Sevoke to Chungthang and Melli to the upper ridges of Rangeet), installation of rain gauge stations in vulnerable areas, and scientific studies to prevent disasters such as glacial lake outburst floods said its representatives.

Congress alleges 'counting irregularities' as NDA sweeps Bihar poll

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lack of healthcare, and persistent distress migration. "Women don't want their husbands to go outside the state to earn. Youths are frustrated. The 20-year rule backed by the BJP has failed them," he added. The Congress leader also echoed the RJD's warnings that any perceived wrongdoing could trigger unrest. "Voters know whom they pressed the button for. If the outcome doesn't match their expectation, anger is natural," he said. Attacking Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Ram alleged that the BJP had "completely captured" him. "JD(U) leaders and workers are them-

selves unhappy. Even they know this government is on its way out. The public wants a government that delivers jobs, medicines, and dignity," he said. Bihar Congress in-charge Krishna Allavar, said the party would refrain from commenting on the numbers. "These are bogus numbers and not final," he said. Asked about allegations of irregularities in the counting process, he said, "The Election Commission, the Prime Minister, and the Home Minister must assure the people that the process has been neutral and transparent. There are many questions, many pieces of evidence. They must clarify."

'Tiger abhi zinda hai', 'Bihar mein ek star': Nitish posters dominate Patna

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25, followed by Congress five, CPI(M) Liberation (four), and CPI(M) (one). AIMIM was ahead in five seats and the BSP in one. At several spots, groups of JD(U) workers stood posing beside the posters as though unveiling a premature victory banner. "Message clear hai. Nitish ji politics ka asli tiger hain (the message is clear: Nitish Kumar is the real tiger of politics)," a worker said, grinning into a TV camera. When asked about the 'tiger zinda hai' posters surfacing outside Nitish's residence, BJP state president Dilip Jaiswal brushed aside the episode with a smile: "His stature is bigger than a tiger. Much bigger." JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar attributed the NDA's strong results to welfare schemes prioritised under Nitish Kumar's leadership. "Nitish Kumar ji will remain the Chief minister as long as he wishes. His will, the people's aspiration and the NDA's resolve are aligned," he said.

BRITISH COUNCIL announces UCAS Sessions

MI News Service, Kolkata: British Council, invites school students (class 10 and above), parents and school counsellors to two exclusive in-person sessions with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) at its Kolkata premises on Wednesday, 19 November 2025.

Led by Becka Horsley, Customer Success Partner (International Advis-

ers) at UCAS, these sessions are designed to equip school counsellors, students, and parents with the latest guidance and insights on the UK university application process.

Both the sessions are open to all interested participants with free entry upon registration, and a Certificate of Participation issued by the British Council.

Kolkata hosts 2nd AUTISM CONVENTION 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city witnessed a heart-warming beginning to a movement of awareness and inclusion with the grand inauguration of the much-awaited 2nd Autism Convention Kolkata 2025 — a first-of-its-kind parent-led initiative that redefined conversations around autism and neurodiversity. Themed “By the Parents, for the Parents,” the convention stood out as a touching celebration of courage, compassion, and collective strength — highlighting the remarkable resilience of parents who turned personal experiences into a mission to build a more accepting and inclu-



Children in perky mood at a restaurant in South Kolkata at the occasion of 'Children's Day'.

sive world for individuals with Autism.

The inauguration took place in the esteemed pres-

ence of Upali Roy Nee Mukherjee, Director and Ex Officio Special Secretary, Directorate of Mass Education

Extension, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, West Bengal; Bedanga Biswas, joint sec-

retary, Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Department; Ms. Merry Barua, Founder Director, Action for Autism and Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram, Consultant Psychiatrist. The ceremony brought together several key figures who have long advocated for inclusion, empathy, and equal opportunities for individuals with autism.

Speaking on the 2nd Autism Convention, Dr Rudrajit Sinha, Laparoscopic Surgeon and Organising Secretary of Autism Convention Kolkata 2025 said, “The Autism Convention is a wonderful example of how collaboration between parents, professionals, and advocates can create real impact.”

NAME CHANGE

I, NABIRUL NAIYA, S/o- NECHAR NAIYA, R/o- Vill.- Sarberia, PO- F.S. Hat, P.S.- Nazat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my father's name has been recorded differently in various documents as NECHAR NAIYA, NECHAR ALI NAIYA, and NECHAR LEYE. All these names refer to one and the same person, sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no.- 24501 dt. 30.10.25

NAME CHANGE

I, Fatima Ansar Warsi, D/O- Ansar Ahmed Warsi, R/O- 39A, Dent Mission Road, P.O.- Khiderpore, P.S.- Alipore, Kolkata -700023. Have Lost My Indian Certificate Of Secondary Education Original Statement Of Marks and Pass Certificate Bearing Index Number 1145887/160, Unique Id No.- 5705063 Year of Passing 2014 From St.Thomas Girls School, Kolkata. If found Contact - 7044270595.

Name Change

I, Indrajit Bagui (old name) son of Late Mihir Bagui, residing at DD-50, Narayantala East, Baguiati, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700159, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Indranath Bagui (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/11/2025. Indranath Bagui (new name) and Indrajit Bagui (old name) both are same and one identical person.

PhonePe announces strategic collaboration with OpenAI

MI News Service, New Delhi: PhonePe announced a strategic collaboration with OpenAI, a leading global AI company, aimed at accelerating consumer adoption of ChatGPT in India and fostering mutual business growth.

This collaboration will enable PhonePe users to explore ChatGPT's features on the PhonePe platform, helping more Indians experience the potential of advanced artificial intelligence (AI). The collaboration has the potential to further enhance the user experience on the PhonePe platform by offering smarter and relevant information on everyday needs from planning their travel to shopping.



of generative AI increases in the country, this collaboration will help open up potential use cases for users.

Speaking on the launch, Rahul Chari, Founder, Whole-time Director and Chief Technology Officer, PhonePe said, “This strategic alliance demonstrates that collaborations between innovative companies in this space can help expand the reach of cutting-edge technology to the broader population.”

Oliver Jay, Head of International at OpenAI, added, “Our collaboration with PhonePe is a significant milestone in our mission to make AI more accessible to people throughout India.”

Name Change

I Krishnapada Bag S/O Supal Bag Residing at Chak Narna, Parbatipur, Domjur, Howrah have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Krishna Bag as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court, Kolkata vide Affidavit No. 8130 Dated. 14.11.2025. Krishnapada Bag and Krishna Bag both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Shaikh Abdul Gaffar (old name), S/o. Sk Golam Mahamad Mistri, R/o. Purbadurgapur, Charpur, Jangipara, Hooghly-712706, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shaikh Abdul Gaffar to Sk Abdul Gaffar and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Abdul Gaffar in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 15121 sworn before S.D.E.M., Serampore, Hooghly Court on 10/11/2025. Shaikh Abdul Gaffar & Sk Abdul Gaffar S/o. Sk Golam Mahamad Mistri, both are the same & one identical person. Sk Abdul Jabbar is my son.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Abu Bakr (old name) son of Md Intiaz Alam, residing at 11, Topsia 2nd Lane, P.S.- Tijjala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abu Bakr (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/11/2025. Md Abu Bakr (new name) and Mohammed Abu Bakr (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Swarbeswar Banerjee (old name) son of Late Haraprasad Banerjee, residing at Haralidpur, Haral, P.S.- Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712134, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarbeswar Banerjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/11/2025. Sarbeswar Banerjee (new name) and Swarbeswar Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Flipkart launches Zero Commission Model

MI News Service, New Delhi: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has announced an important enhancement to its seller rate card with the introduction of the Zero Commission Model for products below Rs. 1000/- . In line with its continued commitment to making online selling more inclusive and growth-led, this model simplifies cost structures, promotes competitive pricing, and further strengthens Flipkart's value proposition for small and medium businesses across the country.

This strategic development in the rate card powerfully impacts Shopsy, Flipkart's hypervalue platform. The zero commission model is now extended to all products on Shopsy, irrespective of price, further solidifying its position as a key enabler for sellers targeting the hypervalue segment and enhancing affordability for customers. The Zero Commission Model is designed to enable more regional and emerging MSME brands to confidently join the digital economy, empowering them to deliver greater value and choice to millions of customers across India. Sakait Chaudhary, Senior Vice President and Head of Marketplace at Flipkart, said, “The introduction of the Zero Commission Model, covering all products priced below Rs. 1,000/- on Flipkart and all products on Shopsy, marks an important step toward removing entry barriers and enabling more regional, niche, and emerging brands to participate confidently in the digital economy.”

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : In connection with Engineering, Over Head Equipment & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division, Block has been planned on 16.11.2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under: **Cancellation of trains on 16.11.2025:** • From Howrah: 37055, 37249, 37363, 36823, • From Bandel: 37246, 37749, • From Bardhaman: 36834, • From Seoraphuli: 37056, • From Arambagh: 37364, 37396, • From Katwa: 37748. **Short termination of train on 16.11.2025:** • 37365 Howrah - Arambagh local will be short terminated at Tarakeswar. Moreover, 53009 Katwa - Azimganj local will leave Katwa at 12:30 hrs. instead of 12:00 hrs. on 16.11.2025.

World Diabetes Day Observed at Divisional Railway Hospital, Khurda Road

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : World Diabetes Day was observed in a befitting manner at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Khurda Road, on 14th November 2025. This year's global theme, “Diabetes and Well-being,” formed the core of the day-long awareness programme organised for railway beneficiaries, staff and patients.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sabita Satpathy, Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS), Khurda Road, who addressed the gathering on the importance of early detection, lifestyle modification and holistic well-being in managing diabetes. Dr. Satpathy emphasised the need for continuous awareness to curb the rising burden of diabetes among the general population.



As a major highlight of the event, a Diabetic Food Exhibition was organised at the OPD complex of the Divisional Railway Hospital in collaboration with the 2nd year D.Pharm students of Centurion University, Bhubaneswar. A total of 10 educative stalls showcased comprehensive information on diabetes—its signs and symptoms, diagnosis, complications, management, and treatment. The stalls drew significant participation and served as an excellent learning platform for visitors. The diabetic food exhibition remained the centre of attraction, demonstrating healthy dietary practices suitable for diabetic individuals.

OPD-attending patients, railway staff and beneficiaries, medical officers, ANO, and medical personnel took part in the programme. ADRM/KUR Shri S. Mandal, along with other branch officers, also visited the exhibition and appreciated the efforts of the team.

The programme was successfully coordinated by the faculty members viz Dr. Jyoshna Rani Dash, Ms. Sucharita Babu, Dr. Bina Pani Barik and Prof. (Dr.) Kirtimaya Mishra of the Department of Pharmacy, Centurion University, Bhubaneswar.

They worked in close collaboration with the medical staff of the Divisional Railway Hospital, Khurda Road, ensuring the smooth and impactful conduct of the event.

PM to Review Progress of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor

◆ **Bullet Train to Cut Mumbai-Ahmedabad Travel Time to About Two Hours**

MI News Service, New Delhi, 14 Nov.25 : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 15th November. At around 10 AM, Prime Minister will visit the under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat to review the progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR) — one of India's most ambitious infrastructure projects symbolizing the nation's leap into the era of high-speed connectivity.

The MAHSR spans approximately 508 kilometres, covering 352 km in Gujarat and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and 156 km in Maharashtra. The corridor will connect major cities including Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Bilimora, Vapi, Boisar, Virar, Thane, and Mumbai, marking a transformative step in India's transportation infrastructure.

Built with advanced engineering techniques on par with international standards, the project features 465 km (about 85% of the route) on viaducts, ensuring

minimal land disturbance and enhanced safety. So far, 326 km of viaduct work has been completed, and 17 out of 25 river bridges have already been constructed.

Upon completion, the Bullet Train will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to nearly two hours, revolutionizing inter-city travel by making it faster, easier, and more comfortable. The project is expected to boost business, tourism, and economic activity along the entire corridor, catalyzing regional development.

The Surat-Bilimora section, covering around 47 km, is in an advanced stage of completion, with civil works and track-bed laying fully completed. The design of the Surat station draws inspiration from the city's world-renowned diamond industry, reflecting both elegance and functionality. The station has been designed with a strong focus on passenger comfort, featuring spacious waiting lounges, restaurants, and retail outlets. It will also offer seamless multi-modal connectivity with the Surat Metro, city buses, and the Indian Railways network.

Redevelopment Of Barabhum Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

◆ **A New Era For Indian Rail Infrastructure**

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations over Indian Railways. The main objectives of this ABSS Scheme are enhancing passenger experience through improved infrastructure, boosting local tourism, regional economic development and integrating stations into multi-modal urban mobility hubs. Altogether, 72 stations of South Eastern Railway will be developed under this scheme. Detailed plans are made for each station and the work is done in phases. The goal is to make stations cleaner, more comfortable, and easier to use.

Barabhum Railway Station under jurisdiction of Adra Division of South Eastern Railway is being upgraded under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. It is located in Purulia district of West Bengal, on the Asansol-Tatanagar-Kharagpur main line, which is a vital route connecting Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha. The total estimated cost for redevelopment of Barabhum station is Rs 7.35 crore. Barabhum station serves the culturally rich Balarampur-Ajodhya-Baghmundi belt of Purulia, known for Chhau dance,

Terracotta art, and tribal heritage. During local festivals and tourism seasons, the station witnesses increased passenger movement, reflecting its importance to the region's cultural and economic life.

The station serves as transportation hub for both passengers and goods traffic. It is presently undergoing a massive transformation under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The following passenger amenities will be added to Barabhum station during the redevelopment work. **Upgraded facilities at Barabhum Station:**

- Renovated station building,
- New Foot Over Bridge,
- 2 New Lifts,
- New Booking Office,
- New Entry and Exit Gate,
- New parking area,
- Improvement of circulation area,
- Improvement of Waiting Hall,
- New platform shelters and platform resurfacing,
- Painted in local Art & Culture theme,
- Divyangjan Water Booth,
- Divyangjan Booking Counter,
- Divyangjan Ramp,
- Divyangjan Toilet,
- Divyangjan Parking,
- Improvement of Existing Toilets,
- Rain Water Harvesting,
- New Toilet Block on Platform,
- New Water Booths,
- Seating Arrangements,
- Tactile Tiles,
- Train Indicator & Coach Indicator Board.

Name Change

I, BHAGAVATHI RAVIKRISHNAN RAJESHWARI, D/o Ravikrishnan, an Indian citizen Present residing at H2-304, Ramanujan Hostel, IIM Calcutta, Joka, Hamond Howrah Road, P.O.- Joka, P.S.-Haridevpur, West-Bengal, Kolkata-700104, And Permanent residing at 64, Lavender Tower I and T Serene County, Near Telecom Nagar Gachibowli, Telangana, Serilingampally, Rangareddy, Andhra Pradesh, Pin Code- 500032. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as BHAGAVATHI RAVIKRISHNAN as declared before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore bearing no. 30470* dt.13/11/2025, also stated that BHAGAVATHI RAVIKRISHNAN RAJESHWARI and BHAGAVATHI RAVIKRISHNAN is same and one identical person indicating me alone none else.

Name Change

I, Fatema Bibi (old name), W/o. Abdul Lutfi Halder, R/o. Near Mithapukur Masjid, (Trish Bigha, Saptagram), Addconagar, Mogra, Hooghly-712121, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Fatema Bibi to Fatima Bibi and henceforth I shall be known as Fatima Bibi in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 25 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 04/11/2025. Fatema Bibi & Fatima Bibi W/o. Abdul Lutfi Halder both are the same & one identical person. Abdul Saiful Halder is my son.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ASTAKIN MANDAL S/o MUSTAKIN MONDAL Residing at, Vill & Post- Teinpur Colonypara, Ps - Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741152, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASTAKIN MANDAL To ASTAKIN MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ASTAKIN MONDAL in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Oct 2025, ASTAKIN MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ASRAF SEKH S/o- MD ISA Residing at, Vill - Gofurpur mathpara, Post- Jangipur, Ps - Raghunathganj, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742213, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASRAF SEKH To MD ASRAF (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD ASRAF in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Oct 2025, MD ASRAF and ASRAF SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

IndiGo launches direct DELHI-GUANGZHOU flights

MI News Service, New Delhi: IndiGo has launched direct flights between Delhi and Guangzhou, marking Delhi as the airline's second Indian city after Kolkata to have non-stop services to the Chinese city. According to a release on Tuesday, the carrier commenced daily, non-stop flights between Delhi and Guangzhou from November 10, operated with narrow-body A320neo aircraft. With this addition, IndiGo now connects Delhi to 21 international destinations.

The airline had earlier resumed Kolkata-Guangzhou flights on October 26, strengthening air connectivity between India and China. Meanwhile, China Eastern Airlines began direct Delhi-Shanghai flights on November 9, signaling a broader revival of air links between the two nations.

Name Change

I, RIZWANA PARVEEN, D/o Md Nasim, an Indian citizen residing at 51, Taltala Lane, P.O.- Park Street, West-Bengal, Kolkata-700016. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RIZWANA KHATOON as declared before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore bearing no. 30471* dt.13/11/2025, also stated that RIZWANA PARVEEN and RIZWANA KHATOON is same and one identical person indicating me alone none else.

Name Change

I, Asit Kumar Maiti (old name), S/o. Kartik Maiti, R/o. Khanpukuria, Harishnagar, Singur, Hooghly-712409, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Asit Kumar Maiti to Asit Maiti and henceforth I shall be known as Asit Maiti in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 6846 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Chandernagore, Hooghly Court on 13/11/2025. Asit Kumar Maiti & Asit Maiti S/o. Kartik Maiti both are the same & one identical person. Kousik Maiti is my son.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD BOLITU SHAIKH S/o MD RENTU SK Residing at, Vill - Alaipur, Post- Nashipur Balagachi, Ps - Ranitala, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD BOLITU SHAIKH To MD BOLITU SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD BOLITU SK in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Oct 2025, MD BOLITU SK and MD BOLITU SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Karima Khatun Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Hafizul Islam Mondal, Residing At Narayanpur, Rudrapur, Baduria, North 24 Parganas-743401, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Karima Khatun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Karima Khatun Bibi And Karima Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

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NAME CHANGE

I, Sujeet Jha, S/O- Rajeshour Jha, R/O- Vill.- Kharauna Dih, P.O.- Kharauna, P.S.- Khudhani, Muzaffarpur, Bihar, Pin- 843113. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Sujeet Kumar Jha as declared before the Notary Public, Sealdah Court vide affidavit no. 6178 dated 12/11/2025, Sujeet Jha and Sujeet Kumar Jha both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Phalguni Maity (old name), W/o. Asit Maity, R/o. Khanpukuria, Harishnagar, Singur, Hooghly-712409, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Phalguni Maity to Falguna Maity and henceforth I shall be known as Falguna Maity in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 6845 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Chandernagore, Hooghly Court on 13/11/2025. Phalguni Maity & Falguna Maity W/o. Asit Maity both are the same & one identical person. Kousik Maiti is my son.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SUKCHAND SEIKH S/o- ANNAR SEKH Residing at, Vill - Mayureswar Post- Mayureswar, Ps - Mayureswar, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731213, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUKCHAND SEIKH To SHUKHAND SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SHUKHAND SEKH in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Oct 2025, SHUKHAND SEKH and SUKCHAND SEIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Hafizul Islam (Old Name), Son Of Chhadek Ali Mondal, Residing At Narayanpur, Rudrapur, Baduria, North 24 Parganas-743401, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hafizul Islam Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 851 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah On 13/01/2020. Md Hafizul Islam And Hafizul Islam Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Sadek Ali (Old Name), Son Of Golam Hossain Mondal, Residing At Narayanpur, Rudrapur, Baduria, North 24 Parganas-743401, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chhadek Ali Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/11/2025. Md Sadek Ali And Chhadek Ali Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Change of Name

I, BITHIKA MANDAL SAMUI D/o Sasadhar Mandal & W/o Alakendu Samui, residing at Microwave Tax building campass, BSNL, Inda, P.O.- Inda, P.S.- KGP (T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, W.B.-721305 shall henceforth be known as BITHIKA MANDAL vide affidavit No.- 13603, dated 12/11/2025 as declared in the Court of Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur. BITHIKA MANDAL SAMUI and BITHIKA MANDAL are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Pankaj Shaw, S/o. Subhash Chand Shaw, Resident- 3, Hospital Street, P.S. Bowbazar, Kolkata-700072, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kolkata, vide affidavit No. 606, dated-30/10/2025. That Pankaj Shaw and Pankaj Jaiswal are one and same identical person. Henceforth I shall be known as Pankaj Shaw.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SARJUL ISLAM S/o- HARAJAT SK Residing at, Vill - Amarpur Dakshinpara Post- Ananpur Dadpur, Ps - Rejanganur, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742189, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SARJUL ISLAM To SARJUL SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARJUL SK in all purpose. Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Oct 2025, SARJUL SK and SARJUL ISLAM both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, MONIRUL NAIYA, S/o- NECHAR NAIYA, R/o- Vill.- Sarberia, PO- F.S. Hat, P.S.- Nazat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my father's name has been recorded differently in various documents as NECHAR NAIYA, NECHAR ALI NAIYA, and NECHAR LEYE. All these names refer to one and the same person, sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit no.- 25581 dt. 07.11.25



Children's Day was celebrated with warmth and joy in the Children's Ward and OPD of B. R. Singh Hospital. Doctors and nursing staff of the Paediatric Department distributed token gifts to the young patients, bringing smiles to the ailing children and comfort to their families. The celebration created a cheerful atmosphere, lifting spirits and adding a special moment of happiness to their day.

East Coast Railway commemorates Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas



MI News Service, 14 Nov 2025, Bhubaneswar: In a spirited tribute to the valour, vision and extraordinary contributions of India's tribal heroes, Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada is being celebrated across the nation from 1st to 15th November 2025. The fortnight-long observance forms an integral part of the year-long Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, commemorating 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 domination.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recognising the historic role and cultural richness of India's tribal communities, had announced the observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh to bring their stories of bravery, heritage and nation-building into national consciousness. Under his visionary leadership, the Government of India institutionalised Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on 15th November each year, ensuring that the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other tribal icons continues to inspire future generations.

Aligning with the nationwide celebrations and the theme "Empowering Tribals, Transforming India," East Coast Railway observed Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas at its Headquarters, Rail Sadan, Bhubaneswar. The programme was presided over

by Shri B. S. K. Rajkumar, Additional General Manager, East Coast Railway, who paid floral tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda, joined by senior officers and staff.

A vibrant cultural programme and a special exhibition were organised at the Atrium of North Block, Rail Sadan. The exhibition showcased:

- Traditional tribal artefacts and cultural objects
- Handcrafted items created by tribal artisans
- Locally-made products reflecting tribal lifestyles and traditions

• Displays highlighting tribal history, heritage and their contributions to India's development

These exhibits offered visitors an immersive glimpse into the creativity, craftsmanship and cultural depth of India's tribal communities. Cultural performances presented during the event brought alive the rhythm, energy and storytelling traditions of tribal societies.

A large number of East Coast Railway officers and staff attended the celebration, reaffirming the organisation's commitment to inclusivity, respect for diversity and recognition of tribal heritage.

Free diabetes awareness camps for Metro commuters at Metro stations

MI News Service, 14 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Metro Railway in association with Lions Club International observed Free Diabetes Awareness Camps at all Metro stations in Blue Line for commuters today i.e. on 14th November, 2025, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day.

A large number of Metro commuters responded by availing the opportunity and checked their blood sugar level free of cost in these camps.

Medical officers and paramedics of Metro Railway were present at Mahanayak Utam Kumar Metro station. They checked blood sugar level of commuters who came to these camps and gave valuable advices to curb diabetes, the silent killer.

Posters were displayed at all Metro stations and announcements were also made to encourage people to attend these camps.

ERWWO celebrates Children's Day at Arunodaya School, Behala



MI News Service, 14 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) celebrated Children's Day on 14 November 2025 at Arunodaya School, located in Ghoshapur Railway Colony, Behala, Kolkata, under the esteemed guidance of Smt. Seema Deouskar, President/ERWWO. The programme was inaugurated by the Secretary of ERWWO. As part of the celebration, the children enjoyed video clippings of Tom & Jerry, Disney's

Duck Tales, and Popeye the Sailor. A fancy dress competition was also organised, witnessing enthusiastic participation from the students, followed by the distribution of prizes to the outstanding performers. The Secretary of ERWWO delivered a motivational speech encouraging the children to dream big and stay focused. The event concluded with the distribution of food packets and gifts among all 138 students, making the day memorable for the young learners.

Vigilance Awareness seminar organised



MI News Service, 14 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Metro Railway, Kolkata has been observing Vigilance Awareness Campaign from 18th August, 2025 to 17th November, 2025. As a part of it, Vigilance Awareness Week-2025 was observed from 27.10.2025 to 02.11.2025.

On this occasion a seminar on the theme of "सतर्कता : हमारी साझा जिम्मेदारी" "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility" was jointly organised by Metro Railway and Eastern Railway at B. C. Roy Auditorium, Sealdah today on 14.11.2025.

Subhansu S. Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway and Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway addressed the gathering highlighting the importance of integrity and shared responsibility in vigilance.

Anish Prasad, IPS/JG/BSF, the guest speaker, presented an Audio-visual session on cyber hygiene in this seminar.

Senior officers of Metro Railway and Eastern Railway participated in the programme. On this occasion Vigilance Bulletin-2025 (PRAYAS) was unveiled by General Manager, Metro Railway.

mission, crashed near Tambaram in Chennai on November 14. The pilot ejected safely," an official release said.

Responding to a query, an official told PTI that the incident occurred around 2 pm.

"A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause," the release added.

IAF trainer aircraft crashes near Chennai, pilot safe

MI News Service, Chennai: An Indian Air Force aircraft which was on a routine training mission crashed near Tambaram here on Friday afternoon, officials said. The pilot ejected safely, they said.

"An Indian Air Force aircraft 'Pilatus PC-7', which was on a routine training

mission, crashed near Tambaram in Chennai on November 14. The pilot ejected safely," an official release said.

Responding to a query, an official told PTI that the incident occurred around 2 pm.

"A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause," the release added.

ER to introduce three pairs of EMU services

MI News Service, 14 Nov 2025, Kolkata: As a step forward towards fulfilment of the need of the passengers, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to introduce 03 (three) pairs of EMU local services between Krishnanagar City Jn. & Amghata Halt stations with effect from 17.11.2025.

31881, 31883 & 31885 Krishnanagar City Jn. - Amghata Halt EMU local will leave Krishnanagar City Jn. at 06:45 hrs., 13:30 hrs. & 21:15 hrs. to reach Amghata Halt at 07:00 hrs., 13:45 hrs. & 21:30 hrs. respectively. And in opposite direction, 31882,

31884 & 31886 Amghata Halt - Krishnanagar City Jn. EMU local will leave Amghata Halt at 07:08 hrs., 13:53 hrs. & 21:38 hrs. to reach Krishnanagar City Jn. at 07:23 hrs., 14:08 hrs. & 21:55 hrs. respectively.

In connection with the commencement of the above services Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division will run 01 (one) inaugural service from Amghata Halt to Krishnanagar City Jn. on 15.11.2025. The train will leave Amghata Halt at 12:00 hrs. to reach Krishnanagar City Jn. at 12:15 hrs.

RS 1.6 LAKH CR: Adani Group mulls mega investment in Assam, Andhra

MI News Service, Mumbai: The Adani Group has announced more than Rs 1.6 lakh crore in new investments across Assam and Andhra Pradesh, unveiling major power, technology and infrastructure projects that the conglomerate says will strengthen regional energy security, create large-scale employment and boost industrial growth in two strategically placed states.

In Assam, the Group will spend about Rs 63,000 crore on two large energy ventures awarded by the state government.

The centerpiece is a 3,200 MW greenfield ultra-super-critical thermal power plant, to be built by Adani Power Ltd at an estimated cost of Rs 48,000 crore.

The plant, awarded under the Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) model with a tariff bid of Rs 6.30 per unit, has secured coal linkage under the Centre's SHAKTI policy and is scheduled to be commissioned in phases from December 2030.

EU-India trade & investment agreements to strengthen INDIA-FINLAND ties

MI News Service, Kolkata: The impending EU-India free trade and investment agreements would give a fillip to India-Finland bilateral relations, which have a "lot of room to grow", Kimmo Lahdevirta, the Finnish ambassador to India, has said.

Trade with the Nordic country is pegged at €3 billion, with at least 100 Finnish companies working in India, which have invested about €4 billion here. The largest of them is Nokia, which employs close to 17,000 people here.

Without hazarding a guess about where the trade and investment relations would head after the FTA and investment agreement with the EU, which Finland is a part of, the ambassador observed that the trend is positive.

"But I also think there is

room for growth. But unfortunately, India is not too well known in Finland. And Finland certainly is not too well known in India. So, we need to do work for that," Lahdevirta, who is on his first official visit to Kolkata, said.

To raise awareness, the World Circular Economy Forum will be held in Delhi next autumn — the first time in continental Asia — in collaboration with the Finnish innovation fund, Sitra.

Finland's export promotion network in India operates under the framework of 'DESI' — digitalisation, education, sustainability and innovation — which has now been expanded with an 'M' for mobility, representing the growing exchange between the two countries.

The ambassador said people-

ple-to-people contact between the two countries is also growing, with Finland issuing 17,000 visas to India last year.

The number of Indians settled in Finland has also grown tenfold from the turn of this century onwards to 20,000 now.

Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti
South 24 Parganas

Memo No: 98/MBPS, 99/MBPS, 100/MBPS, 101/MBPS, 102/MBPS, 103/MBPS.

E-Tenders are invited for 161 nos. different development works under Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti. Bid Submission End Date for both Tender - 04.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 08.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 09.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 10.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. respectively. Date of Opening of Technical proposal for Tender- 05.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 09.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 10.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. & 11.12.2025 at 18.00 Hrs. respectively. For details visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in and office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Executive Officer
Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti

Nischinda Gram Panchayat
Bally, Howrah

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Electronic Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidders for different development works vide e-NIT No. ENIT -16/1 to 12 & ENIT-16/13 to 18, Fund : AMADER PARA AMADER SAMADHAN. Published date: 14/11/2025. Date of opening: 09/12/2025 for (Sl. No. 1 to 12) & 11/12/2025 for (Sl. No. 13 to 18). Details are available in <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://etender.wb.nic.in> and Office Notice Board.

Sd/-
Pradhan
Nischinda Gram Panchayat

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality
Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia.

Notice Inviting e-Tender

Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WBMD/ULB/HM/NIT-35e/2025-26, Memo. No- 2184/HM/2025 Dated: 13/11/2025. Tender Id: 2025_MAD_948320.1 to 2025_MAD_948320.3, Date of Publishing- 14/11/2025, 9.00AM, Bid Submission Closing Date-08/12/2025, 6.30PM, For details please visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
HARINGHATA MUNICIPALITY

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality
Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia.

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Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WBMD/ULB/HM/NIT-34e/2025-26, Memo. No- 2183/HM/2025 Dated: 13/11/2025. Tender Id: 2025_MAD_948129.1 to 2025_MAD_948129.7, Date of Publishing- 14/11/2025, 9.00AM, Bid Submission Closing Date-08/12/2025, 6.30PM, For details please visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN
HARINGHATA MUNICIPALITY

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

In compliance with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results of Golechha Global Finance Ltd ("the Company") for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025 ("Financial Results") were reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective Meetings held on November 13, 2025. V. Goyal & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditors of the Company have issued the limited review report.

The Financial Results along with the limited review report are available on the website of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and also on the Company's webpage <https://www.golechhaglobal.com/>.

In compliance with Regulation 47 of the Listing Regulations, we hereby notify that the same can also be accessed by scanning the following Quick Response (QR) code:

Place : Kolkata
Date: November 13, 2025

Sd/- Gyan Swaroop Garg
Managing Director
DIN: 00602659

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR TRAFFIC & POWER BLOCK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

Due to 3 hours 45 minutes Traffic and Power block from 23.45 hrs. of 17.11.2025 (Monday) to 03.30 hrs. of 18.11.2025 (Tuesday) on Line No. 5 of Bridge No.1 (Km 0/18V-0/31V) between Sealdah & Bidhannagar Road stations over Sealdah Division, following trains will be regulated as under:

- **Cancellation on 17.11.2025 (Monday):** (1) 31447 UP Sealdah - Naihati Local, (2) 31450 Down Naihati - Sealdah Local, (3) 32249 UP Sealdah-Dankuni Local & (4) 32252 Down Dankuni - Sealdah Local. ● **Short Termination and Short Origination :** 31542 Down Shantipur - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 17.11.2025 (Monday) and 31511 UP Sealdah - Shantipur Local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 18.11.2025 (Tuesday). ● **Rescheduling :** 53171 UP Sealdah - Laigola Passenger will be rescheduled for 30 minutes i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 04.15 hrs. instead of 03.45 hrs. after the block cancelled on 18.11.2025 (Tuesday). There may be delay in train service during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Hari Om Shaw/ Parvati Devi Shaw/ Parashnath Shaw/3, Jadunath Day Road/ Bowbazar West Bengal/ Kolkata - 700012/ LBCAL00003684791	Alcove Gloria, Residential Unit No. 9-9, 9th Floor, Tower No. 01, Municipal Premises No. 403/1, Dakshindhar Road (which is A Divided And Demarcated Portion of The Original Previous Premises No. 2, Dakshindhar Road), old Municipal Plot Nos. 211, 212 And 213, Dag No. 281 And 282, Khata No. 480, 481 And 235, Old Khata No. 70, Zamindari Khata No. 234, J.I. No. 28, Police Station Lake Town, South Dum Dum Municipality, Mouza Kankuri, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700048, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area of About 1615 Square Feet (built Up Area Being 1211 Square Feet) Be The Same A Little More or Less Together With one Car Parking Space No. 103 on The Lower Basement Floor Measuring About 100 Square Feet/Date Of Physical 11/11/2025	October 25, 2024/ Rs. 60,74,134.58/-	Kolkata

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Act 2002.

Date: November 15, 2025
Place: Kolkata

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. S6.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/576 dated 13.11.2025. Sr. DSTE, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kalzer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 invites e-tender for the following work: e-Tender No.: SDSTE/SIG/IT/26/25-26/RRSK. Name of work with its location: Reliability improvement work with Rehabilitation of L/Box, Signal Post, LC gate etc. in the section of from Ballygunge Jn.-Diamond Harbour, Sonapur-Canning & Barulpur -Namkhana. Tender Value: Rs. 94,67,426.20, Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited: Rs. 1,89,400/-, Cost of Tender document: Nil. Completion period of the work: 12 months. Tender submission start date: 26.11.2025. Tender submission end date: 10.12.2025 upto 14.00 hrs. Tender bid opening date: 10.12.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available: www.ireps.gov.in. Technical Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. Financial Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of VN or 'V' whichever is less; where V = Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N = Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-B of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. Other document to be submitted: As mentioned in the tender document. Similar nature of work: Supply, installation & Commissioning of Data Logger or RTU, OR Any Signal Interlocking Works involving EI OR RRI or PI OR IBS OR IBI OR LC Gate Interlocking OR Yard Modification OR UFSBI OR Track Circuit (AFTC OR DC TC) OR Axle Counter (SSDAC OR MSDAC OR HA-SSDAC) OR Automatic Signalling Note: The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). SDAH-258/2025-26

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

Open E-Auction is called by Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) Eastern Railway, Howrah Division, New DRM Building, 4th Floor, Near Rail Museum, Howrah-711101 for allotment of Canteen under Howrah Division for 05 years. For more information visit www.ireps.gov.in through E-auction leasing module.

Auction Catalogue No.: HWH-CANTEEN-3

Seq. No. : AA/1, Lot No./Category: MSS-HWH-STGen-50-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General). Description: Creation, operation and maintenance of Canteen for 05 years (Location-Howrah Station/Parcel Area/Near Sainik Aramgha Shed No.1).

EMD: 10%. Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee. **Min Incr(%) :** 0.2. **Close Date/Time:** 28.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs, HWH-399/2025-26

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S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER					
Tender Notice No.: PCMMI/GENL/TP/2025/41, Dated: 14.11.2025, Tender for "E" Procurement System. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.					
Sl. No.	Tender No.	Due Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD amount (₹)
1	40253105	02.12.2025	Copper cable, 95 sq mm, Single core stranded annealed tin coated E-beam irradiated cross linked polyethylene insulated cable suitable for 1.8/3 KV grade etc.	17100 Mtr.	4,94,760
2	38253910	28.11.2025	Upgraded High Capacity Draft Gear for BOXNH1 Wagon etc.	5100 nos.	20,00,000
3	38254078B	08.12.2025	Modified Elastomeric Pad Design-B, etc.	13400 nos.	7,98,820
4	33255023	15.12.2025	Radiator assemblies for DA Sets of Power cars	04 nos.	1,32,800
5	29254848C	21.11.2025	Silicon Impregnating Resin Silres H62C 1523	1523 kg.	1,17,820
6	29255104A	24.11.2025	Complete Rotor using Zirconium Copper Punched Design Resistance Ring etc.	10 nos.	1,53,400
7	25251273	01.12.2025	Intermediate Overhauling (IOH) Replacement kit etc.	209 set	2,97,180
8	25253736	01.12.2025	Compensating Beam Modified of WAG7 Loco etc.	159 nos.	1,38,460
9	29255029C	10.12.2025	Oil Cooler Radiator for Converter/Transformer etc.	86 nos.	8,24,620
10	29251318A	10.12.2025	Oil cooler Radiator for converter	73 nos.	6,54,660
11	50255015	10.12.2025	Running Contract for Supply of 48 OFC etc.	340 Km.	4,03,600
12	33253458A	23.12.2025	Brake Caliper Unit Right Version etc.	48 nos.	1,94,200
13	30253087A	17.12.2025	Supporting Device of CBC fitted with coa	449 nos.	1,90,620
14	33253012A	12.12.2025	Bail Joint Traction Lever	6140 nos.	1,27,080
15	33253463A	29.12.2025	Brake Caliper Unit Left Version etc.	44 nos.	1,78,540

Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. N.B: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum published thereafter. (PR-840)

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No. EC/IT/Fire Detection/OT-24/25-26, Dated: 10.11.2025. Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway Workshop, Kanchrapara, Carriage / Loco Complex, North 24 Parganas, Po. Kanchrapara, Pin. 743145, West Bengal invites e-tender for the following work: e-Tender No: EC_T_FDDSS_OT-24_25-26. Name of work & its location: Work for complete provisioning i.e design, supply, installation, commissioning, performance testing and maintenance of improved automatic fire detection and automatic suppression system for total 24 nos. 1400 HP Non-GCC DEMU DPCs under Dy.CEE/VVY Kanchrapara Organization, Kanchrapara Workshop, Eastern Railway on Open Tender Basis. Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 98,84,620.64 including GST. Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.1,97,300/- Cost of Tender Form: Nil. Completion period of the work: 12 months. Website from where tender documents will be available: The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in from 10.11.2025 to 03.12.2025 till 15.00 hrs. Advertisement period : 10.11.2025 to 13.12.2025 till 15.00 hrs. Offer submission period: 19.11.2025 to 03.12.2025 till 15.00 hrs. Date and time of closing of tender: 03.12.2025 till 15.00 hrs. Date and time of opening of tender: 03.12.2025 till 15.30 hrs.

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E-Tender Notice No.: W.L.L.H. 15-2025-26, Dated: 10.11.2025. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. CME/Elect, C & W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from Tenderers having technical capabilities for the following work: Name of the Work: Zonal Work contract for petty electrical general services work over C & W Workshop, Liluah under the jurisdiction of Dy. CEE(W) for one year. Approx. cost of Works: Rs. 36,62,119.02. Earnest Money: Rs. 73,300/-. Tender Closing Date & Time: 02.12.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Website where complete Details of Tender is available: www.ireps.gov.in

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India scraps QCOs across textiles, plastics & metals; GTRI urges vigil on import surges

New Delhi : India's decision to withdraw Quality Control Orders (QCOs) on a wide range of raw materials across textiles, plastics and mining has brought major relief to industry, but Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) warn that the government must now closely track import surges to ensure the absence of mandatory certification does not open the door to low-grade or dumped supplies.

According to an analysis by GTRI, the rollback announced on November 13, removes BIS certification requirements for 14 products under the Chemicals & Petrochemicals Ministry and six under the Mines Ministry. These include key intermediates such as PTA, MEG, polyester fibres, polypropylene, polyethylene, PVC resin, ABS, polycarbonate as well as metals like aluminium, lead, nickel, tin and zinc.

The reforms follow the Gauba Committee report, which highlighted how QCOs expanded from fewer than 70 a decade ago to nearly 790, many of them covering raw materials with no direct safety implications. Domestic industry had long argued that QCOs on industrial inputs created delays, testing bottlenecks and higher costs without improving product quality.

GTRI says, textile clusters in Surat, Ludhiana, Tiruppur and Bhilwara, along with plastics processors, 90 per cent of which are MSMEs, are set to benefit from smoother access to imported intermediates. The earlier rules, GTRI notes, caused long queues at BIS labs, port detentions and demurrage charges, often crippling small manufacturers.

Exporters too are expected to gain from easier sourcing of globally certified materials, helping improve India's competitiveness in technical textiles, moulded plastics, engineering goods and synthetic



textile garments.

The withdrawal of QCOs on aluminium, zinc, lead, nickel and tin restores flexibility for downstream sectors including auto components, electronics, batteries, construction and defence. Since India has no primary nickel production and limited domestic supply of some specialised grades, the previous QCO regime had risked choking critical imports.

The GTRI report says MSMEs are now urgently awaiting similar reforms in steel, where continuing QCOs have created shortages and driven up prices. In stainless-steel flats alone, domestic capacity falls well short of demand, yet foreign suppliers avoid BIS certification due to costs and limited scale. Other categories like fasteners, auto hinges and telescopic channels face similar distortions, with small manufacturers claiming that the current rules favour a few large players.

However, while the rollback marks a major step towards aligning with global regulatory norms, GTRI cautions that regulators must now "monitor import trends, daily if required" to prevent dumping of inferior materials. The absence of QCOs, the think-tank warns, may prompt overseas suppliers to offload excess stocks at predatory prices. The government may need to rely on anti-dumping duties, safeguard actions or tariff-rate measures if injury to domestic industry is detected.

The report emphasises that India's new approach of removing QCOs where they add friction rather than safety, should continue, but with strong surveillance mechanisms to protect MSMEs and maintain fair competition. (ANI)

Polycab Becomes India's First to Earn GreenPro Certification for House-Wires



Patna : Polycab, India's leading manufacturer of cables and wires, has achieved a landmark sustainability milestone by becoming the first company in the country to receive the prestigious GreenPro Certification from the Confederation of Indian Industry - Indian Green Building Council (CII-IGBC) for its flagship product, Polycab Green Wire+, in the house-wires category.

This recognition underscores Polycab's unwavering commitment to delivering safe, eco-friendly, sustainable, and high-performance electrical solutions. The GreenPro Certification validates the product's environmental excellence across its lifecycle from raw material sourcing to manufacturing, usage, and disposal-reinforcing Polycab's leadership in driving green innovation in the electrical industry.

GreenPro Certification is a prestigious eco-label that evaluates products based on its environmental performance across the lifecycle. Polycab Green Wire+ meet stringent criteria for safety, durability, and reduced environmental impact, making it ideal for homes and commercial projects.

With India's green building sector growing at a CAGR of 12%, with over 10 billion square feet registered under various certification programs, demand for environmentally responsible and energy-efficient materials is accelerating. GreenPro-certified wires are poised to play a critical

role in building safer, healthier, and greener spaces.

Polycab Green Wires+ are manufactured using 99.97% pure copper and are engineered to withstand higher heat resistance up to 90°C, offering superior performance and safer power delivery. They are lead-free and ensure low smoke and low toxic fume emission during emergencies, thereby reducing health hazards. The wires also deliver higher current-carrying capacity and come with built-in protection against rodents, moisture, and abrasion, ensuring durability. Equipped with Flamestop Technology and certified as REACH and RoHS compliant, Polycab Green Wires+ are free from over 250 hazardous substances, ensuring safety for consumers and the environment alike.

Speaking on the achievement, Mr. Ishwinder Singh Khurana, Executive President and Chief Business Officer - B2C, Polycab India, said, "At Polycab, safety and sustainability are not just goals—they're responsibilities. Becoming India's first to receive GreenPro certification in the house wires category, is a proud milestone that reflects our commitment to safer homes and a greener future. This achievement reinforces our long-term vision of delivering electrical solutions that are not only reliable and high-performing, but also safe for you and safe for the environment."

WTO Chief urges India to lead global trade reforms, warns against shift to power-based system

Visakhapatnam : World Trade Organisation (WTO) Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on Friday said India should play a leading role in driving reforms at the WTO, stressing that the global trading system must remain rules-based rather than power-based.

Addressing the inaugural session of the 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025 in Visakhapatnam, she said the world is witnessing major changes in trade, and India is well-positioned to take advantage of these shifts.

"India should be a leader in the reform process at the WTO. India should be a leader, making sure that we do not stay in a system that becomes more power-based instead of rule-based. We must do the work that is necessary to give reform a chance. We must correct old wrongs and seize opportunities that are emerging," she said.

She noted that global supply chains are being reconfigured, and India is emerging as a key beneficiary. She also highlighted the rapid growth of green trade and digitally delivered services, stating that the latter is expanding at a rate of 6 to 8 per cent and is

now worth almost USD 5 trillion.

India, she added, has a unique opportunity to excel further as it is already doing well in digitally delivered trade. South-South trade is also growing again, giving India more room to expand.

Okonjo-Iweala said India is playing a major role in ongoing reforms, noting that it can help create a more flexible system that allows even smaller developing countries to benefit.

She said her message to India is to work together with the global community to strengthen a trading system that has largely delivered for the world but can still deliver more, especially for developing countries.

The WTO chief praised India's economic progress, calling it the world's fastest-growing large economy over the past few years, with growth exceeding 6 per cent in 2024-2025. She said this momentum is expected to continue, backed by strong domestic demand, sustained investment, and stable macroeconomic conditions. She also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government, and the people for this performance. Highlighting the importance of

multilateralism, she noted that despite the rise in bilateral deals and partnerships, the world still requires robust global institutions.

"You cannot have global growth without global trade growth. You cannot even have growth in India without trade growth," she said, adding that global financial stability also depends on global trade stability.

She warned that the world is facing the greatest disruptions in global trade in eight decades, with unprecedented challenges and undermining of trade rules.

Responding to long-standing concerns raised by India and other developing countries, she acknowledged issues such as public stockholding, lack of integration of developing countries, and unfulfilled ministerial mandates. She said the Doha Round's failure created frustration and mistrust, which remain today. However, she stressed that repeating past grievances will not help and that the world now has a chance to build resilience and seize emerging opportunities through constructive reform. (ANI)

Industry leaders touts Andhra as India's next growth engine at CII Partnership Summit 2025

New Delhi : Andhra Pradesh was placed at the centre of India's next phase of growth as business leaders announced concrete plans for finance, skills and healthcare at the CII Partnership Summit 2025 in Vizag.

Sanjiv Bajaj, CMD of Bajaj Finserv, said the state was "not just a state, it is a strategic growth engine for India," pointing to its coastline, infrastructure and governance as a gateway "for trade, for technology and digital and tech innovation." He said a modern and inclusive financial system must keep pace with this growth and added that Bajaj Finserv looked forward to enabling "every Andhraite in their own journey."

He stated the company hoped "to cover over 30 lakh Andhraites, individuals, small businesses... disbursing over Rs15,000 crore just in this year alone, only in Andhra Pradesh."

He also spoke of skilling, noting that the Rahul Bajaj Centre of Excellence in Skilling had set up skilling and career counselling centres "not only in Amravati, but in Vijayawada, in Vishakhapatnam, in Tirupati, in Sri City," with plans for Rajahmundry and other locations.

Healthcare leaders underlined the same theme. Shobana Kamineni, Promoter, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise, said Andhra Pradesh was "a land of opportunity," adding that "today, Andhra Pradesh is not just competing, it's leading," across renewable energy, IT, manufacturing

and healthcare. She highlighted the state's work on health indicators, medical education and rural technology outreach, and said Apollo was building a full "healthcare ecosystem."

She said Apollo had a large presence in cities including Vizag, Tirupati, Vijayawada and Chittoor, supported by digital platforms and district outreach, with "almost 21,000 people" working in the Apollo family for the state. She said the telemedicine program had done "over 20 million tele-consultations" and would scale further.

Kamineni added that Apollo had partnered with the University of Leicester "to establish a center for digital health precision medicine at Apollo University in Chittoor," and said Apollo would "double down," aiming to train talent to serve India and the world.

Setting the wider context, Suchitra Ella, Joint Managing Director, Bharat Biotech and Vice President, CII, said global trade was shifting with tariff barriers and protectionist trends. She said India was responding with "self-sustaining growth" led by manufacturing and clean energy, noting "the 209 gigawatt already achieved as of January 2025" toward the 2030 renewable target.

She added that atmanirbharta meant "partnership, innovation, shared growth," and recalled India's vaccine role during the pandemic and the early groundwork "when Genome Valley was created..." at Hyderabad." (ANI)

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Colorful Celebrations Mark Children's Day at Ascot International School

Ranchi: Ascot International School, Harmu, hosted a vibrant two-day cultural event on November 13 and 14 to celebrate Children's Day. The festivities began with an inspiring address by Principal Shadan Alam, who urged students to draw lessons from the life of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and uphold moral values in their daily lives. Director Kunal Kashyap emphasized the importance of discipline, calling it the key to success. "Discipline leads to excellence in every sphere of life," he said during his speech. The event featured a variety of performances by students and teachers, including songs, dances, and theatrical presentations. Teachers staged thought-provoking plays highlight-



ing issues such as mobile phone misuse, traffic rule violations, the importance of giving way to ambulances, and negligence towards studies—all delivered in an engaging and relatable manner. The celebration witnessed enthusiastic

participation from the entire school community. Among those present were Principal Shadan Alam, Director Kunal Kashyap, Secretary Anuj Hembram, Himanshu Dubey, along with all faculty members and staff.

India's treated used water could unlock an economic opportunity of up to \$35 billion by 2047, creating over 1 lakh new jobs: CEEW

New Delhi : India's treated used water (TUUW) economy could unlock up to INR 3.04 lakh crore (USD 35 billion) in economic opportunity by 2047, combining Rs 72,597 crore (USD 8.35 billion) in potential annual market revenue with Rs 1.56-2.31 lakh crore (USD 18-27 billion) in infrastructure investment, according to a new independent study released today by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

The study, Financing for Treated Used Water Reuse in India, projects that India could reuse 31,265 million m³ of treated used water in 2047--enough to meet a significant portion of industrial and irrigation demand--if backed by the right mix of financing, regulation, and infrastructure.

At present, India treats only about 28 per cent (20.24 billion litres per day) of the used water it generates, and more than 80 per cent of cities either do not reuse treated water or lack functional reuse infrastructure, leaving vast untapped potential in urban systems.

Scaling up the reuse of treated used water could also create over 1 lakh new jobs across the country by 2047.

CEEW's findings come as India advances its National Framework on Safe Reuse of Treated Water, offering policymakers a data-backed roadmap to finance and scale reuse across cities. Urban India generates more than 72 billion litres of used water per day, yet much remains untreated or under-utilised. With water demand rising rapidly, TUW offers a practical, scalable solution to close the supply-demand gap.

Under the new Liquid Waste Management Rules 2024, bulk users such as industries and utilities must now treat and reuse at least 20 per cent of their wastewater--rising to 50 per cent by 2031.

The shift adds regulatory weight to a growing market that can simultaneously reduce freshwater extraction, boost local resilience, and generate green employment.

Shalu Agrawal, Director of Programmes, CEEW, said, "India must treat used water as an asset, not a liability. Every litre reused is an investment in our cities' resilience, our industries' competitiveness, and our energy security. Treated used water is not the



end of a cycle, it's the beginning of a circular economy for urban India. It is India's next big resource for growth, jobs, and resilience. By financing circular solutions today, through public-private partnerships, municipal green bonds, and industry co-investments, we can turn what was once considered waste into wealth for a sustainable future."

The CEEW study also highlights how circular investments are already delivering results in Indian cities. Surat currently supplies tertiary-treated used water to industries at Rs 36 per kilolitre--slightly lower than freshwater rates--helping the city generate over Rs 230 crore in revenue between 2014 and 2021.

The study also proposes Water Reuse Certificates as a market-based mechanism allowing bulk users that exceed their reuse targets to trade credits with those falling short, monetising efficiency gains and creating incentives for compliance.

Nitin Bassi, Fellow, CEEW, added, "Scaling treated-used-water reuse is one of the most practical ways to water-secure India's cities. Urban local bodies

must lead India's shift to treated-used-water reuse by developing long-term city plans, diversifying funding, and setting fair, cost-recovery tariffs. Beyond the one lakh direct jobs expected in plant operations, expanding reuse will also create employment in construction and technology services, generate steady municipal revenue, attract green investment, and reduce pollution in rivers. With the right planning, pricing and business models, used water can become a financially sustainable and environmentally restorative urban resource."

CEEW's projections are based on national and state-level data from the Central Pollution Control Board, the National Mission for Clean Ganga, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The study estimates future treatment capacity using historical growth rates to 2047, values reuse based on existing industrial and irrigation tariffs, and analyses lifecycle costs, job coefficients, and energy footprints across common treatment technologies to provide a realistic investment and employment roadmap. (ANI)

Kannauj police launch major drive to enforce loud-speaker noise limits

MI News Service, Lucknow: Authorities in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj district have carried out a large-scale campaign to curb noise pollution, removing 31 loud-speakers and reducing the volume of 54 others to within legal limits. The three-day operation, led by Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar, targeted 171 religious and public sites across the district to ensure compliance with the Noise Pollution Act.

The drive follows similar initiatives in other Uttar Pradesh districts such as Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh, and Firozabad, where police have acted against excessive loudspeaker use at religious places. In Kannauj, officers found 85 loudspeakers exceeding the permitted decibel levels. Of these, 54 were adjusted to meet the standards, while the remaining 31 were dismantled and later distributed to educational institutions for reuse.

Superintendent Kumar said the campaign aimed not only to enforce the law but also to spread awareness about responsible use of sound systems. "Noise control is about maintaining peace and mutual respect in society," he stated, adding that the police were engaging with community leaders to encourage voluntary compliance. Residents have largely supported the move, citing the constant disturbance caused by loudspeakers used during religious or social events. A local resident expressed that the noise was becoming unbearable many times. Officials stressed that noise control is both a legal and civic duty, urging citizens and religious institutions to cooperate. The administration hopes that this initiative will promote a culture of respect and tranquility, setting an example for other districts in the state to follow.

Rescheduling Of Sealdah – Lalgola Passenger For Track Maintenance Work

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : Due to Track maintenance work between Plassey – Rejinagar stations in Sealdah Division, 240 minutes (from 23:35 hrs. to 03:35 hrs.) Traffic Block has been planned on 16/17.11.2025 and 18/19.11.2025. Consequently, 53181 Sealdah – Lalgola passenger will be rescheduled by 60 minutes on 16.11.2025 & 18.11.2025, i.e. 53181 Sealdah – Lalgola passenger will leave Sealdah at 00:30 hrs. on 17.11.2025 & 19.11.2025 and will be short terminated at Krishnapur on those days.

Over 150 Palestinians stranded on plane for 12 hours in South Africa

MI News Service, Johannesburg: South African authorities faced heavy criticism Friday after they held more than 150 Palestinians, including a woman who is nine months pregnant, on a plane for around 12 hours due to complications with their travel documents.

A pastor who was allowed to meet with the passengers while they were still stuck on the plane said it was very extremely and that children were screaming and crying. The Palestinians landed on a charter plane at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport on Thursday morning after a stopover in Nairobi, Kenya. South Africa's Border Management Authority said in a statement.

The Palestinian passengers did not have exit stamps from Israeli authorities, did not indicate how long they would be staying in South Africa and had not given local addresses, leading immigration authorities to deny them entry, the statement said. The 153 passengers including families and children were allowed to leave the plane on Thursday night after South Africa's 6 intervened and a local non-governmental organization called Gift of the Givers offered to accommodate them. The Border Management Authority said 23 passengers had

Security Forces Demolish Home of Dr. Umar Nabi, Suspect in Red Fort Explosion Case



MI News Service, Srinagar, J&K: In a dramatic escalation of the ongoing investigation into the Red Fort explosion, security forces on Thursday demolished the house of Dr. Umar Nabi, who has been named as one of the suspects in the case. The demolition took place in South Kashmir, where a joint team of police and paramilitary personnel arrived early in the morning and carried out the operation under heavy security cover.

According to local residents, the area was cordoned off for several hours, with movement restrictions imposed during the demolition. Eyewitnesses reported the use of explosives to bring down the structure, a method that has increasingly been used by security agencies in cases involving alleged militant links. Authorities, however, have not issued an official statement detailing the legal grounds for the action.

Dr. Umar Nabi, a medical professional by training, has been on the radar of investigating agencies after his name surfaced during the probe into the recent blast near Delhi's historic Red Fort. The explosion, which claimed multiple lives and left several injured, triggered a nationwide investigation, with central and state agencies working jointly to trace the perpetrators and their networks.

Family sources claim that Dr. Umar Nabi has been falsely implicated and assert

that he has no connection with any unlawful activities. They called the demolition "collective punishment" and demanded a transparent inquiry into the allegations. Civil society groups and some political leaders in Kashmir also questioned the legality of destroying the house of a suspect before any court conviction, calling it an "alarming trend" that circumvents due process.

Security officials, speaking off the record, said the action was based on "specific intelligence inputs"

suggesting the property was used for activities linked to the blast conspiracy. They maintained that the demolition was part of a broader crackdown aimed at dismantling support structures of suspected militant groups.

As the investigation into the Red Fort explosion continues, the demolition has sparked fresh debate over accountability, human rights, and the widening powers exercised by security agencies. Legal experts point out that punitive demolitions raise serious constitutional concerns, especially when carried out without judicial oversight.

With tensions in the region already high, the incident has added to growing unease among residents, who fear further actions in the coming days. Authorities are yet to confirm whether more raids or demolitions are expected as part of the ongoing probe.

Pir Bahauddin Siddiqui passes away



Nurul Islam Khan : Pir Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Bahauddin Siddiqui passed away on Thursday at 1:15 am, Inna Lillahi... Maulana Bahauddin Siddiqui was the grandson of Pir Hazrat Dada Huzur's chief and senior Khalifa Pir Hazrat Tajammol Hossain Siddiqui of Mujaddede Zaman Furfura Sharif. He was the eldest son of Pir Ajmal Uddin Siddiqui, a descendant of Dada Huzur. He was 81 years old at the time of his death. He had suffered a brain stroke just a few days ago and was admitted to the hospital. He left behind two sons at the time of his death. As soon as the news of his death spread, a shadow of mourning fell in the area. He was known as Maulana Sahib in the area. Bahauddin Sahib, a distinguished social worker and a man of few words, studied at Furfura Senior Madrasa. After passing MM from here, he was a registrar for a long time as a Qazi Sahib. During his retirement, he served as the Imam Sahib of a mosque. He was also committed to educating the poor students of the area. Furfura had close relations with many senior Pir Sahibs, including the late Pir Allama Kalimullah Siddiqui. Pir Dada Huzur was the nephew of Pir Allama Jamal Uddin Siddiqui of Rajkhola Siddiquiya Darbar Sharif, Howrah Panchla, the prominent Khalifa of the Pir. Pir Abdullah Siddiqui of Furfura Sharif, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Tamim Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Hozafa Siddiqui and many other Pirs said that the deceased was our own descendant. The Pirs prayed for the repose of his soul. They expressed their condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased. The funeral prayer of Maulana Bahauddin Siddiqui was completed after the Friday prayers. The Imamate was led by Maulana Mohiuddin Siddiqui, Pir of Rajkhola Darbar. The prayers were led by Pir Syed Alamgir Hossain. The Pirzada Hafez Maulana Mr. Masum Siddiqui of Sitapur Sufi Darbar Sharif gave a brief talk about the deceased. Maulana Mustafa Siddiqui, Nizam Uddin Siddiqui and Monir Uddin Siddiqui along with many devotees from Furfura, Belpara, Sitapur Darbar Sharif and Howrah were present on this day. He was buried next to the shrine of Sufi Sahab in Shantipur Paschim Para of Kaliganj Police Station, Nadia.

Aminuddin sworn in as 1st chief justice of Pakistan's new Federal Constitutional Court

MI News Service, Islamabad: Justice Aminuddin Khan was sworn in on Friday as the first chief justice of Pakistan's newly established Federal Constitutional Court (FCC), the President House said. Earlier on Thursday, the president gave his assent to the 27th Constitutional Amendment, formally enacting the bill into law, which made changes to key articles of the Constitution and also established the Federal Constitutional Court. The Senate and the National Assembly, the upper and the lower houses of the country's parliament, respectively, passed the amendment bill earlier this week. Minister of Law Azam Nazeer Tarar told the parliament that the establishment of the FCC will provide a dedicated court to adjudicate constitutional matters, aims to ease the caseload of the Supreme Court, and seeks to promote timely and uniform interpretation of the Constitution. Aminuddin's appointment was made by the president under Article 175A(3) read with Article 175C of the Constitution, and took effect immediately upon the oath-taking ceremony. Officials told Xinhua that the oath-taking of other FCC judges is scheduled to follow at the Islamabad High Court later on Friday.

Approximately 3.4 mln people in Somalia experiencing acute food insecurity: UN

MI News Service, United nations: Approximately 3.4 million people in Somalia are currently experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity, with more than 620,000 of them facing emergency levels of food insecurity, a UN spokesperson said Thursday. Speaking to reporters at a daily briefing, Stephane Du jarrie, spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported that severe drought in Somalia is putting millions of people's lives at risk, with humanitarian aid severely limited due to dwindling funding. The drought is particularly severe in the eastern and northern regions of the country, but it is spreading to central and southern Somalia as well, he noted. Between October and December, more than one in five people in Somalia are projected to face high levels of food insecurity, said Du jarrie, adding that the nutrition situation is equally alarming, with 1.9 million children under the age of 5 expected to suffer from acute malnutrition between August of this year and July of next year.

UN relief agency for Palestinians faces dire financial situation: UN official

MI News Service, United nations: The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is facing a dire financial situation, with a shortfall between the last quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026 at approximately 200 million U.S. dollars, the UNRWA chief said Thursday.

Addressing the UN General Assembly Fourth Committee, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said that despite the steady implementation of austerity and cost control measures amounting to 150 million dollars in 2025 and strict cashflow management, severe deficit and cashflow crises are jeopardizing the viability of the agency's operations.

Unlike in previous years, the projected income in the first quarter of 2026 is too low to absorb a large deficit from 2025, Lazzarini said. "In the absence of a significant influx of new funding, the delivery of critical services to millions of Palestine refugees across the region will be compromised," he said.

The viability of political plans for Gaza depends on successful stabilization and recovery, which requires rapidly scaling up humanitarian assistance and reinstating critical public services, he stressed. According to Lazzarini, UNRWA today delivers 40 percent of all primary healthcare in the Gaza Strip, with its "unrivaled" delivery capacity of 12,000-strong workforce and deep reserves of community trust. He said that UNRWA is providing some 14,000 medical consultations each day; bolstering public health through immunization campaigns, nutrition screenings, water quality testing and pest control campaigns; conducting in-person learning for more than 40,000 children; and supporting nearly 300,000 children through online learning platforms.

However, UNRWA's operations continue to be undermined by political attacks and precarious finances, said Lazzarini, pointing to the Israeli Knesset's adoption of legislation in 2024 that forcibly removed UNRWA international staff from the occupied Palestinian territory and blocked the entry of its supplies into Gaza, and a "virulent disinformation campaign" that has tarnished the agency's reputation and strangled funding for its vital work.

Islamophobic graffiti found at Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata amid rising hostility after Delhi blast

MI News Service, Kolkata: Hate-filled graffiti with Islamophobic messages appeared on the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) campus in Kolkata, sparking outrage among students and concerns over growing communal tensions. The graffiti, which read "Muslims and dogs should not enter the premises" and "No Muslims allowed," was discovered on the doors and stair railings of the CV Raman Hall, the boys' hostel, a day after the Red Fort bomb blast in Delhi.

Students noticed that an old message saying "Dogs shouldn't enter the premises" had been tampered with and someone added the words "Muslims &" in white chalk, turning it into a hateful statement. They immediately reported the incident to the administration, prompting an inspection by ISI director Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, dean Biswabrata Pradhan, and hostel warden Subhamoy Maitra. The administration condemned the act, and a written complaint was filed demanding an inquiry and review of CCTV footage from cameras near the hostel gate.



However, students told reporters that the administration declined to share the footage, saying they would investigate internally. Officials suggested organizing a sensitization programme in response, but students expressed dissatisfaction, describing the steps taken as inadequate and delayed. Despite assurances that a public statement would be issued, none had been released as of late November 12, raising fears among students that the matter might be suppressed. The defacement appeared just hours after an explosive-laden car detonated near Delhi's Red Fort, killing at least 13 people. The attack triggered a surge of Islamophobic rhetoric online and offline, with

right-wing influencers and media figures promoting unverified claims that vilified Muslims collectively. Across states, particularly in Rajasthan and the NCR region, reports emerged of Muslim passengers and Kashmiri residents being singled out by police for scrutiny and harassment. Observers have linked the graffiti to this rapidly intensifying wave of hate, describing it as a reflection of how online bigotry and communal propaganda are spilling over into physical spaces, even on academic campuses. They warn that such incidents deepen fear and alienation among minority students, undermining the sense of safety and equality that educational institutions are meant to uphold

Eastern & Metro Railway Organize Vigilance Awareness Seminar

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : A seminar on Vigilance Awareness–2025 was organized today (14.11.2025) at Dr. B. C. Roy Auditorium, Sealdah, by the Vigilance Departments of Eastern Railway and Metro Railway, with the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility."

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway; Subhansu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway; Deepak Nigam, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer, Eastern Railway & Metro Railway; and Anish Prasad, IPS, were among the distinguished speakers on the occasion.

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, lit the ceremonial lamp in the presence of Subhansu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway; Deepak Nigam, Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer, Eastern Railway & Metro Railway; and Anish Prasad, IPS, marking the beginning of the seminar.

The Vigilance Bulletin of Eastern Railway, "JAGRITI", and the Vigilance Bulletin of Metro Railway, "PRAYAS", were also released by Milind Deouskar along with Subhansu Sekhar Mishra, Deepak Nigam, and Anish Prasad.

Speaking on the occasion, Deepak Nigam, SDGM & CVO, Eastern Railway & Metro Railway, stated that the Vigilance Department of Eastern Railway observes Vigilance Awareness Week to promote transparency and fair practices at all levels. He mentioned that Eastern Railway, being a



vast network managing freight and passenger services, and Kolkata Metro Railway, a major urban transport system, must maintain spotless practices, as even slight deviations can have significant impact due to the scale of operations.

He elaborated on how the Vigilance Department is moving forward with corrective actions through field visits to divisions, workshops, and hospitals; the use of the iGOT platform; organizing seminars; mass awareness campaigns; and other initiatives. Nigam also informed that due to the continuous efforts of the Vigilance Department, the number of complaints this year has reduced and all pending preventive checks have been completed. These year-round initiatives have strengthened transparency and fairness across Eastern Railway and Metro Railway.

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, stated that vigilance is an intrinsic quality. Every official, he said, becomes a vigilance officer when they follow proper procedures and practices. He emphasized the importance of capacity building at all levels to ensure efficient day-to-

day functioning and better public service. He added that all employees should have proper knowledge of rules and procedures to minimize deviations.

Subhansu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway, said that vigilance activities help prevent executives from taking wrong decisions and ensure that negligence—including procrastination—is avoided for smooth and effective functioning.

Anish Prasad, IPS, delivered an insightful presentation on Cyber Security, highlighting essential cyber hygiene practices to outsmart cyber criminals. He pointed out that cybercrime is increasing rapidly. He shared simple preventive steps that individuals can adopt to protect their financial assets and personal dignity from cyber threats.

Shailendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway; Guru Prakash, Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle; Sumeet Singhal, Commissioner of Railway Safety, North Eastern Region; Principal Officers of Eastern Railway; and other senior officers of Eastern Railway and Metro Railway were also present on the occasion.

GM/SER Conducts Comprehensive Inspection of Kharagpur–RanitalSection :Focus on Station Development,Passenger Amenities, Goods Handling & 3rd Line Progress

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Nov.25 : Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, conducted an extensive inspection of the Kharagpur–Baleshwar–Ranital section today, covering major stations and key infrastructure works including passenger amenities, station redevelopment initiatives, Safety and operational aspects, and progress of the ongoing 3rd Line Project.

At Jaleswar Station, the General Manager reviewed the Amrit Station works, development of passenger amenities, circulating area improvements, and progress of the new Electronic Interlocking (EI) building. He interacted with passengers and local public to gather firsthand feedback on station facilities and services.

At Rupsa Station, Mishra inspected the ongoing 3rd Line work, assessed operational infrastructure, and reviewed passenger amenities. He emphasized safety compliance and quality execution of project works.

At Baleshwar Station, the General Manager conducted an intensive inspection of the overall station facilities, passenger amenities, cleanliness measures, and ongoing development work aimed at enhancing comfort and operational efficiency under various improvement initiatives.

At Khantapara, Mishra examined the Goods Shed, checking freight handling arrangements, loading/unloading facilities, and safety measures. He also reviewed the 3rd Line work in progress, advising teams to ensure timely completion with strict adherence to safety and engineering standards.



The inspection continued at Ranital, where the GM reviewed the progress of 3rd Line infrastructure, track work, and signalling readiness.

Further, Mishra inspected the Sabira–Bahanaga section to assess the advancement of the 3rd line construction. He instructed engineering, signalling, and electrical departments to expedite work while maintaining high-quality standards to enhance line capacity, operational flexibility, and punctuality.

Throughout the day, the General Manager underscored the importance of safety, efficiency, and passenger-centric development across the inspected section.

He was accompanied by Lalit Mohan Pandey, Divisional Railway Manager, Kharagpur, along with senior officers from South Eastern Railway Headquarters and Kharagpur Division.

South Eastern Railway remains committed to strengthening infrastructure, improving passenger experience, and delivering safe, reliable, and efficient railway services.

Russia downs 216 Ukrainian drones overnight: Defense Ministry



MI News Service, Moscow/Kiev: Russian air defense forces shot down 216 Ukrainian drones overnight, the Russian Defense Ministry said Friday. According to the ministry, 66 drones were intercepted over southern Russia's Krasnodar region and 59 over the Black Sea. Krasnodar's regional operational headquarters said three people were injured in the port city of Novorossiysk by the attack, which also sparked a fire at an oil depot. Novorossiysk has declared a state of emergency following the attack, said Mayor Andrey Kravchenko. Meanwhile, at least four people were killed and 27 others were injured in Russian drone and missile attack on Kiev overnight on Friday, Tymur Tkachenko, head of the Kiev City Military Administration, reported. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X that Russia used about 430 drones and 18 missiles in the strike on Ukraine.

1st Test: Tough to bowl on a slow wicket, says Kuldeep Yadav, breaking down his day-one plan as India skittle out South Africa

KOLKATA : Kuldeep Yadav said that sticking to his stump-hitting method and drawing from recent preparation against South Africa were central to his success on a slow and demanding Eden Gardens pitch, as India bowled out the visitors for 159 on the opening day of the first Test on Friday.

While Jasprit Bumrah stole the headlines with a five-wicket haul, Kuldeep's disciplined spell (2 for 36) and clever planning played an equally important role in India's decisive grip on the contest.

Speaking on JioStar's post-match show Cricket Live, Kuldeep described the step-up in intensity when playing Test cricket and how his India A outing against South Africa earlier this month gave him useful insight.

"When you play a Test match, your intensity always goes up, and obviously, you need a lot of energy. When we played as India A, it was a good practice match against South Africa, and I bowled to Temba Bavuma there. I knew what sort of shots he plays, so I was prepared to bowl accordingly."

Kuldeep said the sluggish pitch made his job as a wrist-spinner more demanding, as he had to generate his own pace to trouble the batters. "Today, the



wicket was very slow. As a wrist-spinner, it's tough to bowl on this type of wicket because there is hardly any pace. You have to generate that pace yourself."

Despite the conditions, he stuck to his approach of attacking the stumps - a method he believes translates across formats.

"My bowling type is all about hitting the stumps; that's the most important thing in any format: ODI, T20, or Test. Cricket has changed a lot; players try reverse sweeps and sweep shots, so you don't want to miss those leg-before chances. That was my plan."

That plan paid off as Kuldeep played a key role in breaking South Africa's early resistance, providing control in the middle overs and striking at crucial moments.

Bumrah, meanwhile, was at his lethal best, returning 5 for 27 to dismantle South Africa after their promising start. His incisive spells triggered collapses at vital junctures, leaving India firmly in control by stumps.

With Mohammed Siraj (2 for 47) and Axar Patel (1 for 21) also contributing, India's well-rounded bowling effort ensured South Africa squandered the advantage of winning the toss.

ISSF World C' ship: Esha nails maiden individual medal with bronze in women's 25m pistol

NEW DELHI : Former Asian, Mixed Team and Junior World champion Esha Singh added another feather in her decorated cap, nailing a maiden individual world championship medal, claiming bronze in the women's 25m Pistol Olympic event at the Olympic Shooting Range in Cairo, Egypt, on Friday. The Indian shot a score of 30 in the final, to finish behind in-form Chinese Yao Qianxun (silver, score: 38) and Korea's reigning Olympic Champion Yang Jiin (gold, score: 40).

Esha's effort came as India wrapped up engagements in the 10 Olympic events on schedule at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle/Pistol, Cairo 2025, with a historic haul of one gold, three silver, and three bronze medals. Overall, India are placed third on the table with three gold, five silver, and four bronze medals, behind leaders China with 10 gold and Korea, who are second with six gold medals.

Beginning the day in fourth and seventh spots respectively, Esha and double Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker shot confident, rapid-fire rounds to sail into the top eight with scores of 587 and 586 respectively. Esha took fifth while Manu took the sixth qualifying spot in the field of 86.

Yang topped qualifications as well with 591, which came on the back of a stunning 300/300 in the rapid round.

Mixed team silver medalist in Paris, Seval Tarhan of Turkey, along with the experienced



Iranian Haniyeh Rostamiyan and France's former European and junior world champion Lamolle Mathilde, also went through. Unknown North Korean Kim Hyon Suk made up the final eight.

Rahi Sarnobat's 572 was not enough for the Indian trio to win a team medal as they finished fourth with a tally of 1745, three short of the bronze-winning French team.

Yang laid down the gauntlet with a perfect five to start the 10-series final, comprising five rapid-fire shots each. Both the Indians began with four hits, but in the first elimination stage after series four, Esha was third and Manu joint fourth, as Seval was the first to bow out. Yang and Yao broke away at this stage, and the fight for bronze reached a climax when Esha, Manu, and Lamolle tied at 23 hits each after the seventh series. That brought about Manu's

exit as she managed two hits even as Esha and Lamolle shot a perfect five.

The Frenchwoman then shot three as Esha struck a four to confirm her medal, bowing out after the ninth series as Yang out-gunned Yao for gold.

It was Esha's third individual ISSF medal of the year, having won gold and silver in the World Cup stages earlier. Her final international engagement will be at the ISSF World Cup Finals in Doha in December.

Other Indians in action on the day

50m Rifle Prone Men
Chain Singh - 624.7 (14th)
Akhir Sheoran - 624.2 (16th)
Samarvir Singh - 620.0 (36th)
Team - 1868.9 (5th)
50m Rifle Prone Women
Manini Kaushik - 621.8 (12th)
Sift Kaur Samra - 619.8 (20th)
Vidarsa K. Vinod - 618.9 (30th)

FIDE World Cup 2025: Arjun Erigaisi, Harikrishna draw opening game of Round 5



PANAJI : Grandmaster (GM) Arjun Erigaisi's efforts to break through GM Levon Aronian's defence did not fructify, while GM P Harikrishna played out a quick draw in the opening game of the fifth round of the FIDE World Cup 2025 here on Friday. Playing white, Arjun could not convert his slight advantage in the double rook endgame as the two players split points after 41 moves.

Earlier, Harikrishna played a solid game with black to ensure that giant-killer GM Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara had no opportunities to win with white.

A total of 24 Indian players started the competition that saw 206 players from 82 countries vying for the Viswanathan Anand Trophy. After four rounds, only two Indians are still in the fray to win the title and also grab a spot on offer in the Candidates tournament. On Friday, Arjun was keen on grabbing the advantage against two-time champion Aronian with white pieces. It looked like the Armenian-born Aronian was in trouble when he took almost 30 minutes to play his 21st move. To his credit, he found a way to get out of trouble and then played solid chess to ensure that he goes into the second game

with a theoretical advantage as he plays white.

There was no such trouble for Harikrishna, as he was well prepared for Alcantara's plan, and both the players raced to a rook-pawn endgame quickly and then opted for a draw in 41 moves. At the time of writing, six of the eight matches had ended in a draw.

Erigaisi defeated GM Peter Leko in both the rapid games, while P Harikrishna made the most of the chances he got to beat GM Nils Grandelius in the second game to advance to the pre-quarterfinals of the FIDE World Cup 2025 here on Thursday.

However, R. Praggnanandhaa's campaign came to an end after losing to former World Rapid Champion GM Daniil Dubov in the fifth round. With Pranav V and Karthik Venkataraman losing in the classical games in round 5, there were three Indians in the tiebreak, and two of them ultimately advanced to the next round.

Indian results (Round 5, Game 1):
GM Arjun Erigaisi drew with GM Levon Aronian 0.5:0.5
GM Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara drew with GM P Harikrishna 0.5:0.5

Turkiye bans 102 footballers over widening betting scandal

ANKARA : Turkiye's football authorities have handed temporary bans to 102 professional players as part of a widening investigation into illegal betting activities in the country.

The Professional Football Disciplinary Board of the Turkish Football Federation (TFF) on Thursday suspended 25 players from the Super Lig and 77 from the second-tier First League, with punishments ranging from 45 days to 12 months. The investigation reviewed allegations against 1,024 footballers, of whom 102 were sanctioned.

Among the most notable cases is Galatasaray and Turkish national team defender Eren Elmalı, who was banned for 45 days and removed from the national team squad, reports Xinhua.

Earlier this week, Elmalı admitted on Instagram to placing a bet on a football match approximately five years ago, but said it did not involve his own team. He joined Galatasaray earlier this year. His teammate Metehan Baltacı, who plays for Turkiye's Under-21 team, received a nine-month suspension. Konyaspor's Alassane Ndao was handed the longest ban of 12 months. The TFF stressed that players who have been provisionally referred to the disciplinary board are not permitted to play in matches during the ongoing investigation.

Trident Open 2025: Manu Gandas triumphs in three-way playoff to return to winning ways

CHANDIGARH : Manu Gandas endured an ordinary final round of one-over 73 before fighting back and keeping his nerve to triumph in a three-way playoff at the inaugural Trident Open, an INR 1 crore event, played at the Chandigarh Golf Club here on Friday.

Gurugram-based Gandas (66-73-69-73), the PGTI Order of Merit leader, and local lad Yuvraj Sandhu (72-69-70-70) and the 21-year-old Shubham Jaglan (71-69-71-70), who made his PGTI debut this week, ended the regulation 72 holes with matching totals of seven-under 281 to take the match into a playoff. Gandas prevailed in the playoff with a par to return to winning ways after one year and 10 months.

Gandas' ninth professional win saw him pick up a cheque worth INR 15 lakh that also lifted him from 14th to seventh position in the PGTI Order of Merit.

The 17-year-old rookie Manoj S, the third-round leader, who was looking to become the youngest player to win as a professional on the PGTI, shot a last round of 75 to finish tied fourth at six-under 282 along with Shaurya Bhattacharya (71), the winner of PGTI's last event.

Former PGTI Order of Merit champion Manu Gandas, who was one shot off the lead in second place after round three, made an early gain on Friday when he played a terrific chip to set up a tap-in birdie on the second hole. Gandas, who hails from the DLF Golf & Country Club, then slowed down with pars all the way till the ninth and a bogey on the 10th.

A 27-foot birdie conversion on



the 13th made Gandas the top contender for the title. However, finding the trees with his drive on the 16th resulted in a double-bogey for Gandas, which was a big setback for him.

Both Yuvraj and Shubham made five birdies and three bogeys to catch up with Manu and join him in the playoff. Gandas produced the best drive in the three-way playoff as both the others missed the fairway. Gandas then played a quality chip that left him a four-foot par putt for victory, which he went on to convert.

Gandas, who played on the DP World Tour for one year following his PGTI Order of Merit win in 2022, said, "The thought process today was to continue doing what I had been doing well earlier in the week. I had posted seven top-10s in the last nine events, so the game was trending well, and I knew that it was just a matter of time before I won."

"I was a little frustrated with the double-bogey on the 16th, but

then just decided to let it pass and rather focus on what I had in my control. On the playoff hole (18th), I thought I would play it like I had done through the week by ensuring that I found the centre of the fairway. That's exactly what I did, and it paid off for me."

"This year has become even more special for me as I became a father just two months back. This is the first time my two-month-old son has travelled to an event, and I'm delighted to lift the trophy with him in my arms and my wife beside me."

It was a creditable joint runner-up finish for Shubham Jaglan in his very first event on the PGTI. On the other hand, Yuvraj Sandhu, the other joint runner-up, continued his fine form to extend his lead in the PGTI Ranking as he crossed the INR 1 crore mark in his season earnings. Yuvraj picked up a cheque worth INR 7,99,900 to take his 2025 earnings to INR 1,06,67,100.

Top teams to take part in sub-junior women's hockey academy championship in Karnal



Kolkata. Lastly, Pool D comprises R K Roy Hockey Academy, Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar), Markandeshwar Hockey Academy, and Raja Karan Hockey Academy. All teams will compete in a round-robin format within their respective pools. Teams will earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.

The winners of each pool will progress into the semifinals, which will be played on November 22, followed by the 3rd/4th place

match and the Final on November 23, 2025. Hockey India President Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "The Sub-junior Women Academy Championship - Zone A & Group: B plays a vital role in our grassroots development structure. These young players are the future of Indian women's hockey, and tournaments like this give them the competitive exposure they need early in their development. I extend my best wishes to all the participating players."

Indian shooting contingent departs for 25th Summer Deaflympic Games in Tokyo



NEW DELHI : The Indian shooting contingent left for Tokyo, Japan, on Friday to participate in the 25th Summer Deaflympic Games, scheduled from November 15 to 26, 2025. The 15-member squad, including three coaches, will represent India across five individual events in the men's and women's categories, one event in the men's category, and two mixed-team shooting events at the Ajinomoto National Training Center (East).

The squad will be led by Deaflympic double gold medalist Dhanush Srikanth, who will lead India's challenge alongside fellow Deaflympic medalists Shourya Saini and Abhinav Deshwal. The contingent also features World Deaf Championship medalists Mahit Sandhu, Anuya Prasad, Pranjali Dhumal, Natasha Joshi, Chetan Sapkal, Kushagra Singh Rajawat, and Mohammed Vania, forming one of India's most experienced line-ups at the Games.

Two newcomers, Komal Waghmare and Rudar, will make their international debut, marking an important step in expanding India's emerging talent pool in deaf sport shooting. The athletes are accompanied by coaches Anuja Jung, Priti Sharma, and Harmit Patel.

India secured five medals at the 2021 Deaflympics in Brazil, including three gold medals in the men's 10m air rifle, men's 10m air pistol, and 10m air rifle mixed event.

Event-wise squad:
Air rifle men:
Dhanush Srikanth
Mohammed Murtaza Vania
Air rifle women:
Mahit Sandhu
Komal Milind Waghmare
Air rifle mixed team:
Team 1: Mahit Sandhu & Dhanush Srikanth
Team 2: Komal Milind Waghmare & Mohammed Murtaza Vania
50m rifle prone men:
Shourya Saini
Kushagra Singh Rajawat
50m rifle prone women:
Mahit Sandhu
Natasha Joshi
50m rifle 3P men:
Shourya Saini

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Kushagra Singh Rajawat
50m rifle 3P men:
Mahit Sandhu
Natasha Joshi
Air pistol men:
Abhinav Deshwal
Rudar
Air pistol women:
Pranjal Prashant Dhumal
Anuya Prasad
Air pistol mixed team:
Team 1: Pranjal Prashant Dhumal & Abhinav Deshwal
Team 2: Anuya Prasad & Rudar
25m pistol men:
Abhinav Deshwal
Chetan Hanmant Sapkal

25m pistol women:
Pranjal Prashant Dhumal
Anuya Prasad
Rapid-fire pistol men:
Chetan Hanmant Sapkal