

Dona Ganguly Files Police Complaint Over Online Abuse

Dona Ganguly has lodged a police complaint after being subjected to abusive and derogatory remarks on social media. The wife of former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly approached the police on Wednesday evening, filing a formal complaint at Thakurpukur Police Station in South Kolkata. Based on her complaint, police have initiated a case against unknown individuals. According to police sources, the online abuse was linked to Dona Ganguly's recent dance performance at the Kolkata International Film Festival. In her complaint, Dona stated that she has been practising and performing Indian classical dance for the past 45 years. Dance, she said, is both her profession and her passion, and she has performed Odissi across the world. She has alleged that a particular Facebook page is responsible for the offensive posts. **PG 3**



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TMC delegation meets full bench of EC amid row over ongoing SIR in Bengal

MI News Service, New Delhi : Amid the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, a 10-member Trinamool Congress delegation led by Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien met the full bench of the Election Commission here on Friday. The delegation included TMC Lok Sabha MPs Satabdi Roy, Kalyan Banerjee, Pratima Mondal, Sajda Ahmed, and Mahua Moitra, and Rajya Sabha MPs Dola Sen, MamataBala Thakur, Saket Gokhale, and Prakash Chik Barik.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's two letters to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar in quick succession, seeking his "immediate intervention" on two recent concerns. In a tense, two-hour long meeting the ruling party in West Bengal levelled some of its strongest allegations over the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in the state. At the meeting Derek O'Brien, pressed the Commission on what it called an "unplanned and dangerous" exercise that has allegedly resulted in the deaths of "dozens" of Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Speaking after the meeting, O'Brien said the delegation directly confronted CEC Gyanesh Kumar with a list of 39 BLOs who allegedly died while carrying out SIR duties.

"We told him straight, you have blood on your hands," O'Brien said, adding that the party did not receive answers to any of the five questions it had placed before the Commission. He claimed the CEC spoke for nearly



TMC MPs Mahua Moitra, Satabdi Roy, Derek O'Brien and other party leaders after a meeting with the full bench of the Election Commission, outside Nirvachan Sadan, in New Delhi.

You talk endlessly about infiltrators. Then why is West Bengal the only border state facing such a rigorous SIR? When the BJP wants something, the ECI is happy to fall in line --**Mahua Moitra**

an hour but offered "no clarity" on accountability for the deaths. TMC MPs argued that while they are not against the SIR in principle, they strongly oppose what they described as a "heartless" and "unplanned" rollout that has overburdened field officers. The meeting followed Chief

Minister Mamata Banerjee's letters to the CEC earlier this week, in which she sought immediate intervention over alleged irregularities and pressure on BLOs. West Bengal is among 12 states and Union Territories where the SIR is underway, but TMC leaders claim the state is

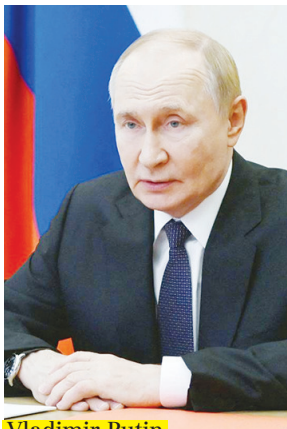
being subjected to a biased and "excessive scrutiny".

TMC MP Mahua Moitra said the delegation was "shocked" to learn that the CEC was unaware of the reported deaths. She also questioned why the revision exercise was not being conducted with similar intensity in other states sharing borders with Bangladesh and Myanmar. "You talk endlessly about infiltrators. Then why is West Bengal the only

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Russian President Putin to visit India early next month

MI News Service, New Delhi : Ending all speculation in the global diplomatic circles and marking a pivotal moment in India's geopolitical strategy, Russian President Vladimir Putin will undertake a two-day visit to India from December 4, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Friday. Putin is visiting New Delhi to hold the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit with Prime



Vladimir Putin

Minister Narendra Modi.

"The forthcoming state visit of President Putin will provide an opportunity for the leadership of India and Russia to review progress in bilateral relations, set the vision for strengthening the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest," the MEA said in a statement here today. The Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow also confirmed that President Putin will be visiting India for participating in

the 23rd Annual Summit between Russia and India in New Delhi, and for a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to the MEA, President Draupadi Murmu will also receive the Russian President and host a banquet in his honour. The visit will provide an opportunity for the leaders of India and Russia to review progress in bilateral relations, set the vision for further strengthening the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership,' and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. The Russian President's state visit follows an invitation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the two countries growing closer in the last few months after the US imposed punitive tariffs over New Delhi's Russian oil imports.

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Sanctioned cases under Bengal Student Credit Card Scheme surpass landmark figure of 1,00,000

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee expressed happiness that the state government's Student Credit Card Scheme, surpassed the number of sanctioned cases by the landmark figure of 1,00,000 on Friday. Hailing this achievement through a post in her X handle today the Chief minister said under this "flagship scheme of our Government, the students are provided education loan up to Rs 10 lakh at a very nominal interest rate and the interest subvention/subsidy amount is entirely borne by the State Government. In her post she said, "Happy to share that under our Student Credit Card Scheme, the number of sanctioned cases has crossed today the landmark figure of 1,00,000. In this flagship scheme of our Government, the students are provided education loan up to Rs 10 lakh at a very nominal interest rate. The interest subvention/ subsidy amount is entirely borne by the State Government. The scheme will continue to assist the budding talents in reaching their desired goals. Wish all our students a very prosperous future!".

PM Modi holds roadshow in Karnataka's Udupi

MI News Service, Bengaluru : Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a colourful road show in the temple town of Udupi on Friday. PM Modi landed at the Mangaluru Airport in Bengaluru before proceeding to Udupi by a special helicopter. The Prime Minister arrived here to take part in the "Laksha Geeta Pathana", a mass recitation in which more than one lakh devotees will chant verses from the Bhagavad Gita in unison. Standing on the running board of his vehicle, the Prime Minister waved at the enthusiastic gathering, which showered his convoy with flower

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Two frontline guided-missile corvettes of the Eastern Fleet, INS Khanjar and INS Kora, docked at Kidderpore as part of the Navy Week 2025 celebrations organised by the Indian Navy, aimed to engage with citizens, in Kolkata on Friday. Pic :Prabir Bhattacharya

Huge illicit poppy cultivation destroyed in Manipur

MI News Service, Imphal : Security forces destroyed around 109 acres of illicit poppy cultivation worth several crores of rupees, in Manipur's Kangpokpi and Senapati districts, police said on Friday.

Security forces, in collaboration with forest department and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) destroyed approximately 103 acres of poppy cultivation at the hill ranges of Koubru and the surrounding area in Kangpokpi district on Thursday, a police state-

ment said. In another drive, nearly 106 acres of poppy cultivation were also destroyed at the hill range of Ngamju in Senapati district on Thursday, it added. A combined team of security forces comprising Police, Forest Department, Assam Rifles and district administration carried out a significant poppy destruction operation in the Khamasom hill ranges under Ukhrul district on Thursday. Official sources said that besides

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Security forces destroyed nearly 18 acres of illegal poppy cultivation in Manipur's Churachandpur and Tengenoupal districts. File | Photo

Death toll from floods and landslides in Sri Lanka touches 56

MI News Service, Colombo : Incessant heavy rain, coupled with a number of landslide during the past two days, have claimed as many as 56 lives so far with and 21 more people still remaining missing in Sri Lanka. As a result the government has announced a public holiday on Friday other than for those involved in essential services. All the 56 deaths have been recorded during the past 48 hours as adverse weather conditions continue to affect the island nation, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said. Weather in Sri Lanka turned severe last week that led to heavy downpours since Thursday, flooding homes, farm lands, roads, and triggering landslides. More than 600 houses have been damaged so far, according to the officials. In view of this severe natural disaster, the government has ordered closure of all government offices and schools for the time being as the death toll from floods and



Sri Lankan authorities deployed the military for relief and rescue operations on November 28, as the death toll from floods and landslides rose to 56, with another 21 people listed as missing.

landslides across the country kept on mounting. More than 600 houses also got damaged, according to officials. Sri Lanka began grappling with severe weather last week, and the conditions worsened on Thursday. More than 25 people were killed on Thursday itself in landslides in the central mountainous tea-growing regions of Badulla and Nuwara Eliya, which is about 300km east of the

capital, Colombo.

Another 21 people went missing and 14 were injured in the Badulla and Nuwara Eliya areas, according to the government's Disaster Management Centre. Others died in landslides in different parts of the country. Due to heavy rains, most reservoirs and rivers have overflowed, blocking roads. Authorities stopped passenger trains

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Kashmir valley experiencing severe cold with Srinagar's minimum temperature dropping to below minus 5 deg C



A Kashmiri woman walks on a snow-covered road early in the morning after a fresh snowfall in the outskirts of Srinagar

There is a very high chance of more snowfall here.. it is very cold right now. People should take all measures to protect themselves

--Local resident

MI News Service, Srinagar : Even as the full scale winter is yet to set in the Kashmir valley, the entire region of the country's northernmost territory is experiencing its coldest temperature in the month of November since 2007, when minimum temperatures has dipped far below the freezing point across several locations, officials said on Friday. Srinagar recorded its coldest night of the season on Thursday night with the minimum temperature settling at minus 5.7 degree Celsius, down from minus 4.8 degree Celsius the previous night, they said.

The city which has already been blanketed by a thick layer of snow in many places, has witnessed a continuous drop in the night temperatures over the last few days forcing most of the people to remain indoors despite the pick holiday and tourist season. The freezing night temperature has also given the city a deserted look. Incidentally, not only Srinagar, the cold conditions have gripped the entire Kashmir valley, with all weather stations across the Valley recording sub-zero minimum temperatures, Met officials said. Apart from Srinagar which experienced its coldest night of the season last night, Konibal in

south Kashmir's Pulwama district recorded the coldest temperature in the Valley so far at minus 5.9 degree Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a minimum temperature of minus 3.6 degree Celsius, Met officials said. Among popular tourist destinations, Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 5 degree Celsius, while the minimum in Gulmarg settled at minus 3 Celsius, they said. Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded minus 4 degree Celsius, while the frontier town of Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded minus 4.4 degree Celsius.

The surface of the Dal Lake on Friday froze as an intense coldwave gripped the Kashmir valley. The minimum temperature experienced in the city was minus 7 degree Celsius and the maximum temperature recorded was minus 3 degree Celsius, the IMD said. Visuals showed very few people who were ventured out, sitting around bonfires and wearing warm clothes to protect themselves from the harsh winters. "The weather has become very cold.. our hands have started freezing and the Dal lake has frozen... this is the first time the city has experienced

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Kolkata's Champion
Martial Artist Erum
Seraj Opens Her Own
Makeup Academy



MI News Service, Kolkata: Renowned martial artist Erum Seraj, a five-time Gold Medalist at the World Meet held in Thailand and Indonesia, has now embarked on a new journey by launching her Erum Makeup Academy in the heart of Kolkata.

The Erum Makeup Academy, a unit of the World Martial Artist Council—the principal organisers of the World Meet in Thailand, Indonesia, and the UK—aims to provide professional and globally certified makeup education to aspiring artists.

The academy was formally inaugurated by HRH Prince Dr. M. A. Ali, in the presence of dignitaries including Moni-mala Halder, Mustaque Khan, Ashfaq Ahmed, and several other esteemed guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Erum Seraj shared that a significant number of students have already enrolled for the upcoming programs, which include a 5-day Master Class starting from 2nd December 2025, a 1-day Self Makeup Workshop, and a 2-month Beginners to Advanced Level Certification Course. She added that the academy offers affordable fees, and upon completion, students will receive internationally recognized certificates.

HRH Prince Dr. M. A. Ali expressed his pride, stating, “Students who learn here will also earn here.”

Tony Taylor, Vice President of the World Meet, New York, USA, conveyed his greetings and best wishes to Erum on the opening of the academy. Obi Stephen, World Meet Representative from Nigeria, also sent his warm wishes. Jagat Bahadur Dhami, Representative of Nepal, expressed his happiness over the remarkable achievement.

Monimala Halder praised the initiative, stating that anyone interested in learning makeup should join this academy, as “this is the best place to learn and grow.”

Tribal fairs are gaining
ground in Bengal

MI News Service, Purulia/Kolkata: Tribal fairs are now gaining ground in West Bengal. West Bengal government has also promoted fairs in different ways in order to enhance tribal development. Bengal has numerous tribal fairs and festivals, both major state events and smaller, localized ones that showcase cultural heritage through traditional crafts, music, dance, and more. Examples include the Mukutmanipur Mela and the state-organized Jai Johar Mela, which aim to support artisans and promote government welfare schemes, and specific festivals like Sarhul Utsav (celebrating the spring and sal trees) and Bandhna Parob (a festival of harvest and cattle).

Tribal foods are also gaining much attention in food loving West Bengal, especially in Kolkata. Kolkata is now presently hosting a tribal food festival.

According to Debasree Sen Ghosh (Fusion Fantasea, Kolkata), “Tribal foods have high nutritional value, being rich in micronutrients like iron, calcium, vitamin A, and folate, particularly from wild vegetables and millets.” “They also provide protein, fiber, and other essential nutrients like zinc, while often being lower in calories and saturated fat compared to modern processed foods. This contributes to better health, though shifts away from traditional diets can lead to malnutrition and chronic diseases.” She added, The Fusion Fantasea is currently hosting the tribal food festival with full zest.

Bajaj detects
insurance scam

MI News Service, Port Blair: Bajaj General Insurance Limited identified a motor accident insurance fraud involving a fabricated INR 25 crore claim. The fraud was based on a false FIR reporting a vehicle overturn caused by a dog, leading to claims by the deceased's legal heirs after alleged fatal injuries. Upon receiving court summons, Bajaj conducted an internal review that raised suspicions about the authenticity of the FIR and documents, prompting the company to seek judicial intervention from the Gujarat High Court.

24-Pgns(N) shows
good performance in
SHG credit linkage

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid the MSME month, being observed from November 10 to 28 by the MSME and Textile department across the state, the North 24-Parganas district demonstrated exceptional performance in mobilising Self-Help Group (SHG) credit linkage applications.

According to data, SHG loan, amounting to Rs 13,734 lakh, has been sanctioned by banks so far in the district. It received loan applications from SHG worth Rs 23,689 lakh. The overall target amount for loan disbursement was Rs 27,071 lakh. “The sanction amount represents a 50.73 per cent achievement against the total target amount for disbursement,” an official stated.

It was also stated that about 542 applications have been submitted by the district against the state target of 366. “The district reflects strong initial progress in translating MSME support into tangible outcomes for entrepreneurs. Of the 542 applications submitted, 66 applications have already been sanctioned, while 48 applications have been disbursed, which is 8.86 per cent of total applications submitted,” the official added.

Meanwhile, “Shilper Samadhan camps” are being organised across the state in the MSME month. Recently, an MSME Synergy held at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, where an announcement came that North 24-Parganas and Nadia were likely to attract investments exceeding Rs 1,460 crore in the MSME sector over the next one and a half years, with an estimated employment potential of around 20,000-23,000 people.

‘Bengal aromatic Kalonunia’ Paddy (Kalojira paddy)
recognised by Central as a Farmers’ Variety

MI News Service, Mohanpur : A remarkable rice variety traditionally cultivated for decades in the saline-alkaline soils of coastal West Bengal has finally earned official recognition as a farmers’ variety. The long-standing demand to register ‘Bengal Kalonunia’, (Kalojira paddy) a prized aromatic black-husked paddy, has been fulfilled following scientific validation by Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV) and coordinated support from the State Education Directorate. The award was given by the Ministry of Agriculture.

According to BCKV scientists, the university's Krishi Vigyan Kendra had been studying the genetic and agronomic characteristics of Bengal Kalonunia since 2010, 2013, 2018, and 2019. Their findings established that the variety is genetically pure, regionally adapted, and has been conserved by farmers for generations in East Midnapore and neighbouring districts.

The rice variety takes 145-155 days to mature, delivers 3-3.5 tonnes per hectare and its height is around 35 cm. and is known for its ability to withstand adverse soil condi-

tions. Owing to the variety's unique features, BCKV filed a detailed application before the



Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) in 2022.

Following DUS (Distinctness, Uniformity, Stability) testing and multi-locational trials, the national authority approved the proposal. The acceptance was officially published in the Plant Variety Journal of India (Volume 19, Issue 1, May 2023), resulting in the granting of registration in 2023.

The recognition secures the rights of cultivators to preserve, use, and commercially benefit from the traditional seed. It also makes the variety eligible for national protection under the Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority.

BCKV Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ashok Kumar Patra said the

achievement underscores the university's commitment to documenting, preserving, and promoting indigenous cultivars. He added that Bengal Kalonunia holds promise for both ecological sustainability and farmers' income, particularly in coastal zones vulnerable to salinity.

The variety has been preserved and expanded through farmer-to-farmer seed exchange networks in East Midnapore, Nadia, Hooghly, and North 24-Parganas. Farmers report that the paddy's resilience and its premium market price, often Rs. 300 to Rs.350 per kg. make it one of the most profitable traditional rice types.

The university showcased Bengal Kalonunia at the 6th CWSS International Conference on Agricultural Innovation for Sustainable Development, where it drew international attention as a model for natural farming and biodiversity conservation.

BCKV officials said the registration will boost the annual development roadmap for the university and open new avenues for the promotion of indigenous rice across India.



On the third day of the district tour, West Bengal State Trinamool Congress leader and State Minister Aroop Biswas supervised the work of SIRs in seven assembly constituencies of East Burdwan – Kalna, Purbasthali South, Purbasthali North, Katwa, Ketugram, Mangalkot and Bhatar – as per the party's instructions on Friday. District President and MLA Rabindranath Chatterjee, MP Dr. Sharmila Sarkar, the District Council President, and heads of district-level party organisations were also present.

TMC questions EC's new AI tool for voter checks

MI News Service, Kolkata: The ruling Trinamool in Bengal has questioned the Election Commission's decision to use an artificial intelligence-based app for voters verification in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

“Now, EC says they will use an ‘AI app’ during the SIR exercise in Bengal. As is typical there are zero details of who made this app and its functionality,” Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP

Saket Gokhale said.

“Who are the vendors and developers? Was the app audited for AI bias? Why is AI required for searching duplicate entries when existing PDF software can do it easily,” Saket said.

The EC had introduced the AI-based app to assist in identifying voters registered in multiple locations. The AI tool would analyse facial similarities across photographers in the voter database.

Dead voters apart, voters registered in multiple constituencies in different states, and in different polling booths in the same constituency have been flagged by different political parties.

The Lok Sabha's leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in his three detailed presentations on alleged “vote theft” had cited examples of the same person registered as voter in different constituencies.

The EC has denied the allegations made by Rahul.

The Bengal SIR process has been marred by controversies with several deaths of voters and Booth Level Officers (BLOs), technical problems, and protests by a section of the BLOs. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee had objected to the process and demanded the exercise be halted in Bengal for now.

A Bengal NGO bags Plant Genome Saviour
Community Award from Central Government



MI News Service, Mohanpur : A community-led organisation engaged in conserving indigenous genetic resources, has been conferred the Plant Genome Saviour Community Award for 2022-23 by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), Government of India. The institution, Siksha Niketan, has been working for over a decade to preserve 23 traditional rice landraces, 54 medicinal plants and several millet varieties in Memari - I Block of Purba Bardhaman district, West Bengal.

The conservation initiative is being undertaken with technical guidance from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV) through the RKVY project on aromatic and speciality rice of West Bengal, operational in the region

since 2012. Notable varieties preserved include Gobindabhog, Bengali Kalojira, Radhunipagal and Radhatikal, all culturally valued in the State for their flavour, grain quality and traditional use.

Following a field assessment by a PPV&FRA scientific team in October 2024, the final notification confirming Siksha Niketan's selection was issued in October 2025.

Alongside the institutional recognition, Lakshan Pramanik, a farmer from Karimpur-I Block of Nadia district, has received the Plant Genome Saviour Farmers' Recognition (2022-23). He has been conserving indigenous rice varieties Sankene and Gobindabhog, along with two lesser-known vegetable types, Nkata Brinjal and Chebare Chilli. His work has also contributed to the expansion

of Gobindabhog cultivation and its market linkages. Pramanik's application was technically supported by BCKV's Intellectual Property Rights Cell and Nadia Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

The awards were presented at a ceremony held at the NASC Complex, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, on November 12, 2025, in the presence of Union Agriculture Minister Shrivraj Singh Chauhan, Minister of State Ramnath Thakur, and senior officials of ICAR and PPV&FRA. Siksha Niketan received a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh, while Mr. Pramanik was awarded Rs.1 lakh, a citation and a memento, Prof. Mrityunjay Ghosh said.

Calling the recognition “a milestone for community-led conservation in West Bengal”, BCKV Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ashok Kumar Patra said that the award would encourage farmers to retain traditional varieties in their agro-climatic zones. Director of Research Prof. S. Mukherjee reaffirmed the University's commitment to supporting grassroots conservation efforts.

Kalyani University launches first issue
of ‘Kalyani University Chronicles’

MI News Service, Kalyani: The University of Kalyani on Friday released the inaugural edition of its newsletter Kalyani University Chronicles (Vol. 1, Issue 1), marking the revival of an official publication aimed at documenting institutional developments and achievements.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Kallol Paul formally unveiled the first issue in the presence of members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Newsletter Committee. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Paul said the initiative would serve as a reflective record of the university's academic, research, and administrative progress while strengthening transparency and communication across stakeholders.

The newsletter is expected to feature research breakthroughs,



faculty accomplishments, student achievements, and coverage of campus events. University officials said the publication would also carry updates on quality enhancement measures, extension activities, and collaborative programmes in subsequent issues.

Committee members noted that the release marks a step towards fostering a culture of documentation and dialogue within the institution, adding that future editions would highlight initiatives that contribute to academic vibrancy and community engagement.

Workshop Held to Promote Community-Level TB Prevention, Clinical Trial Awareness,
Advances in Clinical Microbiology, and Access to Free Tuberculosis Treatment

MI News Service, Kolkata: “The International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity (I.M.S.W.C) is organized its 45th Anniversary of National and International Convention for integrated management framework on Comprehensive Primary healthcare for tuberculosis and to provide tuberculosis clinical trial, Clinical microbiology, free treatment, Counseling, testing and to enable tuberculosis early detection, management and referral services, follow up Sputum examination and promote acceleration of routine immunization coverage, monitoring, food security, nutrition, environmental sanitation, hygiene education, Sustainability of water interventions .IMSWC support to Pulmonary tuberculosis and extra- Pulmonary tuberculosis, sputum Positive free treatment and detention facilities and to develop an

over view of diagnostic Practices amongst extra pulmonary tuberculosis and implementation of Programme” on: 07th August, 2025. at, Kahanganr, bhadra and deluana village of Mansa district within the State of Punjab. The 728 men, mother's, girls' and tuberculosis infected women, men and girls Participated of this Programme.

08th August, 2025. IMSWC also organized Innovative integrated Programme for access to integrated Comprehensive Primary healthcare for tuberculosis, Control and to provide tuberculosis clinical trial, Clinical microbiology, free treatment, Counseling, testing and to ensure treatment for drug susceptible tuberculosis disease in HIV infected persons, behavioral and social Science research, Vaccines, infection control and Elimination and community based

national tuberculosis Control Programme” at, Rajapura, Kamalapur and hatkunda village of Gulbarga district within the State of Karnataka. The 691 men, mother's, girls' and tuberculosis infected women, men and girls Participated of this Programme.

09th August, 2025. IMSWC also organized Preventive intervention for the general community and evaluation of the workshop on fight against tuberculosis and to make health and fitness popular lifestyle considerations, capacity development and behaviour change, multidrug resistant tuberculosis, resource and guide community development, mobilize Communities to support Preventative Strategies and evaluation of the workshop on tuberculosis and 'National tuberculosis indicators Project' Programme. at, Gulhatia, saktipur and Chhatinakandi Gurupada High



School of Murshidabad district within the state of West Bengal. The 987 tuberculosis infected men, women, girls and Students' Participated of this Programme. Renowned and respected personalities Mr. Debasish Ghosh-Secretary General of IMSWC and Chief Secretary of Indian Detective and Investigation Organization, Miss. Mali Bag-

chi-President of IMSWC, Honorable Shri, Jagat Prakash Nadda-Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Honorable Shri. Jaideep Kumar Mishra-AS and FA, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Honorable Dr. Swapan Saren-Director of Health Services, Health and

Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Nitin Singhania- IAS, District Magistrate, District: Murshidabad, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Dr. Sandip Sanyal-Chief Medical officer of Health, District: Murshidabad, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Chirantan Pramanik-WBSCS(Executive), Additional District Magistrate(Development), District: Murshidabad, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Nilanjan Biswas-WBSCS(Executive), District Social Welfare Officer, District: Murshidabad, Government of West Bengal, Dr. Avik Chakraborty, Dr. Arpan Chatterjee, Srimoth Swami, Shailajananda Moharaj, Srimoth Swami, Gokuleshananda Moharaj, Srimoth Swami. Bhishuddhatmananda Moharaj were present at this Programme.

Burdwan Madrasa Hosts
Career Counseling; Abid
Hussain Urges Students
Not to Fear AI

MI News Service, Burdwan: Burdwan Government Model English Medium Madrasa recently organized its second annual Career and Education Counseling program along with an honorary ceremony. This year, former DME officer Abid Hussain, Abdul Khaliq, and other officers from the government and minority departments were invited as special guests.

Burdwan Model Madrasa Headmaster Md Nasruddin has been preparing children not only academically but also in fields such as sports and cultural events. Last year, the students brought further glory to the madrasa by participating in the Kolkata Red Road Parade. This year, Master Nasruddin also conducted



career counseling specifically for girls, where Abid Hussain introduced them to several new and technical subjects. He emphasized that education is not just about reading books, but also about maintaining a disciplined routine. Sleeping on time, waking up early, and exercising to stay physically fit are all essential.

During the session, students asked many important questions about the current education system, including topics like computer education, AI, and fashion design. Abid Hussain inspired them by answering their questions eloquently. He spoke openly about the role of AI in today's world and addressed children's fears surrounding it. He highlighted that, throughout history, challenges have always emerged, and people have faced them rather than fleeing in fear.

He drew parallels with past technological shifts, explaining that when computers were first introduced, many feared job losses and unemployment. Yet today, computers are integral to our lives. Similarly, AI is now emerging as a challenge, and while many feel apprehensive, it is manageable. Hussain reassured students that nothing catastrophic will happen; it is simply another era of change, which must be understood rather than feared. He added that the education department has already started teaching AI. Though it is not yet implemented in all schools for 10th and 11th grades, it will soon expand to these grades and even start from the fifth grade. AI does not operate independently; humans are the ones who run it.

Hussain also encouraged students to read newspapers regularly, in any language. Besides him, Howrah Model Madrasa Teacher-in-Charge Maumita Kundu enlightened the children about AI and prompt engineering, while Abdul Khaliq, Headmaster of North 24 Parganas Government Model Madrasa, spoke about basic education. Other teachers and guests shared insights into the current education system, its development, and competition preparation.

The program concluded with honors for the best-performing students, while Master Nasruddin thanked all the guests for their participation.

Bengal to upgrade
security with
ANTI-DRONE SHIELD &
JAMMERS

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of the recent Delhi terror attack, the Bengal government is moving to upgrade its security infrastructure by inducting advanced anti-drone detection and jamming systems for the state police in a bid to strengthen its coastal security.

Sources confirmed that the West Bengal Police Directorate aims to equip forces with technology capable of tackling the growing use of drones for illegal activities along sensitive stretches of the state. Senior officials said the move aligns with a broader strategy to modernise surveillance tools available to the Coastal Security Wing and respond faster to aerial intrusions.

It was learnt that the system the state plans to procure can be deployed on the ground, mounted on vehicles or carried by personnel, giving police flexibility during field operations. The equipment must also be compact, rugged and capable of being fully operational within 10 minutes of being switched on — an important requirement for rapid-response teams posted along vulnerable zones.

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Over Online Abuse



MI News Service, Kolkata: Dona Ganguly has lodged a police complaint after being subjected to abusive and derogatory remarks on social media. The wife of former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly approached the police on Wednesday evening, filing a formal complaint at Thakurpukur Police Station in South Kolkata. Based on her complaint, police have initiated a case against unknown individuals. According to police sources, the online abuse was linked to Dona Ganguly's recent dance performance at the Kolkata International Film Festival. In her complaint, Dona stated that she has been practising and performing Indian classical dance for the past 45 years. Dance, she said, is both her profession and her passion, and she has performed Odissi across the world. She has alleged that a particular Facebook page is responsible for the offensive posts. Dona Ganguly claimed that the page not only posted derogatory remarks but also subjected her to body shaming. She said the comments were defamatory, deeply insulting and damaging to her reputation and dignity. The nature of the comments, she added, would be humiliating for any woman. She asserted that she had been harassed online, and the posts were deliberate attempts to malign her.

According to the complaint, the Facebook page uploaded multiple photos of her and accompanied them with abusive, vulgar and demeaning captions. A police source confirmed that she submitted screenshots of the posts along with her written complaint. She also provided a mobile number linked to the page in question. A senior police officer said that an investigation has begun based on Dona Ganguly's allegations. The police are examining the mobile number and tracing the activity of the Facebook page to identify those responsible for posting the offensive content.

Death toll from floods
and landslides in Sri
Lanka touches 56

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and closed roads in many parts of the country after rocks, mud and trees fell on roads and railway tracks, which were also flooded in some areas. Local television showed an air force helicopter rescuing three people stranded on the roof of a house surrounded by flood waters on Thursday, while the navy and police used boats to transport residents. Footage on Thursday also showed a car being swept away by floodwaters near the eastern town of Ampara, leaving three passengers dead.

PM Modi holds
roadshow in Kar-
nataka's Udupi

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petals. PM Modi reciprocated by throwing flowers back at the people waiting on either side of the road. Saffron festoons and BJP flags dotted the route. The celebratory atmosphere was further elevated by performances from various cultural troupes that showcased the vibrant traditions of coastal Karnataka. He is also scheduled to offer prayers at the Sri Krishna temple and receive blessings from the presiding Paryaya Swamiji.



Calcutta Boys' School hosts its Merry Christmas Carnival in Agararian, attended by MP Sudip Banerjee, MLA Nayana Banerjee, Bishop C. Selvin and Lady C.S. Selvin on Friday.

State Begins Uploading Waqf Property
Data to Centre's UMMID Portal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state government has initiated the process of uploading information on Waqf properties to a central portal, following directions from the Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department. All district magistrates have been instructed to upload details of undisputed Waqf properties to the Union government's 'UMMID' portal by December 6. Officials confirmed that the process has already begun on an urgent basis to meet the deadline.

Sources said the letter sent to district magistrates outlined four key directives. First, meetings must be held with imams, muezzins and madrasa teachers to explain the data-upload procedure in detail. Second, only undisputed properties are to be uploaded at this stage. Third, facilitation centres may be set up wherever necessary to provide technical support during the

data-entry process. Fourth, senior officers from the state-level Minority Affairs Department will visit districts to supervise and review the progress. The Union government amended several sections of the Waqf Act, 1995 earlier this year, although some of these amendments are still under consideration in the Supreme Court. Under the revised provisions, mutawallis of all 8,063 Waqf estates in West Bengal must upload detailed property information to the UMMID portal by December 6. However, mutawallis from different parts of the state have accused the West Bengal Waqf Board of non-cooperation following the recent amendments. They allege that the Board has not provided adequate guidance or resources to help them comply with the new norms. Despite these concerns, the state government has now begun rushing to complete

the data-upload process. Officials noted that the state has no option but to comply with the Centre's instructions, as the Supreme Court has not issued any stay order on the proposed amendments to the Waqf Act.

As a result, the deadline set by the Union government remains binding on all states, including West Bengal. The hurried effort underscores the mounting pressure on district administrations and Waqf stakeholders to complete the documentation on time.

It also highlights the ongoing friction between mutawallis and the Waqf Board over the implementation of the amended law. As the December 6 deadline approaches, both state and district authorities are intensifying efforts to ensure that all undisputed properties are properly identified and uploaded to the central portal, in accordance with the new regulatory framework.

Hygiene awareness
session for children
sex workers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata hosts a hygiene awareness session for children sex workers. Abha Surgy Centre organized this said event at the Sonagachi area in Kolkata on November 28. A menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session for children sex workers were also held at the programme. Eminent personalities like Dr. Bani Kumar Mitra (Founder and Chief Consultant-Abha Surgy Centre), Dr. Konkon Das Mitra (Director and Chief Embryologist, Abha Surgy Centre) and members of 'Amra Padatik' along with eminent singer Lagnajita Chakraborty were also present in the programme. The programme drew massive response as over 100 participants received hygiene kits as a part of community welfare initiative.

Excessive Semester
Fees Curb: Schools
Directed by Higher
Secondary Council

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Higher Secondary Education Council has issued strict directives to schools to curb irregularities in charging fees under the pretext of semester systems.

From now on, the council has fixed the semester-related fees for Class XI students, specifying exactly how much schools can charge per semester. The move aims to ensure uniformity and fairness across all institutions.

According to council sources, there was no fixed limit for semester fees at the higher secondary level until now. As a result, different schools were charging varying amounts, leading to complaints from parents and guardians. Following multiple grievances, the council has stepped in with firm instructions, which have also been communicated to schools across all districts.

Schools charging more than the prescribed semester fee will face strict punitive action, the council warned. The official notification states that schools cannot charge more than ₹70 per student for examination-related fees under the semester system. Additionally, the directive emphasizes that this amount must be utilized exclusively for examination purposes and cannot be diverted to any other fund or activity. Parthapratim Bandyopadhyay, principal of Jadavpur Vidyapith, commended the decision: "Organizing all activities under the semester system for ₹70 per student is challenging.

TMC delegation meets full
bench of EC amid row over
ongoing SIR in Bengal

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border state facing such a rigorous SIR? When the BJP wants something, the ECI is happy to fall in line," she said. The TMC said it had placed five specific queries before the Commission, including the rationale for the scale of the exercise, safety protocols for BLOs, and alleged political pressure on field officials. "We came out without a single satisfactory answer," O'Brien said. He reiterated that while the party supports a clean and accurate electoral roll, it will oppose any process that "endangers lives and tilts the field politically."

In her second letter Ma-

mata Banerjee referred to the state CEO's direction to district election officers not to engage contractual data-entry operators and Bangla Sahayata Kendra staff for the SIR programme, voters' list cleanup exercise, or other poll-related work, and a proposal to set up polling booths inside private residential complexes. The Trinamool Congress has also strongly challenged the Election Commission over serious safety concerns during the conduct of SIR in Bengal and the party demands urgent intervention and accountability amid allegations of political bias and officer fatalities.

Huge illicit poppy cultiva-
tion destroyed in Manipur

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destroying 109 acres of poppy plantation, eight huts found in the fields were burnt down and an FIR has been registered for further investigation. The state and the central security forces have intensified their operations to destroy illegal poppy cultivation in this Northeastern state and almost daily razed the illicit poppy farming mostly in hilly areas. Hard work and determination are making a significant difference in safeguarding our future generations from the menace drug addiction, the sources said.

Earlier on November 7, Assam Rifles in collaboration with the villagers of Sainbol Joupri, TM Dingpi, and T Bollon, successfully cleared approximately two square kilometres of illegal poppy cultivation in Chandel district. Manipur Police also in a separate operation destroyed 90 acres of illegal poppy cultivation in the Khamason range of Ukhrul District and arrested four people. For making various drugs, poppy farming is mostly done in the reserve and protected forest destroying the forest and environment.

According to a govern-

ment report, various law enforcement agencies, including Manipur Police, have destroyed 19,135.60 acres of illegal poppy cultivation in the state's 12 districts between 2017 and 2025. The report, prepared by Manipur Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MARSAC), in the mountainous Kangpokpi district, the highest areas of 4,454.4 acres of illegal poppy cultivation were destroyed in the last seven years (2017-2024), followed by 3,348 acres in Ukhrul and 2,713.8 acres in Churachandpur. The MARSAC is an autonomous government institution under the Planning Department of the Manipur government. The report said that deforestation, due to mass poppy cultivation, resulted in several adverse impacts on the ecosystem, including soil erosion, a loss of biodiversity, and changes in the local climate, the report said. The Manipur government on a number of occasions said that the ongoing ethnic strife in Manipur since May 2023 is a creation of illegal immigrants from Myanmar adding that these migrants after illegally settling in the state started the illegal cultivation of poppies.

Russian President Putin to
visit India early next month

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strengthening the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest, the government said. The Russian president's India visit was announced in August during National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's visit to Moscow. The dates were not finalised at that time. PM Modi and Putin met in September on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in China. They held an hour-long discussion in the Russian leader's limousine. Earlier this month, PM Modi conveyed his greetings to Putin when the Russian president's aide, Nikolai Patrushev, called on him in Delhi. The PM also said that he looked forward to hosting Putin in India next month. India and Russia share a strong relationship with bilateral

trade and investment ties dating back to the Soviet era. The two countries have strengthened economic cooperation over the years, with Russia emerging as one of India's top arms suppliers. India has also been one of the biggest importers of Russian oil. Trump had blamed India's purchase of Russian oil for funding their war against Ukraine. Putin's visit could mark a pivotal moment in India's geopolitical strategy, strengthening the resilience of Indo-Russian relations even as New Delhi navigates its complex ties with Washington. Putin has significantly reduced foreign travel amid the Ukraine war, in view of the International Criminal Court (ICC)'s arrest warrant. Not being a party to the ICC, India is not obligated to detain the Russian leader.

Kashmir valley experiencing severe cold with Srinagar's
minimum temperature dropping to below minus 5 deg C

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such a temperature.." said a local resident. "There is a very high chance of more snowfall here.. it is very cold right now. People should take all measures to protect themselves," said the resident.

However, the IMD has predicted a further severe cold wave in Jammu and Kashmir from December 24 onwards. Earlier on November 22, the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had cancelled his scheduled programmes here to oversee the working of the power and other departments amid the severe cold spell in the Union Territory. "In light of the severe cold spell in the Kashmir valley and the resultant difficulties with water and electricity supply, I have decided to cancel all my forthcoming programmes and station myself in Srinagar for the next week to personally monitor the functioning of the Power department and other important departments," Abdullah posted on X while travelling to Srinagar from Rajasthan's Jaipur. He assured that he would make up to the people and organisations whose programmes have been affected after he cancelled his visit to Jammu.

Name Change
I, Giasuddin Abdul Gaffar Shaikh (old name), S/o. Abdul Gaffar Shaikh, R/o. Bhastara, Gurap, Hooghly-712303, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Giasuddin Abdul Gaffar Shaikh to Shaikh Giasuddin and henceforth I shall be known as Shaikh Giasuddin in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 11537 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 24/12/2025. I, Giasuddin Abdul Gaffar Shaikh & Shaikh Giasuddin S/o. Abdul Gaffar Shaikh both are the same & one identical person. Shaikh Hishamuddin is my son.

Name Change
I, Sujayashree G W/o. Mister Kumar Sharma, Sujayashree D/o. Ganesh P and Sujayashree Ganesh D/o. Ganesh Ponuswamy R/o. Munshi Premchand Road, Survey View Park, Keota, P.O. Bandel, P.S. Chinsurah, Dist. Hooghly, Pin-712123 both are the same & one identical person vide an Affidavit No. 11747, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 27/11/2025.

Name Change
I, Ekramul Islam Mandal S/o. Late Nur Islam Mandal, R/o. Amria, Anti. Dadpur, Hooghly-712305, declared that in my father's Sale Deed being deed No. 1493/2016 registered at A.D.S.R., Chinsurah, Hooghly, where my father's name has been recorded as Nur Islam S/o. Lt. Abdul Mannaf Ostagar and also in his Hal Porcha (Dist. Hooghly, P.S. Dadpur, Mouza Uttar Babnan, J.L. No. 85, L.R. Khatian No. 986), his name has been recorded as Boni Amin S/o. Lt. Ah Mannak instead of his actual & correct name is Nur Islam Mandal S/o. Lt. Abdul Mannaf Ostagar. That my father Nur Islam Mandal S/o. Lt. Abdul Mannaf Ostagar, Nur Islam S/o. Lt. Abdul Mannaf Ostagar & Boni Amin S/o. Lt. Ah Mannak all are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 11642, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 25/11/2025.

Name Change
I, Maskura Bibitold name)/W/O Rabul Molla, Res of Vill - Baikara P.O - Arabia, P.S- Baduria, Dist- 24 Parganas (n), pin 743401 W.B my name has been recorded in my daughter birth certificate as Maskura Bibi . my name has been recorded in my voter. Aadhar & Pan card as Maskura Bibi Molla. Also my name has been recorded in my Ration card as Maskura Bibi. And also my name has been recorded in my land dall as Mst. Maskura Bibi Molla.I shall henceforth , be known, I'm Maskura Bibi , Maskura Bibi Molla, Mashkura Bibi . & Mst Maskura Bibi as declared before the 1st class Executive Magistrate affidavit by the Barasat Court 24 Parganas (n)WB. dated as on 22/08/2025 are same and one identical person in eye of law.

NAME CHANGE

I, Haphizul Mondal, S/o- Hamid Mondal, residing at Vill - Malayapur, P.O- Raghunathpur, PS- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN no. - 743401, do hereby declare that in my Voter Card my name has been written as Haphizul Mandal. In my daughter's (Sufiya Bibi) Birth Certificate (Regi no. 773/2001 dt. 31.08.2001) my name has been written as Hafizul Gazi in place of Haphizul Mondal and also my daughter's name has been written as Sufia Khatun in place of Sufiya Bibi. On 15.11.2025 vide an affidavit (26595/25) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, I affirm that Haphizul Mondal, Haphizul Mandal & Hafizul Gazi and my daughter Sufiya Bibi & Sufia Khatun are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Haphizul Mondal, S/o- Hamid, residing at Vill - Maleyapur, P.O- Raghunathpur, PS- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743401, do hereby declare that in my daughter's (Tania Khatun) Birth Certificate (Regi no. 346/2006 dt. of Regi. 16.06.2006) my name has inadvertently been recorded as Hafizul Gazi in place of Haphizul Mondal. On 07.11.2025 vide an affidavit (25566/25) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, I affirm that Haphizul Mondal & Hafizul Gazi is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Dhuli Gshoh, Mother of No. 1514802/7W Rank Ex Hav, name Ram Chandra Ghosh resident of Vill- Sitahati, P.O.- Sitahati, Dist.-Purb Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713130 have change my Name & Date of birth from Dhuli Ghosh & 38 yrs (as per Discharge Book) to Dhulirani Ghosh & 02 Feb 1963 vide Affidavit dated 25 Nov 25 before the Court Ld. Div. Executive Magistrate (1st Class) at Katwa, Dist.- Purb Bardhaman.

Name Change

I Prasanta Kumar Patra, S/o Late Tulsi Charan Patra, R/o Diamond Residential Complex, P.O & P.S - Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513, West Bengal, India have changed my name and my son's (Saikat Patra) educational document my name was wrongly stated as Prasanta Patra. Vide an affidavit No: 15651 dated 04.04.2019 before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, Prasanta Kumar Patra & Prasanta Patra are one and the same identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Tapas Das, my father Nimai Das (Old Name), residing at Vill - Matari Mathpara, PO- Banpur, PS-Krishnagar, Dist.- Nadia, Pin-741503, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nemai Das (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Executive Magistrate, Krishnagar Court, Nadia vide Affidavit no. 18398 dated 24.11.2025. Nimai Das (Old Name) and Nemai Das (New Name) both are same & identical person.

Name Change

I, Piu Patra, D/O. Late Sankar Patra, R/o. 226/11/36, Bagmati Club, Near Swami Vivekananda Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, My all documents wrongly Mampi Barui and wrongly my date of birth was 09/12/1998. Sownr before The First Class Magistrate, Alipore vide affidavit on 15/10/2025 That Piu Patra and Mampi Barui refer to one and the same person. That my actual and correct name is Piu Patra and Date of Birth is 09/12/2000.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUJATA DAS (BOSE) W/o- JAYANTA BOSE Residing at Vill - Royel Residency Rabindra avenue maheshmati, Post- Malda, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUJATA DAS (BOSE) To SUJATA BOSE (New name) and hence forth I shall be Known as (New name) SUJATA BOSE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, SUJATA BOSE and SUJATA DAS (BOSE) both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JALAL SK S/o- HATAM SK Residing at, Vill - Malbari, Post- Malibari- Raninagar, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742304, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JALAL SK To SK JALALUDDIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SK JALALUDDIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, SK JALALUDDIN and JALAL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Paritosh Roy (Old Name) S/o Sachin Ray Residing at Tentulia, Swarnnagar, Banglani, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743286, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Paritosh Ray (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 28-11-2025. Paritosh Roy (Old Name) and Paritosh Ray (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Gudiya Kumari, Gudiya Shaw (Old Name) W/o Sonu Gupta Residing at 84/12, Christopher Road, P.o - Gobinda Khatik Road, District - Kolkata Pin - 700046, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Gudiya Gupta (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no. 3451 Dated 03-03-2023. Gudiya Kumari, Gudiya Shaw (Old Name) and Gudiya Gupta (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sonu Kumar Shaw (Old Name) S/o Nagendra Prasad Shaw Residing at 84/12, Christopher Road, P.o - Gobinda Khatik Road, District - Kolkata Pin - 700046, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sonu Gupta (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no. 3453 Dated 03-03-2023. Sonu Kumar Shaw (Old Name) and Sonu Gupta (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Debalina Basu W/o Subhabrata Kundu Residing at Samadrita Co Op EKTIP Phase-III, Flat - B10/4, P.o - Kasba, Ps - Kasba, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700107, West Bengal India that my minor son who previously known as Unmisit Kundu (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Unmisit Basu Kundu (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 28-11-2025. I declare that my minor son Unmisit Kundu (Old Name) and Unmisit Basu Kundu (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Arit Maitra (Old Name) S/o Late Ajit Kumar Maitra Residing at 6/3D/1W, Uma Kanta Sen Lane, Po - Ghughudanga, Ps - Chitpur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700030, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Arit Kumar Maitra (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Sealdah vide affidavit no 11616 Dated 06-11-2025. Arit Maitra (Old Name) and Arit Kumar Maitra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ujjal Kumar Bairagi (Old Name) S/o Santosh Kumar Bairagi Residing at Vill - Mondalpara, Po - Motuadham Mondalpara, Ps - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743245, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ujjal Kumar Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Ld. A.C.J.M. (1st Class) at Bongaon vide affidavit no 16991 Dated 27-11-2025. Ujjal Kumar Bairagi (Old Name) and Ujjal Kumar Biswas (New Name) S/o Santosh Kumar Biswas both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rahima Bibi (Old Name) D/o Alam Bok Kayal W/o Insan Ali Khamaru Residing at Vill-Po - Iyarpur, Ps - Usthi, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Aima Khamaru (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 28-11-2025. Rahima Bibi (Old Name) and Aima Khamaru (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Pratik Dilip Shah, Pratik Shah (Old Name) S/o Dilip A Shah Residing at Khetra Das Lane, Po - Bow Bazar, Ps - Bow Bazar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700012, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Pratik D Shah (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Calcutta vide affidavit no 1415 Dated 24-11-2025. Pratik Dilip Shah, Pratik Shah (Old Name) and Pratik D Shah (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Fakir A Gaffar, (old name) S/O-Abdul Hannan Fakir, (old name) Residing at Vill-Bilandapur Dakshin Para, P/O- Magrahat, Dist- 24Pgs (N). Shall Henceforth be known as Abdul Gaffar Fakir (New name) as declared before the Ld.1st class J.M.atD/Hourbour vide Affidavit No.-13871 dt. 27/11/2025 Fakir A Gaffar, (old name) & Abdul Gaffar Fakir (New name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Bhumi Agarwal(Old Name), Daughter Of Keshav Agarwal,Residing At 321/A,G.T Road, Near Belur Math,Belur,BI-4,Bally(M),Ps-Bally, Howrah-711202,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bhumi Agarwal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025.Bhumi Agarwal And Bhumi Agarwal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Reena Agarwal (Old Name), Wife Of Keshav Agarwal, Residing At 321/A,G.T Road, Near Belur Math, Belur, BI-4, Bally(M), Ps-Bally, Howrah-711202, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Reena Agarwal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025. Reena Agarwal And Reena Agarwal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Krishnapada Das (Old Name), Son Of Late Gopal Chandra Das, Residing At Uttarayan, B-Block, Po & Ps-Barasat, North 24 Parganas, 700124, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Krishna Das (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025. Krishnapada Das And Krishna Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Tapasi Ray (Old Name), Wife Of Parimal Bikas Ray, Residing At 9/2b, Talbagan Lane Orient Row, Park Circus, Po-Circus Avenue, Ps-Beniapukur, Kolkata-700017, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tapashi Ray (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025. Tapasi Ray And Tapashi Ray Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Gilbert Bablu Gomes (Old Name), Son Of Late Nicholas Andres Gomes, Residing At 76/2, Taltala Lane, Entally, Ps-Taltala, Kolkata-700014, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gilbert Gomes (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025. Gilbert Bablu Gomes And Gilbert Gomes Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) AAYESHA BIBI W/O-ABUL KHAYER Residing at, Vill - Anuppur, Post- Anuppur, Ps-Sagarighi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742227, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AAYESHA BIBI To MADINA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MADINA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, AAYESHA BIBI and MADINA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD ILIYAS ALI S/O-YUNUS Residing at, Vill - Radhanagar, Post- Gorakhsa, Ps-Ratua, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732204, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ILIYAS ALI To ILIYAS ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ILIYAS ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, ILIYAS ALI and MD ILIYAS ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ALI BOX SEKH S/O- AKALI SK Residing at, Vill - Baruipara, Post- Baruipara, Ps-Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALI BOX SEKH To ALI BOX SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ALI BOX SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, ALI BOX SK and ALI BOX SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JASIMUDDIN SEKH S/O- ALI BOX SK Residing at, Vill - Baruipara, Post- Baruipara, Ps-Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JASIMUDDIN SEKH To JASIMUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JASIMUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, JASIMUDDIN SK and JASIMUDDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SAJAHAN SHAIKH S/O- HAZI KHAIMUDDIN SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Gudhiya, Post- Gudhiya, Ps-Murshidabad, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742302, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAJAHAN SHAIKH To MD SAJAHAN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD SAJAHAN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, MD SAJAHAN SK and SAJAHAN SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JAYANTA KUMAR BOSE & JAYANTO BOSE S/o- LATE BENQY KUMAR BOSE Residing at, Vill - Royel Residency Rabindra avenue maheshmati, Post- Malda, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAYANTA KUMAR BOSE & JAYANTO BOSE To JAYANTA BOSE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAYANTA BOSE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025, JAYANTA BOSE and JAYANTA KUMAR BOSE & JAYANTO BOSE both are Same and one identical person.

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Ditwah Forms,
No Direct Impact
on Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Cyclones, depressions, and low-pressure systems are continuing to dominate the weather across Bengal and the rest of India. While Cyclone Seroja had previously grabbed headlines, attention has now shifted to a new storm forming in the Bay of Bengal. A deep depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal intensified into Cyclone "Ditwah" on Thursday, according to the Alipore Meteorological Department. Officials said the cyclone is not expected to have any direct impact on West Bengal, but the state has already experienced a noticeable rise in temperature in South Bengal. Over the next few days, the mercury is expected to remain on the higher side.

Thursday morning observations by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) showed that the deep depression, originating near the southeastern coast of Sri Lanka, was moving north-northwest over the warm waters of the Bay of Bengal and gaining strength. On Friday, the Meteorological Department confirmed that Cyclone Ditwah is heading toward the Indian coast. Over the last six hours, the storm was moving at a speed of 8 km/h. It is currently located 8 km northwest of Batticaloa in Sri Lanka, 480 km south-southeast of Puducherry, and 580 km south-southeast of Chennai. Over the next 48 hours, the cyclone is expected to continue north-northwest along the Sri Lankan coast and approach the Tamil Nadu coast. By November 30, Sunday, it may make landfall near northern Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and the adjoining southern Andhra Pradesh coast.

State Extends Potato
Storage Deadline to
Protect Small Farmers
and Ensure Supply

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has extended the storage period for potatoes in the state's cold storages until December 31, aiming to prevent small and marginal farmers from selling their produce at low prices and to ensure affordable supply for consumers. Previously, the storage period was set to end on November 30. Agriculture Marketing Department sources said some unscrupulous traders were attempting to mislead farmers and manipulate prices ahead of the deadline to boost their profits. Following concerns raised by farmers, the state government acted swiftly to extend the storage timeline.

Withdrawal Of Stoppage Of
Viswabharati Fast Passenger
At Khana Junction From
28.11.2025 To 08.12.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : Due to yard re-modelling work at Khana Junction station, Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has decided to withdraw the stoppage of 53047 Viswabharati Fast Passenger temporarily with effect from 28.11.2025 to 08.12.2025.

OFFICE OF THE
SABANG DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
Sabang, Paschim Medinipur
NOTICE

NIT No-042/25-26 vide Memo No.-3750/SBG Dated-27.11.2025, has been invited for 05 no. Construction of CC Road, Construction of Toilet fund of -MDW Last date & time for application of tender 29.12.2025 up to 14.00 Hours for details log on to:www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-
Block Development Officer
Sabang Development Block

Deed Lost

I, Purno Kumar Santra S/o - Late Purno Chandra Santra. Resident of Vill- Moulkhal gram panchayat On 24/10/2025, various land documents including my deed (whose dad No-61, khatian No-632, Mouja- Moukhal, I.L.No-39) deed No (1972) year 1991/ were lost in a car. In this regard, I have filed a diary (whose G.D.E. No 2303, date- 31/10/2025) with Bishnupur Police Station.If any kind-heisted person has found it, then please contact this number 8420885488.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inspects redevelopment works at Chandigarh Railway Station

● "Innovative technology is being adopted for the redevelopment of Chandigarh Railway Station" – Ashwini Vaishnaw
● The Union Minister interacted with railway technical staff during a window-trailing inspection from New Delhi to Chandigarh.
● The Union Minister inspected the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Mohali.
● An investment of ₹4,500 crore will be used to expand and modernise SCL, Mohali.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw today inspected the ongoing redevelopment works at Chandigarh Railway Station. Senior officials briefed the Minister on the progress of the station modernization project. After a detailed viewshnaw expressed satisfaction with the progress of the redevelopment works. Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries Shri Ravneet Singh, General Manager of Northern Railway Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, and other senior officials were present during the inspection.

Speaking to the media at Chandigarh Railway Station, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "Chandi-



garh Railway Station is being redeveloped as a world-class station. Several innovations have been implemented, one of which is a modular design that uses prefabricated structures. The station will connect the two ends of Panchkula and Chandigarh city through a roof plaza. The station is being redeveloped at a cost of ₹462 crore. Work is progressing rapidly. The team

is making every effort to redevelop the station quickly."

The objective of redeveloping Chandigarh Railway Station is to provide world-class facilities. Chandigarh station serves as a major gateway, providing services to most tourists and passengers travelling to popular destinations in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.

These accelerated efforts focus on enhancing passenger amenities, improving connectivity, and creating a modern, convenient, and efficient travel hub that reflects the city's planned architecture and meets the growing needs of its users.

Earlier, the Union Minister inspected the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Mohali and reviewed its operations. He stated that SCL is being expanded and modernised with an investment of ₹4,500 crore. SCL is adopting the latest technology.

Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division
Enhances Safety and Comfort:
Kanchenjunga Express
(13173/13174 & 13175/13176)
Converted to Modern LHB Coaches



MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has successfully completed the transition of the Kanchenjunga Express, a vital link connecting West Bengal to the Northeast, from conventional ICF rakes to state-of-the-art LHB coaches. This significant upgrade, implemented for all services (13173/13174 and 13175/13176), marks a major step forward in prioritizing passenger safety and comfort.

Enhanced Safety Angle
The introduction of LHB coaches significantly boosts the safety standards of the train. The major safety advantages include:

- Anti-Telescopic Design: LHB coaches are built with an anti-telescopic feature, preventing coaches from climbing over one another during a collision or derailment, thereby minimizing casualties.
- Advanced Braking System: Equipped with advanced disc brake systems, LHB coaches offer superior and more efficient braking performance compared to the older air-brake systems of ICF coaches.
- Higher Speed Potential: While currently running on existing tracks, the design allows for safer operation at higher speeds, providing a robust future-ready fleet.

More EMU Services To Be Provided On 30.11.2025 For Examinees Of West Bengal Police Recruitment Board Examination

MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : To accommodate the extra rush of the examinees of West Bengal Police Recruitment Board Examination, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has planned to run all Sunday Exempted EMU services (SUE) during the period from 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs (on originating basis) in all suburban sections as weekday EMU services on 30.11.2025 (Sunday).

RPF/ER Extended Prompt Humanitarian Assistance To The Distressed

MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues to uphold its commitment to passenger safety and welfare through timely assistance and humanitarian service. As part of this ongoing effort, RPF personnel regularly extend support to passengers in distress, reinforcing their role as protectors and saviours across the railway network.

In one such incident, on 27.11.2025, under "Mission Sewa", RPF personnel of Barasat Post, Sealdah Division, rescued a male passenger who was found in a distressed condition at Madhyamgram Railway Station. The RPF team immediately provided necessary assistance and ensured that the individual received timely care.

Following the initial support, the RPF arranged to shift the injured person to the nearest Government Hospital for better medical treatment.

Eastern Railway's RPF remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard passengers and extend prompt humanitarian assistance whenever required.



Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw along with Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh inspected the window trailing from Delhi to Chandigarh. During this, he spoke to track maintainer PWI and maintenance staff of signal department. During the conversation he shared his experience of working in the field with the Minister. During the conversation, the Minister took information from the staff about the maintenance of signals, relays, points, turn outs, crossings, etc. The track maintainers apprised him of the challenges faced in the field. Ashwini Vaishnaw shared his experience on the best signal and track maintenance procedures being followed in the world and motivated the staff to adopt better practices.

RPF Malda Division Recovered Unclaimed Foreign Liquor Under "Operation Satark"



MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : As part of the intensified efforts to curb illegal activities within railway premises, an intensive checking drive was carried out on 27.11.2025 under "Operation Satark" by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Malda Division at Bhagalpur Railway Station, during which unclaimed foreign liquor was recovered from Train No.15098 Amarnath Express.

On 27.11.2025 at about 09:00 hrs, special checks were conducted over the platform area and trains against contraband and objectionable items. During the surprise checking of Train No. 15098 Amarnath Express, a blue trolley bag was found in a suspicious condition near a berth in coach B5. Despite repeated announcements and enquiries, no passenger came forward to claim ownership of the bag.

Upon completion of security verification, the bag was opened and a total of 47 bottles of foreign liquor were recovered, valued at ₹11,760/-.

The liquor was seized as unclaimed under statutory provisions and the entire consignment was brought to RPF Post Bhagalpur. Thereafter, the seized liquor was handed over to the Excise Department, Bhagalpur for further legal disposal.

RPF of Malda Division remains committed to ensuring a safe and crime-free railway environment through continuous surveillance and proactive enforcement activities under "Operation Satark."

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 28 Nov.25 : In connection with Engineering, Over Head Equipment & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division, Block has been planned on 30.11.2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under:
Cancellation of trains

- on 30.11.2025:
- From Howrah: 37055, 37249, 37363, 36823, • From Bandel: 37246, • From Bardhaman: 36834, • From Seoraphuli: 37056, • From Arambagh: 37364, 37396
- Short termination of train on 30.11.2025:**
- 37365 Howrah – Arambagh local will be short terminated at Tarakeswar.

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Notice for Disclosure of Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower
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Notice is hereby given that Credit facility LBCAL00005109584 and LBCAL00005109578 was granted to Mrs. Friaza Ahmed along with the deceased Mr. Md Ajaz Ahmed by ICICI Bank Ltd. (The Bank). The said credit facility is secured by Mrs. Friaza Ahmed along with the deceased Md Ajaz Ahmed by creation of the security interest by way of mortgage, with respect to the property situated at Unit No-1101, Holding No. B1-90/A/1, 11th Floor, Ward N, Ps-Maheshtala, Budge Budge Trunk Road, Ps Maheshtala, West Bengal, Kolkata-700137. We would like to inform you that the demise of Md Ajaz Ahmed has come to our knowledge during field visits conducted by the Bank officials and by telephonic communications on the registered contact numbers. In this regard, letter dated November 24, 2025 was previously sent to the registered addresses of the Borrowers and the deceased Md Ajaz Ahmed, for providing information about the Legal Heirs of the deceased Borrower. Therefore, this Notice is hereby given for sharing details of the Legal Heirs of the deceased Md Ajaz Ahmed with supporting documents for updating the Bank's records, within 15 days of publication of this Notice. You may submit the above-mentioned details to Mr. Jagannath Pradhan (Mob 9831988230) by ICICI BANK LTD, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, West Bengal.

Date : November 29, 2025
Place : Kolkata

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Narendra Modi Is an Ideology: A Journey of Faith, Scholarship, and Nation-Building

In the history of nations, there come moments when a leader rises above time and becomes an idea - an ideology that shapes the destiny of generations. For me, that moment came in 2015 when I realised that Shri Narendra Modi guiding a movement that aimed to rebuild the spirit of Bharat. His vision of "Rashtra Pratham," his message of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas," and his deep sense of duty reflected philosophy. It was this realisation that inspired me to dedicate my life's work to studying, documenting, and spreading his ideology through an academic platform.

I first had the honour of meeting Shri Narendra Modi on 5th March 2016 at his official residence. Later, I met him again officially in 1st February and 24/25 March 2017. Each meeting left a deep impact on my mind and heart. His words carried conviction, his thoughts were rooted in India's civilisational values, and his life reflected a rare balance of simplicity and strength. I came back from those meetings with a firm belief that Narendra Modi is an ideology - an intellectual and moral force that needed to be studied like other great thinkers and reformers of India.

With this belief, I established the Centre for Narendra Modi Studies in 2021, which was later renamed as the Centre for NaMo

Studies (CNMS). It was set up as a non-profit, academic, and research-oriented institution with full legal registration and complete transparency. Our aim was clear and simple - to study and promote the ideology of Narendra Modi through academic work, publications, and seminars. When we later learned that formal permission might be needed to use the full name of the PM, we respectfully changed it to "Centre for NaMo Studies" without hesitation. Every decision was guided by respect for law and the dignity of Shri Narendra Modi's name.

Since its beginning, the Centre has functioned without seeking or accepting donations from anyone. All activities, books, and conferences have been personally funded by me as part of my devotion to the ideology of nation-first service. The Centre is a labour of faith, built on the belief that academic research can also be a form of national service.

In the past few years, CNMS has collaborated with several respected institutions, including Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya in Bilaspur, National Sports University in Imphal, Central University of Haryana, and Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi. The Centre has also established academic councils and advisory boards that include respected figures such as Smt. P. T. Usha, former Governor Shri



Vishwabhushan Harichandan, and several university vice-chancellors.

Over the years, our Centre has organised many conferences and seminars that were attended by senior leaders, governors, scholars, and public figures including Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Prof Jagdish Mukhi, Shri Rambahadur Rai, Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Swami Kailashanand Ji Maharaj, and MP Lok Sabha Ms. Kangana Ranaut. These programmes have served as intellectual platforms for

understanding good governance, inclusive development, cultural nationalism, and the spirit of a self-reliant India.

We have also published more than two dozen books on different aspects of Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, governance model, and social vision. These books are shared freely with scholars and libraries to help future generations understand the ideas that are shaping modern India.

When I look back at the journey of our publication, one of the most meaningful initiatives we undertook was the publication of Mann

Ki Baat. We were the first to publish it in 2016, and it was distributed freely among the people. We continued this work every year thereafter, treating it not merely as a publication but as a form of public service. Each edition carried the voice of a leader speaking directly to the citizens, reflecting their hopes, values, and collective aspirations.

Over time, I realised that Mann Ki Baat was a dialogue between the Prime Minister and the nation. It captured the emotional and intellectual bond between leadership and the people. To preserve

this extraordinary communication for future generations, we decided to develop Mann Ki Baat into a comprehensive book series. This ongoing project is a large-scale academic and documentation effort. We invite authors, thinkers, and researchers from different disciplines and regions to contribute their writings. The work is an academic and cultural responsibility to record a historic national conversation in scholarly form.

We are developing a Centre for Global Importance 'Centre for NaMo Studies (CNMS)' with a long-term vision - a thousand-year perspective - so that generations to come can study how the voice of one leader one Leader of Peace helped shape a new national to global character. Our team continues to expand this work through documentation, compilation, and translation, and we are preparing several companion volumes that will examine different themes emerging from Mann Ki Baat.

In the course of our work, a few people - have raised unnecessary objections and filed repetitive complaints. Most of these were found to have no basis. It is clear that such actions are not against any person but against an ideology - the ideology of Narendra Modi, which stands for unity, integrity, and progress. When ideas grow stronger, they often face resistance. That is a natural part of history. But truth has its own quiet

strength. The Centre for NaMo Studies continues to cooperate fully with all lawful authorities and processes. We have shared every document, from our registration certificates to our bank records, with complete transparency. We have nothing to hide because everything we do is guided by honesty and service to the nation. Our faith in the system, in truth, and in the idea of Bharat remains unshaken. The Centre for NaMo Studies will continue to promote research and discussion on themes like Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and Viksit Bharat - ideas that reflect the moral and cultural essence of India's rebirth.

For me, this work is not a career, but a calling. It is my humble contribution to the India that Narendra Modi envisions - strong, confident, and self-reliant. The Centre may be small in resources, but it is rich in conviction. We will continue to work with discipline, dignity, and faith in the ideology that has given meaning to our efforts. Narendra Modi is an ideology that represents timeless values. His vision will continue to inspire scholars, thinkers, and citizens who believe that nationalism and knowledge can go hand in hand. The Centre for NaMo Studies will keep working to ensure that this ideology is studied, preserved, and shared with generations to come.

IIT Madras' new road dust collector tech to create dust-free, clean cities

New Delhi : Even as cities and urban spaces are getting more polluted, a new technology developed by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) can help keep city streets clean and also eliminate harmful airborne dust.

The dust from the streets has been among the biggest contributors to air pollution in cities. Inhaling this dust, particularly fine particles called PM2.5, is known to lead to health problems ranging from asthma and cough to other lung diseases.

In India, road sweeping is mainly done by long broomsticks -- the job is not only labour-intensive but also exposes sweepers to dangerous dust.

While there are large machines available in the market, they tend to be costly and cannot easily venture into tight lanes or crowded places. The innovative device is an easy-to-use, inexpensive walk-behind equipment that replaces the brooms and cleans roads more effectively and safely. It can help protect the health of the workers while also maintaining cleaner cities.

"Our goal was to develop a technology that improves air quality while also making the lives of manual sweepers safer and easier. This device is designed to make a real difference on the ground," Prof. S. M. Shiva Nagendra, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, told IANS.

The RDC uses a unique cyclone separator system, which collects both fine and coarse dust, storing them in separate bins. Fine dust can even be reused for making products such as earthen pots. It also has a self-adjusting brush, so it works even on uneven and sloping roads. A small battery-powered fan makes the device energy-efficient and eco-friendly. Its light and compact design makes it a perfect fit for narrow streets and busy, congested areas.

The new technology will improve public health by reducing dust pollution and lowering risks of respiratory diseases, and support sweepers by reducing their direct exposure to dust and easing physical strain at work. It will also save money for cities because it is low-cost, durable, and easy to maintain, and protect the environment by reducing the amount of dust that gets stirred back into the air. IIT Madras has transferred the innovation to Envitran Smart Systems to enable the commercialisation of the technology.

India to deploy AI, real-time data analytics to boost disease surveillance: NCDC

New Delhi : In a major leap toward strengthening public health security, India is set to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI), real-time data analytics, and digital intelligence platforms to strengthen disease surveillance, according to officials at the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) on Friday.

The paradigm shift aims to significantly enhance the country's ability to identify outbreaks before they escalate, enabling faster decision-making, rapid response, and proactive containment.

"Our vision is to integrate all the various disease reporting systems into one surveillance system under the umbrella of the integrated health information portal. And we are also trying to move up from our detective system to our predictive system," Dr. Ranjan Das, Director, NCDC, told IANS.

Das also informed collaboration with other ministries and institutes for disease surveillance.

"We will also utilise technology further jointly with the various other ministries, as well as various science and technology institutions that we have across the country, including ISRO, the Institute of Science in Bangalore, the various IITs," he told IANS.

The expert noted that the move builds upon the remarkable success of AI-based event surveillance systems already in use under the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) of IDSP.

The AI-powered tool "Media Scanning and Verification Cell (MSVC)" scans millions of online news reports daily across 13 Indian languages, extracting structured health event data including the disease type, location, and scale.

The system has already processed over 300 million news articles since 2022, flagging more than 95,000 unique health-related events -- a 150 per cent increase in detection

NTPC Hosts State-Level Painting Competition to Promote Energy Conservation



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Patna: NTPC Eastern Region-I Headquarters organised the BEE State-Level Painting Competition on Energy Conservation-2025 at Gyan Bhawan, Patna, providing a vibrant platform for young students to portray their ideas on sustainable energy and environmental protection.

A record 5,961 students from Classes 5 to 10 participated through both online and offline modes, reflecting the rising awareness among children on the importance of energy conservation. From these entries, the top 26 students were

selected by an eminent jury and awarded prizes worth Rs. 3.50 lakh, along with participation certificates.

The award ceremony was presided over by Shri Vijay Goel, Regional Executive Director (East-I), NTPC; Smt. Sangeeta Goel, President, Sujata Ladies Club; and Shri Rajkumar, Deputy Director, Regional Education, Patna, along with senior officials of the Bihar Education Department. The dignitaries commended the students for their artistic expression and emphasised the crucial role of youth in driving

energy conservation efforts.

As the State Nodal Officer for the Bureau of Energy Efficiency's National Awareness Campaign under the Ministry of Power, NTPC oversaw the conduct of school- and state-level competitions across eight states, including Bihar. In the school-level round, 106 schools in Bihar participated, from which 5,961 entries were received. After evaluation, 100 students from more than 50 schools qualified for the state-level competition held at Gyan Bhawan.

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The jury included Shri Rajkumar, Deputy Director, Regional Education, Patna; Smt. Sushma Kumari, Joint Director, SCERT; Smt. Jyoti Parihar, Director, Kilkari-Patna; and other senior officials, who assessed the artworks for artistic merit and the effectiveness of their conservation message.

The top three winners from each category will now represent Bihar at the National Painting Competition on Energy Conservation, scheduled for December 11, 2025, in NCR-Delhi.



The officials also cited a recent incident where the MSU Nagpur promptly flagged the occurrence of suspected paediatric Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh, to the Central Surveillance Unit. This enabled rapid coordination among stakeholders, and a swift expert deployment by the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT), in collaboration with ICMR, NIE, and CDSCO, helped mount an immediate field response.

capacity over manual systems, with 98 per cent reduction in workload for surveillance teams. The transformative technology, known as Health Sentinel, acts as a "digital watchdog", automatically identifying unusual spikes in dis-

eases like dengue, chikungunya, and other public health threats, which are then verified by experts for accuracy. "From being reactive to becoming anticipatory -- the future of disease surveillance in India is now data-driven, intelligent, and predictive," said Das, along with Dr. Himanshu Chauhan, Additional Director (Head, the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)), while speaking with the media. "The shift to predictive surveillance will leverage these powerful analytical capabilities to forecast disease trends and enable intervention even before the first case is reported, marking a major stride in India's pandemic preparedness," the officials said.

Further, strengthening this transition is the newly established Metropolitan Surveillance Units (MSUs) under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

It has demonstrated exemplary real-time surveillance capabilities.

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IPC signs 3 MoUs to strengthen pharmacovigilance, materiovigilance in Nagaland

New Delhi : The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad, has signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the Nagaland Medical Council, the Nagaland State Drugs Control Administration (NSDCA), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, and the State Pharmacy Council, Government of Nagaland, the Ministry of Health said on Friday. The MoUs were signed during the one-day training programme on pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance organised by IPC in collaboration with NSDCA. "The collaboration seeks to strengthen pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance, promote adverse event reporting, build stakeholder capacity, expand adverse drug reaction (ADR) monitoring centres/ Medical Device Adverse Event Monitoring Centres (MDMCs), and advance safe medicine use through the National Formulary of India across healthcare facilities in Nagaland," the Ministry said. Notably, the MoU with Nagaland Drugs Control Administration is IPC's second MoU, followed by UPFDA, and the first of its kind in the North Eastern region. The MoU with the Nagaland Medical Council is the first MoU with any State Medical Council in the country for the promotion of the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India and Materiovigilance Programme of India, aimed to promote patient safety up to the level of primary health centres in the country. The MoU with the State Pharmacy Council is the fourth state pharmacy council in the country to sign an MoU for safe and rational use of medicines, enhancing pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance activities, and advancing patient safety initiatives. Through these MoUs, the IPC is committed to working together with all three organisations, NSDCA, and the Nagaland State Pharmacy Council and Nagaland Medical Council to strengthen pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance activities. It will also promote adverse events reporting with the use of drugs/medical devices and utilise the National Formulary of India (NFI) as a standard reference document across healthcare facilities in Nagaland, supporting rational dispensing and safe medication practices, the Ministry said. In addition, the MoUs aim to promote capacity building to all stakeholders, including healthcare professionals (physicians, pharmacists, nurses, etc) involved in pharmacovigilance and materiovigilance practices, scientific personnel involved in quality control of medical products, and safe use of medicines through mandatory use of the National Formulary of India. "IPC is committed to providing all possible technical guidance and expert support for these initiatives, while NSDCA and Nagaland State Pharmacy Council will coordinate with medical colleges/hospitals/pharmacists/drugs inspectors/industry stakeholders, and other healthcare professionals in both public and private healthcare establishments to ensure effective implementation of the agreed activities," the Ministry said.

Bird flu viruses can resist fever, increase threat to humans: Study

New Delhi : Bird flu viruses can replicate at temperatures higher than a typical fever -- one of the body's ways of stopping viruses in their tracks --, increasing the threat to humans, according to new research. Human flu viruses, which cause seasonal flu, are known as influenza A viruses. Fever protects against severe infection from human-origin flu viruses, with just a 2 degrees C increase in body temperature enough to turn a lethal infection into a mild disease. Researchers from the universities of Cambridge and Glasgow, UK, showed that while raising body temperature to fever levels is effective at stopping human-origin flu viruses from replicating, it is unlikely to stop avian or bird flu viruses. Unlike human flu viruses, avian influenza viruses tend to thrive in the lower respiratory tract. In fact, in their natural hosts, which include ducks and seagulls, the virus often infects the gut, where temperatures can be as high as 40 to 42 degrees C. "Thankfully, humans don't tend to get infected by bird flu viruses very frequently, but we still see dozens of human cases a year. Bird flu fatality rates in humans have traditionally been worryingly high, such as in historic H5N1 infections that caused more than 40 per cent mortality," said Professor Sam Wilson, from the Cambridge Institute of Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Disease at the University of Cambridge. "Understanding what makes bird flu viruses cause serious illness in humans is crucial for surveillance and pandemic preparedness efforts. This is especially important because of the pandemic threat posed by avian H5N1 viruses," Wilson added. The study, published in the journal Science, used in vivo models -- mice infected with influenza viruses -- to help explain how fever protects us and why it may not be enough to protect us against avian influenza. The team simulated in mice what happens during a fever in response to influenza infections. To carry out the research, they used a laboratory-adapted influenza virus of human origin, known as PR8, which does not pose a risk to humans.

Two Palestinians shot dead by Israeli forces after surrender in West Bank

MI News Service, Jenin: Israeli forces shot and killed two Palestinian men during a military raid in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin on Thursday, November 27. The incident has drawn renewed scrutiny of Israel's operations in the territory.

Video footage shows the men emerging from a building with their hands raised before being instructed to return inside. Moments later, gunfire is heard and both men are fatally shot.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health identified the victims as 26-year-old Al-Muntasir Billah Mahmoud Qassem Abdullah and 37-year-old Youssef Ali Youssef Asasa.

Witnesses in the Jabal Abu Dhahir neighbourhood, where the raid took place, said the men had attempted to surrender and were fired on at close range. Reports also indicated that Israeli forces removed their bodies after the shooting, the Palestin-



ian Information Centre (PIC) reported. Framed portrait images circulated on social media show two men described as "martyrs" by Palestinian groups. Both were identified by local authorities as the individuals killed during the Israeli raid in Jenin on November 27. Photo: X

In a joint statement, the Israel Defense Forces and Israeli police said the two men were wanted in connection with previous attacks on Israeli troops.

According to the statement, the security forces had surrounded the building, conducted a "prolonged surrender procedure", and used engineering tools to breach parts of the structure. It added that shots were fired after the men exited and that the incident is now under internal review.

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Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, publicly praised the officers involved, calling the operation decisive and describing the two men as "wanted terrorists". His comments prompted criticism from Palestinian officials, who said his endorsement reinforced concerns over impunity within Israeli forces operating in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates condemned what it described as a

"heinous field execution", alleging that the killings amounted to a flagrant violation of international law and human rights norms.

The raid in Jenin formed part of broader Israeli operations targeting armed groups across northern areas of the West Bank, including Tubas and surrounding villages. Israeli forces also deployed helicopters on Thursday to support ground units in ongoing search operations.

Violence in the West Bank has escalated sharply since the Hamas attack on southern Israel in October 2023 and Israel's subsequent war in Gaza. According to UN monitors, more than 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers in the West Bank during this period. Israeli authorities say dozens of Israelis, including civilians and soldiers, have been killed in attacks or security operations over the same timeframe.

Police arrest gangster linked to firing at Kapil Sharma's Canada restaurant

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi Police has arrested a suspected gangster allegedly involved in the firing at comedian Kapil Sharma's restaurant in Canada on August 7, an official said on Friday. Regional news appsThe accused, Bandhu Man Singh, had allegedly provided logistical support to the shooters involved in the incident. He was apprehended from Ludhiana in Punjab, they said. Initial probe revealed that Singh helped the assailants by providing a car and arranging a safe parking spot for the vehicle after the shootout.

"The accused is a close associate of Canada-based gangster Goldy Dhillon, who is believed to be involved in multiple extortion rackets targeting businessmen and high-profile individuals abroad," a senior officer said.



According to investigators, Singh was coordinating with Dhillon's network and was part of the broader conspiracy to target the popular artist's restaurant as an act of intimidation. "During the investigation, we learnt that Singh fled Canada after a case was registered against him there. We are verifying his travel route," the officer said, adding that police received a tip-off

that Singh was hiding in Ludhiana.

A Chinese pistol, along with cartridges, was recovered from his possession. His role in the conspiracy and his links with overseas operatives are being further probed, police said. Further investigation is underway to identify additional conspirators and determine the scope of the gang's activities in India and abroad, they said.

Italian art installation honours 20,000 Palestinian children killed in Gaza

MI News Service, Brescia: A video showing an art installation in Brescia, northern Italy, has gone viral on social media, capturing thousands of white fabric strips bearing the handwritten names and ages of 20,000 Palestinian children killed in Gaza Strip.

The memorial forms part of "Un nome un bambino, un nome una bambina" — "A name for every boy, a name for every girl" — an exhibition hosted in the courtyard of the Mo.Ca cultural centre in Via Moretto and supported by the Municipality of Brescia.

The installation was created by parents, teachers, children and early-years educators from 39 nurseries and pre-schools across the city and province. After weeks of preparation, the courtyard was filled with rows of white ribbons carrying the names and ages handwritten on cloth strips, intended to give visible form to the scale of the loss and create a collective gesture of remembrance.

Organisers said the work challenges efforts to reduce the killings to statistics, noting that each strip represents a child whose life was taken by Israeli forces. They described the exhibition as a community-led act of memory and peace, emphasising that every name reflects a life cut short and a future denied.

The video's rapid spread has drawn visitors to the Mo.Ca courtyard and intensified



discussion about the human impact of Israel's war on Gaza, as images of the densely hung white strips continue to circulate widely across social media platforms.

This is not the first such initiative: in June 2025, at least 18,000 pairs of children's shoes were placed in Stadhuisplein in Almere, and in March 2024, 14,000 pairs were arranged in Utrecht's Vredenburg Square to honour Palestinian children killed in the war.

Since the conflict began in October 2023, Israeli attacks have killed nearly 70,000 people in the enclave — mostly women and children — and injured more than 171,000 others, in a campaign that has left much of Gaza in ruins.

Over 1,000 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces, settlers in West Bank in 2 yrs: UN

MI News Service, Geneva: Israeli security forces and settlers have killed 1,030 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since Oct. 7, 2023, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has verified, a UN spokesperson said here Friday.

Among the fatalities were 223 children, Jeremy Laurence, spokesperson for the OHCHR, told a regular UN press briefing in Geneva.

Laurence said he was appalled by the recent incident in Jenin, where Israeli personnel were seen on video shooting and killing two Palestinian men.

He noted that killings of Palestinians by Israeli security forces and settlers in the West Bank have been surging, with a persistent lack of accountability. Impunity for Israel security forces' unlawful use of force, and ever-growing Israeli settler violence, must end, he said.

In the statement, Laurence said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk urged independent, prompt and effective investigations into the killings of Palestinians and called for those responsible for violations to be held fully accountable.

U.S. missile strikes in Caribbean violate human rights, says Venezuelan attorney general

MI News Service, Caracas: U.S. missile strikes against boats in the Caribbean region violate international law and human rights, Venezuelan Attorney General Tarek William Saab said on Wednesday.

"They have violated international law," the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as "all human rights treaties," Saab said about the U.S. attacks in international waters.

"If a vessel does not pose an



immediate danger, the use of lethal force constitutes a violation of international humanitarian law," Saab added.

"Venezuela does not produce cocaine or marijuana," Saab stressed, noting that, according to figures from the United Nations, "less than 5 percent of the drugs destined for the United States" pass through Venezuela.

Saab said that, over the last eight years, the Attorney General's Office has filed 60,820 drug trafficking charges against Venezuelan nationals, resulting in 21,370 convictions, and has participated in the seizure of more than 370 tonnes of drugs.

Measles outbreak kills 11 children in northern Uganda

MI News Service, Kampala: At least 11 children have died from measles in Uganda's semi-arid northeastern district of Napak since the outbreak was declared two weeks ago, the ministry of health said.

In a situation update issued late on Thursday, the ministry reported a cumulative total of 74 cases and 11 deaths across all 12 sub-counties in the pastoralist communities.

The ministry confirmed the outbreak on Nov. 19 after a suspected measles case was admitted in the children's ward at Matany Hospital on Nov. 15.

"Active surveillance search is ongoing, and the line list will be updated. The mass measles-rubella vaccination campaign has not yet started," the

ministry said in the report.

Risk factors identified by the ministry include low measles immunization coverage in the most affected sub-counties, poor housing conditions, household overcrowding and a high malnutrition rate among children under five years. Last year, the ministry reported a measles outbreak in 56 districts across the East African country.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease transmitted through coughing and sneezing, causing serious illness. Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes. According to the World Health Organization, symptoms typically appear about seven to 14 days after infection.

UN human rights chief warns Pakistan's constitutional amendment threatens judicial independence

MI News Service, Geneva, Switzerland, 28 Nov.25 : The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, has expressed deep alarm over Pakistan's latest constitutional amendment, saying it poses a serious challenge to the country's judicial independence, military accountability, and the overall rule of law.

In a press release, Turk said the amendment adopted hastily and without public or legal consultation follows the pattern of last year's 26th Amendment, which similarly bypassed engagement with the judiciary and civil society. He stated that such unilateral actions go against the fundamental principle of separation of powers that underpins democracy and safeguards human rights in Pakistan. The amendment, passed on 13 November, establishes a new Federal Constitutional Court (FCC) to



handle all constitutional cases. This move effectively sidelines the Supreme Court, limiting its jurisdiction to civil and criminal matters.

According to Turk, the new court's creation, combined with government-directed judicial appointments, seriously threatens the independence and impartiality of Pakistan's judiciary. "The changes, taken together, risk subjugating the judiciary to political interference and executive dominance," Turk said. "Judges must be free from political influence to ensure justice and equality before the law."

He also criticised the amendment's revised pro-

cedures for judicial appointments, promotions, and transfers, arguing that they weaken the structural independence of the courts. The first Chief Justice and judges of the FCC, he noted, were directly appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister, an act that compromises the judiciary's autonomy.

Particularly troubling, Turk said, is the provision granting lifetime immunity from criminal prosecution and arrest to Pakistan's top officials, including the President, Field Marshal, Marshal of the Air Force, and Admiral of the Fleet. Such measures, he warned, eliminate any prospect of accountability for those in power. "These sweeping immunity clauses erode the foundation of democratic oversight and human rights," Turk said, warning that the amendments could have "far-reaching consequences" for Pakistan's democratic framework.

Trump Says Guard Member In D.C. Shooting Has Died

MI News Service, Washington: President Donald Trump revealed on Thursday that one of two West Virginia National Guard members shot in an ambush near the White House the previous day has succumbed to her injuries, identifying the fallen soldier as 20-year-old Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom from Summersville. Speaking during a traditional Thanksgiving call to US service members from West Palm Beach, Florida, Trump described the assailant, 29-year-old Afghan national Rahmanullah Lakanwal, as a "savagely monster" who had collaborated with the CIA in Kandahar before immigrating in 2021 and securing asylum in April 2025.

Beckstrom, who enlisted in 2023, was patrolling with Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe, 24, around 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday near Farragut Square when Lakanwal emerged from a corner at 17th and I streets NW, raised a handgun, and fired at close range, striking Beckstrom in the head and Wolfe in the torso. Fellow Guardsmen swiftly engaged, wounding the suspect in the leg and subduing him until Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) arrived; Lakanwal's injuries are non-life-threatening, and he remains hospitalized under guard.

The FBI is probing the incident as potential international terrorism, with searches underway at Lakanwal's Washington state home and Afghan roots in Khost province under scrutiny.his cousin confirmed prior service in a special Afghan Army "Zero Unit" alongside U.S. forces.



Trump says to permanently pause immigration from "Third World countries"

MI News Service, Washington: U.S. President Donald Trump announced on Thursday his intention to permanently pause immigration from what he described as "Third World countries."

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump claimed that "immigration policy has eroded" national progress, and he would "permanently pause migration from all Third World Countries to allow the U.S. system to fully recover." He also threatened to take measures to reverse immigration decisions made under President Joe Biden, and to "remove anyone who is not a net

asset to the United States."

In his post, Trump also announced plans to end all federal benefits and subsidies to "noncitizens," calling for the denaturalization of migrants who, in his view, "undermine domestic tranquility." He emphasized a hardline stance, stating he would deport foreign nationals who are deemed "public charges," "security risks," or otherwise "incompatible with Western civilization."

Trump's remarks came following the death of a National Guard member on Thursday after being shot near the White House by an Afghan national.

Defence Ministry signs Rs 7,995-crore pact with US for 5-year sustainment support of Navy's MH-60R helicopters

MI News Service, New Delhi, 28 Nov.25 : The Ministry of Defence on Friday signed Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOAs) with the United States Government for a five-year sustainment support package for the Indian Navy's MH-60R multi-role helicopters, valued at approximately Rs 7,995 crore.

According to a release issued by the Defence Ministry, the agreements, concluded under the US Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programme, were inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. The ministry further stated that the sustainment package includes spares, support equipment, product support, training, technical assistance, repair and replenishment of components, and the establishment of intermediate-level repair and maintenance inspection facilities within India.

"Sustainment Support is a comprehensive package which includes provisioning of spares, support equipment, product support, training and technical assistance, repair & replenishment of components and setting up of 'Intermediate' level component repairs & Periodic Maintenance Inspection fa-



cilities in India," the release stated. The ministry further stated that the in-country development of these capabilities would help reduce dependence on the US in the long term and align with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision by promoting indigenous services and product development through Indian companies and MSMEs.

The MH-60R Seahawk fleet—equipped for anti-submarine warfare and designed for all-weather operations—will see improved operational availability and maintainability under the new support framework. The MoD noted that the sustainment programme will strengthen

the Navy's ability to operate the helicopters from dispersed bases as well as from frontline warships, ensuring optimal performance across primary and secondary missions.

The Indian Navy inducted the MH-60R Seahawk—the maritime version of the Black Hawk helicopter—into service back in March 2024 at INS Garuda in Kochi, marking a major milestone in the nation's defence modernisation efforts. The Seahawk fleet is being formed as INAS 334 squadron, and the helicopters are part of the 24-aircraft procurement signed with the US government under an FMS agreement in February 2020.

Peru's ex-President Pedro Castillo sentenced to over 11 years in prison

MI News Service, Lima: Former Peruvian President Pedro Castillo was sentenced Thursday to 11 years, five months and 15 days in prison on charges of rebellion and conspiracy stemming from his failed attempt to dissolve the Congress in December 2022.

The ruling, issued by the Special Criminal Chamber of the country's Supreme Court of Justice, also applies to former Prime Minister Betssy Chavez, who is currently under asylum at the Mexican embassy in Lima, and former Interior Minister Willy Huerta. Castillo, 56, has been held at the Barbadillo prison in Lima, where several other former Peruvian presidents are also serving sentences.

Srinagar's Atiq Mir secures top female qualifying rank in F1 Academy backed COTFA

MI News Service, Al Ain (UAE): Indian racing sensation Atiq Mir outpaced a battery of world-class male drivers to qualify fourth in the Championships of The Future Academy (COTFA) international karting series, the highest finish for a female in the championship's history.

With the series supported by Formula 1 Academy, it was the perfect stage for Atiq to showcase her rare talent, and the 11-year-old did that with an unprecedented fourth place in qualifying of the mini category before finishing in the same position in the final on Day 1.

The Formula 1 Academy and Akcel GP-backed driver missed the podium spot by just 0.07 seconds, a testament to the highly competitive nature of the grid. In the final on Day 2, Atiq came up with another impressive effort in qualifying, setting the fifth fastest time.

She was in podium contention for the majority of the race. A daring overtake on the last lap put her in



fourth place, and with a podium at stake, Atiq understandably pushed herself to the limit, leading to a loss

of three places. She still managed to finish a creditable seventh out of 28 drivers.

It was some tough racing this week with top drivers. I had a good pace through both days and was able to deliver the results in qualify and the Finals. I scored a good haul of championship points.

Looking forward to the season finale next week," said Atiq, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir.

Her father Asif Mir, a former Formula Asia vice-champion, was pleased after a productive weekend.

"Super performance by Atiq this week. She delivered consistent performances against worlds best drivers and beat them as well. It is an encouragement and reward for all the hard work we have put in over the last few months. Will keep working and improving her."

The season finale of the Championships of the Future Academy (COTFA) series will take place in Al Forsan next week.

UAE TO HOST IRELAND FOR TWO T20IS IN JANUARY 2026 AS PART OF T20 WC PREPARATION

NEW DELHI : The UAE will host Ireland for a two-match T20I series in January 2026 as part of both teams fine tuning their preparations for the 2026 Men's T20 World Cup, starting in India and Sri Lanka on February 7.

The matches will be played at the Dubai International Stadium on January 29 under lights and on January 31 in a morning start. "We are delighted to announce Ireland's tour to the UAE. The tour will benefit both teams and help them in their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 preparations."

"Here at the ECB, we have always endeavoured to provide the best exposure and opportunities to our players by hosting ICC Full Members on a regular basis. In 2025 we hosted Bangladesh followed by a tri-series in Sharjah (Afghanistan and Pakistan)."

"Our team also earned great experience by competing in the Asia Cup. The players will have a good build-up to the prestigious ICC T20 World Cup through the Ireland series," said Subhan Ahmed, Chief Operating Officer, Emirates Cricket Board (ECB), in a statement on Friday.

UAE and Ireland have met 11 times in men's T20Is, with the former holding the edge via seven victories as compared to the latter's four wins. After the series is over, Ireland will travel to Sri Lanka where they will play Australia, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Oman as part of their Group B games in the Men's T20 World Cup.

UAE, meanwhile, will travel to India where they will play South Africa, New Zealand, Afghanistan and Canada as part of their Group D fixtures in the mega event. "We are delighted that the Emirates Cricket Board has agreed to host and play two T20Is against Ireland at Dubai International Stadium."

"This series against the UAE will provide part of an exceptional warm-up programme for our players - we hope to announce more fixtures shortly. Our thanks to the ECB and we look forward to playing some competitive cricket in such a prestigious stadium," said Richard Holdsworth, Director of Cricket at Cricket Ireland.



'Do bhai, dono tabahi': India awaits Ro-Ko's explosive return to ODI action



NEW DELHI : As India prepare to face South Africa in the first ODI of the three-match series in Ranchi on Sunday, all eyes are firmly fixed on two of the biggest names in world cricket - Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. The iconic duo, fondly referred to by fans as "Do Bhai, Dono Tabahi", are set to return to international action, igniting excitement across the nation.

Rohit and Virat, who remain towering figures in the cricketing world, were last seen in action during India's tour of Australia. However, their performances did not quite match expectations on that occasion. Now, with conditions favourable and with both having a point to prove,

fans are eager to see their bats do the talking once again.

This ODI series carries added significance following India's recent Test series defeat against South Africa. A strong performance in the 50-over format could go a long way in lifting the spirits of supporters and restoring momentum for the Men in Blue.

Notably, both Rohit and Kohli have stepped away from Test and T20I cricket, announcing their retirement from the two formats earlier this year. However, the veteran pair expressed their desire to continue representing India in ODIs, and the selectors have backed them fully by including them in the squad for this crucial series.

With the spotlight back on Ranchi, expectations are sky-high. The fans await nothing less than fireworks from two modern-day legends who have defined an era of Indian cricket - and now stand ready to script another chapter in blue.

The first ODI match will be played on November 30 at the JSCA International Stadium Complex in Jharkhand. The second clash is scheduled to be played at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium in New Raipur on December 3.

The ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam will host the third and final ODI match on December 6.

Bharath Classic: Pukhraj Gill stays in Top 10 as Korea's Woo leads event co-sanctioned by IGPL, Asian Tour

AHMEDABAD : India's Pukhraj Singh Gill could not get his irons going on the front nine but ensured a series of pars to avoid any damage in the second round of the \$ 500,000 Bharath Classic 2025 Gujarat, which is co-sanctioned with the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL). On the back nine, Gill found three birdies against one bogey for a 70 that kept him in the Top-7.

Pukhraj Gill, who was tied second after the first day with a 6-under 66, added a 2-under 70 to get to 8-under at the halfway stage. He was the best Indian pro and tied seventh alongside amateur Ishaan Chawhan (67-69).

Korean Wooyoung Cho, a gold medalist at the 2022 Asian Games (played in 2023), along with PGA Tour stars Si Woo Kim and Sungjae Im, carded a second straight 66 to move into the sole lead at 12-under ahead of compatriot Heemin Chang (64-69). While Woo is 56th in the Order of Merit and needs a decent finish to seal his card, Chang needs to win to get a card.

Round One leader Chang (64-69) had a bogey-free round, but his 69 with three birdies was not enough to keep him in pole position. He is now second at 11-under. Woo is bidding for his maiden Asian Tour title. The two-time winner on the Korean Tour was even par after five holes. He found his momentum after that with back-to-back gains on the sixth and the seventh. From the 11th to the 17th, Woo found four more birdies without any dropped shots for a 66 that firmly places him as a favourite for his maiden Asian Tour win.

Past India visitor Carlos Pigem shot a bogey-free 65 to add to his 69 for a tied for third with Panuphol Pittyartar (68-66) on 10-under. Poosit Supupramai 66-69) and Santiago De La Fuente (68-67) were tied for fifth place at 9-under.

Gill, who is staying in a hotel more than an hour away from the Kensville Golf Resort, started from the first and parred his first 11 holes. Then he had back-to-back birdies on the 12th and the 13th before dropping a shot on the Par-

5 15th. He got that shot back on the 17th and closed with a par.

"My hitting was even better than the first day when I scored 66, but today my irons didn't work well. I had mid-range putts for birdies from 15-20 feet and could not hole them. But at 8-under on this course, I am in the picture, and there are two more days to go," said the long-hitter, who recently won his first pro title at IGPL Jamshedpur.

For the second day running, amateur Chawhan, the 2022 Western India amateur winner, caught the eye. The 21-year-old, who plays on the amateur Tour, added a round of 3-under 69 to his first round 67 to total a healthy 8-under for 36 holes and was Tied-seventh alongside the likes of former Asian Tour Order of Merit winner, Jazz Janewattananond (66-70), Asian Tour winners, Justin Quiban (70-66) and Ekpharit Wu (67-69) besides England's Steve Lewton (69-67) and Gill (66-70).

Meanwhile, Shaurya Binu, a pro in his third year, followed up his first round 72 with a superb 66 in the second round. Playing his maiden event on the main Asian Tour, Binu had nine birdies against three bogeys. "My hitting could have been better, but I holed a lot of putts. I am feeling good and looking forward to the next two rounds," added Binu, who has one pro win in India.

Multiple winner in India, Yuvraj Sandhu, who carded even par on Day 1, made up with one of the day's best cards as he scored 6-under 66 with seven birdies against one bogey to jump up to Tied-14th place, alongside former Asian Tour winner, Ajeetesh Sandhu (67-71), who dropped two late bogeys before closing with a birdie.

The day saw two players make a hole-in-one. Englishman Harold William aced the par-three 11th on the way to a 65. He is five under. Soon after, Harendra Gupta holed his tee shot on the par-three fifth. The Indian golfer is also five under. William used a pitching wedge while Gupta used a six iron.

This week's inaugural



US\$500,000 Bharath Classic is being jointly-sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) Tour. The IGPL has three more events on its 2025 calendar, while it is the penultimate tournament of the season on the Asian Tour.

It is an important week for those hoping to make up ground on the Asian Tour's Order of Merit to secure playing privileges for next year, while the top four on the IGPL will get a spot into the

final stage of the Asian Tour Q-School and a place in the 2026 International Series India.

The cut fell at 2-over, and 72 players will play the final two rounds, which will be played with a shotgun start. Among those missing the cut were youngsters Kartik Singh (77-70) and Veer Ganapathy (77-73).

IGPL Order of Merit leader Aman Raj (73-68) ensured weekend action at T0-31, while second-placed Gill is tied seventh.

Ashes: Pink-ball Test is a bit of lottery, says Stuart Broad

NEW DELHI : Former England cricketer Stuart Broad believes England's chances in the Brisbane Test will be based on the fact how well they utilise the "lottery" with the pink ball.

The second Test of the five-match Ashes series will begin on December 4 and will be a day-night match at the Gabba following an eight-wicket win for Australia in the first game.

"We know the pink-ball Test, having played a few ourselves, is a bit of a lottery," said Broad on the For The Love of Cricket podcast. "Ultimately, the best team generally wins Test matches but this one, it's on a bit more of a knife edge of conditions."

England have lost all three of their pink ball Test, first by 120 runs in Adelaide in 2017, before 275-run and 146-run defeats in Adelaide and Hobart on their last tour in 2021.

"If you can get a brand new ball under the floodlights at the Gabba, you should be taking wickets and you can break the game open," said Broad. "It is all about timing a little bit of when you bowl with the brand new ball. That is why I don't like bowling first in pink-ball cricket because you bowl with a brand new ball in daylight and it doesn't do a lot. "By the time you get to the twilight period the ball is 60 overs old and doesn't do anything - and the new ball comes too late in the day. Winning the toss and batting is pretty crucial in the pink-ball Test in my opinion. That is my feeling in pink-ball cricket. It is going to be one hell of a challenge."

As compared to England, Australia have won 12 out of their 13 pink ball Test at home, having lost only one against West Indies at the Gabba last year. Teams batting first have won six times in eleven occasions, with the pink ball giving extra assistance to bowlers in night. "I'm not the biggest fan (of pink-ball Tests) to be honest," said the veteran pacer. "It's quite situational dependent, so if you can manipulate the game to get a brand new ball in the twilight, you've got a great chance of doing really well because the ball just seems to zip around a little bit more. "There's something about the pink ball, you just can't pick it up quite as well. You get no clues as well, so the seam is black against the pink background, whereas with a red ball and white seam you might see Mitchell Starc's in-swinging coming back into the stumps or scrambling around."

"It's just the lights are reflecting off the pink ball so it's almost like a big planet coming flying towards you. It means you're just judging it from the movement off the surface or reading off the movement of the ball, but at such pace it's quite difficult to do. That's why I think it is quite important to bat first because even if you are bowled out by tea when it's starting to go dark, you have a brand new ball under lights. And if you bat well you can control when you bowl in the game and in the day," he added.



United Kingdom submits joint bid to host FIFA Women's World Cup 2035

LONDON : The Football Association (FA), Irish FA, Scottish FA, and the FA of Wales have officially submitted their joint bid for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2035. The tournament would be the largest single-sport event ever staged in the UK, and the first FIFA World Cup hosted in the country since 1966.

The bid includes 22 proposed stadiums - 16 in England, three in Wales, two in Scotland, and one in Northern Ireland - across 16 host cities. With 63 million people living within two hours of a proposed venue, it would be the most accessible tournament ever.

The tournament promises to be a celebration across every part of our nations - an event that brings communities together and welcomes the world. With 4.5 million ticket sales and a projected global TV audience of 3.5 billion, the tournament would captivate fans at home and globally.

The bid is built on the powerful vision of 'All Together' - a rallying cry for women's football and sport more broadly to empower worldwide.

A joint statement from the CEOs of The FA, Irish FA, Scottish FA, and FA of Wales said, "Hosting the FIFA



Women's World Cup would be a huge privilege for our four home nations. If we are successful, the 2035 tournament will be the biggest single-sport event held on UK soil, with 4.5 million tickets available for fans.

"We are proud of the growth that we've driven in recent years across the women's and girls' game, but there is still so much more growth to come, and this event will play a key

role in helping us deliver that. Working together with FIFA, a Women's World Cup in the UK has the power to turbocharge the women's and girls' game both in the UK and globally. Our bid also demonstrates our commitment to leaving a lasting legacy in the run-up to 2035 and the years afterwards."

"Together, we want to welcome the world to the UK to celebrate and enjoy an unforgettable tournament."

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer added, "Our bid to host the 2035 FIFA Women's World Cup shows the UK's passion for football."

"The Lionesses' success has inspired girls across our country, and we'll build on that momentum by welcoming millions of football fans from around the world to a tournament that will benefit communities and businesses in host cities up and down the UK."

"With significant investment in school sport and grassroots facilities through our Plan for Change, we're creating opportunities for girls to play for their national team."

The 22 proposed stadiums offer a blend of heritage, cutting-edge innovation, and elite operational excellence that will be ready to deliver exceptional FIFA-compliant facilities. The 16 host cities provide a network of extensive infrastructure, ample accommodation, efficient transportation, and culture.

The tournament would involve 104 matches contested by 48 teams over 39 days, with 48 team base camp training sites, 82 venue-specific training sites, and 32 FIFA Fan Festival Sites proposed.

INDIA U-20 WOMEN TO PLAY TWO FRIENDLIES AGAINST UZBEKISTAN IN MAHABALIPURAM

NEW DELHI : The Indian U-20 women's team will play two friendly matches against Uzbekistan on November 29 and December 2 at the FC Madras Academy in Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.

Both matches, being held during the FIFA Women's International Match Window, will be played behind closed doors and will kick off at 17:00 IST.

Head coach Joakim Alexandersson has named a 24-member squad for these games, which will form part of India's preparations for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2026. The Young Tigresses have been drawn with Japan, Australia, and Chinese Taipei in Group C of the Asian Cup. Uzbekistan have also qualified for the same and have been placed in Group B with DPR Korea, the Republic of Korea, and Jordan.

India have been camping at the FC Madras Academy since November 11. Last month, the Young Tigresses played two friendly matches against Kazakhstan U19 in Shymkent, winning 3-2 and drawing 1-1.

As part of their preparations for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2026, the Indian team played two friendly matches against Kazakhstan U19 in Shymkent last month. India won

the first friendly 3-2, while they drew the second friendly 1-1 to remain unbeaten on the tour.

The India U20 women's team drew 1-1 against Kazakhstan U19 in the second and final friendly at the BIK Sports Complex in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on October 28, 2025.

Both goals came in the second half. Adeliya Bekkozina handed the lead to the hosts in the 47th minute before Pooja, scoring her second goal in as many games, equalised in the 55th as she got on the end of substitute Bhumika Devi Khumukcham's cross and headed it in. As part of their preparations for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2026, the Young Tigresses played two friendly matches against Kazakhstan U19

in Shymkent. India won the first friendly 3-2 on Saturday.

India U20 women's 24-member squad for Uzbekistan friendlies in Mahabalipuram:

Goalkeepers: Melody Chanu Keisham, Monalisa Devi Moirangthem, Ribansi Jamu.

Defenders: Alina Chingakhram, Cindy Remruatpui Colney, Juhi Singh, Nishima Kumari, Remi Thokchom, Sahena TH, Shubhangi Singh, Thobisana Chanu Toijam, Viksit Bara.

Midfielders: Anju Chanu Kayenpaibam, Arina Devi Nameirakpam, Bhumika Devi Khumukcham, Khushbu Saroj, Monisha Singha, Neha.

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