KMC to Roll Out Mandatory Online Attendance for Staffs

In an attempt to bring greater transparency, discipline and accountability to civic administration, the West Bengal government is preparing to introduce a mandatory online attendance system for employees across all municipal bodies in the state. The new system aims to put an end to long-standing complaints about irregular attendance and lax work culture in municipalities — a concern that has often been echoed in public spaces and even popular culture, such as in Nachiketa Chakraborty's famous 1990s song that mocked the casual approach of some government employees. To implement the initiative, the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), functioning under the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, is developing a specialized attendance application. PG 3



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West Bengal's Raj Bhavan renamed "LOK BHAVAN"



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a historic move, the iconic Raj Bhavan of West Bengal has been renamed "Lok Bhavan" following approval from the central government at the request of the state Governor, C.V. Ananda Bose. The renaming comes as part of a nationwide initiative colonial-era nomenclature from Raj Bhavans and make the establishments more accessible and people-centric. The change has already been implemented on official letterheads, signage, and online platforms of the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata, as well as its counterpart in Darjeeling. Governor Bose had

long advocated for a name that would resonate more closely with the people of Bengal, stating that the word "Raj", a legacy of British colonial rule, should be removed. "Since Raj Bhavan belongs to the people, it is only appropriate that its name reflects this ethos," Bose remarked. The proposal received approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs, aligning with similar decisions across the country to rename Raj Bhavans and Raj Niwas to Lok Bhavan and Lok Niwas, respectively. The announcement has been widely welcomed as a step towards creating a more open and approachable image of the office. Following the renaming, Governor Bose took to Kolkata's streets to interact with the public, sharing tea from traditional clay cups and conversing with children and residents, reflecting the very essence of the new people-centric approach.

On social media, Governor Bose highlighted the historical significance of this initiative, noting that on March 27, 2023, the then President Droupadi Murmu, handed over a symbolic key of the Raj Bhavan to Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee. This gesture marked the inception of Jana Raj Bhavan, conceptualized to make the establishment responsive to the needs, aspirations, and challenges of the people. Over the past three years, several constructive, people-focused programs were initiated, providing support during emergencies ranging from natural calamities to incidents of social distress. Bose emphasized that the renaming is in line with the transformational leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose vision encourages participation of citizens from all segments of society in building a Viksit Bharat. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification on November 25, 2025, mandating the uniform renaming of Raj Bhavans and Raj Niwas across the country. From now on, all references to West Bengal's former Raj Bhavans will officially be as Lok Bhavan, symbolizing openness, accessibility, and a closer connection with the people of the state. With this change, Lok Bhavan aims to shed the aura of exclusivity and authority traditionally associated with Raj Bhavans, instead emerging as a vibrant hub for public engagement, welfare initiatives, and direct interaction between the state's leader-

EC appoints SPECIAL OBSERVERS for SIR

Kolkata: The Election Commission appointed 12 senior IAS officers of Bengal cadre as electoral roll observers for the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of voters' list.

The move assumed significance as the order was issued soon after the EC sent three senior officers from Nirvachan Sadan to the office of the Bengal CEO, Manoj Agarwal, to assist him during the SIR. The 12 special observers will also report to the Bengal CEO.

"It is significant that the EC appointed 12 electoral roll observers to monitor the preparation and revision of the electoral roll and help the DEOs and EROs in taking timely corrective measures. All these measures are being taken after the chief minister recently said that the situation in Bengal could turn were published on December 9," said a senior government official.

According to a notification

issued by the EC, Smita Pandey, a 2005-batch IAS officer, would monitor the exercise in Burdwan East and West and Birbwhile Tanmov Chakraborty, a 2006-batch IAS officer, would be sent to monitor the SIR in Murshidabad and Malda. Randhir Kumar, a 2006batch IAS officer, would monitor the exercise in North 24-Parganas and North Calcutta, while C. Murugan, a 2007-batch IAS officer, would be responsible for monitoring the exercise in South 24-Parganas and South Kolkata. R. Arjun, a 2010-batch IAS officer, would be sent to monitor the exercise in Cooch Behar, Alipuduar and Jalpaiguri. Two IAS officers — Rajeev Kumar of



the 1997 batch and Jagdish

seeing the exercise in Howrah, while Neelam Meena, a 1998batch IAS officer, would be tasked with the exercise in East and West Midnapore and Jhar-

ficer. Rachna Bhagat, a 2009 batch IAS, would be sent to Nadia and Vishwanath, a 2010batch IAS officer, would be responsible for the exercise in Hooghly. The move to deploy so

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gram. The 2001-batch IAS officer, Ashwini Kumar Yadav, would monitor the SIR in North and South Dinajpurs. Niranjan Kumar, a 2007-batch officer, would monitor the exercise in Darjeeling and Kalimpong, while the progress of the SIR in Purulia and Bankura would be monitored by Devi Prasad Karanam, a 2008-batch IAS of-

many senior bureaucrats in carrying out the SIR in Bengal has left many in the administration in a state of surprise, as they were not clear why the move was initiated. Although the EC officially pointed out that observers were deployed as the districts in Bengal were quite large in terms of areas and the

number of electors and Assem-

the move was initiated to rule out any kind of loopholes in preparing a clean electoral roll after the SIR. "The ruling party was up in arms against EC over the SIR

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from the very beginning. This is the reason why the EC is in no mood to take any chances in preparing an error-free electoral roll. The situation has turned critical after the chief minister warned that the situation could be difficult after the draft lists are published," said an official. A section of the officials said that the senior officials were deployed in the districts after complaints were coming up that the ruling party was put-ting pressure on the DEOs, EROs and BLOs to insert ineligible names in the electoral rolls.



ED unearths 'shady' land | INDIA accelerates

MI News Service, New Delhi: A probe by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has revealed that Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui, the chairman and founder of Al Falah University, allegedly acquired land in south east Delhi's Madanpur Khadar by forging documents in the names of at least five dead people who previously owned the land, sources said. The Haryanabased university has come under the scanner after three doctors working there were allegedly found to be part of the "white-collar terNovember 10 Red Fort car blast that killed 13 people.

Siddiqui, who was arrested last week on moneylaundering charges, is in ED custody. The agency has so far found several land parcels in Delhi acquired by Sidiqqui's private company, Tarbiva Education Foundation, through forged powers of attorney that were executed decades after the death of the owners in some cases. "During the

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defence modernization



Rajnath Singh (second from right) inaugurates the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on Friday.

MI News Service, New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh identified a range of threats in India's neighbourhood, including "terrorism, cross-border support to extremist elements, attempts to alter the status quo", and said such complex challenges demanded constant

India has always believed in peace and dialogue and we remain committed to that approach. But let me say clearly, when it comes to our sovereignty and the security of our people, we do not compromise -- Rajnath Singh

vigilance and absolute clarity of purpose. "Our armed

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Expect humanity from 'Observers', not 'politics': SHASHI PANJA

MI News Service, Kolkata: State Minister Dr. Shashi Panja has welcomed the appointment of 'Special Observers'. But she has vividly and categorically mentioned that "if the observers are here to look after the

if the observers are here 69 to look after the miseries of BLOs, then we welcome it, else not --Shashi Panja

miseries of BLOs, then we welcome it, else not." The minister once again showered caustic criticism on the 'unplanned' and 'urgent' use of SIR for 'ulterior' motive. Dr. Panja further mentioned that "after so many deaths of BLOs and so many discrepancies, even BJP has realized the actual menace of SIR." She spoke in a separate media meet at the CII IWN 5th Lead-



State Minister of Commerce and Industries, Dr. Shashi Panja, in a press Meet in Kolkata on Saturday.

ership Annual Conclave in Kolkata. Shashi Panja repeatedly criticized the "SIR" as a source of panic and harassment for voters in West Bengal, creating fear of being omitted from the draft electoral list. She alleged that the program is being tailor-made by the central government to target Bengal politically, despite security issues elsewhere in the country. Panja has launched a voter help

desk in North Kolkata to assist those affected by the SIR process. Panja claimed that the SIR has generated panic and fear among voters, especially with the short deadline for correction and the "harassment" of hearings for incomplete forms. She accused the central government of using the SIR to create panic in Bengal and achieve political capture, rather than engaging in a political fight.

Odisha announces upgraded MAOIST SURRENDER POLICY

MI News Service, Cuttack: Odisha government has announced a revised rehabilitation and surrender policy aimed at encouraging Maoists to lay down arms and return to the mainstream, offering enhanced financial benefits to rebels surrender weapons. The policy, aligned with the central govpolicy, ernment's revised guidelines, focuses on containing and eradicating Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by incentivising cadres to abandon violence. In a notification issued on Thursday, the state government said: "The ob-

The objective of the surrender and rehabilitation policy is to contain and eradicate Left Wing Extremism in the state by weaning away the hardcore LWE cadres. The oolicy also aims at ensuring that Naxalites, who surrender, do not revert to extremism by providing them with gainful employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

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get ₹50,000 after completing one year and the remaining ₹4 lakh after three years, subject to satisfactory conduct. Local police stations will monitor their activities, and the final release will depend on the report of the police superintendents

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DELHI BLAST: Court sends 3 doctors & preacher to 10-day JC



MI News Service, New Delhi: A Delhi court on Saturday sent three doctors and a preacher, arrested in connection with the Red Fort blast, to 10 days' judicial custody. All four accused, identified as Muzammil Ganaie, Adeel Rather, Shaheena Saeed and Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay, were produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna, who ordered their 10-day judicial custody. The National Investigation Agency has so far arrested seven persons in the case, which is linked to a "white collar" terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conThe agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome

ducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the NIA said in a statement Dr Umar-un-Nabi, who was driving the explosives laden i20 car that

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ANTI-CONVERSION LAW SC seeks Rajasthan reply

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court issued a fresh notice to the Rajasthan government on a petition filed by the People's Union for Civil Liberties challenging the state's anti-conversion law as being unconstitutional and violative of fundamental rights. The petition said that, besides imposing jail terms, the law also vests power in the government to confiscate the properties of the alleged offender. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta sought the state's response, and upon solicitorgeneral Tushar Mehta's plea, tagged the matter with other petitions which had challenged similar anti-conversion laws by other states. Tushar was appearing for the Centre and some of the BJP-ruled states.

On November 5, the bench had sought the response from the Rajasthan government on a separate PIL challenging the constitutional validity of various provisions of the Rajasthan anti-conversion law, which, among other things, empow-



and demolish properties of the alleged offence. The provisions had been challenged on the ground that the law was in derogation of the Supreme Court's judgment last year, wherein the top court had ruled that there shall be no demolition of properties without giving proper notice and time to the aggrieved persons to defend themselves

ered the state to confiscate

The PIL had argued that the impugned provisions constitute a direct assault on the judiciary and amount to

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ship and its citizens.

Trinamool sticks to its guns against EC, cites one more 'SIR-linked' death in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress on Saturday raised what it called another Booth Level Officer's (BLOs) death linked to the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in

Addressing a media conference in New Delhi a day after a 10-member Trinamool delegation met the full bench of the Election Commission of India, four of the 10 MPs referred to the death of Mastura Khatun, a 41-year-old from Burd-

"She was scared of losing her voting rights, her citizenship. This is because of the pressure created by the Centre's Election Commission," said Trinamool Lok Sabha MP Pratima Mandal, who was a member of the delegation. "The chief election commissioner spoke at length but did not reply to any of our

After a meeting with the full bench of the commission, the Trinamool delegation had stated on Friday that the EC did



not reply to any of the five questions that the party had raised during the meeting.

Later on Friday evening, a spokesperson for the EC had informed that the Trinamool delegation was told not to influence or threaten the BLOs regarding dead, shifted and duplicate voters, adding that a point-by-point rebuttal of all apprehensions and "baseless" allegations made by the delegation was given.

This marks the fifth reported death of a BLO in Bengal amid the ongoing controversy over the special intensive revi-

चाश्नाइ (डां) राक्षा

On the fourth day of the district tour, West Bengal State Trinamool Congress leader and State Minister Aroop

MI News Service, Bhatar: If mentally broken."

her name is not included in

the voter list, she will not get

Lakshmi Bhandar money. A

young woman committed sui-

cide by setting herself on fire

due to this fear. This is the

claim of the family. On Satur-

day, political tension erupted

in Purba Burdwan's Bhatar

Mustara Khatun Kazi, a

resident of Bhumshore vil-

lage under Bhatar police

station, was found burnt to

death in her home on Fri-

day night. She was taken to

Bhatar State General Hospi-

tal. But the doctors declared

Mustara dead. Now the fam-

ily claims that the unmarried

woman committed suicide

Sabira Khatun, the de-

ceased's sister-in-law said,

"Mustara had been suffer-

ing from severe anxiety ever

since she submitted the SIR

form (enumeration). She was

worried about whether her

name would be in the voter

list or not, what would hap-

pen if Lakshmi's Bhandar

was closed, all these things.

I don't know what made her

over this incident.

out of fear of SIR.

Biswas on Saturday supervised the SIR work across seven assembly constituencies of East Burdwan – Khandkosh,

Raina, Burdwan South, Burdwan North, Monteswar, Memari and Jamalpur — as per the party's instructions. District President and MLA Rabindranath Chatterjee, the Zilla Parishad Chairman, and heads of the district's organisational

Woman set herself on fire in fear of SIR

That is what deceased's

elder sister Astura Khatun

said. She said, "My sister was

worried ever since she sub-

mitted the BLO form (calcula-

tion sheet). She thought that

government benefits would

be stopped. She set herself

woman, who is over 40, was

in the 2002 voter list. Her

father, Azizul Haque Kazi,

and mother, Kasera, died

20 years ago. Her elder sis-

ter and elder brother both

are married. Mustara, an

unmarried girl, lived in the

family of migrant worker

elder brother Sirajul Haque

Kazi. She could have helped

her brother's family with the

money she received from

government projects. But she

heard from some people in

the neighborhood that if her

name is not on the voter list,

she will no longer receive

A political controversy

has erupted over the death

of the young woman. Tri-

namool MLA from Bhatar,

Mangovinda Adhikari, has

that benefit.

understand. But she was directly blamed the Election mation out of fear.

The name of the deceased

on fire out of fear."

Trinamool general-secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee had demanded the EC release the full

minutes of what transpired in the meet-

On Saturday, the Trinamool's leader in the Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien said: "There has been no press conference by the EC, no press releases. They are selectively planting news. The question is if all 10 of us are saying all this why you [EC] don't release the transcript of what was discussed at the meeting? If you are accusing a full delegation of cooking up stories, release it."

In Kolkata, a section of the government employees enlisted as BLOs scuffled with the police outside the offices of the Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Agarwal demanding a meeting with him. On Monday some of the BLOs held a 30hour long sit-in demonstration at the CEO's office demanding better working



Adoptive Parents and Prospective Adoptive Parents Meet in Kolkata on Saturday.

Gangarampur police Nab fraudster in Rs 9 lakh police recruitment scam

News Gangarampur: In a significant crackdown on recruitment fraud, Gangarampur police have arrested a key accused who was allegedly attempting to escape with Rs 9 lakh, money believed to have been collected as bribe for securing placements within the police force. The operation was executed following specific intelligence inputs, prompting officers to set up a strategic trap just days before the police constable ex-

the police department.

As part of the racket, the

accused and his associ-

volunteer provided cru-

cial leads that eventually

exposed the main con-

spirator. Authorities have

reiterated their zero-tol-

erance stance toward cor-

ruption and emphasized

the importance of safe-

guarding the fairness of

the recruitment process,

particularly ahead of the

upcoming examination.

Investigations are still

underway, and police an-

ticipate additional arrests

as they work to disman-

tle the entire network

involved in the scheme. Officials state that the in-

cident highlights the seri-

ous threat such fraudulent

operations pose to the in-

tegrity of law enforcement

recruitment. Gangaram-

pur police remain com-

mitted to restoring public

trust and ensuring that

selections within the po-

lice force are conducted

transparently, ethically,

amination scheduled for Sunday. The arrested individual is identified as the ringleader of a sophisticated recruitment fraud syndicate operating in the region. According to police sources, the ac-cused collected large we have no idea who this Shantanu is," he said. Subhash Chandra Ray, the sums from job seekers by falsely promising guar-anteed recruitment into

ates reportedly withheld vital documents—such as mark sheets, certificates, and identity papers—belonging to the candidates. This tactic was used to pressure victims into compliance and prevent them from backing out or re-porting the fraudulent activity. The breakthrough came after police detained a civic volunteer suspected of having links to the scam. Interrogation of the

> News Kaliganj: Nadia District Magistrate Aneesh Dasgupta on Saturday conducted a visit of proposed land for an English Medium school in Kaliganj block, accompanied by Additional District Magistrate (LR) Nripendra Singh, local MLA Alifa Ahmed, senior district officials, and panchayat representatives. They also visited a few project site like sports complex, Musium, Park etc.

it was the inspection of the ministration to halt the plan.

A key highlight of the vis-

ernment-owned land near Debagram Kisan Mandi and formally submitted a proposal for the new location. Acting upon the request, the District Magistrate inspected the site on Saturday.

As part of the day's itin-

erary, the District Magistrate and the team inspected several key sites, including Palashi Sports Complex,Paiasni Museum & Park, Pa lashi Girls' School, Palashi Cottage, Proposed site of Debgram English Medium School.

Officials from the Panchayat Samiti, Block Joint BDO, and Land Department officials were also present during the inspections.

The visit underscores the administration's renewed focus on strengthening education, sports infrastructure, tourism, and public facilities across the Kaliganj

Nadia SIR Form Mix-Up Sparks Tension

News Shantipur: A clerical mixup over SIR (Special Summary Revision) enumeration forms triggered tension on Saturday in Pramadpally under Nabla Gram Panchayat in Nadia's Shantipur after a local resident alleged that an extra form carrying the name of an unknown person was forcibly handed to his

Govinda Ray, a Toto driver and local resident, said his family of five was supposed to receive five enumeration forms. Instead, they were given six, the additional one in the name of a Shantanu Ray, a person the family insists they have never met.
Govinda said the Booth

Level Officer (BLO), Asha Mondal, insisted that the form must be delivered to their home because the father's name mentioned, Subhash Chandra Ray, matched that of Govinda's father. "But

elderly head of the family,

said the incident has caused "social embarrassment" and feared the error could lead to future property or identity complications."I have never seen anyone named Shantanu in my life," he added.

Govinda, who also serves as a BJP BLA-2, said he is treating the matter seriously. "Submitting a wrong form can create problems later. I will not return any form unless I speak to the BDO and get clarity," he said.

Sagarika Das, BJP member of the Panchayat Sami-ti, said such mistakes could lead to legal disputes if not corrected immediately. However, TMC panchayat pradhan Sudip Pramanik downplayed the issue, calling it a simple error". "The administration will rectify it. There is no need to politicise the matter," he said.

The incident has raised questions about the verification process preceding SIR form distribution. Locals have demanded swift administrative intervention, asking whether matching a father's

name alone is enough to

DM, MLA visits land of a proposed English **Medium school and other project sites** fa Ahmed identified the gov-



proposed site for a new English Medium Model School at Debgram, located beside the Kisan Mandi. The project had earlier faced a temporary setback when the first proposed site at Mirabazar Circus Maidan, classified as Waqf property, drew objections from local residents, prompting the ad-

BJP's agenda is clear, "delete and deport": Samik Bhattacharya on TMC's SIR protest

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal BJP President Samik Bhattacharya on Saturday alleged that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has an agenda to include names of deceased individuals and Bangladeshi Muslim infiltrators, including Rohingyas, in the voter list.

Speaking with ANI, Bhattacharya stated that the TMC's goal is to fight elections based on these inclusions, while the BJP's agenda is clear: "delete and deport."

"TMC's agenda is clear - to include the names of those who are no longer in this world in the voter list, to include Bangladeshi Muslim infiltrators, Rohingyas... Mamata Banerjee's agenda is to fight elections on the basis of all these, our agenda is clear 'delete and deport'...," said Samik Bhattacharya.

Bhattacharya's comments come amidst the ongoing political contest between TMC and

BJP over the Special Intensive Revision in West Bengal, with the TMC accusing the BJP of spreading hatred and divisive politics. The issue highlights the ongoing debate over voter list accuracy and allegations of voter manipulation in West Bengal.

Earlier today, the Bharatiya Janata Party formed a national coordination team on the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) across 13 states. The team plans to visit various states, review the ongoing revision process, and flag any discrepancies or problems the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) may be facing nationwide.

Following the announcement by the Election Commission to conduct phase 2 of the SIR of electoral rolls across 13 states. The issue of BLOs' health and safety has also pitted the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) against each other is threatening and intimidating BLOs to advance their

government for Mustara's death. He alleged, "The BJP is trying to profit from the

vote by creating panic in the public mind through SIR."

The local Trinamool leader-

ship protested in front of the

BDO office in Bhatar in pro-

test of the death. The MLA

said that a protest march will

be organized in Bhumshore

village on Sunday. State Min-

ister Aroop Biswas comment-

ed, "I want to know from the

commission how many more

lives will be lost?" Nearly 45

people have committed sui-

cide after trying to complete

2 years of work in 2 months.

"How much more blood will

be shed before the BJP and

the Election Commission to

stop this?" Durgapur West

posed this process from the

beginning. They are the ones

spreading panic. They are scaring the BLOs." "They

are threatening the families

of the deceased. If SIR is im-

plemented properly, it will

actually destroy Trinamool.

They are spreading misinfor-

MLA Laxman Ghorui

"Trinamool has op-

On the other hand, a delegation of 10 Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs met Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar on Friday, objecting to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal and other states across the

During the meeting, the TMC delegation told CEC Kumar that they have "blood on their hands," and submitted a list of 40 people who are dead "because of the SIR process", according to MP Derek

O'Brien. West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has constantly termed the SIR as a procedure to delete eligible voters, whereas the BJP has accused the TMC of protecting ineligible and fake voters living in West Bengal.

and strictly on merit. JSW MG Motor

News Service, Bhubaneswar: Motor India has announced that the MG Windsor has achieved over 50,000 sales in just over a year, becoming India's first electric vehicle (EV) to reach this milestone. This accomplishment highlights the MG Windsor's popularity among customers interested in sustainable mobility, with strong demand reported in both metro and non-metro markets.

Gas cylinder explodes in Naihati, fire spreads; Locals complained firefighters arrived late

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A gas cylinder exploded. A fire broke out. The fire spread to not one but four houses in a row. The fire caused a sensation in Naiha-

ti, North 24 Parganas. A gas cylinder explosion occurred in a house in Naihati on Friday evening. and fire brigade of Naihati The area was shaken by a

loud noise. The fire quickly spread throughout the house. However, the intensity of the fire was so much that it spread to the surrounding houses. The fire spread quickly due to the dense area. Upon receiving the information, the police police station reached the

spot. However, the firefighters had to work hard to bring the fire under control.

There have been no reports of casualties in the fire so far. However, locals have alleged that the fire brigade arrived late even after receiving the information. As a result, the fire spread further. Locals staged protests

around the fire brigade. Later, the police arrived and brought the situation under control. The locals demanded that the administration should provide them with compensation. Although the police brought the situation under control, tension remains in

Special Event in Kolkata Marking 150 Years of 'Vande Mataram' and the Birth Anniversary of Subinay Roy

Following this, the MLA Ali-

Service, News Kolkata: A special programme was held at Sisir Mancha, Kolkata, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram', the iconic song that served as a profound source of inspiration during India's freedom struggle.

On Saturday evening, eminent journalist and writer Bhattacharya highlighted the national and spiritual essence of the song, its historical significance, and its relevance in contemporary

society.

In his address, he also reflected on how 'Vande

Mataram' continues to inspire today's younger generation just as powerfully as it did during the freedom movement.

Following this segment, Anandi Communication Center and Rupsa Literary Magazine jointly observed the 105th birth anniversary of renowned Rabindrasangeet guru and artiste Subinay Roy on the same

On this occasion, a musical narrative titled "Love and Society in Rabindra Sangeet" was presented. The performers included Dr. Surajit Roy, Aditi Gupta, Sheli Biswas

Bhattacharya, Swarnali Pal, Shubhashis Majumdar, Indrani Bhattacharya, and Sudipta Mukhopadhyay.

The script and compilation were prepared by Indrani Bhattacharya, with musical accompaniment by Subrata Mukherjee, Anjan Bandyopadhyay, and Amit Ranjan Roy.

During the event, Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, a distinguished physician, was specially honoured by Anandi Communication Center.

The felicitation recognised his longstanding contribution to the promotion of Bengali language and culture.

Mohammad Bazar MI News Service, Birbhum: With the Spe-

SIR Review Heat:

Anubrata Pulls

Up BLAs at

cial Summary Revision (SIR) exercise nearing its concluding phase across West Bengal, senior Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal on Saturday held a high-intensity organisational review



meeting at Mohammad Bazar. Addressing Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and interacting with Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Anubrata Mondal issued strict directives to ensure that the revision of electoral rolls is conducted with full accuracy and in complete adherence to established guidelines.

As the submission of forms and the digital verification process approach their final leg, Anubrata Mondal—long regarded as one of Birbhum's most influential organisationstrategists—directly

engaged with workers, booth by booth, to assess the progress of SIR activities. Using a microphone to address the gathering, he reminded BLAs of their core responsibilities and the necessity of maintaining absolute procedural discipline. *"No eligible voter's name should be left out. Personal opinions or disputes cannot determine inclusion or exclusion,"* he cautioned, emphasising that neither he nor the BLAs hold any authority to arbitrarily omit names from the rolls. Mondal also firmly advised against allowing local disagreements to influence official duties. *"1 may have a quarrel with someone, but that does not mean their name can be left out. This cannot be done. Everyone must be included as per rules,"* he said, underlining the primacy of neutrality in voter verification. He further instructed BLAs to carefully cross-check SIR records for every booth and maintain close coordination with BLOs responsible for field visits. Anubrata Mondal stressed that all tasks must be completed "properly and within the framework of the rules," signalling the party's focus on preventing administrative lapses during the revision

Teachers Busy With SIR Work, Cook Taking Classes; Guardians Worried

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: The number of teachers are three. All three of them are now working as Booth Level Officers or BLOs. Therefore, all three are absent from the school. In this situation, the children were coming to school for the last few days. They were sitting and going home. The cook is teaching as much as she can. But why don't the teachers come? Teachers are busy with the Special Intensive Řevision of Voter List or SIR. But school is running. So the mid-day meal cook has rolled up

her sleeves and picked up a chalk and duster. But for how long will this continue? Parents are worried.

Education has been on the rise in the past few days at Kusumtala West Free Primary School in Mousuni Island in Namkhana block of South 24 Parganas. Although the number of students is small, the school is the hope of the village. There are three teachers. All three of them are now working as Booth Level Officers or BLOs. So all three are absent from school. In this situation, for the last few days, children

were coming to school. They were going home sitting. The rate of student absence is increasing. That's why the mid-day meal has also been closed for a few days. In this situation, cook Aanshi Mandal is teaching the children. In the words of the old woman, "I am working according to the headmaster's instruction." "He said, 'We can't declare holidays.' On the other hand, sometimes mid day meal cooked, sometimes not. The children come to school and just misbehave. So I'm teaching them with

But for how long will this continue? Will the children not get the opportunity to study properly because they live in remote areas? Parents have raised the ques-

In the words of a guardian named Pratima Mandal, "Even though children go to school, they are not learning. Cook is taking their classes. If this continues, their future is bleak." Karuna Mandal's anger, "The children's final exams are coming up. The teacher has gone to work for SIR. What will happen to the children's education then?"

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ED unearths 'shady' land deals of AL FALAH UNIV

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investigation, we examined all the financial details and found that a forged General Power of Attorney (GPA) was used to sell land in the names of dead owners, and it was ultimately acquired by Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui's Tarbia Education Foundation," said an agency offition," said an agency official. "A probe has also revealed that the land in Khasra No. 792, Madanpur Khadar, was acquired through fraud by Tarbia Education Foundation. The deed records a sale of land in Khasra No. 792 (and related land) in favour of Tarbia Education Foundation for a consideration of ₹75,00,000," he said. The ED has found that the GPA is false and fabricated. "The signatures/thumb impressions of the deceased are forged. The land was transferred based on forged GPA and the ultimate beneficiary is Tarbia Education Foundation, which purchased the land on the basis of forged GPA by the sellers," the official said. The examination of documents has revealed that a man identified as Vined Kumar held. tified as Vinod Kumar held the power of attorney for at least five landowners, who were dead by the time the power of attorney was registered on January 7, 2004, according to the official. "The agency has found that one landowner, Nathu, died on January 1, 1972, followed by Harbans Singh on April 27, 1991; Harkesh on June 12, 1993; Shiv Dayal on January 22, 1998; and Jay Ram on Oc-

ANTI-CONVERSION LAW SC seeks Rajasthan reply

tober 15, 1998.

a legislative overruling of the Supreme Court's 2024 landmark judgment in the case titled "In Re: Directions in the Matter of Demolition of Structures (2024)" by which a bench headed by then Chief Justice B.R. Gavai had declared that no demolition or punitive action can be undertaken without judicial de-termination of guilt. The petitioners had sought a stay on the state anti-conversion laws on the ground that the impugned legislation was being used to target couples involved in inter-religious marriages. The top court had refrained from staying the impugned legislation.

Odisha announces upgraded MAOIST **SURRENDER POLICY**

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of the respective district. Category B Maoists — which includes party members, local guerrilla squad members and divisional committee members — will receive ₹2.5 lakh. The disbursement pattern will follow the same structure as Category A. To further incentivise cadres to surrender with weapons, the state government has fixed specific financial rewards. A cadre surrendering with a light machine gun will receive ₹4.5 lakh, while surrendering an AK-47 or Trichy Assault Rifle will fetch ₹3.3 lakh. Laying down a 2-inch mortar will bring ₹2.75 lakh, an Insas rifle ₹1.65 lakh, and a .303 rifle ₹82,500. Each round of ammunition will fetch ₹55, one kilogram of explosive sub-₹1,100, grenades or gelatine rods ₹550. The rehabilitation package includes housing under the Antyodaya Gruh Yojana, subsidised ration under food schemes and health cards under government programmes. The state will also provide a onetime marriage incentive of ₹25,000. The government has made it clear that surrenderees must meet specific conditions: revealing the identities of their associates, disclosing details of financial networks and supply chains, and confessing their criminal acts.



Citizens and children participated in discussions, songs, poetry, and painting sessions in support of Palestine and condemning violence against women and children, in a programme organized by AIPSO, in Kolkata on Saturday.

KMC to Roll Out Mandatory Online Attendance for Staffs

tempt to bring greater transparency, discipline and accountability to civic administration, the West Bengal government is preparing to introduce a mandatory online attendance system for employees across all municipal bodies in the state. The new system aims to put an end to long-standing complaints about irregular attendance and lax work culture in municipalities — a concern that has often been echoed in public spaces and even popular culture, such as in Nachiketa Chakraborty's famous 1990s song that mocked the casual approach of some government employees. To implement the initiative, the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), functioning under the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, is developing a specialized attendance application. Using this app, every municipal employee from executive officers and engineers to clerical staff and field workers — will be required to mark attendance through geo-tagging, ensuring that they are physically present at their designated office when recording their presence. SUDA has already briefed officers from various municipalities in a recent detailed

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an at-



meeting, outlining the new structure and its operational requirements.

Department officials have confirmed that in order to make the system functional, municipalities must first upload detailed employee information into the app's database. As a result, civic bodies across the state have already begun collecting and digitizing staff data. In several municipalities, the uploading work is progressing swiftly. At present, a handful of municipal bodies such as the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Bidhannagar Municipal Corpo-

ration already operate their own digital attendance systems. However, this marks the first time that a uniform, state-wide online attendance protocol will be introduced, centrally monitored by SUDA.

Once implemented, the system will make it impossible for employees to mark attendance from home or any off-site location. Similarly, adjusting in-and-out timings at will a practice reported from several municipalities over the years — will cease. Numerous civic bodies have faced issues such as employees arriving at arbitrary hours, leaving midway without authorization, or staying absent without proper docu-mentation. The government believes that a real-time, geo-tagged attendance system will act as an effective deterrent to such irregularities. The new application will allow authorities to verify the exact location from which employees check in, reducing the scope for manipulation. Officials also anticipate that the increased transparency will improve administrative efficiency and workflow. According to SUDA, the project is targeted for statewide rollout by December, with training and preparatory work already underway.

CII-Indian Women Network West Bengal

State Minister of Commerce and Industries, Shashi Panja, along with other dignitaries, attended the 5th Leaderpreneurship Annual Conclave organized by CII Indian Women Network (IWN) in Kolkata on Saturday.

City hosts LEADERPRENEURSHIP ANNUAL

MI News Service, Kolkata: CII Indian Women Network (IWN) West Bengal successfully hosted the 5th Leaderpreneurship Annual Conclave, a flagship platform celebrating leadership, entrepreneurship, and women's empowerment.

The event was graced by Dr. Shashi Panja, Minister of Commerce & Industries, Government of West Bengal, as Chief Guest, along with Guests of Honour Swami Sarvapriyananda Maharaj, Revered Monk of the Ramakrishna Order and Minister, Vedanta Society of New York; Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister of West Bengal & Chairman, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC); and R

Venkatesh, Group COO, Narayana

Health. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Panja expressed her appreciation for the platform and reiter-West Bengal's strong commitment to gender empowerment. She emphasized that women in India-and particularly Bengal-have historically demonstrated resilience, leadership, and an ability to rise through challenges despite not always receiving a level playing field.

'Women were omnipresent whether at the forefront or behind the scenes. Their contribution was tremendous, especially in an Indian societal context where achieving success often began from a position of disadvantage,' Dr. Panja said. She highlighted that women's achievements often surpassed expectations because they navigated multiple barriers

while striving for excellence. Dr. Panja also underlined the progressive initiatives of the Government of West Bengal, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, to uplift women and girls across the state. She cited flagship schemes such as Kanyashree, Lakshmir Bhandar, and Rupashree, which gained global recognition for promoting education, financial empowerment, and social security for

Speaking on Lakshmir Bhandar, she noted that the scheme, once questioned by critics, was now widely acknowledged as a transformative model akin to Universal Basic Income (UBI), validated by Nobel laureates including Prof. Amartya Sen and Prof. Abhi-jit Banerjee. "Lakshmir Bhandar was not a dole—it was dignity. It

empowered women, especially homemakers, whose contributions were often unaccounted for," she said. Dr. Panja also addressed the strides made in women-led MSMEs in Bengal, which represented the second-highest number in India. She highlighted the success of micro-enterprises-particularly in handloom, muslin, and small-scale manufacturing—powered by women entrepreneurs who benefitted from accessible credit and government support. The Minister further emphasized the importance of child rights, nutrition, and inclusive growth, noting that Bengal continued to advocate for improved human development indicators while ensuring that social welfare schemes reached the grassroots.

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269 Tainted Candidates Detected in SSC Exam, High Court Seeks Full List by Dec 10

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite the Calcutta High Court's clear directive that no tainted candidates should be allowed to appear for the recruitment examination, names of such candidates have begun to surface after the test was conducted. According to a notification issued by the West Bengal School Service Commission (SSC), as many as 269 candidates with pending allegations or irregularities have now been identified.

The SSC had earlier appealed to all tainted candidates to refrain from appearing for the examination. However, the Commisreportedly faced significant challenges in verifying the identities of these candidates in advance. As a result, several individuals classified as "tainted" managed to sit for the exam. The Commission has now shifted its focus to identifying those who violated the directive. In the notification, it has urged all candidates who knowingly appeared for the exam despite being tainted to immediately inform the authorities. It remains unclear whether all of the 269 candidates cleared the examination. According to sources, only a small number among them managed to pass. Those who did qualify have since been detected

KMC Adds Temporary

Demand Surges Ahead

MI News Service, Kolkata:

With the State-wide SIR

process underway in full

swing and the Assembly

elections approaching, administrative activity has intensified across political

and bureaucratic circles.

At the same time, ordinary

citizens remain deeply en-

gaged in discussions sur-

rounding the SIR — from

questions about which

documents are required to

concerns about whether

all submissions have been

Amid this climate of

heightened scrutiny, the

Kolkata Municipal Corpo-

ration (KMC) is now

preparing to introduce special measures for issu-

ing birth and death certifi-

cates, anticipating a significant rise in demand

during the hearing phase of the SIR process.

Crowds at municipal offices are typically heavy.

However, ever since spec-

ulation began about the

SIR announcement, footfall

at certificate counters has

grown steadily. Senior offi-

cials believe that once the SIR hearings officially commence, the number of

people seeking official cer-tificates will rise several

times over. To prevent de-

lays and manage the ex-

pected rush efficiently, the KMC has initiated advance

preparations. One of the

kev measures being taken

is the deployment of addi-

tional staff across relevant

addressed the issue, ex-

plaining why these steps

are necessary and how the

process will be handled.

He noted that efforts are

being made to streamline

access to both online and

offline services for obtain-

ing certificates. According

to him, while many citi-

zens are now comfortable

with digital services, sev-

eral others still rely on

physical records — partic-

ularly when documents

dating back decades are

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Staff as Certificate

of SIR Hearings

and excluded from further stages of the recruitment process. The SSC has also appealed to the public and stakeholders to report any ineligible candidates who may have infiltrated the ongoing recruitment cycle. The situation has placed the Commission under heightened judicial scrutiny. A bench of Justice Amrita Sinha of the Calcutta High Court has specifically sought details of the candidates who had been appointed after the expiry of the earlier recruitment panel. The bench has further directed the SSC to upload the OMR sheets of the written examination conducted for the current year's recruitment cycle. In addition, the High Court has set a firm deadline for the Commission: the SSC must submit, by 10 December, a comprehensive list of all candidates appointed from the panel that has already lapsed. Failure to comply could invite further judicial

With multiple complications emerging simultaneously — including the issue of tainted candidates, questions surrounding panel validity, and demands for transparency in evaluation records — the SSC now finds itself entangled in a series of administrative and legal challenges.

Calcutta Girls' High School Celebrates 170 Years of Excellence



MI News Service, Kolkata: Calcutta Girls' High School celebrated 170 years of academic excellence and girl empowerment with a grand cultural evening at Princep Memorial Ground, Kolkata. The event highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing confident, socially responsible young women. The evening featured a symbolic dance presentation, followed by the dance drama "The Benediction", celebrating trailblazing women. Principal Biswas emphasized the school's legacy and ongoing mission to empower students. The event concluded with musical performances and the National Anthem, underscoring unity, pride, and the

DELHI BLAST: Court sends 3 doctors & preacher to 10-day JC

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detonated outside the Red Fort, had allegedly bought the vehicle in Ali's name. Wani was arrested after it emerged that Umar had been trying to "brainwash" him into becoming a suicide bomber, officials said. He was not persuaded but is alleged to have agreed to participate as an overground worker for the banned teroutfit Jaish-e-Mohammed. The sophisticated terror module, spearheaded by a group of doctors, had been actively scouting for a

suicide bomber since last year, with Umar being the alleged key planner. Officials said Adeel's interrogation indicated that Umar was a "hardcore radical" who maintained that a suicide bomber was essential for their operations. Following this disclosure, Srinagar Police sent a team to Qazigund in south Kashmir and detained Wani. Wani allegedly admitted during questioning that he had met the "doctor module" in October last year at a mosque in Kulgam, Kashmir, the officials said.

INDIA accelerates defence modernization

forces are a driving force that allows India to deal with its neighbourhood challenges while contributing to regional stability," he said on the concluding day at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue organised by the Indian Army here. Without naming Pakistan and China, Rajnath said: "India lives in a region where challenges emerge in many forms — terrorism, cross-border support to extremist elements, attempts to alter the status quo, maritime pressures and even information warfare." India has long accused Pakistan of using cross-border terrorism as state policy against the country. China has been accused of unilaterally changing the status quo in eastern Ladakh and occupying nearly 1,000sqkm of India-claimed territory since May 2020. "India has always believed in peace and dialogue and we remain committed to that approach. But let me say clearly, when it comes to our sovereignty and the security of our people, we do not compromise," Rajnath said. The country, he said, had become a "voice of balance and responsibility" in the current global environment.

"India's economic growth, technological capabilities, and principled foreign policy have made it a voice of balance and responsibility in the changing global environment, with countries across the Indo-Pacific and the Global South viewing us as a reliable partner," he said. He said reforms were becoming a strategic necessity rather than a choice as they strengthened the adaptability of institutions, enhanced the agility of the armed forces, and gave the nation the confidence to shape its own destiny.



Name Change

I, Alok Bhattacharyya (old name) sor of Late Benimadhav Bhattacharyya, residing at FLAT- J/18/1002, SP. SUKHOBRISTI, AA-III, NEW TOWN RAJARHAT, PIN-700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my nam and shall henceforth be known as Alok Kanti Bhattacharyya (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 28/11/2025. Alok Kanti Bhattacharyya and Alok Bhattacharyya both are same and identical person

Name Change

Biswajit Pal (old name) son o Kamini Kumar Paul, residing at 141/1 South Sinthee Road, Sinthee, Kolkata- 700050, West Benga India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biswajit Paul (new name), as de clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 28/11/2025. Biswajit Paul and Biswajit Pal both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sk Rafique (old name), S/o. Sk Abdul Ali, R/o. Niala, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sk Rafique to Shaikh Rafik and henceforth I shall be known as Shaikh Rafik in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 50 sworn before S.D.E.M., Sadar, Hooghly Court on 20/11/2025. I, Sk Rafique & Shaikh Rafik S/o. Sk Abdul Ali both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Binod keshari S/0 Bijay Keshar residing at 172, Rabindra Sarani P.S. Jorasanko, District- Kolkata West Bengal, Kolkata- 700007 have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Kumar Keshari as declared before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Ali pore Court District Kolkata West Bengal vide Affidavit No. 19237 Dated- 28-11-2025 Binod keshar and Binod Kumar Keshari both are same and identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I. Ekta Jaipuria W/o Keshav Jaipuria and No Nathu Prasad Jalan alias Nathmal Pd. Jalan residing at Swagat Garden, Flat No. 4/8 Block-B, Chawal Patty, Baguiati, P.O. Deshbandhu Nagar, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700059 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my Father is known, called and recognised as **Nathu Prasad Jalan** alias Nathmal Pd. Jalan. That due to som nadvertence clerical error my Father's nar has been incorrectly recorded as Nathma Pd. Jalan in my Educational documents an my Passport. That Nathu Prasad Jalan and Nathmal Pd. Jalan both are the same and one identical person indicating my Father's name only vide affidavit no. 1832 dated 28-11-2025 sworn before the Ld. 1st Class idicial Magistrate, Calcutta

Shiviee Sahani, S/o Fekan Sahani R/o-79, Rabindra Sarani, P.O. & P.S. iluah, Dist-Howrah, 711204, W.B. sha be known as Shivji Sahani, changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Howral Court. affidavit (No.15536/25) Dated: 19.09.2025. Shivjee Sahani & Shivji ahani is the same & identical person.

I, Urmila Devi Sahani, W/o Shivji Sahani, R/o-79, Rabindra Sarani, P.S.-Liluah, Dist- Howrah, 711204, W.B. shall be known as Urmila Devi, changed vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Howrah Court, affidavit (No.15895/25) Dated: 19.09.2025. Urmila Devi Sahani & Urmila Devi is the same & identical person.

Name Change

I, Smt Malati Adhikari, W/O Late Sudhanshu Adhikary, my son's name Subho Adhikary, residing at Village-Ruiya Paschim Para, P.O.- Patulia, P.S.-Rahara, District- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700119, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my husband's name is Sudhanshu Adhikari s/o Late Bilas Chandra Adhikari recorded in his Death Certificate (Registration No. PGP 157/2021) issued by Patulia Gram Panchayat, Barrackpore || Dev Block North 24 Parganas. That my sor Subho Adhikary S/O Sudhanshu Adhikary and Subho Adhikary S/O Sud-hanshu Adhikari is the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit (SL No. 1304) sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore dated 04/11/2025.

Name Change

Irfan Ali S/O Mohammad Sakur Alias Mohammad Safur (Old Name) Residing At 10/17, Old Line, P.O. & P.S. Kamarhati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700058, West Bengal India, Have Changed The Name Of My Father From Mohammad Sakur Alias Mohammad Safur (Old Name) To Md Sakur (New Name) Vide An Af fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Pub-Declare That Mohammad Sakur Alias Md Sakur (New Name) Refer To One And The Same Person.

Name Change

, SURJYA KUMAR GHOSH S/o INDRA KUMAR GHOSH (Old Name), resident of Naktala, P.O.- Naktala, P.S.- Netaji nagar, Kolkata-700047, West Bengal India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SURYA fore The Court of the LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 08/11/2025. SURYA GHOSH (New name) and SURJYA KUMAR GHOSH (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I Bimalendu Maity s/o Lt Himansh Shekhar Maity. Address Nagendrapur, Raidighi, south 24paragana WB.My Father actual name Himanshu shekhar Maity and my Father nickname sitanshu Shekhar Maity. By an affidavit(77210)in the court of Ld First Class judicial magistrate At Alipur on 29/10/2025 that Hi-manshu shekhar Maity and sitanshu Shekhar Maity is the same and one identical person.

Delhi incident highlights urgent need for Bio-preparedness

MI News Service, New Delhi: In the wake of recent Delhi blasts and growing concerns over unconventional threats, experts and security analysts are increasingly warning of the potential danger posed by biological sabotage in India. Analysts point to past official reports and ongoing assessments that highlight both vulnerabilities and the urgent need for strategic preparedness. Two critical documents

underscore the severity of the threat. The first is the Subrahmanyam Committee report of 2001, compiled after the Kargil conflict. The report highlighted that India faces threats not only from abroad but also from domestic actors capable of executing complex sabotage operations. A key observation of the report was the lack of coordination among security agencies, which hampers timely intelligence-sharing rapid response. The Committee made 32 recommendations aimed at overhauling the nation's security architecture to counter such threats. The second set of recommendations comes from the Indian Army's New Age Warfare Group, which focuses on emerging threats, including biological at-



tacks. The group emphasizes that modern conflict can no longer be viewed solely through conventional warfare paradigms. According to sources, late Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat had repeatedly stressed that biological threats must be incorporated into national defense planning, and proactive preparations are essential to mitigate such risks. Current assessments suggest that India remains largely unprepared for large-scale biological attacks. Most states lack rodetection containment mechanisms, and the speed at which biological hazards can spread poses a challenge to emergency response teams. Experts note that early containment and neutralization of threats is the most effective line of defense, particularly in urban settings where population density accelerates

risk. While the probability of such attacks in open or traditional settings remains low, experts caution that certain hazards ranging from targeted food contamination to deliberate pathogen release could have devastating consequences if left unaddressed. Analysts argue that systematic planning, inter-agency coordination, public awareness campaigns are essential to build a comprehensive shield against biological sabotage. As India navigates an era of new-age threats, the call from security specialists is clear: preparation cannot wait. Revisiting past recommendations, strengthening intelligence-sharing frameworks, and developing rapid-response capabilities are critical steps in safeguarding public health and national security against potential biological

Plastic Threatens Jaldapara Wildlife

MI News Service, Alipurduar: Environmentalists and forest officials have raised alarms after large amounts of plastic waste and garbage were discovered in the core area of Jaldapara National Park, posing a direct threat to wildlife and the ecological balance of the protected area. The Jaldapara Divisional Forest Officer, Praveen Kaswan, recently shared images on social media showing food wrappers, plastic packets, and other refuse scattered along the riverbanks in the park's core zone. In his post, Kaswan warned that ingestion of plastic by wild animals-including elephants, rhinos, and other species—can result in severe physical harm

Name Change

, Barjahan Shaikh (old name) S/o, Mujit Sekh, resident of Vill. & P.O. -

Chandi, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist. - South 24 Parganas, Pin -743503, West

Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be

known as Bar Jahan Sekh (new name), as declared Before The No-

tary Public at ALIPORE 24 PGS (S), vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025.

are same and one identical person.

Name Change

ALI SEKH. resident of Vill. & P.O. -

hak Enavetnagar, P.S. - Bishnupur

Dist. - South 24 Parganas, Pin -743503, West Bengal, India, have

changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Saifulla Sekh (new

name), as declared Before The No-

tary Public at ALIPORE 24 PGS (S),

vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025.

Saifulla Sekh (new name) and Sai-

fulla Sk (old name) both are same

and one identical person.

Saifulla Sk (old name) S/o, KHATIB

and long-term ecological consequences. Similar waste accumulation has been reported on roads adjacent to the Buxa Tiger Project forest in Alipurduar district. Tourists and locals have been observed leaving food wrappers, glass bottles, and other litter on roadside areas, creating health hazards and disrupting wildlife movement. Piles of waste not only pollute the environment but also emit foul odors, which may further disturb animals and increase human-wildlife conflict. In response, the forest department has launched a "Plastic-Free Jaldapara" campaign aimed at restoring the park's natural beauty and mitigating the risks to wildlife.

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I, Avijit Kumar Basu (old name) son of Late Amulva Kumar Bose, residing at FLAT NO 4A, PRANTIK APARTMENT, 04 JESSORE ROAD AMAR PALLY SOUTH DUM DUM, NORTH 24 PAR-GANAS, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700074 India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aviji Kumar Bose (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 28/11/2025. Avi-

Name Change

Sufiva Bibi (old name) W/o, Barhan Sk. resident of Vill. & P.O. Chandi, P.S. - Bishnupur, Dist. outh 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503 West Bengal, India, have changed ny name and shall henceforth be known as Supiva Bibi (new name). is declared Before The Notary Public at ALIPORE 24 PGS (S), vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025. Supiya Bibi (new name) and Sufiva Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Bazlur Rahaman Tarafdar (old ame) son of Late Fazlur Rahaman Tarafder, residing at Vill- & P.o. Sangrampur, P.s. - Basirhat, Distric-Jorth 24 Parganas, Pin- 743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be as Bazlur Rahaman Tarafder (new name), as declared pefore the Notary Public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 28/11/2025. Bazlur Rahaman Tarafder and Bazlur Rahaman Tarafdar both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Parag Das S/O Late Amit Kumar Das, residing at 13-6B, Atri Green Valley, Dwarir Road, Rajpur, Sonarpur, Baruipur, Pin- 700151, West Bengal, India, declared that my father Amit Das (father old ame), I have changed his name and he shall henceforth be known as Amit Kumar Das (father new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 28/11/2025. Amit Kumar Das and Amit Das both are same and one identical person (my father).

Name Change

I, Archana Bhattacharyya (old name) wife of Alok Kanti Bhatacharyya, residing at FLAT-l/18/1002, SP. SUKHOBRISTI, AA-III, NEW TOWN, RAJARHAT, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700135, India, have hanged my name and shall henceforth be known as Archana Bhattacharjee (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 28/11/2025. Archana Bhattacharjee and Archana Bhattacharjee and Archana Bhattacharyya both are same and identical person.

At 20 Nakuleswartala Ln Kolkata, Kolkata-700026, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jhumpa Paul (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/11/2025. Jhumpa Nath(Paul) (Old Name) And Jhumpa Bar Jahan Sekh (new name) and Barjahan Shaikh (old name) both Paul (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person. Name Change

Name Change

I, Jhumpa Nath(Paul) (Old Name), Wife Of Sambhu Nath Paul, Residing

jit Kumar Bose and Avijit Kumar Basu both are same and identical person.

Name Change Anjura Bibi Mallick (old name) N/o Kutub Ali Mallick resident of Vill.- Saphkhali, P.O. & P.S. – Bish nupur, Dist. - South 24 Parganas Pin - 743503, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall hence orth be known as Islahun Mallick New Name) vide an affidavit sworn efore The Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class) at Alipore on 10/11/2025. slahun Mallick and Anjura Bibi Mallick both are the same and one

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dentical person.

Moniruddin Sk (old name) S/o, Abdul Matin Sk. resident of Vill. & P.O. - Gandhabaduli, P.S. - Bishnupur, Dist. South 24 Parganas, Pin 43503, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be nown as Mobarak Hossain Sk (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn Before The Notary Public at ALIPORE, 24-PGS (S) on 28/11/2025. Mobarak Hossain Sk and Moniruddin Sk both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Fatema & Fatema Membersaheb (old names) daughter of Late Fakhruddin, residing at Ward No-22,Najampura,P.O.- Mandsaur, Dist.-Mandsaur, M.P., Pin- 458001, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Fatema Kutbuddin (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, an affidavit No 31 dated 28/11/2025.Fatema Kutbuddin and Fatema & Fatema Membersaheb all are same and identical person.

Name Change

Kutbuddin & Qutubuddin Membersaheb (old names) son of Late Rajab Ali, residing at 45K, Delhi Darwaja Najampura, P.O.- Mand-saur, Dist.- Mandsaur, M.P, Pin-458001, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kutubuddin Rajab Ali Bohara (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit Sl No 30 dated 28/11/2025. Kutubuddin Rajab Ali Bohara and Kutbuddin & Qutubuddin Membersaheb all are same and identical person.

Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday delivered a significant ruling, emphasizing that the consensual breakdown of a personal relationship cannot be construed as a rape. A division bench comprising Justices BV Nagaratna and R. Mahadevan dismissed a rape complaint filed against a lawyer in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.

The case originated during a divorce proceeding in which the lawyer had represented a female client. Ac-

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I, Md Nazir (Old Name), Son Of Shahidur Rahaman, Residing At 2/B,Flat - 2, Damzen 2nd Lane, Po hittaranjan Avenue, Ps - Bowbazar, Kolkata - 700073, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Nazir Ahmed New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025. Md Nazir And Md Nazir Ahmed Both Are The Sam And One Identical Person.

Md Ranglal Molla (Old Name) Son Of Paran Molla, Residing At 14 Nawapara, Sonapukur, Haroa, Nawapara, Sonapukur, Haroa, North24parganas- 743502, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ranglal Molla Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/11/2025.Md Ranglal Molla (Old Name) And Ranglal Molla (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Name), Son Of Abu Sufivan, Residing At 30/1b/H/1/1 Ekbalpore Lane, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Badruzzaman (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/11/2025 Mohammed Badruzzaman (Old Name) And Md Badruzzaman (New Name) Both Are The Same And One

SC Dismisses Rape Case Over Consensual Affair



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Mohammed Badruzzaman (Old

with her on the promise of marriage, including claims of multiple pregnancies and abortions, and that he had failed to fulfill his alleged commitment. The lawyer, however, contended that the allegations were vindictive and financially motivated, pointing to a disputed sum of Rs 1.5 lakh, which the complainant had demanded and he had refused to pay. After reviewing the evidence, the Supreme Court observed that the physical relationship appeared to have been mutually consensual and did not constitute sexual harassment or coercion. The bench noted that intimacy arising from consent and affection, without evidence of fraud or force, cannot be criminalized simply because the relationship ends. "The dissolution of a relationship, however personal or painful, cannot in itself form the basis of a criminal rape case," the court emphasized, highlighting the need to distinguish between consensual intimacy and criminal conduct. The ruling has drawn attention for its broader implications, reinforcing that consent-based relationships—even if terminated without marriage—do not automatically constitute a crime, and that allegations must be supported by clear evidence of coercion or deception. Legal experts have described the decision as a landmark clarification on the intersection of consent. personal relationships, and criminal law, underscoring the principle that private, consensual relations cannot be penalized merely because they do not culminate in marriage.

Large Scale Mock Exercise at Gopinathpur Nilgiri Station Yard

Accident Relief Medical Equipment (ARME), Accident Relief Train (ART), and Crane were ordered Kharagpur and rushed immediately towards the site to start relief work as soon as possible. Lalit Mohan Pandey, Divisional Railway Manager Kharagpur, and other officers also reached the accident site immediately.

At first the rescue teams of NDRF &Railways entered the derailed coach and started their evacuation process. First aid was

given inside the coaches to passengers wherever possible.ART and NDRF teams adopted cutting methods to make way to evacuate pas-Medical team main-

tained list of injured passengers with condition of injuries, and details of Hospitals where they were sent for further treatment, a slip of name and details of patient was provided in the pocket of each and every injured passenger for their identification, at the time of giving first aid or while sending to hospital.

The Disaster Response Team was headed by Sr. DSO/KGP Sudhir Kumar. Teams from Commercial, S&T, Operating, Mechanical, Medical, Engineering, Personnel, Accounts, RPF, Civil Defence, Electrical, Safety and NDRF participated in this drive. The group demonstrated their skills on protection of lives and belongings during such disaster situations. Around 40 members of NDRF, 140 RPF staff, 37 members of Scouts& Guides, 51 members of the medical team, 11 members of the St. Jhon's Ambulance service and staff from various departments took part in the rescue drive.

Enquiry cum May I help You booth, First Aid booths, Ex-Gratia payment booths were made at the location. Helpdesks were also immediately opened at all major stations in the division. After the completion of the whole Exercise, DRM Kharagpur declared the actions as a mock Exercise.

Regulation Of Trains For Mainte-Scooty Skid Turns Fatal at Baneshwar Intersection nance Work At Sealdah Division vived but was left shattered

MI News Service, Siliguri: A tragic road accident claimed the life of a tenyear-old boy on Saturday morning at the Baneshwar intersection of the Siliguri Eastern Bypass, once again drawing attention to serious road-safety lapses in the city. The victim, Yash Vardhan Prasad, a student of a private school in Siliguri, was riding home on the back of his mother's scooty when the two-wheeler suddenly skidded on the road. Both mother and child were thrown onto the carriageway, and in a devastating turn of events, a truck approaching from behind ran over Yash. He was immediately rushed to the Siliguri District Hospital, where doctors declared him dead

MI News Service, Kolkata,

29 Nov.25: To make itself

fully prepared to deal with

any emergent situation, a

large-scale mock Exercise

was jointly conducted today

by The Railways andThe

National Disaster Response

Force (NDRF) team from

Mundali, Cuttack, Odisha.

State government officials

were also present during

the joint exercise. Civil au-

thorities from fire services,

State Police, Civil Defence,

Scouts and Guides, Medical

& St. Jhon's Ambulance

staff also took part in the

created at Baleshwar,

Gopinathpur Nilgiri Yard of

Kharagpur Division, where

derailment has been

staged. Information was re-

layed to Railway Control

Office that two Coaches of

train no. 00026 (HWH-

GPNB UP Passenger Spe-

cial) had derailed at

Nilgiri Yard at around

07.40 am resulting in

major injury to passengers.

The hooter was set on at

07.41 am at Kharagpur.

Gopinathpur

An accident site was

rescue exercise.

Baleshwar

after witnessing the horrific moment unfold. Eyewitnesses described the aftermath as chaotic, with traffic coming to an abrupt halt and bystanders rushing forward in shock. Police personnel from the Ashigad outpost arrived quickly, seized the truck involved, and have initiated a detailed investigation into the cause of the accident. Many questioned the condition of the road and the speed of vehicles passing through the busy intersection.

local, 31450 Naihati – Sealdah local. **Short termination / Short origination:** 31542 Shantipur – Sealdah local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 01.12.2025, 31511 Sealdah - Shantipur local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 02.12.2025. 33858 Bangaon – Sealdah local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantonment on 01.12.2025. 33815 Sealdah - Bangaon local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantonment on 02.12.2025. Rescheduling of Train : 53171 Sealdah - Lalgola passenger will leave Sealdah at 04:15 hrs. instead of 03:45 hrs. on 02.12.2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 Nov.25: Due to maintenance

work, 225 minutes (from 23:45 hrs. of 01.12.2025 to 03:30

hrs. of 02.12.2025) Traffic & Power Block on line no. 05 of

Bridge no. 01 between Sealdah & Bidhan Nagar Road sta-

tions has been planned. Consequently, following arrange-

ments in train running have been made as under: Cancellation of train on 01.12.2025: 31447 Sealdah – Naihati

RPF Rescues Eight Minor Children Under "Operation Nanhe Fariste"

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 Nov.25 : Eastern Railway continues its sustained efforts to ensure the safety and protection of vulnerable children travelling or found in distress across its network. As part of this commitment, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) regularly undertakes rescue operations under the nationwide initiative

"Operation Nanhe Fariste," aimed at safeguarding minors and preventing trafficking, child labour, and other forms of

exploitation. On 28.11.2025, RPF personnel of Howrah, Sealdah, and Asansol Divisions successfully rescued eight minor children—

six boys and two girls—from Howrah,

Pakur, Kolkata, Jasidih, Asansol, and

Dumka railway stations, as well as from onboard running trains. All the rescued

children were safely handed over to the concerned Child Help Line for counselling and further necessary action. The rescued children included a boy found roaming aimlessly at Dumka

Railway Station, a girl travelling alone without proper guidance onboard Train No. 13186 DN

(Ganga Sagar Express), and a boy who had mistakenly boarded a Kolkata-bound train instead of travelling to Pakur. Another boy who had fled home intending to visit Kolkata was also rescued. Additionally, four minors who had left their homes after being scolded by their guardians were traced and rescued from various stations.

State-Of-The-Art Upgradation Plan In Blue Line Of Metro Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 Nov.25: Metro Railway Kolkata is India's first and Asia's fifth Metro Railway network. It was built and commissioned with stateof-the-art technology then available in 70s. Whenever and whatever technological upgrades, automations have evolved the same has been continuously incorporated in Metro Railway Kolkata in Blue Line and in all other new Corridors.

For ensuring improved reliability and passenger safety in Metro Railway Kolkata, as a part of its futuristic plan, Building Management System (BMS) is being implemented at each station of

Blue Line to facilitate centralized control of all systems, including platform AC, tunnel ventilation, lifts, escalators and sump pumps. This initiative will pave the way for remote monitoring and control of all electrical assets and temperatures from the central location of Metro Rail Bhavan. According to this plan,

five stations each will be grouped together as a cluster and all the assets of such cluster of stations (five each) will be monitored from one monitoring centre located at a particular station among these five stations. Activities of all such monitoring centres will finally be supervised/controlled on real time basis from the Metro Rail Bhavan Control Room.

The ambient temperature of stations will be controlled at the desired level automatically without any human intervention and any rising temperature either in the tunnel or in the platform will be communicated to the control automatically with a buzzer sound. Whenever there will be a rise in temperature in the tunnel or rise in sub-soil temperature or fire in the tunnel or congestion of train inside the tunnel then automatically ventilation fan will start to operate on its own.

Women Holiday Camp - 2025 **Organised by East Coast Railway**

Bhubaneswar, 29 Nov.25: The Women Holiday Camp - 2025, organised under the Staff Benefit Fund (SBF) of East Coast Railway, was ceremonially flagged off today by the Hon'ble General Manager, East Coast Railway, at the ECoR Headquarters.

A total of 72 women employees working across various departments at the Headquarters are participating in this three-day tour programme, scheduled from 30 November 2025 to 2 December 2025. The camp aims to promote recreation, wellness and mutual bonding among women staff. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the General Manager highlighted the importance employee welfare schemes and expressed East Coast Railway's strong commitment towards the wellbeing, empowerment and safety of women employees. He stated that welfare initiatives such as holiday camps. training programmes and personal development activities are essential for maintaining a healthy work environment and ensuring work-life balance. He appreciated the active participation of women employees and encouraged them to take full advantage of such

During the tour, the group will explore scenic and culturally significant

enriching opportunities.

destinations in the Koraput region, including:
• Deomali Hills – the highest

peak in Odisha

• Gupteswar Temple – an ancient sacred pilgrimage site • Duduma Waterfall – a major natural attraction in the Eastern Ghats

East Coast Railway continues to implement various employee-centric initiatives. reaffirming its commitment to enhancing welfare and strengthening support systems for its women workforce.

CPI-M demands Election Commission stop "flawed" SIR process

urday reiterated its strong opposition to the manner in which the Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls is being carried out across the country, demanding a halt to the process, which they believed is "being conducted in a tearing hurry and poorly planned man-

CPI(M) in a statement said that the entire exercise is being conducted in a tearing hurry and poorly planned manner. "Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have

Narcotics wing busts MD drug manufacturing unit in Neemuch, 3 held

MI News Service, Indore: The Madhya Pradesh Narcotics Wing has busted an illegal MD drug manufacturing unit in Neemuch district, arresting three individuals and seizing 2.7 kg of MD drugs and other raw materials used in preparation from the spot, an officer said on

The manufacturing unit was located in a farm field in Lasudiya Istmurar village under Rampura police station in Neemuch district. Acting on a tip from an informer, the Narcotic Wing conducted a raid on Friday and confiscated the narcotic substance valued at over Rs 30 crore in the international market.

DIG Narcotics Mahesh Chandra Jain told ANI, "For several days, we received information that one Niranjan Banjara (32), a resident of Khedi village in Neemuch, was manufacturing MD drugs. Taking the input seriously, a local intelligence network in the village was activated to gather information about Niranjan. For the past two months, movement of Niranjan was reported in a Lasudiya Istmurar village, following which the informer network in that village was also activated and his activities were closely monitored.'

"Yesterday morning (November 28), the Narcotics wing received input from an informer that Niranjan would manufacture MD drugs during the night. Acting on it, teams from the Narcotics Wing of Indore and Neemuch reached the location and raided a room built in the farm fields of Lasudiya Istmurar village. After which, the recovered 2.7 Kg of prepared MD drug, 16 kilograms of MD drug in liquid form which was being dried, and about 70 kilograms of chemicals and other substances used for manutacturing MD drug from the spot," Jain said.

He further said that three accused, identified as Niranjan Banjara (32), Arjun Banjara (30) and Ramesh Banjara (27), were arrested from the spot. The international market value of the seized narcotic substances is esti-

mated to be over Rs 30 crore. The accused have been taken into police remand and are being further interrogated to know about their supply chain and the source of the chemicals used in the manufacturing process, the officer added.

UP woman found dead in Chandigarh's Rose Garden, says police

News Chandigarh: A woman hailing from Uttar Pradesh was found dead in a public toilet in Chandigarh's Rose Garden, police said on Šaturday.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dalbir Singh told reporters that the picture will be clear after the investigation is completed.

...We cannot say much at this point. We can elaborate after the investigation. The deceased woman has been identified. She belonged to UP...We have recovered a knife from the scene of the crime...'

Police have taken the body to the Sector 16 hospital mortuary for a postmortem examination. Police and forensic teams are at the

MI News Service, Mussoorie:

Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh on Saturday called

upon the young civil servants

to understand their crucial

role in safeguarding national

interests and, like the brave

soldiers, always stay ready for

such critical situations, as per

a release by the Ministry of De-

Delhi: The CPI(M) on Sat- deadlines to complete the an irresponsible and inhudoor-to-door verification. man administrative pro-This haste has led to com- cess." CPI(M) added plaints in several places of BLOs camping in some Party offices and asking voters to visit them. All these will clusion and errors," they

> "The immense pressure that has befallen the BLOs has already claimed many lives. They are working under crushing workloads, without adequate rest or safeguards. These are not accidental casualties - they

said in the statement.

CPI(M) further added that it is also shocking that the Election Commission is not using its own dupliinevitably lead to mass ex- cate-voter detection software, a tool specifically created to ensure accuracy and reduce manual burdens. This raises serious concerns about the real intent and purpose behind the current revision.

This is compounded by the fact that both BLOs and ordinary voters who want

Indian Navy helicopter from INS Vikrant sorties in the cyclone-affected areas for rescue operations in Sri Lanka.

MI News Service, New tremely heavy rain at isolated

rai,

Delhi: Air India on Satur-

day issued a travel advisory

on the possible disruption in

flight operations due to heavy

rain and strong winds result-

Air India requested the

travellers to check the status

of their flights before heading

to the airport. The airlines

also advised people to con-

tact their call assistance for

In a post on X, Air India stated, "Heavy rain and

strong winds resulting from

Cyclone Ditwah may impact

our flights operating to and

from Chennai and some other

"You are requested to

check the status of your

flights here https://airindia.

com/in/en/manage/flight-sta-

tus.html before proceeding

to the airport. For any as-

sistance, please contact our

69329333 / 011-69329999,"

(IMD) has issued a red alert

in parts of Tamil Nadu and

Puducherry as Cyclone Dit-

wah approaches closer to the

IMD warned of heavy to

they added.

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24x7 Call Centre at 011-

cities in southern India.

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ing from Cyclone Ditwah

Air India issues travel advisory for Cyclone Ditwah

spots, likely over Cuddalore,

Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthu-

galpattu districts, and the

Puducherry-Karaikal region.

clone Ditwah is likely to move

and will approach the North

Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and

South Andhra Pradesh coasts

The cyclone will come

within 25 km of the Tamil

Nadu and Puducherry coasts

The cyclone will down-

IMD scientist DR Pat-

tnaik said, "As per the last

update around 11.30 am-

12 pm, Cyclone Ditwah lies

about 350 km south of Chen-

nai. It is gradually heading

north-northwest. It is above

the Southwest Bay of Bengal

and near Sri Lanka. With a

speed of 10 kmph, it is head-

a warning of 70-80 kmph

gusting, and it will maintain

that. On the morning of 1st

December, it will downgrade

from the classification of cy-

grade from the classification

of cyclonic storm on Monday

on Sunday evening.

North-Northwest

by tomorrow.

morning.

Meanwhile, the India Me- ing in a north-northwest

Department direction...We have issued

clonic storm."

IMD has stated that Cy-

Villuppuram, Chen-

encing issues with internet connectivity, unstable servers, and repeated technical failures. For many - especially for marginalised sections and in rural areas - uploading a simple form has become an ordeal, effectively creating new barriers to voter inclusion.

The Polit Bureau CPI(M) demanded that the Election Commission immediately halt this flawed process and stop the disenfranchisement of a large number of people.

The Election Commission

second phase of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls across 12 states and Union Territories, with the final voter list scheduled to be published on February 7, 2026.

The first phase of SIR was completed in Bihar in September ahead of the Assembly elections. The exercise covers Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

"We are fully prepared": **Additional DCP Vineet Kumar on security** arrangements in Delhi MCD by-polls

News Service, New Delhi: Ahead of the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi by-elections, Additional DCP Vineet Kumar on Saturday said the administration is fully prepared and informed that approximately 250 personnel will oversee security during the election process.

Kumar said that drones will also be used everywhere, and an outer force has been provided for the strong room and EVM

security. "The State Election Commission announced the by-polls on the 30th... We are fully prepared... Approximately 250 personnel will oversee security during this election process. Drones will also be used everywhere... We have already been provided outer force for the strong room and EVM security,"

DCP Vineet Kumar told ANI. Meanwhile, Aam Aadmi Party



leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said their leader, Arvind Kejriwal, has asked the workers to contest the elections and expressed that there is a lot of enthusiasm among them.

"The AAP and our leader Arvind Kejriwal have decided that the party workers contest the elections... Because of this, all the workers of Delhi are enthusiastic," Saurabh Bharadwaj told ANI.

The State Election Commission, NCT of Delhi, has initiated comprehensive transportation arrangements to ensure the smooth and timely movement of polling personnel, security forces, and voters for the bye-elections to 12 wards of the Muni ipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), said the release.

The polling will be held on November 30 (Sunday), while counting is scheduled for December 3 (Wednesday). In preparation for these crucial electoral events, the Commission has coordinated with the transport department to facilitate early and hassle-free travel across the city.

As per the release, Delhi Metro services will support the efficient deployment of polling teams and ensure voters' convenience; special DTC bus services will begin operating from 03:00 AM on both polling and counting days. These services will cover 35 designated routes across Delhi, ensuring widespread accessibility to polling stations and election-related destinations.

আমমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ১)সে লৎফর রহমান মন্ডল, ১)সেখ উলফৎ রহমা মুভল উভয়ের পিতা মরহুম সেখ ফজলুর রহুমা ওরফে ফজলে রহমান মন্ডল ওরফে ফজ ওরকে বভালে রহমান মন্তল ওরকে বভাল মন্তল, সাকিম নারায়ন পাড়া, সুগন্ধ্যা, পোলবা হগলী, মহাশন্ধ্যমহাশয়াগণ বিগত ই ২৯/০৬/২০০৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চুচুড়া হগলী, অফিসে রেজিব্রীকৃত IV-23/2005 ন আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মুলে আমার মক্কেল সেং আজিফার রহমান মন্ডল, পিতা মরহম সেং আজিফার রহমান মন্তল, পিতা মরহম সেখ
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স্বামী ধস্টোতম প্রামানিক ১)শ্রী রাজেশ কোবালা দালা মুলে ১) প্রামাতা গুড়ুমা প্রামানিক, ২) প্রী রাজ্যেশ প্রামানিক, ২) প্রী রাজ্যেশ প্রামানিক, জিতা খগৌতম প্রামানিক, উভয়ের সাকিম গোটু, সুগন্ধ্যা, পোলবা, হুগলী মহাশয়/মহাশয়াকে ০২ কাঠা ৪২ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করেন। তা<u>দী</u>ল- জেলা হুগলী, খান পোলবা, মৌজা গোটু, ৬৩ নং জে এল ভুজ হুল বেলালা, মোজা গোচ্নু ৬৬ নং জে.এল ডুঞ্জ, থল এল আর. ৯০০, ১৪১৬/২, ১৯৬/২, ৯৪/২ ও ৯৫৫/২ নং খতিয়ানে, আর.এস. তথা হাল এল.আর. ৫১৮৩ নং দাগে কলাবাগান সম্পত্তি যোল আনায় ৫৫ শতক মধ্যে ০২ কাঠা ৪২ বর্গফুট ম্পিত্তি অত্র দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা ও স্বয় ক্ষমতা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে ১)শ্রীমতী অষ্ঠ্মী প্রামানিক স্বামী ৺গৌত ধামানিক, ২)শ্রী রাজেশ প্রামানিক, পিত পৌতুম প্রামানিক, তাহাদের উক্ত খরিদা সুস্পতি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আূর.ও পোল্বা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিস আবেদন করিয়াছেন। ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগ আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি নানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে

ব্যা ২২৫৭। ইতি- মীর মহঃ কলিমুদ্দিন (উকিলবাবু) জেলা জজ আদালত চুঁচুড়া, হগল

Saying such absurd things to hog limelight": BJP's Rakesh Tripathi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Bharatiya Janata Party leader Rakesh Tripathi on Saturday criticised Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani's speech, calling it absurd and potentially contempt of

Speaking with ANI, Tripathi urged the Supreme Court to take action, alleging Madani instigated people against the country. Tripathi distanced Madani's views from the community, labelling him an enemy.

Tripathi said, "Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind is not relevant anymore. He is saying such absurd things to hog the limelight. The kinds of things he has said against the Supreme Court should be considered contempt of court.

NOTICE Notice is hereby given to all concerned persons that original Deed of Sale being no. 00903 of 2009 duly registered in the office of A.D.S.R., Barrackpore in respect of the property situated under Mouza Muraganchha, Dag No. 433 had been lost from the custody

of Sajirhat Branch, Union Bank of India and a G.D.E. No. 2011 has also been lodged against such loss of the Said Deed of Sale in the local P.S. at New Barrackpore on 28.11.2025. If any person/s having any right, interest & claim against the said property as mentioned above, he/ property as mentioned above, ne/ she/they may lodge such claim to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication else thereafter the same shall be treat-ed as non-claimable and no further

claim against the property shall be entertained.
S.D. Talukdar,

Advocate M: 8478938260

The Supreme Court should People who analyse 'jihad like this are enemies of the community. The community should identify such peo-

tive of a "criminal nature."

it is India," he told reporters.

The Supreme Court should take suo motu cognisance of such people and take strict action against them. He is instigating people to wage a war against this country. People who analyse 'iihad'

BJP MP Manoj Tiwari called the statements reflec-

"Someone giving such threats can only be a person of criminal nature... If there is any place in the world where our brothers and sisters of the Muslim community are safest and facilitated, Deed Lost

I, Tanmoy Dhara, S/o Suchitra Dhara, Residing at 95 Q Road Monshatala, Howrah-711105. I have lost my house Original deed at Kadamtala Bazar Area on 27.11.2025 vide Deed No. 1946/ 2004, ADSR-Howrah. In this regard a General Diary has been lodged at Bantra Police Station vide GD Entry No. 1365, dated 28.11.2025.

If anyone finds the above mentioned Original deed, it is requested to contact me within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice at Contact No. +91 93306 77579 or send my above address.

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Notice is hereby given that, with effect from 2nd Feb 2026, our Beherampore office (Code - 2418) is relocated to new premises as mentioned here in below:

BAJAJ GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED BAJAJ GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED (Formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd.) 3rd Floor K K Banerjee Road, Beherampore, Dist-Murshidabad, West Bengal-742101

(Formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd.), Ground Floor K K Baneriee Road. Beherampore, Dist-Murshidabad West Bengal-742101

All policyholders are requested to take note of the new address mentioned herein above and any further correspondence to our above branch office be made only to our new address mentioned herein above.

This notice is issued for the information of all our esteemed policy holders and to the public at large, in public interest.

By order Chief Executive Officer

BAJAJ GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED

OICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India Branch Office: 2nd floor, Merchant Square, Saraswati Rice Mill Compound, Opp Payel Cinema Hall, Sevoke Road, 2nd Mile, Siliguri-734001
Branch Office: 4th floor, Krishna Enclave, 2/1, Bhajan Lal Lohia Lane, Near Howrah AC Market, Above Yes Bank, Howrah-711101
Branch Office: 8/1A, 2nd floor, Sir William Jones Sarani (Formerly 8/1, Middleton Row), Kolkata-700071
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has

been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder; Details of the Secured asset(s)

Amount Reserve Date and Time of

	No.	Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Outsta- nding	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Property Inspection	Time of Auction	Before Auction Date	Stage
l	(A)		(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(l)
	1.	Abdul Hamid Laskar (Borrower) Mamtaj Laskar (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHKJB00001364069 & LHKJB00001364421	0 Kanthalberia Ps Basanti Gram Panchayat South 24 Parganas 0 Canning Town West Bengal- 743329	Rs. 12,64, 729.74/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 27,64, 440/- Rs. 2,76, 444/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	2.	Sanju Dey (Borrower) Parmita Chowdhury (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHSGI00001392084 & LHSGI00001392314	0 Plot No-3 RS and 321 LR, Khatian No-74 RS and 356	Rs. 10,97, 839.54/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 26,24, 670/- Rs. 2,62, 467/-	December 24, 2025 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	3.	Bapi Mandal (Borrower) Bablu Mandal, (Co-Borrower) Sephali Mandal, (Co- Borrower) Baban Mandal (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHSG100001479646 & LHSG100001479770	1 Madhya Chopra, Plot No. LR 854, Khatian LR 659, JL No. 24, Mouza Chopra Middle Class Area 01 Islampur West Bengal- 733202	Rs. 10,34, 709.18/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 44,58, 825/- Rs. 4,45, 883/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	4.	Pintu Kumar Mahato (Borrower) Mintu Kumar Mahato (Co- Borrower) Lan No. LHSG100001417380 & LHSG100001417448	Plot No-68 and 73 RS, Khatian No-65/11, Mouza-mandlaguri, JL No. 107, Ward No- 46, PS-Pradhannagar, Dist-Darjeeling, under Siliguri Municipal Corporation Middle Class Area 0 0 Siliguri West Bengal-734003	Rs. 21,00, 877.00/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 66,86, 100/- Rs. 6,68, 610/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	5.	Mrinal Kanti Das (Borrower) Tip Top Packaging, (Co- Borrower) Kunal Das, (Co-Borrower) Keya Das (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHHOW00001542772	JL No-60, LR Khatian No- 2946, RS and LR Dag No-1820, A.D.S.R.O. and PS-Singur, Under Balrambati Gram Panchayet, Dist- Hooghly, Pin-712409 West Bengal-712404	Rs. 61,92, 315.00/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 1,15,25, 400/- Rs. 11,52, 540/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	6.	Dukhiram Naiya (Borrower) Sanjit Kumar Naiya (Co- Borrower) Lan No. LHKJB00001358966 & LHKJB00001358992	Nagartala PS Jibantala JL No. 34, Touzi- 3245, R.S Khatian No. 266, LR Khatian No- 360, Dag No. 242 and 244 South 24 Pgs Na South 24 Parganas West Bengal- 743378	Rs. 5,38, 899.00/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 18,84, 870/- Rs. 1,88, 487/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
	7.	Ashok Naskar (Borrower) Jharna Naskar (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHKJB00001370369 & LHKJB00001370493	Satak Mouza- Uttar Sonakhali JL No 135 Touzi No. 210 Sabek Khatian No. 174 R Khatian-387 R.S Dag No 1363, 1364, 1365 Narayantala PS Basanti Uttar Mokamberia 0 Canning Town West Bengal- 743329	550.00/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 19,26, 720/- Rs. 1,92, 672/-	24, 2025 11:00 AM-	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	30, 2025 Before	Symbolic Possession
	8.	Kalipada Biswas (Borrower) Sobita Biswas (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHKJB00001366482 & LHKJB00001366981	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Measuring 288 Sq.ft, Mouza-Nagartala, R.S Dag No- 1942, JL No-34, Touzi- 44, L. R Khatian- 5253, P.S -Jibontala, South 24 Parganas, Under Tamul Daha 2 No. Gram Panchayet West Bengal 743376	Rs. 10,39, 206.00/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 5,66, 748/- Rs. 56, 675/-	24, 2025 11:00 AM-	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	30, 2025 Before	Symbolic Possession
	9.	Mrinal Kanti Das (Borrower) Kunal Das, (Co-Borrower) Keya Das, (Co-Borrower) Chandra Das (Co- Borrower) Lan No. LHHOW00001540649 & LHHOW00001542323	JL No-60, R.S Khatian No- 631 LR Khatian No-1185, RS and LR Dag No-1816, A.D.S.R.O. and PS- Singur, Under Balrambati Gram	Rs. 98,83, 401.59/- Nove- mber 26, 2025	Rs. 82,32, 300/- Rs. 8,23, 230/-	24, 2025	December 31, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 30, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
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Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with furthe interest till December 30, 2025 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 30, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 30, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust

- Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com/

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106 Date: November 30, 2025 Place: South 24 Parganas, Siligur, Islampur, Hooghly

He was addressing the vale-The Defence Minister asdictory ceremony of the 100th serted that, during Operation Sindoor, the Armed Forces de-Common Foundation Course at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Nastroyed the terror camps in Pa-

tional Academy of Administrakistan and PoK in a balanced tion (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, & non-escalatory response. Uttarakhand, on November 29. Still, it was the misbehaviour Operation Sindoor is a brilof the neighbouring country liant example of civil-military which did not allow the situafusion where the administration along the border to return tive machinery worked seamto normal.

While he commended the soldiers' bravery, he appreciated the work of the administrative officers, who communicated crucial information and ensured the successful conduct of mock drills across the country. He emphasised increased coordination between governance and national security for the government to become Viksit Bharat by 2047. Shedding light on Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' and 'Reform, Perform & Transform', Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasised that the civil servants have a pivotal role to play in accelerating the goal of a self-reliant and developed India.

and Puducherry were affected by this cyclone, but in Nellore district, only moderate rains occurred today. All district-level staff have been alerted, and various departments have taken precau-

tor of Nellore, Mogili Ven-

kateswarlu, highlighted that

the cyclone has affected

Tamil Nadu and Puducherry,

but only moderate rain oc-

curred in the Nellore district

"Most areas of Tamil Nadu

of Andhra Pradesh.

tionary measures," he said. "Guidance has been issued to district-level officers, and all departments are ensuring necessary precautions," he

Moreover, the Puducherry District Collector has ordered the closure of all liquor shops and liquor stores in Puducherry by 8 pm tonight.

Cyclone Ditwah, which is expected to make landfall in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on Sunday evening, has killed 123 people in Sri Lanka, with another 130 reported missing.

The extreme weather system nas destroyed nearly 15,000 homes across the country, sending almost 44,000 people to state-run temporary shelters, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said on Saturday.

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has made Muslims feel unsafe

Additionally, Joint Collecvery heavy rainfall, with ex-'Should not provoke or instigate Muslims": All India Muslim Jamaat chief counters Maulana Mahmood Madani

MI News Service, New are being undermined and the country is very sensitive **Delhi:** National President of All India Muslim Jamaat, Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi, advised Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani not to "provoke or instigate Muslims," saying that the crores of Muslims of the country do

not agree with his statement. Speaking with ANI, Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi also advised Madani to speak from a religious point of view, asserting that muslims have faith in the Supreme Court, Parliament and

Government "Not just me, but crores of Muslims in India do not agree with his statement. Maulana Mahmood Madani is a religious man. He should speak from a religious point of view. He should not provoke or instigate Muslims. Crores of Muslims trust the Supreme Court, Parliament and Government," he told ANI.

On Saturday, Maulana Mahmood Madani expressed concern over India's judicial and social conditions, alleging that constitutional rights

lessly with the Armed Forces

to communicate vital informa-

tion and build public confi-

dence," Rajnath Singh said.

minority communities are being targeted.

Speaking at the National Governing Body meeting in Bhopal, Madani questioned the independence of the judiciary, citing cases like Babri Masjid and triple talaq. He stated that the Supreme Court should be considered 'supreme" only if it upholds the Constitution and the law.

"After the verdict on Babri Masjid, triple talaq and several other matters, it seems that courts are functioning under the Government's pressure for a few years now...We have several instances before that have raised questions on the character of courts... The Supreme Court is eligible to be called supreme only when it follows the Constitution and when it upholds the law. If it doesn't do that, it doesn't deserve to be called 'Supreme',"

Madani said. He highlighted issues like bulldozer actions, mob lynching, and seizure of Waqf properties, which, he argued, have

made Muslims feel unsafe. "The current situation of

The Jamiat president further remarked, "Murda kaum do not get involved in difficulties. They surrender. They will be told to recite Vande Mataram and they will begin doing so at once. That is the sign of a 'murda kaum'. If it is 'zinda kaum', morale will have to be boosted, and

even as they walk down the streets," he said. He also commented on Vande Mataram, saying that surrendering communities are "murda kaum," while living communities face challenges head-on.

the situation will have to be

met head-on.' "Young civil servants must understand their crucial role in safeguarding national interests": Rajnath Singh

Children's brains are altered by the time they spent on electronic devices How Yoga & Walnuts May Enhance Heart Health

WASHINGTON: According to a review of 23 years of neuroimaging research, time spent watching television or playing computer games has significant and long-term implications on children's brain function, which, while exhibiting some negative effects, also shows some favourable ones.

The researchers, however, stop short of endorsing screen time limits, which they believe can lead to conflict. Instead, they advocate for legislators to assist parents in navigating the digital world by promoting programmes that promote positive brain development.

The evidence review, which was published today in the peer-reviewed journal Early Education and Development, is an examination of 33 research pieces that used neuroimaging technology to assess the influence of digital technology on the brains of children under the age of 12. There are almost 30,000 participants in all. The study discovered that screen usage causes alterations in the pre-frontal cortex of the brain, which is the foundation of executive skills including working memory and the ability to plan or respond flexibly to situations.

It also discovers effects on the parietal lobe, which aids in the processing of touch, pressure, heat, cold, and pain; the temporal lobe, which aids in memory, hearing, and language; and the occipital lobe, which aids in the interpretation of visual information.

"It should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences. said the study's corresponding author, Chair Professor Hui Li, from the Faculty of Education and Human Development Faculty of Education and Human Development, at The Education University of Hong Kong.

"Limiting their screen time is an effective but confronting way, and more innovative, friendly, and practical strategies could be developed and implemented.

"Those in policymaking positions should supply suitable guidance, involvement and backing

for children's digital use." The research team. which as well as experts from the Education University of Hong Kong, included those from the Shanghai Normal University in China and Macquarie University in Australia, wanted to know how digital activity affected the brain's plasticity - or malleability - during critical periods of development. It is known that visual development mostly takes place before the age of eight,



while the key time for language acquisition is up

They synthesized and evaluated studies on children's digital use and associated brain development published between January 2000 and April 2023, with the ages of participants ranging from six months upwards.

Screen-based media were the most commonly used by the participants, followed by games, virtual visual scenes, video viewing and editing, and internet or pad use.

The paper concludes that these early digital experiences are having a significant impact on the shape of children's brains and their functioning. This was deemed as both potentially positive

and negative, but mainly more negative. For example, negative impacts were witnessed in some studies on how screen time influences the

brain function required for attention, executive control abilities, inhibitory control, cognitive processes, and functional connectivity. Other studies suggested that higher screen time is associated with lower functional connectivity in brain areas related to language and cognitive control, potentially adversely affecting cognitive development. Some device-based research was assessed in

the research pool. Tablet device users were found to have worse brain function and problem-solving tasks. Video gaming and high internet users were found, in four studies, to produce negative changes in brain areas, impacting intelligence scores and brain volume.

General "intensive media usage" was shown to potentially impact visual processing and higher cognitive function regions.

There were six studies, however, demonstrating how these digital experiences can positively impact a child's brain functionality. Such as, one found improved focusing and learning abilities in the frontal lobe of the brain. Meanwhile, another study suggested playing video games can increase cognitive demand, potentially enhancing children's executive functions and cognitive skills.

Overall Chair Professor Li's team conclude that policymakers must act on these findings to support evidence-based practice for teachers and parents. Lead author, DrDandan Wu of the Education University of Hong Kong, states: "This investigation contains significant implications for practical improvement and policymaking. Foremost, it should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences. As such, they should supply suitable guidance, involvement, and backing for children's digital use. "It is imperative for policymakers to develop and execute policies grounded in empirical evidence to safeguard and enhance brain development in children as they navigate the digital era. "This could involve offering resources and incentives for the creation and examination of digital interventions aimed at bolstering brain growth in children.



NEW DELHI: A healthy, nutritious and active lifestyle can go a long way in maintaining sound mental and physical health, and recent years have made us realize just how important it is to make health an utmost priority in our lives. So, this brings us to an important question: What does one do to stay fit and healthy in 2024? Integrative health coach Neha Ranglani has the answer: "A nutrition-

rich diet, containing omega-3 ALA-rich walnuts, may help improve cardiovascular health. Pair it up with voga, which helps yoga, which reduce stress, improve blood circulation, and control blood pressure levels, and you have a powerful combination for maintaining a healthy heart.'

And we couldn't agree more! California walnuts, paired with the ancient practice of yoga complementary effects that can help not only our heart health but also our overall wellbeing.

Scroll down to read how yoga and walnuts

benefit your heart: 1. Ředuced stress Yoga, an ancient Indian practice, involves a combination of body poses, breathwork, and meditation. This trio is known to be beneficial for our mind and body. Meanwhile,

walnuts may help improve mood.(1) These

wonder nuts may be associated with lower depression symptoms, greater interest in activities, higher energy levels, better concentration, and greater optimism.(2)

2. Promote weight management

Obesity is one of the major risk factors for heart disease, and hence, weight management is key to protecting one's self. Yoga and walnuts both promote weight management. A

Study reveals how infertility treatment can double risk of postpartum heart disease



NEW JERSEY [US] : Infertility treatment patients were twice as likely to be hospitalised with heart disease in the year following delivery as spontaneously conceived patients, according to a study conducted by Rutgers Health experts using more than 31 million

hospital records. Infertility patients were 2.16 times more likely to be hospitalised for hypertension, or dangerously elevated blood pressure than normally con-

ceived patients "Postpartum checkups are necessary for all patients, but this study indicates they are particularly important for patients who undergo infertility treatment to achieve a conception," said Rei Yamada, an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and

lead author of the study. The study authors say their results support standards of care that now call for an initial postpartum checkup three weeks after delivery, standards that some health systems have yet to adopt. Much of the elevated risk came in the first month after delivery, particularly for patients who developed dangerously high blood pressure

"And these results aren't the only ones to indicate that follow-up should occur early, said Cande Ananth, chief of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Department of Obstetrics Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and senior author of the study. "We have been involved in a series of studies over the past few years that have found serious risks of heart disease and stroke to various high-risk patient populations within those initial 30 days after delivery - risks that

could be mitigated with earlier follow-up care.

The study analyzed the Nationwide Readmissions Database, which contains nationally representative data on about 31 million hospital discharges and readmissions per year. The database contains diagnosis codes, which let researchers find specific populations and identify reasons for readmission.

The researchers used data from more than 31 million patients who were discharged following delivery from 2010 to 2018, including 287,813 patients who had undergone any infertility treatment.

Although infertility treatment predicted a sharply elevated risk of heart disease, the study authors said the relative youth of infertility treatment patients kept their overall risk fairly low. Just 550 of every 100,000 women who received infertility treatment and 355 of every 100,000 who conceived naturally were hospitalized with cardiovascular disease in the year after deliv-

The cause of the elevated risk of heart disease associated with infertility treatment remains unclear. The increase in heart disease could stem from the infertility treatments themselves, the underlying medical issues that made patients infertile or some

other cause. "Looking forward, I'd like to see if different types of infertility treatment and, importantly, medications are associated with different risk levels," said Yamada. "Our data gave no information about which patients had undergone which treatment. More detailed information might also provide insight into how infertility treatment impacts cardiovascular out-

Study finds new method to detect novel biomarkers for kidney diseases with nephrotic syndrome

BOSTON [US]: A study has revealed a major advance in the identification and tracking of renal illnesses linked to nephrotic syndrome.

The findings of the study were published in the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at the 61st ERA Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

By employing a hybrid methodology, scientists ${\bf r}$ discovered that anti-nephrin autoantibodies serve as a dependable biomarker for monitoring the advancement of the disease, paving the way for more individ-

ualized therapeutic strategies.

Nephrotic syndrome, defined by increased urine protein levels, is associated with kidney disorders, including membranous nephropathy (MN), primary focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), and minimal change disease (MCD). Damage to podocytes, the kidney's filtering cells, is the main cause of nephrotic syndrome because it permits protein to seep into the urine

Children diagnosed with MCD or FSGS often receive a diagnosis of idiopathic nephrotic syndrome (INS), where the cause of the nephrotic syndrome is unknown. This is frequently because children with high protein levels in their urine rarely undergo a kidney biopsy, which is how the cause is typically

Traditionally, diagnosing these conditions has posed challenges due to overlapping histological features and hesitancy to conduct invasive kidney biopsies, particularly in children. While anti-nephrin autoantibodies have been observed in certain patients with MCD and FSGS, their precise role in the advancement of these diseases is not fully under-

The study, conducted across Europe and the USA, introduced a novel approach combining immunoprecipitation with enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) to reliably detect anti-nephrin autoantibod-

The findings revealed that anti-nephrin autoantibodies were prevalent in 69 per cent of adults with MCD and 90 per cent of children with INS who had not been treated with immunosuppressive drugs. Importantly, the levels of these autoantibodies corre-



lated with disease activity, suggesting their potential as a biomarker for monitoring disease progression. The antibodies were also rarely seen in the other diseases under examination.

To further investigate the impact of nephrin immunisation on kidney function and disease, researchers administered laboratory-made nephrin protein to mice, creating a condition akin to MCD in the mice. Immunisation led to the phosphorylation of nephrin and notable alterations in cell structure, indicating the involvement of antibodies targeting nephrin in podocyte malfunction and nephrotic syn-

Remarkably, unlike other models necessitating multiple immunisations, this model induced swift disease manifestation with a single immunisation, even at low antibody concentrations.

Dr Nicola M Tomas, co-lead author of the study, commented, "The identification of anti-nephrin autoantibodies as a reliable biomarker, coupled with our hybrid immunoprecipitation technique, enhances our diagnostic capabilities and opens new avenues for closely monitoring disease progression

in kidney disorders with nephrotic syndrome. Professor Tobias B. Huber, lead author of the study, furthered, "By providing insights into underlying mechanisms, these findings lay the groundwork for personalised interventions and pave the way for a new era of precision medicine for these

Researchers identify vascular changes in brain linked to Alzheimer's disease

JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA): The network of blood channels and tissues known as the blood-brain barrier, which nourishes and shields the brain from dangerous chemicals flowing in the blood, is compromised in Alzheimer's dis-

Researchers at Mayo Clinic and associates have now discovered distinct molecular markers of blood-brain barrier disruption, which may lead to novel approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of the condition. In Nature Communications, their research is

"These signatures have high potential to become novel biomarkers that capture brain changes in Alzheimer's disease," said senior author Nilufer Ertekin-Taner, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Neuroscience at Mayo Clinic and leader of the Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease and Endophenotypes Laboratory at Mayo Clinic in Florida.

To conduct the study, the research team analysed human brain tissue from the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank, as well as published datasets and brain tissue samples from collaborating institutions. The study cohort included brain tissue samples from 12 patients with Alzheimer's disease and 12 healthy patients with no confirmed Alzheimer's disease.

All participants had donated their tissue for science. Using these and external datasets, the team analysed thousands of cells in more than six brain regions, making this one of the most rigorous studies of the blood-brain barrier in Alzheimer's disease to date, according to the researchers. They focused on brain vascular cells which make up a small portion of cell types in the brain, to examine molecular changes associated with Alzheimer's disease. In particular, they looked at two cell types that play an important role in maintaining the blood-brain barrier: pericytes, the gatekeepers of the brain that maintain the integrity of blood vessels, and their support cells known as astrocytes, to determine if and how they interact. They found Alzheimer's disease patients' samples exhibited altered communication between these cells, mediated by a pair of molecules known as VEGFA, which stimulates the growth of blood vessels, and SMAD3, which plays a key role in cellular responses to the external environment. Using cellular and zebrafish models, the researchers validated their finding that increased levels of VEGFA lead to lower levels of SMAD3 in the brain. The team used stem cells from blood and skin samples of the Alzheimer's disease patient donors and those in the control group. They treated the cells with VEGFA to see how it affected SMAD3 levels and overall vascular health. The VEGFA treatment caused a decline in SMAD3 levels in brain pericytes, indicating an interaction between these molecules. Donors with higher blood SMAD3 levels

Researchers find how areas of brain are associated with helping decisions

BIRMINGHAM [UK]: Researchers found that a particular brain region--which they identified through a study of patients who had brain damage to that region--controls our willingness to assist others.

Understanding the areas of the brain associated with "helping" decisions is crucial to comprehending how people could be inspired to take on major global issues like infectious diseases, climate change, and international conflict. It is also necessary to discover novel treatments for social interaction difficulties

Researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford conducted the study, which was published in Nature Human Behaviour. It demonstrates for the first time how the ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC), a brain region, plays a crucial role in helpful, or "prosocial," activities.

Lead author Professor Patricia Lockwood said: "Prosocial behaviours are essential for addressing global challenges. Yet helping others is often effortful and humans are averse to effort. Understanding how effortful helping decisions are processed in the brain is extremely important." In the study, the researchers focused on the vmPFC, a region located right at the front of the brain, which is known to be important for decision-making and other executive functions. Previous studies using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI scanning) have linked the vmPFC to choices that involve a trade-off between the rewards available and the effort required to obtain rewards. However, these techniques cannot show whether a part of the brain is essential for these functions. Three groups of participants were recruited for the study. 25 patients had vmPFC damage, 15



patients had damage elsewhere in the brain, and 40 people were healthy age and gender-matched control participants. These groups allowed the researchers to test the impact of damage to vmPFC specifically.

Each participant attended an experiment where they

met another person anonymously. They then completed a decision-making task that measured how willing they were to exert physical effort (squeezing a grip force device) to earn rewards (bonus money) for themselves and for the other person. By enabling participants to meet - but not see the person they were 'working' for in advance, researchers were able to convey the sense that participants' efforts would have real consequences, but hide any information about the other person that could affect decision-making. Each choice the participants made varied in how much bonus money for them or the other person was available, and how much force they would have to exert to obtain the reward. This allowed the researchers to measure the impact of reward and effort separately, and to use advanced mathematical modelling to precisely quantify people's motivation. The results of the study clearly showed that the vmPFC was necessary for motivation to help others. Patients with vmPFC damage were less willing to choose to help others, exerted less force on even after they did decide to help, and earned less money to help others compared to the control groups. In a further step, the researchers used a technique called lesion symptom mapping which enabled them to identify even more specific subregions of the vmPFC where damage made people particularly antisocial and unwilling to exert effort for the other person. Surprisingly, damage to a nearby but different sub-

region made people relatively more willing to help. Co-lead author Dr Jo Cutler said: "As well as better understanding prosocial motivation, this study could also help us to develop new treatments for clinical disorders such as psychopathy, where understanding the underlying neural mechanisms can give us new insights into how to treat these conditions.

"This region of the brain is particularly interesting because we know that it undergoes late development in teenagers, and also changes as we get older," added Professor Lockwood. "It will be really interesting to see whether this area of the brain can also be influenced by education - can we learn to be better at helping others?

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India in 2047 will be superpower: Ex-ISRO chief Somnath



MI News Service, Dehradun: Former ISRO Chairman Somnath said that India will be a "superpower" in 2047 vith space technology and manufacturing being a sup plier to the world. Somnath made these remarks during the inauguration of the 71st convention of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) here on Friday.

He asserted that "science and spirituality can coexist ust as faith and reality complement each other", adding that our sages and saints explored mathematics, astron omy, metallurgy, architecture, and medicine, and that our spirituality embodies the insights of modern science.

Somnath said that everyone knows that India is progressing, which is instilling a new confidence in the people. He said, "This is the first time that India is being riewed differently in the world, and this is possible be cause we are pillars of democratic stability.

"Today's India is a youthful India, with 25 per cent of the population being young, and this will remain the case for the next 25 years, a position that is beneficial for us, he said. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision he said that the government will now allow private players in the nuclear sector, creating new opportunities for the youth. He said that now young people will also have the opportunity to participate in green technology.

The former ISRO head stated that through Chandrayaan-3, India became the first country in the world to reach the southern part of the Moon. He said that through Aditya L1, we have also taken steps towards the Sun.

Saudi, UAE airlines act as Airbus orders urgent safety fix for A320 aircraft

Riyadh/Abu Dhabi : Saudi Arabian and United Arab Emirates (UAE) airlines are adjusting operations after Europe's Airbus issued an urgent global di-November 28, requiring software updates across 6,000 A320-family air-

on October 30 when an Airbus A320 travelling from Cancun to Newark suddenly pitched down, injuring 15 passengers. The aircraft diverted to Tampa for medical assistance.

Investigators found that high-energy particles from a major solar storm had corrupted memory inside the aircraft's elevator and aileron control computer, producing false commands that caused the abrupt descent. Airbus has instructed operators to install a corrected software version or replace the affected unit before aircraft can return to full commercial service.

The A320 family is widely used on short-haul routes, prompting immediate schedule adjustments across global networks as airlines begin mandatory

Air Arabia said it is co-Saudia said it is conordinating with Airbus to ducting reviews across its complete the required up-A320 fleet and will inform date while keeping netpassengers if schedules work disruption to a are modified. The airline minimum.

Etihad Airways confirmed that the software installation across its A320 fleet has been finalised and that normal operations have resumed. The airline said the work was completed rapidly despite high traffic levels at Zayed International Airport.

Both Saudi and UAE carriers have encouraged

travellers to monitor realtime flight information through official channels while global compliance efforts continue.

More than 350 operators worldwide are affected by the recall, prompting delays and groundings short-term as technical teams apply the mandatory update. The directive has caused widespread scheduling adjustments, particularly in regions heavily dependent on A320-family aircraft.

Hezbollah signals retaliation after Israeli strike kills top commander

MI News Service, Beirut: Hezbollah signalled that it will retaliate for the assassination of senior commander Haytham Tabtabai, with the group's leader Naim Qassem declaring that the movement will decide the timing of its re-

Speaking at the memorial ceremony for Tabtabai and other slain Hezbollah members Friday, on Qassem called the killing "blatant aggression and a crime," stating that Hezbollah's right to respond is "established" and that the group "will determine the moment."

Earlier this month, at least five people, including Tabtabai, were killed and 28 others wounded in an Israeli airstrike on a residential apartment in Haret Hreik, south of Beirut, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry.

Qassem suggested that "collaborators" may have played a role in the strike, noting that recent arrests by Lebanon's General Security showed that "some provide Israel with information."

In his speech, the Hezbollah leader also criticised what he described as ongoing Israeli violations, including drone overflights



of government sites, and pressed the Lebanese government to adopt a clearer defensive posture.

Additionally, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) have also vowed a "crushing response" to Israel over the assassination of Tabtabai.

In a statement on its official news outlet, Sepah News, the IRGC condemned Israel's "brutal crime," saying Tabtabai was targeted in Beirut's southern suburbs in a "flagrant and terrorist" act. The statement added that "the resistance axis and Hezbollah" reserve the right to avenge the killing and that a decisive response would come "at the appropriate time."

Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the strike in a statement on Monday, calling the attack "brutal aggression" against Lebanon's territorial integrity and national

Disabled BLO Sovanara sets an example by wearing a hijab

Nurul Islam Khan: Biodisabled BLO Sovanara Bayen from Bishnupur set an example by wearing a hijab. Despite her physical disability, she has set a unique example.

Sovanara, who was lame from birth—she grew up on one leg. After passing secondary and higher secondary from Bogdahra Siddiquia High Madrasa (U.S. Ma), she enrolled in Arambagh Kalipur Netaji Mahavidyalaya for higher education. She graduated in education in 2015 and completed her post-graduation from Burdwan University in 2017. With the aim of becoming a teacher, she later did her B.Ed from Beta College of Education. The long wait to get a job did not pay off.

She joined the Anganwadi center in 2021. This year, she was given the responsibility of a booth level officer. Although the work of the BLO is difficult for him, he has set an example by he uploads information to

doing it. It is worth saying that he has shown responsibility in this work. He has distributed and collected enumeration forms from the Sovanara said that he doors of 1,039 voters of booth number 238 of his vil-

has completed it very quickly and efficiently. His daily routine was-Work at the ICDS center in the morning. In the afternoon and evening, he went around the village to distribute and collect forms. Returning home at night,

lage Jamshuli. The progress

of the work is 99.99%—he

the BLO portal, which takes him late into the night. Along with this, he has also performed regular prayers consistently.

also runs a Quran Khatam group with his family members, including his mother. His clear words: "The Election Commission has given me the task - so it is my duty to fulfill my responsibility." His colleagues also praised him. Mr. Mirajul Islam, the headmaster of Bogdahra Siddiquia High Madrasa, spoke about his

Kuldeep Sharma offers land to journalist Arfaz Ahmad after house bulldozed

MI News Service, Jammu: After the Jammu Development Authority demolished a journalist's house, citing 'illegal structure' on government land, a Hindu neighbour, Kuldeep Sharma, stepped forward and offered him 5 marlas of land in an act of solidarity and support. Jammu-based journalist Jammu-based Arfaz Ahmad Daing had previously alleged that a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), posted as sub-divisional police officer of Jammu (East), was involved in a major cross-border drug traf-

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safety requirements.

However, the JDA soon received a demolition order on Wednesday, November 26. Massive bulldozers were seen at Daing's family house early the following day as he was being barred from going further. According to him, his wife and children were seated having tea early in the morning when the bulldozers ar-

ficking racket.



Speaking to the media, Daing stated that he was targeted for telling the truth. He further claimed that several houses, including his, were built on government land, but only his was demolished. Reportedly, most of those houses on the street are owned by influential people.

"This house was my father's and was built around forty years ago. I am being targeted. My house is being destroyed due to an influential criminal's complaint." As a silver lining, in a heart-warming moment, Kuldeep Sharma, equally upset over the issue, offered Daing 5 marlas of land to help him re-

leaders had taken place, it added. Citing an unnamed source, Axios re-

According to the report, Trump's decision is an important milestone in his gunboat diplomacy aimed at Venezuela and could indicate that U.S. missile strikes or direct military action are not imminent. In his Thanksgiving remarks to U.S. troops on Thursday night, Trump suggested that the United States could "very soon" take action by land against

Trump, Venezuelan president discussed possible meeting over phone: Report

MI News Service, Washington: U.S. President Donald Trump spoke by phone with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro last week, The New York Times (NYT) reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The two leaders discussed the possibility of an in-person meeting, though no arrangements have been made, according to the report. It also noted that both the White House and the Venezuelan government declined to comment on the call.

According to reports, the United States on Nov. 24 formally designated Cartel de los Soles as a foreign terrorist organization and imposed sanctions on the group, which it claimed is led by Maduro. The Venezuelan side said in a statement that it opposed such a move, calling it a ridiculous lie aimed at illegally meddling in Venezuela's internal affairs.

The phone call, which involved U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, came days before the designation came into effect, said the NYT. Two individuals close to the Venezuelan government also confirmed that a direct call between the two

ported on Monday that Trump has made his mind to speak directly with Maduro. "There's more talk about talking and less talk about bombing," a source quoted by Axios said. "Nobody is planning to go in and shoot him or snatch him (Maduro) -- at this point. I wouldn't say never, but that's not the plan right now," one official familiar with the issue was quoted by Axios as saying.

Since early September, the Pentagon has carried out more than 20 known strikes on alleged drug vessels in the Caribbean and East Pacific, killing more than 80 people.

The USS Gerald R. Ford, a major aircraft carrier, arrived in the Caribbean last week, intensifying U.S. military presence in the region to a level that has not been seen for at least three decades. The total troop strength reached approximately 15,000 personnel.

Senior U.S. military officials have also made frequent visits to the region, heightening concerns about potential U.S. military action against Venezuela. Thursday, Maduro addressed troops in a video message during military event, calling for national unity and readiness to defend against foreign threats.

Since returning to office, Trump has increased pressure on Maduro and his allies, including by doubling the reward for information leading to Maduro's arrest on narcoterrorism charges to 50 million U.S. dollars. Maduro has denied any involvement in drug trafficking, accusing the United States of "fabricating" a pretext for a war aimed at regime change in Venezuela. Recent reports from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration indicate that Venezuela is not a primary source of drugs entering the United States.

Palestinian Red Crescent: 10 wounded in settler attack near Bethlehem, including one by gunfire MI News Service. Bethlehem: The Palestine Red Crescent

Society reports ten Palestinians were wounded in a settler attack this morning on the town of Khalayel al-Loz, south of Bethlehem. According to the first aid service, one of the wounded was hit in the thigh by gunfire, and three suffered bruises after being beaten.

The status of the wounded is unclear. Footage published by social media showed a group of settlers, clad in white shirts and skullcaps and one of them carrying a semi-automatic rifle, tossing stones from a hill overlook-

Iran to boycott FIFA World Cup final draw over U.S. visa denial

Federation will boycott the final draw ceremony for the 2026 FIFA World Cup after the United States refused to grant visas to several key members of its delegation, as the draw is scheduled for December 5 in Washington, D.C. Making the announcement on Friday, federation spokesman Amir Mehdi Alavi told state-run IRIB TV that the decision was reached after necessary inquiries, internal discussions, and consultations with Iran's Ministry of Sports and Youth and Foreign Ministry. He condemned the U.S.

MI News Servce, Tehran: Iran's Football that FIFA was informed of the boycott and that its officials, including President Gianni Infantino, have been notified of the visa issue. FIFA has since promised to take the matter seriously, he noted. The Iranian Students' News Agency reported that the visa denials impacted several key figures, including federation President Mehdi Taj, preventing them from attending, while four members, including men's national team head coach Amir Ghalenoei, were granted a visa. The 2026 World Cup, jointly hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the U.S., will kick off in June next year.

China-funded infrastructure projects completed in West Bank



MI News Service, Ramallah: Palestinian and Chinese officials gathered on Wednesday to mark the completion of two China-funded infrastructure projects in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

At a ceremony in the city, Zeng Jixin, head of the Chinese office in Palestine, and Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa jointly unveiled plagues for the newly completed China-Palestine Friendship Square and the extension of Beijing Road. Speaking at the event, Zeng said that the China-Pale

stine Friendship Square and Beijing Road represent a significant measure in implementing the consensus reached by the leaders of the two nations, as well as a vivid example of leveraging Chinese modernization to bolster Palestine's development. Stretching over 11 km, Beijing Road will become a road of convenience for people's livelihoods, a road of friendship connecting hearts, and a road leading to the future, Zeng

During his speech, Mustafa spoke

highly of the profound friendship between the two peoples. He extended his warm congratulations on the successful completion and operational launch of the projects, and expressed his sincere gratitude for China's timely assistance, which has been instrumental in improving the well-being of the Palestinian people. Mustafa told Xinhua after the ceremony that "the China-Palestine relationship goes back for many decades. China has always supported the Palestinian people, their struggle for independence, and also their development of infrastructure and other facilities in the different sectors.

This is an opportunity to thank the leadership and the people of China for their continuing support for our people and their struggle for independence. So this is a great opportunity to say: Thank you, China," he said. Local residents also welcomed the upgrades. Bilal Mansour, who was driving along the newly expanded roadway, told Xinhua that the area had once been "a barren hillside surrounded by rubble and dust.

"China's assistance has changed our lives," he said. "Driving from Birzeit to the city center used to take half an hour. Now it takes just over ten minutes.

The first section of Beijing Road opened to traffic in September 2020. Construction on the extension began in September 2024, and the expanded route now connects a network of 14 roads, linking central Ramallah with the Al-Jadwal area.

actions as "non-sporting." Alavi confirmed Ashwini Vaishnaw and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Flag Off New Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) Rail Service: New Rail Service to be Operated Under the Name 'Swarn Nagari Express' New Train Service Set to Transform Travel by Connecting Jaisalmer and Key Rajasthan Cities to the Na-

> Redevelopment Work of 85 stations in Rajasthan, Involving an Investment of About 4,000 crore, is Underway: Ashwini Vaish-

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MI News Service, New Delhi, 29 Nov.25: Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat flagged off the inaugural special train of the new Jaisalmer–Delhi (Shakur Basti) rail service from Jaisalmer station today. In view of public sentiment, Vaishnaw announced that Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) Express will be named Swarn Nagari

The introduction of the Jaisalmer-Delhi (Shakur Basti) Jaisalmer Express will significantly enhance rail connectivity between



the national capital and the western region of Rajasthan. Cities such as Ramdevra, Jodhpur, Jaipur, and Makrana, Alwar will now be connected to the national capital with greater ease and convenience. The new service will

provide easier access to advanced medical and educational facilities, improve connectivity to major tourist destinations, and support economic growth in the surrounding regions. By offering a reliable and convenient travel option, the train will benefit residents, tourists, students, businesses alike, strengthening regional mobility and development. In his address, Vaishnaw, said that Indian Railways is progressing rapidly and is establishing new milestones every day. He said that under the guidance of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Railways is committed to taking its developmental journey to new heights.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that unprecedented work is being undertaken for railway development in Rajasthan, with projects worth about ₹55,000 crore currently in progress. As part of expanding the railway network in border areas, the proposal for a new line from

Anupgarh to Khajuwala, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer and up to Bhabhar is progressing through various stages. The construction of these lines will not only benefit the general public but will also play an important role in strategic support for the armed forces.

Vaishnaw informed that prior to 2014, the annual budget allocation for Rajasthan was only around ₹680 crore, which has now increased to ₹10,000 crore. Speaking about railway facilities at Pokaran station, he said that once the construction of the new Ramdevra-Pokaran via Bhairav Gufa and Kailash Tekri rail line is completed, all trains will be given a halt at this station. He also directed officials to carry out this line's

work on a war footing. Vaishnaw also announced the construction of a second entry gate at Jaisalmer station. He instructed officials to expedite the completion of the coaching depot so that more trains can be operated from Jaisalmer.

Speaking about the redevelopment of Jaisalmer station, Vaishnaw said that its transformation has been completed at a cost of ₹140 crore. He added that redevelopment work of 85 stations in Rajasthan, with an investment of about ₹4,000 crore, is underway. Vaishnaw said that due to the strengthening of railway infrastructure in Rajasthan, six pairs of Vande Bharat trains and one pair of Amrit Bharat train, along with other services, are being operated, and in the last six months, including this train, eight new trains have been introduced. He also directed that the track renewal work between Jaisalmer and Jodhpur be taken up on priority. During the programme,

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, expressed gratitude to Ashwini Vaishnaw. In their addresses, Ummeda Ram Beniwal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble former Union Minister of State, and Chhotu Singh, Hon'ble MLA, also expressed their gratitude to Ashwini Vaishnaw for the new rail service and railway development **KOLKATA, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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1st ODI: Ro-Ko return but India face selection dilemma with Jaiswal, Gaikwad

RANCHI: India face several selection dilemmas as they gear up to meet South Africa in the opening ODI of the three-match series in Ranchi on Sunday, a match that doubles as an essential proving ground for the senior batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli.

With just six ODIs scheduled over the next couple of months, each outing carries weight for the two veterans, who now focus exclusively on the 50-over format. Ranchi adds a layer of poignancy for Rohit: it was here in 2013 that he was entrusted with the role of full-time opener. Eleven years on, he arrives again in search of a fresh chapter.

India, meanwhile, are missing the services of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer, presenting KL Rahul and coach Gautam Gambhir with a mix of openings and headaches as they shape the squad's immediate future.

Riding the momentum of their recent Test series win, South Africa turn to rising quicks Gerald Coetzee and Nandre Burger to lead the pace attack, with Keshav Maharaj providing stability and control through spin. Energised and in form, the visitors arrive as a formidable threat in the limitedovers arena. For India, the buildup has been complicated by the absence of captain Shubman Gill, sidelined by a neck injury. KL Rahul steps back into the leadership role, but the larger concern lies at the top of the order. Gill's injury has opened a sizeable gap, and the selectors have placed their bets on Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ruturaj Gaikwad, two openers at very different stages of their journey. Gaikwad returns to the national setup after 16 months, powered by an impressive run against South Africa A that has reignited his claim to an ODI spot. Jaiswal, meanwhile, keeps his place after the Australia tour despite not featuring in a single game, with the management clearly mindful of his explosive potential. The series stands as a crossroads for both. With the next ODI World Cup only



two years away, India are already confronting a looming question: who succeeds Rohit at the top once the veteran enters the twilight of his career? Jaiswal offers bold stroke play, left-handed variety, and fearlessness; Gaikwad brings composure, repeatable technique, and the confidence of recent form. Both are compelling, but only one may get the inside track. What unfolds over the next few matches could shape India's white-ball blueprint well beyond this series. For Jaiswal and Gaikwad, these games are more than opportunities; they're auditions for one of the most prized roles in Indian cricket. And as the spotlight sharp-ens, the contest between them may end up being the most intriguing subplot of India's bid to strike back against the Proteas. India, still smarting from a 0-2 Test whitewash, now turn to the ODI series against South Africa with a sense of unfinished business. The visitors, who arrived with modest expectations, stunned the hosts in the longer format and have quickly transformed into one of the stories of the tour. Temba Bayuma's confident unit now aims to extend its dominance into the white-ball

When: Sunday, November 30, 1:30 PM IST

Where: JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi

Where to watch: Star Sports Network for live TV broadcast and JioHotstar for live streaming **SQUADS**

India: Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Tilak Varma, KL Rahul (c) (wk), Rishabh Pant Washington (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Harshit Rana, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Prasidh Krishna, Arshdeep Singh, Dhruv Jurel. South Africa: Temba Bavuma (captain), Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Matthew Breetzke, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Rubin Hermann, Keshav Maharaj, Marco Jansen, Aiden Markram, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Prenelan Subrayen.

FAF DU PLESSIS OPTS OUT OF IPL 2026, SET TO PLAY PSL

NEW DELHI: Former South African skipper Faf du Plessis has chosen not to participate in the 2026 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) and has decided not to put his name in the auction pool, with the event set to take place next

Du Plessis, who has represented the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) throughout his IPL career, played for the Delhi Capitals in the tournament's previous edition and was also named Axar Patel's deputy. However, he was among the seven players released by the franchise ahead of the auction.

The former RCB captain has now opted out of the 19th edition of the cash-rich event, announcing that he'll 'take on a new challenge' and play the forthcoming edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL).

'After 14 seasons in the IPL, I've decided not to put my name into the auction this year," Faf said in a statement shared on his Instagram.

"It's a big decision, and one that comes with a lot of gratitude when I look back. This league has been a massive part of my journey. I've been lucky to play with world-class teammates, for amazing franchises, and in front of fans whose passion is like nothing else. India has given me friendships, lessons, and memories that have shaped me as a cricketer and as a person.

"To every coach, teammate, support staff member, and every fan who has backed me over the years - thank you. Your support has meant the world. Fourteen years is a long time, and I'm proud of what this chapter has meant to me. India has a special place in my heart, and this certainly isn't goodbye - you'll see me again.

"This year, I've chosen to take on a new challenge and will be playing in the upcoming PSL season. It's an exciting step for me - a chance to experience something new, to grow it as a player, and to embrace a league filled with incredible talent and energy. A new country. A new environment. A new challenge. I'm looking forward to the Pakistan hospitality.

Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Jugraj stars in India's 14-3 win against Canada to enter final

IPOH (MALAYSIA) : In a highscoring encounter, the Indian senior men's hockey team outclassed Canada 14-3 to top the pool standings and make the final of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup here on Having lost only to Belgium by

a goal earlier in the tournament, India were upbeat after a sensational 3-2 win against New Zealand in their previous game. The match began with an early goal by Nilakanta Sharma in the fourth minute, followed by a 10thminute goal by Rajinder Singh, who has been in good nick since his debut in the senior side. It was a thrilling start to the game with Canada responding to the early goals by creating PCs and even converting from them. In the 11th minute, almost as soon as Rajinder's goal, Brendan Guraliuk converted a fine PC. Two more goals were scored in the following minutes through Jugraj Singh and Amit Rohidas in the 12th and 15th



This 4-1 lead put India in good stead to build on their performance in the second quarter. With senior stars in the team rested for this tournament, the onus to outshine was on a younger lot, and they did well to hold off pressure from Canadian defence. A flurry of goals continued in the quarter with Rajinder scoring in the 24th minute, Dilpreet Singh in the 25th minute, and Jugraj scoring his second goal in the 26th minute.

Ahead 7-1, India were unstoppable, but Canada came into the third quarter with slight changes to their attack, which led to a penalty stroke in the 35th minute. Matthew Sarmento made no mis-

mates, ensured that Jain University reached their eventual

tally of 45 medals just from the

record holder is already looking

forward to the Asian Games in

Japan and the Commonwealth

Games in Glasgow next year and

is confident of winning a medal in

"At the Asian Games, I will be

But the multiple national

pool, including 27 gold.

those two competitions.

post to take the score line to 7-2, still favouring India. Meanwhile, Jugraj scored his hat-trick in when he struck in the 39th minute, and Selvam Karthi scored in the 43rd minute to extend India's lead to a massive 9-2.

The final quarter was just a formality, but this is where maximum goals came by with both teams upping the ante. Six goals were scored in the quarter. It all began with Amit Rohidas's PC in the 46th minute, followed by Jugraj's penalty stroke conversion in the 50th minute. Both teams continued to trade PCs, and Canada ended up scoring from it too, with Jyothswaroop Sidhu's goal taking the score line to 3-11. Sanjay put his name on the scoresheet with his goal in the 56th minute from a penalty stroke, while Abhishek scored a double in the 57th and 59th minutes to end the proceedings on a high, win-

India will take on Belgium in

After yet another rich KIUG medal haul, swimmer Srihari Nataraj targets medal at 2026 Asian Games



JAIPUR : Olympian Srihari Nataraj admits that he was nowhere near his best in terms of timings despite winning nine gold medals at the Khelo India University Games Rajasthan 2025 and his focus this time was not on his performance but just winning medals for Jain University.

The 24-year-old, one of the most decorated Indian swimmers. 25 and it is the age when swim-

mers generally peak. Now, I know a lot about my swimming, my body and I am confident that I can win a medal there," Nataraj told SAI Media after finishing his Khelo India University Games campaign here. Srihari is hoping that his seven-medal haul in the Asian Aquatics Championships will get him inducted into the Target Asian Games Group (TAG), on the lines of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), that will help him prepare for the continental multi-discipline event in a systematic manner.

"After the first Khelo India Games in 2018, I was selected for TOPS and the support I received made a major change to my career," said Srihari, who represented the country in the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics.

However, after returned empty-handed from the Paris Olympics - bowing out in the heats of the 100m backstroke event, the Sports Ministry dropped him from the TOPS Core Group. TAGG was created last year for a more focused support towards Asian Games medal prospects and Nataraj sees an opportunity of finding a place there after his Asian Aquatics Championship heroics.

"I am hoping that with my Asian Championships haul of 7 medals, I can get support for the Asian Games under TAGG. I think there is no one apart from me and Sajan (Prakash) who are close to an Asian Games medal in swimming and this is my best chance to win an Asian Games medal," he

Speaking about the role of Khelo India University Games in his career path, Srihari said that competing in KIUG was important for senior swimmers, as it provided them with another high-quality competition. "Swimmers in India at the senior level don't get to compete in many events in India. There are Senior Nationals and there is one University Nationals. So this is one more tournament to test themselves," he signed off.

DON'T HAVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO INDIA'S **BATTING ISSUES AGAINST** SPINNERS, SAYS KL RAHUL

RANCHI: Ahead of the ODI series against South Africa, India's stand-in captain KL Rahul admitted he does not have a definitive answer to the side's batting struggles against spinners, adding that the batters are already trying to find solutions to this issue.

India come into the ODI series, starting at the JSCA International Stadium on Sunday, on the back of a 2-0 series defeat in Tests, where their batting issues against spinners came to the fore yet again.

"I cannot give you a definitive answer. I can only say that we have not been able to play spinners well. We understand and recognise that this is a part of our game and that we are not able to play better against spin bowling. You spoke about Gavaskar sir speaking on the issue - we can talk to him and understand what we need to do better against spin. We are already trying to find ways to improve. I don't think it will happen overnight.'

"I don't know the answer as to why we used to play earlier and why we don't play well now. There are many reasons for this. But we can only think about how we can do better as players and individually, how can we get better and when such a situation comes back, in the next 6-7 months our series will be in Sri Lanka and then the Indian home series will be in Australia - so, how can we do better?'

'What are the technical changes we need to make? These are the things that we individually try to seek answers and try to do better. That's all we can do and we used to play very well against spin bowling. So, maybe we will reach out to those players and our seniors and try to learn from them," said Rahul in the pre-match press conference. In Guwahati, Rahul reached out to an off-break from an offspinner, but was undone by the drift and dip, resulting in him being castled. Asked if he had any regret over not taking the aggressive shot at that time, Rahul said he had no such regrets.

"No, there's no regret of not trying a different shot. There's a regret of executing what I did. It is a Test format. At the stage that I was playing, it was the last few overs of the day. I don't think that's the right time for me to try and step down and hit the bowler for a boundary. Looking back, maybe I would have but it was only the second ball of the over." "If I had stepped down and gotten out, maybe that would have been a question mark in my own head as to whether that was right or wrong. At that point in time, I think defending was the right option to do which I didn't do well enough. That's what I take away from that dismissal," he added. He also insisted that the Test series loss won't have any bearing on their approach in the ODI series against the Proteas. "Both are very different formats. The players are different, the setup is different. We won't carry that. Obviously, the Test team will be disappointed and hurt that we couldn't do well in Guwahati and Kolkata. But it's important that we forget that and focus on this series." "The conversation has been about how we haven't played a lot of one-day matches since the Champions Trophy. So, it'll be important that we catch that rhythm and try to get that momentum of playing one-day cricket and performing in ODI cricket. We've all played, so we'll keep talking about what tactical changes we'll have to make and how we'll have to play with the mindset. We'll try to do the same," he concluded.



Bharath Classic 2025: Local amateur Ishaan is top Indian at third, Thai duo Jazz and Poosit share lead

AHMEDABAD: Local amateur Ishaan Chawhan, navigating his way back into the game after a series of injuries over the last three years, was the top Indian after three days at the Bharath Classic 2025.

Chawhan, who turned 22 four weeks ago, shot 68, his third straight round in the 60s, to reach 12-under and was tied third, up from sixth overnight.

Chawhan, whose last three appearances on the amateur circuit have produced Top-5 results, including one at the Gujarat Amateurs at this very course, is three shots behind the Thai duo of

pedigreed Janewattananond (65) and the unheralded Poosit Supupramai (66), who had an ace on the 16th

and a birdie on the 18th. They are at 15-under and three shots ahead of the trio at Tied-third, who include first round leader, Korean Heemin Chang (71), Thai Panuphol Pittyarat (70), whose last Asian Tour win came in 2018.

Ishaan Chawhan plays a lot at the nearby Kalhaar Blue course and Kensville. His last win on the amateur tour was in 2022 at the Western India Amateurs.

"I have suffered injuries in the knee, back and wrist and lost a lot of time. Only in the last year or so have I been getting back my game in shape," said the soft-spoken Ahmedabad-based Chawhan. "I hurt my knee playing football and

then came other injuries. "I play a lot at Kalhaar and also the Kensville," said Chawhan, whose last amateur event was at this course less than a month ago, and he was a Top-5 finisher. "I like

he plotted his way around the course and managed it well, showed his familiarity with the

is in his off-season after winning

seven medals at the Asian

Aquatics Championships in

Ahmedabad last month. He did

not push himself in the pool but

was way ahead of the competition,

winning the medals for his

Srihari's tally of nine gold and two silver, along with some strong performances from his team-

University.

Chawhan started from the tenth alongside Gill and Steve Lewton. After four pars, he had back-to-back gains but dropped a shot on the 18th. Playing steadily, he picked three more birdies on the third, sixth, and the ninth and most importantly, did not drop any shots as he putted well and put himself in Tied-third and in the Top five with one more day to go. Chawhan smiled and said, "I

am not getting ahead and am just going to keep playing the way I

Four other Indians lurked close by at 9-under, including IGPL Order of Merit leader and two-time winner on the IGPL



Tour, Aman Raj (66), who, after a modest opening 73, has shot 68-66 in the next round. There was

another IGPL Tour winner, Shaurya Binu (69), Indian Tour leader Yuvraj Sandhu (69) and also Pukhraj Singh Gill (71), Thailand's Settee Prakongvech

Ajeetesh Sandhu (70), trying to ensure an Asian Tour card for next year, was tied-17th, but at 8under, he was seven shots behind the two leaders.

Aman Raj birdied each of the four Par-5s and had seven birdies against one bogey, while Yuvraj Sandhu had four birdies against

Aman, who has been in good form this season, said, "It was good to get in a low score and there is one more day to go.'

Binu, who has one pro win to his name, had five birdies, including three in a row from the fifth to the seventh and one more on the ninth. Binu, who started from the third, had another birdie late in his round on the first, his 17th hole of the day. Gill said, "My driving was shabby today, but I hung in and fought well to shoot one Behind the top five, there were

quite a few well-known names at 11-under, including the likes of Carlos Pigem (71) and Steve Lewton (69), and then there were four more at 10-under. They were veteran Bangladeshi Siddikur Rehman (67), Korean youngster Wooyoung Cho (74), who had led after two rounds, recent Asian Tour winner Thailand's Ekpharit Wu (70) and Wittchayat Sinsrang (69). Starting from the tenth on a day when the tournament adopted the shotgun start, the pedigreed Jazz Janewattananond, a former Asian Tour Order of Merit winner, began strongly with three birdies in his first five holes and finished with four in his last six holes. In between, he had seven pars from the 15th to the third.