

# Morning India

# PM Modi hails rise of Radhakrishnan to post of Vice President

"I'm not saying eating non-vegetarian is wrong, but as the MP from Varanasi, I acknowledge this gesture warmly," he said. Stating that Radhakrishnan displayed strong leadership qualities since his student days, PM Modi said he chose struggle over the easy path. During the Emergency, he fought as a true soldier of democracy and worked for public awareness. He has always been a skilled organiser, excelling in every responsibility entrusted to him and bringing people together. "Today is a proud moment for all of us. Your journey inspires the entire nation. I once again congratulate you," he added.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), official sources said. The 14 other accused were jailed for five years each. The court also imposed a fine of Taka 1 lakh each on all 17 convicts, including Hasina, Rehana, and Siddiq, failing which they will have to serve an additional six months in jail. Siddiq, a British-Bangladeshi Labour Party politician, is Rehana's daughter and has been the Member of Parliament for Hampstead and Highgate since 2015. The interim government in April issued an arrest warrant for Siddiq, 43, as part of investigations into corruption during Hasina's



## BLO put up notices at booths after failing to find voters

**MI News Service,**

**Hooghly:** Many booth level officers (BLOs) are complaining that many voters cannot be found when submitting enumeration forms at specific addresses for SIR work. They allege that despite visiting the address three times, the voters could not be found. Meanwhile, the deadline for completing the digitization of the enumeration form is approaching. So, unable to find some voters, the BLOs started putting up notices in booths. The BLOs put up 'public notices' in booths 111 and 112 of the Chapdani assembly constituency in Hooghly after failing to find some voters. Locals say that if they are 'valid' voters, even if they are not in the area, one of their relatives will definitely contact the BLO.

According to sources from a section of BLOs, 25 voters from booth number 111 and 30 voters from booth number 112 of the Chapdani Assembly constituency could not be identified. Allegedly, they could not be found even after going to the specified address. After that, the BLO put up a public notice. Further allegations

that several voters were not found when enumeration forms were distributed at two booths in Ward No. 22 of Baidyabati Municipality. Despite visiting the area three times, they were unable to find them and posted notices in various places.

According to Election Commission sources, if no voters are found, the BLO is supposed to post a public notice in that area. They worked in the same way in the polling booths. It is alleged that the BLAs who were with the BLOs of those booths were also unable to locate the voters. A section of local residents claim that if he is a 'legal' voter, he should stay in the area. Otherwise, one of his relatives should stay. No one was found in this case. The commission had given a deadline to the BLOs to complete the work of digitizing voter information by December 4. That deadline has been extended by another seven days. This time, the BLOs are completing that task. They are putting up notices in booths in the names of voters whose whereabouts have not been found.

## Question paper leaked before Bengal Police Constable Recruitment Exam: 17 arrested in Jharkhand



**MI News Service, Dhanbad:**

A sudden rush at a hotel in Jharkhand. Most of them are residents of West Bengal. Allegedly, they had gathered there after getting hold of the leaked question paper for the recruitment of constables through a broker from another state. Jharkhand police have uncovered a corruption ring while conducting street checks. A total of 17 people have been arrested. Several police officers from Bengal have gone to Jharkhand for the investigation.

The written exam for the recruitment of state police constables was held on Sunday. There are more than 11,000 vacancies this time. According to a source in the Jharkhand police, several job seekers from Bengal gathered at a hotel in Jharia to get their hands on the 'leaked question paper' at least a week before the exam. A crime-fighting operation was underway across Dhanbad on the orders of Jharkhand Police. Suspect 17 was arrested during that operation.

Jharkhand police seized a four-wheeler during a roadblock near the Ghanuadih Bridge under Jharia police station on Sunday. By questioning the driver and others in the car, they uncovered a ring of fraud in the West Bengal Police Constable recruitment exam. Police claim that the Bengal job exam question paper was leaked in

Jharkhand and the answers were rigged and given to a few candidates. However, they were arrested before the exam could be rigged.

Based on information received from the people in the car, the police raided a lodge in Jharia. A large number of admit cards, question papers and answer sheets, lodge register books, several mobile phones, and smart watches were seized from there. Several documents, including identity cards and bank records of several candidates, were found.

Jharkhand Police claimed that a corrupt scheme was going on in competitive examinations. The 'members' of that group were mainly from Nadia district. Several examinees from Ranaghat, Chakdah, and Hanskhali were taken and kept in that lodge. They were being made to memorize their answers before the written exam for recruitment of constables on Sunday. A total of 17 people have been arrested. 16 of them are residents of West Bengal. The owner of the lodge is also among those arrested.

Dhanbad (city) Superintendent of Police Ritwik Srivastava said, "The West Bengal Police has been contacted. They will come and interrogate the arrested persons." "Who is involved in this racket, how long has this group been active or is active, all aspects are being investigated."

## Kalyani University holds the 31st Convocation Ceremony



**MI News Service,**

**Kalyani:** Kalyani University celebrated its 31st Convocation Ceremony at the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Auditorium in Nadia's Kalyani on Monday. The event was inaugurated by West Bengal Governor and Chancellor of the University, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said, "In a rapidly changing world, the responsibilities of the youth are increasing. Naturally, educated young citizens are becoming crucial in shaping society. Bengal must aspire for greater excellence, not only in wealth or power, but also in influencing and improving the lives of others." He added

that integrating values, creativity, and technology into modern education is the key to meeting future challenges.

The chief guest of the ceremony was Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS). Addressing the young graduates, he emphasised teamwork, saying, "Leadership is not merely about climbing upward; it is about lifting others as you rise."

In his valedictory address, Kalyani University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kallol Paul encouraged the students and expressed hope that the convocation would henceforth be held each year on 1st December. "This



The North 24 Parganas District Book Fair was inaugurated on Monday, inspired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Organized by the Department of Public Education Extension and Library Services, the event has been jointly managed by North 24 Parganas and Naihati Municipalities. The fair is being held at the Naihati Railway Ground and will continue until December 7, from 2 pm to 9 pm each day. West Bengal Food Minister Rathin Ghosh and other dignitaries visited the fair.

## Oshea Herbals Unveils First-Ever Signature Fragrance Line

**MI News Service,**

**Kolkata:** Kolkata-based Oshea Herbals, a prominent name in the beauty and lifestyle sector, has announced its bold entry into the fragrance market as part of its vision to evolve into a complete personal care brand. Known for its strong presence in skincare, haircare, grooming, and other categories, the company now celebrates a major milestone with the launch of its first fragrance collection. The debut range features eight Eau de Parfum variants—Smoke Vanilla, Black Rock, Icy Haze, Sky Walker, Berga Bloom, Rose Berry, Oud Euphoria, and Pink Pepper—each crafted to embody Oshea Herbals' focus on mindful formulation and everyday sophistication.

The collection spans diverse olfactory families, from fresh marine notes and warm vanillas to floral compositions and woody undertones. Designed for both daily wear and special occasions, the fragrances offer impressive longevity at an accessible price point, catering to consumers seeking quality without compromise. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Yash Kundlia, Co-Founder of Oshea Herbals, emphasized that the move into fragrances was a natural progression for a brand long trusted in daily personal care routines. He highlighted the intimate and expressive nature of perfume, noting the team's aim to create scents that feel both familiar and distinct. Founded in 2009, Oshea Herbals has expanded nationwide with a portfolio of over 450 dermatologically tested products rooted in nature-inspired formulations. With this new fragrance line, the brand advances its mission to transition from a personal care label into a holistic beauty and lifestyle brand. The collection is now available online and across retail stores, bringing premium yet approachable fragrances to a wider audience.

## Neighbour Got Voter Card by Listing Her Husband as His Father

**MI News Service, North Dinajpur:**

A young man from the neighborhood has registered his name in the voter list by making her husband a father. An old woman approached the BDO with such a complaint. There is a commotion in Malipara village of Daspara gram panchayat in Chopra block of North Dinajpur. The BDO has started an investigation into the incident.

On November 27, Kamala Singh, a resident of Malipara, went to the Chopra BDO office and filed a written complaint. She claimed that a young man named Biren Singh had made a voter card by pretending her late husband Salturam Singh as his father. She was unaware that someone else had obtained a voter card using her husband's name for so long. Now, during the intensive process of revising the voter list, the "intentional mistake" has come to her

attention.

Kamala claims that she does not know Biren personally. Apart from that, her family consists of two children. Her husband died long ago. Thinking that she would face some problem, she approached the administration. In the words of the old woman, "I am very worried. I have requested the administration to remove my husband's name while making Biren Singh's voter card. Let's see what they do."

On the other hand, Biren's novel argument is, "I started living in this area 40 years ago. I used this name as a local guardian. I will not say anything else."

According to administration sources, an investigation into the complaint has been initiated.

It is to be noted that, there are no dead or displaced voters in more than two thousand booths in the state! There are also no

voters whose names are in more than one place. This time, the Election Commission has announced this by calculating.

The commission has informed that 100 per cent enumeration forms have been returned from a total of 2208 booths across the state's districts. That is, no dead, transferred or registered voters were found in those booths.

Among the districts with the highest number of such booths, South 24 Parganas is at the top. 100 per cent of the enumeration forms were returned filled in from 760 booths there. Purulia is in second place with 228 booths having all the enumeration forms submitted. Murshidabad (226) and Malda (216) are in third and fourth place respectively. At the very bottom are Alipurduar (3), Cooch Behar (2), Darjeeling (2), Kalimpong (1), North Kolkata (1) and West Burdwan (1).

## ED Conducts Raids at Multiple Locations in Sand Mining Scam Case

**MI News Service,**

**Kolkata:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday conducted raids at least eight locations, including Kolkata, Jhargram, and other areas, in connection with an alleged sand mining scam involving river beds across the state, official sources said.

Sources stated that ED officials, accompanied by security personnel from the Central Armed Forces, carried out searches at the properties and offices of several businesspersons at Park Street and New Alipur in South Kolkata, Amherst Street in the central part of the city, and Gopiballavpur

in Jhargram. The raids are linked to alleged illegal sand mining from riverbeds.

The fresh raids follow new inputs received after the arrest of businessman Arun Saraf during previous multi-location raids last month. Sources said Saraf has been accused of money laundering and cheating involving over Rs 78 crore, including his alleged role in the sand mining scam.

Earlier in November, the ED had conducted searches at several locations, including Saraf's residence and office in Salt Lake, but he was later arrested from Bally Block in Howrah district.

In addition to Saraf, the ED also raided the residence and properties of businessman Abhishek Patra, also known as Biltu, in connection with the sand mining scam. Several complaints had been lodged against Patra at Keshari Police Station in the Jhargram-adjacent West Midnapore district, where he was accused of illegally mining sand from riverbeds and generating substantial revenue, sources said.

Patra was not at home during the raids, as he was in Kolkata attending to his father, who had been admitted to a hospital for treatment.

## BSF foils counterfeit currency smuggling bid, Rs.3.08 lakh fake notes seized in Nadia



**MI News Service,**

**Dhantala:** The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday thwarted a major attempt to push counterfeit Indian currency across the India-Bangladesh frontier, in what officials described as a fresh indication of an active cross-border fake currency network operating through porous sections of the border in Nadia.

Troops of the 194 Battalion, during a pre-dawn patrol, recovered 616 counterfeit Rs.500 notes, totalling rupees 3,08,000, near the Ichamati river in the Jharpura border area under Dhantala PS in Nadia after two suspected smugglers abandoned a packet and fled back into Bangladesh.

According to BSF sources, personnel deployed along the river line noticed unusual activity shortly after sunrise. Two men were reportedly seen advancing from the Bangladesh side, while another group appeared to be waiting within Indian territory, suggesting an exchange operation.

When jawans moved in swiftly and alerted nearby patrol teams, the suspects scattered, using thick vegetation and river channels to escape. No arrests were made.

A grid-based search was launched immediately after the suspects retreated. During the sweep, a sealed packet was found hidden among bushes. On opening it, troopers recovered stacks of high-quality counterfeit Rs. 500 notes bearing similar serial numbers, indicating that they were likely printed in batches.

The seized notes have been transferred to specialised agencies for forensic analysis, including checks on ink, paper quality, security strip imitation and watermark accuracy.

Nadia district has frequently been flagged as a

vulnerable corridor for fake currency infiltration due to multiple riverine stretches, limited visibility at dawn and dusk, and human movement across farmlands.

Security experts indicate that counterfeit Indian currency networks often rely on short, rapid handover attempts to evade interception, with local carriers or couriers hired for small drops.

Recent operations by BSF in North and South Bengal have led to several such seizures, though intelligence officials believe only a fraction of the attempted inflow is intercepted, making vigilance crucial.

A senior BSF public relations officer said,

"Circulation of fake Indian currency is not just a criminal offence, it directly threatens the country's economic ecosystem. Our forces are maintaining high alert along the Indo-Bangladesh border to curb such trade."

Officials added that troop deployment, night-vision devices, river patrol units and human intelligence sources have been strengthened across vulnerable points.

The seized notes will be scrutinised under legal procedures, and further investigation is expected to determine links to larger smuggling modules across the border. Agencies are probing whether this operation was a test drop, a routine transit, or part of a larger consignment flow.

No arrests have yet been made, but security officials believe the failed transfer may lead to actionable leads.

## PM Modi himself is a dramatist: Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury hits back at "drama" remark

**MI News Service,**

**Kolkata:** Congress leader and former party president in West Bengal, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, on Monday responded sharply to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "drama" remark against the Opposition during the Parliament Winter Session.

Reacting to the Prime Minister's comment, Chowdhury said, "PM Modi himself is a dramatist. No one can compete with PM Modi as far as drama is concerned."

Chowdhury's comments came shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation ahead of the Winter Session, urging Opposition parties to ensure a productive session in the interest of the people.

During his address, PM Modi took a jibe at the Opposition, saying they appeared "unsettled" after their recent defeat in the Bihar elections, and appealed to them to put aside differences to avoid a repeat of the monsoon session washout.

He said, "I would request that everyone thinks about the issues at hand. There is a lot of place for doing drama, whoever wants to do drama can do it. Yaha drama nahi, delivery honi chahiye... But here the emphasis should be on policy, not slogans."

PM Modi also stressed that while negativity may have political value, positive thinking was essential for nation-building. He urged the Opposition to focus on strong, relevant issues inside Parliament rather than slogans born out of electoral frustration.

He added that he had

expected the Opposition to recover from the Bihar election results, but felt they still seemed unsettled. "The opposition should also raise strong, relevant issues in Parliament... yesterday it seemed that defeat has clearly affected them," he said.

Calling for cooperation from all political parties, the Prime Minister said the Winter Session should not become a battleground for frustration after defeat or arrogance after victory. Instead, he said Parliament must focus on what it aims to think, do and deliver for the country.

Earlier today, members of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) met to discuss the strategy of the Opposition bloc ahead of the nearly three-week session of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

However, Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs skipped the meeting, saying they were engaged in their own party discussions ahead of the session, according to Congress sources.

The Winter Session will have 15 sittings over 19 days, with Private Members' Bills scheduled for December 5 and 19, and Private Members' resolutions on Dec 12.

With the previous monsoon session marked as a "washout" due to Opposition protests over the ongoing SIR, the Opposition is expected to raise issues including the recent Delhi blast near the Red Fort, deteriorating air quality in the national capital, and foreign policy matters.

## No mosque will be built in India in name of Babur: Dilip Ghosh slams TMC MLA's remarks

**MI News Service,**

**Kolkata:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Dilip Ghosh on Monday reacted strongly to Trinamool Congress (TMC)

MLA Humayun Kabir's remarks, asserting that while people are free to construct places of worship on their own land, no structure in India would ever be built in the name of Mughal ruler Babur.

Responding to Kabir's statement, Ghosh said, "Anyone can build a temple or a mosque on their own land, but no mosque will be built in India in the name of Babur. The Hindu community protested against him for 450 years, destroyed his structures, and later built the Ram temple. Babur was an invader; nothing will be made in his name here."

Ghosh's comments came amid heightened political exchanges in West Bengal, after Kabir reiterated his plan to lay the foundation stone of a "Babri Masjid" in Beldanga, Murshidabad district, on December 6.

Kabir maintained his

stance, saying, "We will lay the foundation stone of Babri Masjid on 6th December in Beldanga, Murshidabad district."

He had earlier sparked controversy by announcing that the project would take three years and that various Muslim leaders would participate. "We will lay the foundation stone of Babri Masjid on December 6 in Beldanga, Murshidabad district. It will take three years to complete. Various Muslim leaders will participate in that event," he said.

Tensions escalated further when West Bengal Minister Siddiqullah Choudhury strongly opposed the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Calling the demolition of the Babri Masjid and subsequent developments unjust, he stated, "... The mosque was forcibly demolished, and a temple was built. We do not agree with that. We lost the matter of the Babri Masjid 23 years ago, and a temple was built there. This is a political issue, not a religious one..."

## Pragati Prabha's Book Fair Issue Released



**Nurul Islam Khan:**

On Sunday, the fourth year and fourteenth edition of Pragati Prabha's literary and cultural magazine "Agami Prajnamo-5" festival and book fair issue was officially inaugurated at the Krishnapad Ghosh Hall in Sealdah.

The meeting began with lighting of the lamp and musical accompaniment. Editor Nabogopal Chowdhury, chief guest Prithviraj Sen, advisor Biman Guhathakurta, organizing advisor Parthapratim Acharya, advisor literary Siddharth Singh, invited guest Sunil Karan, invited guest journalist Nilotpal Roychowdhury and invited guest editor P. Shaswati and distinguished advisor Nurul Islam Khan lit up the stage. The editor delivered the welcome address.

The stage was hosted by the vocal artist Sahanara Khatun. Parthapratim Acharya was elected as the president. Nabagopal Chowdhury honored the invited guests by wearing the Uttariya. The honorees and poets were given certificates

and mementos. Executive Secretary Choton Gupta assisted. Then the magazine launch and poetry reading began. 60 poets and writers who came from far and wide participated in the reading of their compositions.

The stage was directed by Amal Bhowmik, Soumen-dera Mukherjee, Malay Roy, Ajay Mukherjee, Jaydev Mal, Abhishekta De, Deepali Modak 'Koustubh Bose, Rajiv Mondal, Sanjay Kumar De and many others. The meeting was enriched by the readings of many including Khwama Kanshavani, Aksharika Patrika editor Ella Bose, Dilip Kanshavani, Deepali Modak, Mitali Pal, Deepak Jana, Banani Mukherjee, Bikash Saha, Soma Nayak and Jayashree Mitra. The meeting was filled with the melodiousness of poems and music composed by Sonmath Mukherjee, Dr Shantanu Acharya, Sandip Roy, Devla Baulia, Swapna Dasgupta, Anuradha Pal, Suparna Basu, Tapsi Sarkar, Keya Debnath and Kakli Roy.



PM's 'Drama'  
Remark Sparks  
TMC-Congress  
Attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: Parliament is not a place for theatrics — that was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sharp message to the Opposition ahead of the Winter Session. Addressing reporters before the session began on Monday, Modi launched an unprecedented attack on the Congress and other Opposition parties, accusing them of turning Parliament into a stage for "drama" instead of meaningful discussion. His remarks immediately drew strong counterattacks from the Trinamool Congress and the Congress, both of whom accused the Prime Minister of dismissing legitimate concerns.

Responding to Modi, Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee questioned why raising concerns over the SIR exercise would be labeled as political theatrics. Speaking at a public welfare camp in Mahesh-tala, the Diamond Harbour MP said, "The SIR has already claimed 40 lives. Is questioning such a serious issue considered drama? Why is the Commission in such a hurry? Why won't the Centre answer? The BJP is calling people's deaths a drama. Everyone can see who is actually performing." Banerjee further warned that the Trinamool Congress would take the matter to court if needed, issuing a direct challenge to the Election Commission. The Prime Minister's comments come at a time when several contentious issues — including the Delhi explosion, concerns over SIR, and the reported suicides of BLOs — are expected to dominate the Winter Session. Analysts believe Parliament may witness heated exchanges, prompting Modi to deliver a combative speech even before proceedings began. "Those who want to create drama may continue to do so," he declared. "But Parliament is not the place for it. This is a place for work, not slogans."

NIA raids 8 locations in  
Kashmir in  
'white-collar  
terror' module case

From PG 1 arrested or any incriminating document or any other suspected material was recovered from the raided houses. Intensive search operations are being continued across many areas of Jammu and Kashmir to flush out those people who even has minimum connection with the Delhi blast case and the White collar terror module

Supporting H-1B  
visas, Musk says US  
benefited immensely  
from talented Indians

From PG 1 employ someone for a fraction of the cost of an American citizen, then I guess these other companies would hire people just to save costs". However, at his companies, the tech billionaire said, they are just trying to get the most talented people in the world. "We pay way above average, so... that's not my experience, but that's what a lot of people do complain about," he said. Asked what message he had for young Indian entrepreneurs, Musk said he respected "anyone who wants to build". "Aim to make more than you take, be a net contributor to society... If you want to create something valuable... pursue providing useful products and services... then money will come as a natural consequence," he said. "Are you a value creator? That's what really matters," Musk said.



Members of the BLO Adhikar Raksha Committee erupted in protest, alleging excessive workload during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision exercise, as a BJP delegation led by Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari visited West Bengal's Chief Electoral Officer in Kolkata on Monday.

Abhishek Banerjee Challenges  
CEC Over Unanswered Questions

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress' second-in-command, Abhishek Banerjee, has directly challenged the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, threatening legal action if satisfactory responses are not provided. Earlier, a delegation led by Banerjee visited Delhi and held a meeting with CEC Gyanesh Kumar, during which the Trinamool team submitted five key questions regarding the ongoing voter roll revision and related electoral processes. According to Banerjee, none of the questions received adequate answers, prompting him to publicly challenge the CEC, stating that if the Commission cannot respond to even one of these queries satisfactorily, the matter will be taken to court. Speaking to reporters, Banerjee said, "We submitted five questions, and not one received a proper answer from the Chief Election Commissioner. Some questions were leaked that night, but I am challenging the Commission openly. If you can answer even one of these questions satisfactorily, we will consider it. Otherwise, the court will be the next step. I speak deliberately and not in the air—answer one question, if you can. You



cannot." At the same time, Banerjee accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of exploiting systemic weaknesses rather than engaging in political competition. Addressing a gathering at the inauguration of the 'Sebaashray 2' programme, he alleged that the BJP is attempting to influence electoral outcomes through the Commission and investigative agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) rather than relying on voter support. He pointed out that

since the start of the SIR of voter rolls in West Bengal, the BJP has repeatedly claimed that at least one crore names will be removed from the lists, targeting prominent opposition leaders including BJP state president Shamik Bhattacharya and former TMC leader Suvendu Adhikari.

Abhishek further questioned the transparency of the process, claiming that the BJP appears to have prior knowledge of High Court directions and the number of names to be deleted, and is using these insights to influence elections. "How are they so skilled?" he asked, referring to the BJP. "They seem to know in advance what the High Court will direct, what the Commission will do, and how many names will be deleted. They are relying on ED, CBI, and the Commission to win votes. Even Suvendu Adhikari has been added to this forecast, claiming that voting will start in the second week of February." Banerjee's remarks underscore Trinamool Congress' ongoing criticism of what it perceives as politically motivated interventions in the electoral process and its determination to pursue the matter both politically and legally if necessary.



ISF MLA Naushad Siddiqui on Monday visited the West Bengal Waqf Office, urging the State Waqf Board to expedite the process of uploading and documenting properties on the new UMMID portal. With the final deadline approaching, Siddiqui questioned why the work was not progressing faster despite the urgency. He stressed that the task must be completed promptly, warning that any delay could lead to serious complications.

Calcutta HC Seeks Complete  
List of Tainted Candidates

MI News Service, Kolkata: The recruitment case in West Bengal has hit another major hurdle, with the Calcutta High Court directing the publication of a complete list of "tainted" candidates in both Group C and Group D appointments. Justice Amrita Sinha on Monday ordered the School Service Commission (SSC) to release the full names of all candidates whose recruitment is under suspicion — including those who allegedly secured jobs despite "rank jumps," those appointed from outside the panel, and candidates whose OMR sheets contained mismatched or incorrect data. To ensure transparency, the High Court stressed that the list must not be limited to names alone. Justice Sinha directed the SSC to include each candidate's roll num-

ber, father's name, and detailed information about the institution or office where the person is currently employed. The court made it clear that merely identifying the candidates as tainted would not suffice; full disclosure is essential to maintain the integrity of the recruitment process. According to the court order, the SSC must publish a detailed list of 7,293 candidates. During the hearing, lawyers informed the court that the SSC had earlier published a list of 3,512 tainted candidates, but in submissions before the Supreme Court, the Commission had stated that the actual number of tainted candidates was 7,293. This discrepancy prompted Justice Sinha to instruct the SSC to issue a fresh and complete list. Justice Sinha also pointed out that the list

of non-teaching staff published earlier at the direction of the Supreme Court had clearly mentioned the ineligible candidates and carried specific cautionary notes. Similarly, the SSC must now publish comprehensive details of all 7,293 individuals whose appointments are under scrutiny. It is worth noting that only days earlier, the Calcutta High Court had issued another significant order relating to the teacher recruitment scandal, directing the SSC to upload all OMR sheets of the 2025 teacher recruitment examination by 10 December. The court also sought the list of candidates who received appointment letters in the 2016 recruitment cycle after the panel's validity had expired — particularly for the Classes IX-X and XI-XII categories.

Commercial LPG  
Prices Cut Across  
Major Cities

MI News Service, Kolkata: At the start of the month, consumers across India received a welcome relief as the price of commercial LPG cylinders saw a reduction, effective from Monday. The price revision, which applies specifically to 19-kilogram commercial cylinders, aims to provide some respite to small businesses, restaurants, and other commercial establishments that rely heavily on LPG for daily operations. However, the change does not affect domestic 14.2-kilogram cylinders, which continue to be sold at their existing rates. According to the official website of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the price of 19-kilogram commercial cylinders has been reduced by approximately 10 to 11 rupees per cylinder in major cities. In Delhi and Kolkata, the price has come down by 10 rupees, while in Mumbai and Chennai, the reduction is 11 rupees per cylinder. For instance, commercial cylinder buyers in Delhi will now pay ₹1,580, down from ₹1,590.50, while in Kolkata, the new rate stands at ₹1,684 compared to the earlier price of ₹1,694. In Mumbai, the 19-kilogram cylinder will cost ₹1,531, reduced from ₹1,542, and in Chennai, the revised price is ₹1,739. This is not the first time the price of 19-kilogram LPG cylinders has been lowered for public convenience. A similar reduction was implemented in September, when the price of commercial cylinders was cut by ₹51.50 per cylinder, benefiting businesses and restaurants nationwide.

ECI Concerned Over  
Pending Un-Collec-  
table Forms in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The digitisation of enumeration forms in West Bengal is approaching completion, with nearly 90 percent of the work already done, according to the latest data from the Election Commission of India (ECI), but as of Monday morning, a substantial number of forms remain un-collected or "un-collectable," totaling 42,10,346, raising concerns about the accuracy and completeness of the voter database; the term un-collectable, as clarified earlier by the Commission, encompasses forms that could not be gathered for specific reasons, including individuals who are deceased, voters who could not be located or were absent during the enumeration process, those who have permanently shifted from their registered addresses, voters already enrolled elsewhere or previously registered, and other miscellaneous cases, highlighting the complexities involved in ensuring a precise and up-to-date electoral roll, especially in a state as populous and administratively diverse as West Bengal, where district-level discrepancies can have significant implications; according to the ECI's breakdown, North 24 Parganas tops the list with 5,65,836 un-collectable forms, followed by South 24 Parganas and Howrah, while deceased voters account for 21,05,369 of the total un-collectable category, with North 24 Parganas reporting the highest number of deceased individuals at 2,75,337, succeeded by Paschim Bardhaman and South 24 Parganas, and additionally, there are 5,29,134 voters who could not be found or were absent, 14,62,054 who have permanently shifted, 94,703 duplicate or previously enrolled voters, and 19,086 others with miscellaneous issues; the district-wise figures further reveal that Cooch Behar has 94,703, Jalpaiguri 78,862, Darjeeling 97,919, North Dinajpur 1,46,225, South Dinajpur 66,812, Malda 1,32,513, Murshidabad 2,25,640, Nadia 1,66,588, South Kolkata 1,74,202, North Kolkata 2,83,132, Hooghly 2,16,948, East Midnapore 1,59,894, West Midnapore 1,58,983, Purulia 1,25,509, Bankura 1,05,128, East Burdwan 1,75,260, Birbhum 1,41,675, Alipurduar 93,825, Kalimpong 13,072, Jhargram 49,291, and West Burdwan 2,32,228, reflecting wide variation across the state; however, Election Commission officials caution that the actual numbers may still not be fully accurate since several districts have yet to upload the latest un-collectable data, prompting concern from Delhi-appointed Special Observer Subrata Gupta over delays and the slow pace of work by Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

Pink Booths to Boost Night  
Safety for Women in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police is set to introduce a new safety mechanism aimed at protecting women on city streets during late-night hours. To ensure immediate assistance during emergencies, the police will deploy women officers and constables at specially designated "Pink Booths", which will operate throughout the night across all major city divisions. The initiative marks a significant step forward in strengthening women's safety in Kolkata, particularly during vulnerable hours. According to senior officers at Lalbazar, every police division in the city has been instructed to prepare for the rollout of these booths. Each of the ten divisions will host two Pink Booths, bringing the total number to twenty. These booths will be strategically placed at important and high-traffic intersections, selected after a de-

hesitation. Officers posted there will take swift action based on the nature of the complaint, including notifying the relevant police station or, if required, alerting the Lalbazar Control Room for prompt intervention. In addition to the Pink Booth initiative, Kolkata Police is introducing another crucial reform to handle crimes against women more efficiently. Each police station in the city will now have a designated female nodal officer responsible for assisting women complainants. This system has already been implemented in all police stations under the South-East Division and will gradually extend to the remaining nine divisions. Police officials say the presence of a nodal officer will make it easier for women to lodge complaints. In many cases, complainants feel hesitant or uncomfortable narrating sensitive details to male offi-



tailed survey conducted by respective divisions. The Pink Booths will remain operational all night and will be staffed by at least one woman police officer along with a team of three to five women constables. Their primary responsibility will be to provide immediate assistance, protection, and guidance to women who may feel unsafe or find themselves in distress. If any woman faces danger, feels threatened, or needs urgent help in the late hours, she will be able to approach the nearest booth and seek support without

cers. The nodal officer — usually a woman sub-inspector — will act as the primary point of contact for such complainants. Even if she is not the investigating officer, she will coordinate communication, guide the complainant through the process, and ensure that her concerns are handled sensitively. Lalbazar sources emphasized that the dual initiatives — setting up Pink Booths and appointing nodal officers — aim to create a more accessible and reassuring environment for women.

PM asks Opposition to deliver  
in Parliament, not do drama

From PG 1 Ramgopal Yadav warned that House will not be allowed to function without a debate on SIR, other Opposition leaders told the government that it would be the latter's responsibility if the House does not run and the people would be made aware of the matter. After the All-party meeting, Parliamentary Affairs minister

Kiren Rijiju said that no leader said that they will not allow the House to run over SIR. "On behalf of government, I assure that we will continue to discuss in order to run smoothly. In democracy, there are differences between the parties. Despite differences, the House should not be disturbed to improve productivity," Rijiju said.

Another Bangladesh court sentences  
Sheikh Hasina to 5-year jail term

From PG 1 premiership. The ACC filed the land scam case on January 13 against 15 people, including Hasina, Rehana and Siddiq, over allegations that they unlawfully obtained plot allocations during the former premier's tenure. The Investigating Officer later submitted a charge sheet against 17 accused on March 10. According to The Dhaka Tribune, the ACC filed six separate cases between January 12 and 14 with its Dhaka Integrated District Office-1 over alleged irregularities in the allocation of plots under the Purbachal New Town project. The anti-graft body alleged that Hasina, in collusion with senior Rajuk officials, unlawfully secured six plots, each measuring 10 kathas (7,200 square feet), in the diplomatic zone of Sector 27 of the Purbachal New Town project for herself, her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy, daughter Saima Wazed Putul, sister Rehana, niece Siddique, and several other relatives, despite their ineligibility under existing regulations. Rajdhan Ummayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) is the state-run agency responsible for monitoring compliance from planning to construction of government-aided buildings in Bangladesh. Charges were framed against 29 people on July 31, including Hasina, Rehana, Joy, Putul, and Tulip, in their respective cases. Earlier on November 27, Hasina was sentenced to 21 years of rigorous imprisonment, seven years in each of the three cases filed over the Purbachal plot scam. Joy and Putul were co-accused in separate cases, one each, and were sentenced to five years of imprisonment. Hasina has been living in India since she fled Bangladesh on August 5 last year following a massive protest that toppled her Awami League government. She was earlier declared a fugitive by a court. Last month, Hasina was sentenced to death in absentia by a special tribunal for "crimes against humanity" over her government's brutal crackdown on student-led protests last year. Hasina maintains that the charges against her are totally "biased and politically motivated". Foreign Affairs Adviser M Touhid Hossain last week said Bangladesh expects a response from India to its earlier request seeking the extradition of Hasina, as the "situation is different now" with the judicial process being completed and the former premier handing down the conviction. However, New Delhi has said it is examining the interim government's request to extradite Hasina and asserted that it is committed to ensuring the best interests of the people of that country. Most Awami League leaders have either been arrested or have fled the country since the collapse of the Hasina regime.



**Name Change**  
I, Jadab Chandra Karmakar (Old Name) S/o Prahlad Karmakar Residing at Hatiaara Pal Para, New Town, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700157, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jadab Karmakar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 01-12-2025. Jadab Chandra Karmakar (Old Name) and Jadab Karmakar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Protima Pakhira (Old Name) W/o Gopinath Pakhira Residing at Vill - Rampur, Po - Korasia, District - Paschim Medinipur, Pin - 721201, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pratima Pakhira (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 01-12-2025. Protima Pakhira (Old Name) and Pratima Pakhira (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Supiya Khatun (Old Name) D/o Sekh Manjur Bahaman W/o Sk Abbas Uddin Residing at Vill - Beta, Po - Sinhet, Ps - Dadpur, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712305, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sufiya Khatun (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 59/2025 Dated 01-12-2025. Supiya Khatun (Old Name) and Sufiya Khatun (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shaikh Hasibul Islam (Old Name) S/o Abdul Hasem Residing at Vill - Maheshwarpur, Po - Puiann, Ps - Dadpur - District - Hooghly, Pin - 712305, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Hasibul Islam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 58/2025 Dated 01-12-2025. Shaikh Hasibul Islam (Old Name) and Sekh Hasibul Islam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Safi Biswas (Old Name) S/o Ajijul Biswas Residing at Umrapur, Rannagar, Kumari Rannagar, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhafiuddin Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 60/2025 Dated 01-12-2025. Safi Biswas (Old Name) and Chhafiuddin Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tania Barik (Old Name) W/o Saanjev Deepak Gianani D/o Gobardhan Barik Residing at 6 P.C Road, Tollygunge, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700033, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tania Saanjev Gianani (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no 63329 Date 26-09-2025. Tania Barik (Old Name) and Tania Saanjev Gianani (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kumaresh Haren Mondal s/o Haren Mondal, residing at Pratiba Apartment, Flat No. - 4C, Adarsha Pally, P.O. - B. D. Sapan, P.S. - Khardah, District - North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700116, W.B., do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my son name Aadir Mondal, who was born in 08/12/2022 and that my son's birth certificate being Registration No B/2023/018149, date 15/12/2022, issued by Kamarhati Municipal wherein my name wrongly recorded in father Column as Kumaresh Mondal in places of my original name Kumaresh Haren Mondal and my Wife name rongly recorded in mother column as Baisakhi Mondal in place of my wife's correct name Baisakhi Kumaresh Mondal. That I, Kumaresh Haren Mondal and Kumaresh Mondal are the same and one identical person and my wife's Baisakhi Kumaresh Mondal and Baisakhi Mondal are the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit (SL No. 151)sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal dated 30/10/2025

**Name Change**  
I, Rakhi Roy D/O- Radheshyam Roy, W/O- Anup Das residing at 109, Arabinada Pally, Haran Banerjee Lane, P.O.- Konnagar, P.S.- Uttarpara, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712235, shall henceforth be known as Rakhi Das as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Serampore, W.B., Affidavit no- 12512, Dated 06.11.25 Rakhi Roy and Rakhi Das both are same one an identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Riju Chakravorti on behalf of my minor son Rishet Chakravorti residing at C/12/A1, Ramkrishna Up-anibesh, P.O.- Regent Estate, P.S.- Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700092, District: South 24 Parganas have changed his name, and he shall henceforth be known as Hrishman Chakravorti as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court, S 24 Parganas vide affidavit No. 64960 dated 17-Oct-2025. Rishet Chakravorti and Hrishman Chakravorti both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, MD RAFI CHOWDHURY S/O MOHAMMED ASHRAL ALI alias ASHRAF ALI CHOWDHURY residing at 7 MAHARANI SWARN MOYEE ROAD, KOLKATA-700009, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RAFI CHOWDHURY as declared before the Notary public Sealdah Court Kolkata, West Bengal) vide an Affidavit (sl no.10) dated 12.11.2025 that MD RAFI CHOWDHURY and RAFI CHOWDHURY both are same and one identical person.

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

**Name Change**  
I, Asok Mondal S/o. Late Keshab Chandra Mondal, R/o. 34, N.C. Saha Road, Bhadrakali, Uttarpara, Hooghly-712232 do hereby declared that I, Asok Mondal, Asok Mandal and Ashoke Kumar Mondal S/o. Late Keshab Chandra Mondal both are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 10013, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Serampore, Hooghly Court on 29/08/2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Shabnam Khan (Old Name), D/O – Dilwar Hossain And W/O – Shah-nawaz Khan,R/O-59/E.Tiljala Road, Kolkata - 700046,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shabnam Hossain (New Name),Vide An Affidavit Sworn In The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. That Shabnam Hossain And Shabnam Khan All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, SK AAIMATH (Old Name) S/O Late SK ROSHAN , residing at VILL-GOBRA, P.O.- GOBRA, PS.- RAMNAGAR, East Medinipur, Pin- 721441, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SK AIMAT (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 01/12/2025. SK AAIMATH (Old Name) and SK AAIMATH (Old Name) both are same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Smarajit Bhandari(Old Name), Son Of Jaydeb Bhandari,Residing At Di-hibhursut,Ghola,Howrah-712408, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Smarjit Bhandari(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/11/2025. Smarajit Bhandari And Smarjit Bhandari Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nikhil Maity (Old Name) S/o Guruprasad Maity Residing at Nutun Pally, Podrah, District - Howrah, Pin - 711109, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nikhil Kumar Maity (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-11-2025. Nikhil Maity (Old Name) and Nikhil Kumar Maity (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Dipak Kumar Mondal (Old Name),Son Of Netai Mondal,Residing At Bidadydhani Pally, Belgachhi, Ps-Baruipur, South 24 Parganas-743376, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipak Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Baruipur On 07/11/2025.Dipak Kumar Mondal And Dipak Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Nazrul (Old Name) S/o Safi Ahmad Residing at 25C, Alimuddin Street, P.O+P.S - Park Street, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700016, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Nazrul Islam (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 01-12-2025. Md Nazrul (Old Name) and Md Nazrul Islam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sampa Karmakar (Old Name) W/o Jadab Karmakar Residing at Hatiaara Pal Para, New Town, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700157, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shampa Karmakar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 01-12-2025. Sampa Karmakar (Old Name) and Shampa Karmakar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Probin Karmakar (Old Name) S/o Arabinda Karmakar Residing at Vill - Prasantanagar, Po - Kazipara, P.S - Barasat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700124, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prabr Karmakar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 28-11-2025. Probin Karmakar (Old Name) and Prabr Karmakar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, ISMAIL MONDAL, S/o- LT. HACHEN MONDAL, residing at Vill.- Natriura, Sreerampur, PO- Jadurhat, P.S.- Baduria, North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that in LR ROR vide Kh. No. 378/1 at Mouza- Natriura Sreerampur, my father's name has been recorded as HACHEN ALI, S/O- DIN ALI in place of HACHEN MONDAL, S/O- DIN ALI MONDAL. On 23.07.25 vide Affidavit no. 6581/ 2025 before the Court of Executive Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that HACHEN MONDAL, S/O- DIN ALI MONDAL & HACHEN ALI, S/O- DIN ALI is the same & identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Samik Sardar (Old Name) S/O RABIN PRASAD SARDAR R/o-Vill- Mahamaya Colony, P.O Bhabla, PS- Baharat, North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that in LR ROR vide Kh. No. 378/1 at Mouza- Natriura Sreerampur, my father's name has been recorded as HACHEN ALI, S/O- DIN ALI in place of HACHEN MONDAL, S/O- DIN ALI MONDAL. On 23.07.25 vide Affidavit no. 6581/ 2025 before the Court of Executive Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that HACHEN MONDAL, S/O- DIN ALI MONDAL & HACHEN ALI, S/O- DIN ALI is the same & identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Ajjad Alam(Old Name),Son Of Md Kausar,Residing At Panchwati Apartment,Flat-Gc,Bediadanga,1st Lane, Near, Corporation School, Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohd Ajjad Alam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025.Md Ajjad Alam And Mohd Ajjad Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Radha Jena (Old Name), Wife Of Sanjam Kumar Jena,Residing At Sourav Abasan,AJ-Is,Flatno-B4, 206 Bussandt,Saltlaki,Sector-2, Kolkata-700091,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Radha Barat Jena(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025.Radha Jena And Radha Barat Jena Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kased Ali Gazi (old name) C/o Kuran Gazi, residing at Vill-Paschim Jaynagar, P.O.- Aturia, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743427, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kased Ali Gagi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/12/2025. Kased Ali Gagi (old name) and Kased Ali Gazi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anup Barai, Son Of Late Chanchal Barai, Residing At Taltala 5no Ward, Po & Ps-Kalyani,Nadia-7412 35, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Chanchal Kumar Barai(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chanchal Barai(New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 68 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kalyani On 09/11/2025.Chanchal Kumar Barai And Chanchal Barai Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Balai Lal Patra (old name) S/o Satish Patra, residing at Maisali, P.O.- Dhangoon, P.S.- Contai, East Medinipur, Pin- 721401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Balai Patra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/12/2025. Balai Patra (new name) and Balai Lal Patra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nazima Begam (Old name) Wife of Sk Iyasin, residing at Vill - Khejuria, P.O. & P.S - Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin - 712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Najima Begum (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 28/11/2025.Nazima Begam (Old name) and Najima Begum (New name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Yeasin (Old name)Son of Late Harun, residing at Vill - Khejuria, P.O. & P.S - Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin - 712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Iyasin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 28/11/2025.Sk Yeasin (old name) and Sk Iyasin (New name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Aisha Begum (Old name)Wife of Sk Meheub Jamadar, residing at Vill- Gabati, P.O. & P.S - Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin - 712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayesha Begam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 28/11/2025.Sekh Meheboob Jmader (Old name) and Sk Meheub Jamadar (New name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekh Mehboob Jmader (Old name)Son of Late Sulatan Jamadar, residing at Vill- Gabati, P.O. & P.S - Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin - 712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Meheub Jamadar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 28/11/2025.Sekh Mehboob Jmader (Old name) and Sk Meheub Jamadar (New name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Archana Biswas (Old Name) Daughter Of Late Sukumar Das, Residing At Krishnapur,Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), Chandinipur, Dist-24 Parganas(North), Pin-700102, West Bengal,India have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Archana Biswas (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/11/2025.Archana Biswas (Old Name) And Archana Biswas (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Soudagar Rajbanshi S/o. Late Dukhi Rajbanshi R/o. Dakshin Simla, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, declared that in my father's Voter list (AC No. 240, Part No. 92, SL No. 304, House No. 63, State Bihar) my father's name has been recorded as Dukhi Ram S/o. Lt. Bandhu Ram instead of his actual & correct name is Dukhi Rajbanshi S/o. Lt. Bandhu Rajbanshi which has been recorded in my all documents. My father Dukhi Rajbanshi S/o. Lt. Bandhu Rajbanshi & Dukhi Ram S/o. Lt. Bandhu Ram both are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 11824, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 28/11/2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Meghnath Chakraborti (old name) S/O Late Benoy Krishna Chakra barti, residing at 78/2, Neogi Para Road, Baranagar, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700036, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Meghnath Chakraborti (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Meghnath Chakraborti (new name) and Meghnath Chakraborti (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mahadev Das (old name) S/O Nirapada Das, residing at Vill-Chowgachha, P.O.- Baikara, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743245, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahadeb Das (new name), as declared before the A.C.J.M 1st Class at Bongaon, vide affidavit No. 8845, dated 11/08/2025 Mahadeb Das (new name) and Mahadev Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Susanta Mahajan,Son Of Kshirod Mahajan, Residing At Haspatal Para,Uttar Sahebkhali, North24paraganas - 743439,West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Monor Son's Name And He Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debpriya Mahajan(Old Name) To Debpriya Mahajan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025.Debpriyo Mahajan And Debpriya Mahajan

**Name Change**  
I, Alimuddin (Old Name),Son Of Late Md Fakrudin,Residing At 11, Bibi Bagan Lane,Ps-Entally, Tangra, Kolkata-700015,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Ali Muddin (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Alimu ddin And Md Ali Muddin Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I,Probir Kumar Pal(Advocate) Hereby Declare That My Client Shri/Smt.Ruksana Khatun Wife Of Rabul Islam Molla Residing At Uttar Jalkhura,Po & Ps-Maheshbilla,Diamond Harbour-700141 That,Her Son Was Born At Chittaranjan Seva Sadan College Of Obs.Gynae And Child Health,Kolkata-700026 On 27/04/2015 & That In Her Discharge Certificate Wrongly Recorded As Ruksana Bibi So ,She Changed Her Name From Ruksana Bibi To Ruksana Khatun Vide Affidavit No 70174 Before The First Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore Dated On 17/11/2025 Hence Ruksana Khatun And Ruksana Bibi Both Are Same And One Identical Person .If Anyone Has Any Objections To This Kindly Contact On 9147369984 Within 7 Days Of This Publication.

**Name Change**  
I, Begum Salema (Old Name),Wife Of Sk Nur Alam,Residing At Vill-Gopalnagar,P.O-Furfura,P.S-Jangipara,Dist-Hooghly,Pin-712706, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Salema Bagam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/11/2025.Begum Salema And Salema Bagam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shaikh Nur Alom (Old Name),Son Of Late Sk Monrez Ali,Residing At Vill-Gopalnagar,P.O-Furfura,P.S-Jangipara,Dist-Hooghly,Pin-712706,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Nur Alam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/11/2025.Shaikh Nur Alom And Sk Nur Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shamim Sha & Samim Saha (old names) S/O Abdul Hakim Sha, residing at Teleni Para (CT), P.O.- Sewli Teleni Para, P.S.- Mohanpur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700021, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Samim Sha (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025. Samim Sha (new name) and Shamim Sha & Samim Saha (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anamika Chattopadhyay (old name) W/o Rupam Chattopadhyay, residing at EWS PH-1127, SARSUNA,SATELITE TOWNSHIP, PO/PS-SARSUNA,KOLKATA - 700061, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anamika Banerjee (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025. Samim Sha (new name) and Shamim Sha & Samim Saha (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Priyanka Sen(As Per Di No Wb-2020110349491), Daughter Of Madhusudan Das Gupta,Residing At Flat - 2b,Aykyatan-35 Purbachal School Road,Haltu,Kolkata - 700078,West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajib Halder (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 01/12/2025. Rajib Halder (new name) and Rajib Kumar Halder (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rajib Kumar Halder (Old Name), S/O Debrinjan Halder, residing at Jirakpur , PO - Basirhat (rs) PS - Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, Pin-743422, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajib Halder (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 01/12/2025. Rajib Halder (new name) and Rajib Kumar Halder (old name) both are same and identical person.

## West Bengal to See Mild December, No Severe Cold

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** West Bengal has not experienced significant cold this November, with only brief spells of chilly weather being felt across the state. However, cyclonic disturbances earlier this season have pushed away any lingering winter-like conditions, and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has now indicated that December is unlikely to bring much relief for winter enthusiasts. According to the latest forecast from the Alipore Weather Office, average night temperatures in December may remain higher than usual, meaning that residents should not expect the deep cold typical of the winter season. Instead, southern parts of the state may continue to see rainfall even in the final month of the year, with precipitation expected to maintain a humid and relatively warm climate. While West Bengal may miss out on the biting chill, central and northern India are forecasted to experience harsher winter conditions during the same period. The IMD also noted that recent cyclones, including Cyclone Senia which struck Indonesia and Cyclone Ditwah which impacted Sri Lanka, will not have a direct effect on West Bengal. By the time such cyclones reach the Indian coast, they typically lose much of their intensity and pose little threat of landfall. Consequently, the impact of these storms on the state's weather is expected to be negligible. That said, residents can expect a slight dip in temperatures from Tuesday onwards.

**Name Change**  
I, Debasish Adhikari(Old Name), Son Of Late Shyam Sundar Adhikary,Residing At Paschampara,Po &Ps-Bongaon, North 24 Parganas-743235, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debasish Adhikary(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Debasish Adhikari And Debasish Adhikary Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Aditi Kumari (old name) D/O Parmanand Roy, residing at 212N, Picnic Garden Road, Katapur Math, P.S.- Kasba, Kolkata- 700039, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aditi Roy (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Aditi Roy (new name) and Aditi Kumari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Monmatha Mondal (old name) S/O Late Balaram Mondal, residing at Bakarsa Panpara, P.S.- Santragachi, Howrah- 711110, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manmatha Mondal (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Manmatha Mondal (new name) and Monmatha Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Abdul Rouf & Abdul Fouf (old name) S/O Late Mahmood Alam, residing at 54, Dr. Abani Dutta Road, P.O.- Howrah,Howrah,Pin-711101, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Rouf (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Abdul Rouf (new name) and Abdul Rouf & Abdul Fouf (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Samsujoha & Sk Samsujoha (old names) S/O Late Sk Nurul Huda, residing at Nichintapur, P.S.- Khandagosh, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713142, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Samsujoha (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Sekh Samsujoha (new name) and Sk Samsujoha & Sk Samsujoha (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Johar Hossain (old name) S/O Dilawar Hossain, residing at 11, Sri Syed Ahmed Road, Entally Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700014, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zahoar Hossain (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Zahoar Hossain (new name) and Johar Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical person.



Jadavpur University recently hosted a panel discussion with practitioners and policy observers regarding uneven quality and high expense of life saving drugs. Eminent personalities like Dr. Fuad Hakim, Basab Roy Chowdhury, Dr. Nirmalya Das, Dr. Pritha Pal and other dignitaries were present at the occasion. The programme was organised by Civil Welfare Foundation.

## Kolkata Observes International Day for Persons with Disabilities

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The city of Kolkata proudly celebrated the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. Nabajatak Child Development Centre, in association with AnVolve Foundation, SkilledIQ Educational Trust, and the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, successfully organised the International Day for Persons with Disabilities – 2025. The programme was held in the esteemed presence of Dr. S. Govindaraj, Commissioner, PWD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, and Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury, District Governor, RID 3291. The evening opened with introductory remarks and a formal welcome of dignitaries. Dr. S. Govindaraj, Commissioner, PWD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, addressed the occasion, stating, “The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has its origins in the tragic events of 1981, and therefore it is a



day that should be observed rather than celebrated.” Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury, District Governor, RID 3291, addressed the gathering. He highlighted how discussions often move from post-birth disabilities to a far more serious pre-birth, permanent condition—Thalassemia—a century-old genetic disorder sustained by lack of awareness and silence. A wheel-

chair donation ceremony added significance to the occasion. The event featured two major panel discussions. The first session focused on “Inclusive Healthcare: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Accessibility”. The second panel explored “From Awareness to Action: Education, Policy, and Community Empowerment.”

## Labour codes: Large-scale awareness campaign across Bengal & Jharkhand

**MI News Service, Kolkata/Ranchi:** Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited under the Ministry of Coal, has ramped up an organisation-wide awareness and implementation initiative on the newly notified Labour Codes issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, across its operational regions in West Bengal and Jharkhand. As part of the campaign, ECL distributed multilingual information pamphlets outlining the key provisions and benefits of the Labour Codes to employees, contract workers and allied personnel across mines, workshops, project offices and residential colonies. The communication also highlighted support from all Functioning Trade Unions backing the Labour Codes, helping reinforce credibility and confidence among the workforce. The awareness material covered core aspects such as workplace safety, social security, mandatory appointment letters, wage transparency and enhanced worker welfare.

**Name Change**  
I, Dhiraj Kumar Modi (Old Name), Son Of Shrawan Modi,Residing At 188 No Baruipara Lane,Near Matri Mandir Club,Alambazar, North 24 Parganas-700035,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dhiraj Modi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Dhiraj Kumar Modi And Dhiraj Modi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anjali Adhikari(Old Name), Wife Of Late Shyam Sundar Adhikary, Residing At Paschampara,Po &Ps-Bongaon, North 24 Parganas-7432 35,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anjali Adhikary (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Anjali Adhikari And Anjali Adhikary Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Centre & Odisha accelerate RSP expansion



**MI News Service, Cuttack:** The long-anticipated expansion of the Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) is set to gain momentum, with the Centre and Odisha government agreeing to fast-track the land acquisition process and form a high-level committee for its implementation. Plans are also about to set up an airport at Rourkela, located in the tribal-dominated Sundargarh district of western Odisha. The expansion, which will double RSP's production capacity from 4.5 million tonnes to 9 million tonnes, is considered strategically crucial for India's steel sector as well as the industrial and socio-economic growth of Odisha and the eastern region.

These decisions were taken at a meeting between Union steel and heavy industries minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Odisha chief minister Mohan Charan Mahi at the Lok Seva Bhavan in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. Union tribal affairs minister and Sundargarh MP Jual Oram, the (Steel Authority of India Limited) SAIL chairman and senior officials were also present. “We discussed the functioning of RSP, its planned expansion and key issues related to boosting steel and mining production in Odisha,” Kumaraswamy posted on social media after the meeting. “The chief minister assured full support from the state government in our collective efforts to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of achieving 300MT steel capacity by 2030. Together, we are committed to strengthening

Odisha's leadership in the steel sector.” Kumaraswamy also visited RSP earlier in the day. “Our steel plants continue to play a pivotal role in nation-building, both in production and in people's welfare,” he said. Chief minister Mahi assured that the land acquisition would be undertaken with public consent. “The RSP expansion is the need of the hour. It will generate employment opportunities and spur economic development in the region,” he said. It was decided that a high-level committee under the chairmanship of Odisha's additional chief secretary will coordinate the land acquisition process. This panel will work in tandem with a central committee formed by the Union ministry of steel, comprising senior ministry officials, to resolve issues at the local level.

This is the second high-level meeting on the matter this year. In June, a similar review was chaired by Kumaraswamy in New Delhi, where Union minister Dharma Pradhan and Jual Oram had pushed for removing bottlenecks in the expansion plan. At the time, Pradhan had said: “The expansion will boost our steel production capacity, strengthen India's position in the global steel market, reduce imports, cater to the needs of key industrial sectors, catalyse Odisha's economy, drive growth and create large-scale jobs in steel and allied sectors, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for Purvodaya.”



# Court grants three-day police custody of three accused in India Gate protest case

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Patiala House Court on Monday remanded three accused, Ravjot, Gurkirat and Kranti, to three days' police custody. The court also directed that the women accused be interrogated ex-

clusively by a female police officer.

These arrests are linked to the case concerning the protest and slogan-shouting incident near India Gate.

Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Aridaman Singh Cheema passed the order, while the accused Ayisha Wafiya was remanded to three days' judicial custody. Delhi Police had sought 10 days' custody for all four accused.

The court has already remanded eight other accused persons to seven days' judicial custody.

The direction for female officer interrogation was issued in view of the defence counsel's allegation that the women accused were threatened with rape.

Delhi Police arrested Kranti alias Priyanshu and Ayisha Wafiya on Monday.

While seeking remand of the four accused, the police submitted that some of the accused had attended an event organised by the Radical Students Union (RSU) in Hyderabad on February 21 and 22. The police said the accused needs to be interrogated regarding the Hyderabad event, the identification of other involved individuals, and the source of funding.

The submission also referred to certain videos and WhatsApp chats recovered

during the investigation. The Additional Public Prosecutor (APP) argued that the accused were participating in a protest against rising pollution.

"Why was the 'Hidma' slogan raised during the protest?" the APP asked, adding that Ravjot Kaur was seen raising slogans. It was further submitted that the accused Gurkirat Kaur is the President of the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Group and that the protest "was not planned in a day; it had been organised much earlier."

The APP argued that the accused's mobile phones, the Hyderabad angle, funding sources, and other aspects still need to be investigated. Gurkirat, who was initially not at India Gate, had later arrived at the protest and was arrested on the spot, the APP said. Police custody was therefore required to trace the "key conspirator" and the funding.

During the hearing, defence counsel argued that the accused had faced rape threats and questioned how police custody could be justified under such circumstances. They said the accused had cooperated with the investigation, had already been interrogated, and had spent two days in police custody earlier. Their mobile phones had been seized, all questions answered, and the offences invoked carry a maximum punishment of less

than five years. "Therefore, the Arnesh Kumar judgment - which discourages unnecessary arrests - should apply," the counsel argued.

On Saturday, the court refused Delhi Police's request for custody of eight accused persons and remanded them to two days' judicial custody. The accused - Vishnu Tiwari, Akshay, Sameer Fayis, Banka Akash, Prakash Kumar Gupta, Aahan Arun Upadhyay, Vagisha Anudeep and Ayisha Wafiya - were produced before the duty judge at her residence, where the police had sought seven days' custody.

Police had argued that custody was necessary to investigate the role of the accused in relation to the Radical Students Union (RSU), a banned organisation. However, Duty JMFC Anjali Singh rejected the plea, stating, "Upon careful consideration of the record and submissions, I am of the view that, at this stage, a grant of seven days' police custody remand is not made out. Accordingly, the application moved by the IO for seven days' PC remand is dismissed and disallowed."

Delhi Police had also stated that videos show the accused, Ravjot Kaur, Ayisha Wafiya, and others attending RSU programmes, and that complete details regarding organisers, funding, and participants are yet to be obtained. The IO had further submitted that Ravjot

was yet to be arrested and needed to be confronted with the other accused.

The police said they were retrieving details of the accused persons' social media accounts and needed to interrogate them about posts and material found on those accounts. Multiple WhatsApp groups linked to the accused were being analysed and required confrontation. Investigators also claimed non-cooperation by the accused and said the source of the pepper spray allegedly used during the protest had not yet been identified. Several co-accused were still absconding.

The police argued that Naxalism continues to be a serious national concern, drawing youth away from the mainstream and hindering development.

The court, however, noted that: "The IO submitted that they are still in the process of investigating the larger role of the accused in the offence committed. However, the exact reason for seeking police custody remand of each accused person could not be substantiated."

The court also observed that the arrest of other accused persons - including one who had already been arrested in another FIR at Police Station Parliament Street - could not be considered a valid ground for seeking police custody.

## PM Modi expresses condolences to Sri Lankan President over loss of lives due to Cyclone Ditwah, assures India's continued support

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held telephone conversation with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Monday and expressed condolences on the loss of lives and widespread devastation in Sri Lanka in the wake of Cyclone Ditwah.

He conveyed that the people of India stand in firm solidarity and support with the people of Sri Lanka in this hour of need, according to a PMO release.

President Dissanayake conveyed his deep gratitude for India's assistance in the wake of the disaster and appreciated the swift deployment of rescue teams and relief material. He also conveyed the appreciation of the people of Sri Lanka for India's timely and effective response efforts.

Prime Minister assured President Dissanayake of India's continued support to Sri Lanka under the ongoing Operation Sagar Bandhu, providing rescue and relief

to distressed persons.

He assured that India, in line with its Vision MAHASAGAR and its established position as the 'First Responder', will continue to extend all necessary assistance in the coming days as Sri Lanka undertakes rehabilitation efforts, resumes public services, and works toward restoring livelihoods across the impacted regions.

The two leaders agreed to remain in close touch.

India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu on November 28 to provide urgent Search & Rescue and Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) support to Sri Lanka in the wake of the Cyclone.

In coordination with the Sri Lankan authorities, the Government of India immediately handed 9.5 tons of emergency rations from two Indian Navy Ships in Colombo, deployed three Indian Air Force aircraft for airlifting another 31.5 tons of relief materials including tents, tarpaulins, blankets, hygiene kits, ready-to-eat

food items, medicines and surgical equipment, two BHISHM cubes along with 5 persons medical team for on-site training, and 80 persons special Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to assist in rescue efforts.

India also despatched another 12 tons of relief supplies on-board Indian Navy Ship Sukanya (at Trincomalee) and a total of 53 tons of relief material has been handed over.

According to an official release, Chetak helicopters from INS Vikrant and MI-17 helicopters of the Indian Air Force, in coordination with the Sri Lankan Air Force, conducted extensive rescue operations, airlifting stranded people, including pregnant women, infants, and those critically injured. Rescued persons included nationals of Sri Lanka, India, Germany, Slovenia, United Kingdom, South Africa, Poland, Belarus, Iran, Australia, Pakistan, and Bangla-

desh.

NDRF teams have been carrying out search-and-rescue operations in various severely affected and isolated regions of Sri Lanka, assisting flood-hit families and ensuring their immediate safety. A total of 121 persons have been rescued and assisted in these combined operations, which are continuing.

Evacuation of Indian nationals stranded due to Cyclone Ditwah was also undertaken via three special Indian Air Force flights and three commercial flights, with a total of around 1,500 stranded Indians already brought back.

The release said that guided by India's Neighbourhood First policy and Vision MAHASAGAR, India continues to be the First Responder, standing firmly in solidarity with the Government and people of Sri Lanka in this time of need, and remains committed to supporting the on-going rescue, relief and early recovery efforts.

## 2 Telugu players stood at top in India's triumph at Blind Women's Cricket World Cup

MI News Service, Vijayawada: The Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team has emerged victorious in the T20 World Cup, marking a historic achievement. Playing a pivotal role in this triumph were two talented Telugu players -- team captain Deepika and Karuna Kumari, who overcame immense challenges to bring pride to the nation.

Among them, Pangi Karuna Kumari, who represented Team India, proved that blindness is no barrier to excellence. Despite financial hardships, she pursued her cricketer dreams with determination while studying at the Government Residential School in Visakhapatnam, supported by donors' generosity.

Karuna hails from Vantala Mamidi village in Paderu mandal, Alluri Sitarama Raju district. With nearly 80% visual impairment (B1 category) since childhood, she struggled academically and

eventually had to discontinue her studies.

Upon learning about a school in Visakhapatnam designed for children like her, she convinced her parents and joined the Government Residential School. It was here that she met her coach, Ravi Kumar, to whom she expressed her deep interest in cricket.

He assured her that with specialised training, she could indeed play the sport -- words that filled her with hope. Since B1-category players rely solely on sound to track the ball, she often sustained injuries during practice, yet her resolve never wavered.

With persistent training, she quickly mastered the required skills. Karuna went on to play in several tournaments in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Delhi, performing remarkably well. These achievements paved her path to the Indian team.

During the World Cup selection trials held in Bengaluru, she scored 114 runs off 70 balls, showcasing her extraordinary talent. Despite financial difficulties, she seized the opportunity to represent India at the T20 World Cup with the support of donors, becoming an inspiration to many.

At the Vijayawada International Airport, SAAP Chairman Animini Ravinaidu, Sports Authority MD Dharani, staff members, and athletes gave her a grand welcome.

Speaking on the occasion, the MD said Karuna Kumari's achievement is a moment of pride for the Telugu people and a source of inspiration for countless youngsters. He added that she would be meeting Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on December 3.

MD Dharani further stated that Karuna's journey from a tribal region to representing the nation has moti-

vated many young athletes from similar backgrounds. Her parents and coach Ajay Kumar Reddy, who played crucial roles in her growth, expressed immense joy, remarking that her unwavering determination brought her to this level.

Karuna's success extends far beyond the cricket field. She has become a role model for girls across Andhra Pradesh, especially in rural areas. Coaches believe that families who once viewed education as the only viable option for girls are now beginning to see sports as a promising career path.

Her accomplishment has sparked new enthusiasm among visually impaired athletes in the state. They added that in this very first edition of the Blind Women's T20 World Cup, it is a proud moment that a Telugu girl represented Andhra Pradesh and helped India emerge as the champion.

## Uttarakhand Cong leaders meet Kharge and Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress leaders from Uttarakhand met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi at 10 Rajaji Marg on Monday to discuss the party's revamped organisational structure and roadmap for the state.

Following the discussion, Congress leader Kumari Selja said the high command had issued clear directions to the newly constituted team in Uttarakhand, emphasising unity, coordination, and groundwork ahead of upcoming political challenges.

"Our president, Mallikarjun

Kharge and LoP in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal and all of us together held discussions. A new team has been formed. What are their thoughts for the future, how the new team will work going forward, they have received directions from the high command," Selja said to the media.

She added that the new state leadership had been instructed to strengthen the party's presence at the grassroots level.

"In the coming times, this new team will work together at the grassroots level in Uttarakhand. Regarding the organi-

sational building work that has now begun, how we will take it forward... The state leaders will sit together and see what is in the interest of Uttarakhand, and then we will advance the organisation's work," Selja added.

Selja also criticised the BJP government in Uttarakhand, accusing it of attempting to mislead the public. "The BJP government in Uttarakhand's attempt to pull the wool over people's eyes will remain just an attempt," she said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his 'Mann Ki Baat' address on Sunday, expressed deep affection

for Uttarakhand and highlighted the state's immense potential in winter tourism, adventure sports and wedding destinations, according to the Uttarakhand Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Appealing to people across the country, the Prime Minister urged citizens to explore the Himalayan valleys during the winter season and experience the region's unique natural beauty. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama thanked PM Modi for the mention and said that the Prime Minister continues to serve as the biggest brand ambassador of Uttarakhand tourism.

## "Govt not honouring its assurances on electoral reforms": DMK MP Tiruchi Siva after all-party meet

MI News Service, New Delhi: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP Tiruchi Siva on Monday accused the Central government of going back on its commitments regarding a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and electoral reforms, saying they had been repeatedly assured that the matter would be taken up, but no definite timeline was ever provided.

Speaking outside the parliament, Siva said the Opposition had made its stance clear: the House would run smoothly once the discussion on electoral reforms and the SIR was scheduled.

"Today, in the all-party meeting, we raised the same issue (SIR)... Earlier too, we raised that electoral reforms must be given priority over any other subject... They said that it can be taken up later... Today, they started the listed business. And when we asked them about the assurance they had provided. We were told that it will be discussed shortly," Siva said to ANI.

Calling the government's response vague and non-committal, Siva added, "The earliest means no definite time. So we are asking for some time. After discussing the electoral reforms and the SIR, we will be prepared to participate and smooth running. We will not disrupt."

The DMK MP said the Opposition was united on the demand

for a discussion on a single subject and accused the ruling party of being "stern" in refusing to take it up.

"We are insisting on only one subject for discussion on behalf of the opposition parties. Whereas the government is stern on its side that it won't take it up. Earlier, they had also given commitments, but did not stand by them," he added.

Meanwhile, the opening day of the Winter Session of Parliament on Monday turned turbulent as unrelenting protests over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls led to repeated adjournments in both Houses, eventually forcing adjournment for the day.

In the Lok Sabha, Opposition members pressed for an immediate debate on SIR, triggering uproar that stalled proceedings throughout the day. Amid the din, the House managed to pass a Bill to amend the GST law in Manipur, introduced earlier by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to replace an existing ordinance, after a brief discussion before being adjourned around 2:20 p.m.

The Rajya Sabha witnessed similar scenes of disruption. Despite Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju stating that the government was "not averse" to discussing SIR or broader electoral reforms, Op-

position MPs demanded a clear timeline. Rijiju urged them not to "insist on setting conditions," but the clarification failed to pacify them, prompting members from several parties to stage a walk-out.

CPI MP P Sandosh Kumar, defending the Opposition's decision, said they were "compelled to boycott the session." He added, "The Parliamentary Affairs Minister committed yesterday that there would be a discussion on SIR or electoral reforms today... We were cooperating for the smooth functioning of procedures. But it is unfortunate and ill-motivated by the ruling dispensation. What other option was left for us? It was their own commitment which they betrayed themselves."

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules in the below mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Rajdeep Banerjee/ Dilip Banerjee/ Bagula Road, North Kalingagar, Krishnanagar, Thana Kotwali District Nadia West Bengal Krishnanagar- 741101/ TBCAL00006940264/ TBCAL00006940263/ LBCAL00006947128/ LBCAL00006985992	L.R. Dag No. 17742, Sabek Dag No. 12505/12895, Khatian No. 1127 (Sabek) 510 (Hul), L.R. Khatian No. 9981, Krishnanagar Municipality 7, No. Bagula Road, Holding No. 32/1, Mouza 92 No. Krishnanagar Village, Pargana Ukhra, Hal Tauli No. 7, P.S. Kotwali, Sub Registry Office Krishnanagar, District Nadia, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 3 1/4 Satak or 2 Katha North: Seller Own South: Bagula Road East: Falegal Heirs of Nikhil Singha West: Seller Own/ Date of Symbolic 26/11/2025	July 28, 2025 Rs. 35,25,062.20/-	Krishnanagar
2.	Sudeb Biswas/ Aparna Biswas/ Najaipur Barasat Po. Birnagar, P.S. Taherpur District Nadia West Bengal Nadia-741127/ LBCAL00006945055/ TBCAL00006883078	R.S. Dag No. 543, L.R. Dag No. 881, R.S. Khatian No. 3275, L.R. No. 11528, Mouza No. 19 Birnagar, Thana Taherpur, Barasat Gram Panchayat, Collector Nadia, A.D.S.R. Office Ranaghat 1, District Nadia, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of Land of 3066 Satak With 200 Sq. Ft. House North: Manesh Biswas's Land Same Dag South: Devdas Biswas's Land Same Dag And A 6 Ft. Wide Kattha Common Passage East: Arun Biswas's Land Same Dag West: 8 Feet Wide Pacca Road/ Date of Symbolic 26/11/2025	July 31, 2025 Rs. 17,59,772.00/-	Teherpur
3.	Mintu Barai/ Sima Barai/ Vill Gourpara, P.O. And P.S. Chokdah Near Prodi Sri School District- Nadia West Bengal Nadia- 741222/ LBCAL00005835220/ TBCAL00006384733/ LBCAL00005865891	R.S. And L.R. Dag No. 411/1954, R.S. Khatian No. 1819 And 1871, L.R. Khatian No. 5109, Mouza 31 No. Jaikrishnapur, Hal Tauli No. 12, Collector Office Nadia, Chakdah Municipality, Ward No. 19, Thana And Additional District Sub Registry Office Chokdah Panjour, District Nadia, Merge Into Nearest Road 2no. Radhakrishna Road (Kaltita To Topobon), West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 4.5375 Satak With Constructed Area 200 Sq. Ft. Alongwith Tin Shed House North: Vacant Land of Shibu Ghosh South: 7 Ft. Wide Concrete Road East: Vacant Land of Shribam Dey West: House of Chaya Sarkar/ Date of Symbolic 26/11/2025	June 30, 2025 Rs. 22,42,792.24/-	Nadia
4.	Sanjib Chowdhury/ Sanjay Chowdhury/ Subhashnagar Chokdah District Nadia West Bengal Chokdah- 741222/ LBCAL00005420229	R.S. Dag No. 16, L.R. Dag No. 114, L.R. Khatian No. 533, Hal Tauli No. 4, Mouza No. 29 Hamidpur, Ward No. 12, Thana, District Collectory Office Nadia, Municipality And Additional District Sub Registry Office Chokdah, District- Nadia, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 2.44 Satak Land Threon 200 Sq.ft. With Tin Shed And Cement Floor House North: 6 Ft Wide Passage Which Is Connected To An 8 Ft. Wide Road And From Today Is The Land of Sanjay Chowdhury South: Vacant Land of Vikas Debnath East: House of Subrata Das And Now Land of Sanjay Chowdhury West: Vacant Land of Sama Sen/ Date of Symbolic 26/11/2025	June 30, 2025 Rs. 7,65,257.30/-	Chakadaha

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date: December 02, 2025  
Place: Krishnanagar & Teherpur & Nadia & Chokadaha  
Sincerely Authorised Officer  
For ICICI Bank Ltd.



# NTPC ER-I HQ Felicitates Retired Officials During Golden Jubilee Celebrations

NTPC Eastern Region-I Headquarters organised a grand Felicitation-cum-Cultural Evening at the Urja Auditorium, Patna, as part of the NTPC Raising Day Golden Jubilee Celebrations on 30th November 2025. The event was held in line with the vision of the CMD-NTPC, who had emphasised that NTPC's 50-year milestone should be celebrated in an inclusive manner, with special recognition for retired officials and their families for their invaluable contribution to the organisation.

More than 50 retired NTPC officials, accompanied by their family members, participated in the ceremony. The retirees expressed their appreciation for the honour and lauded the CMD's commitment to strengthening NTPC's relationship with its former employees.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary (Energy), Government of Bihar; Shri Anil Kumar Sinha, Member, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission; Shri



Sanjeev Mittal, Joint Secretary (Finance)Bihar ; Smt. Sangeeta Goel, President, Sujata Ladies Club; all Heads of Projects; and GMs of Eastern Region-I, who attended as special guests.

The programme commenced with a traditional welcome and ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Delivering the welcome address, Shri Vijay Goel, Regional Executive Director (East-I), high-

lighted the CMD's vision behind the Golden Jubilee series of events and expressed gratitude to the retired officials for their enduring contributions to NTPC's growth. Addressing the gather-

ing, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, IAS, congratulated NTPC on completing 50 years of excellence and commended the organisation's professionalism, its pivotal role in the nation's power sector, and the strong legacy built by its employees.

The cultural programme showcased soulful performances by renowned folk artists and singers who presented classical and regional art forms, enthraling the audience and adding vibrancy to the celebration.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri Wilson Abraham, GM (HR), followed by a fellowship dinner where retired and current employees interacted, sharing experiences and fond memories. Shri Vijay Goel personally met all retired officials and their families, conveying NTPC's gratitude and seeking their blessings for the organisation's continued progress.

The occasion marked a heartfelt tribute to NTPC's five-decade journey and its enduring bond with its retired fraternity.

# Global Expo to chart India's 'Seaweed 2030' growth vision

Kochi, Dec 1 (IANS) Kochi is set to become a global focal point for the emerging marine biotechnology economy, as it hosts the 7th India International Seaweed Expo and Summit (IISE&S) 2026 on January 29-30.

Organised jointly by the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and CSIR-Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI), the event will convene leaders from across industry, academia, government, and global markets.

Billed as one of the largest seaweed-focused business and research gatherings in the region, the summit is expected to draw participation from Brazil, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, Sweden, and multiple other countries.

Confirmations from delegates representing Latin America, South Asia, and Europe point to strong interest in cross-border partnerships, technology transfers, and developing new market linkages.

A key feature of the summit will be the 'Seaweed 2030' panel - an ambitious national roadmap designed to position India as a global leader in sustainable seaweed production, processing, and high-value product manufacturing.

As the world increasingly looks to marine algae for applications in health, cosmetics, nutraceuticals, agriculture, and biofuels, India is eyeing a multi-billion-dollar opportunity.

The expo will feature technical sessions covering government policy frameworks, financing and market development, supply chain optimisation, biotechnology, and bioprospecting.

Discussions will focus on leveraging seaweed to strengthen coastal livelihoods, expand the marine value chain, and advance the nation's Blue Economy ambitions.

"With over 11,000 km of coastline and diverse marine ecosystems, India is emerging as a strong future hub for seaweed farming, processing, and biotechnology," CMFRI Director, Dr Grinson George, said.

# 103 out of 130 cities under NCAP showed reduction in PM10 levels in 2024-25: Govt



**New Delhi :** Just over a hundred out of 130 cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) have shown a reduction in PM10 levels in 2024-25, the Parliament was informed on Monday.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Kirti Vardhan Singh, shared that a total of 103 cities out of the 130 showed an improvement in the levels of PM10, one of the key pollutants, in 2024-25 compared to 2017-18.

Of these, 22 cities have PM10 concentrations less than 60 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m3).

## Thomas Cook India & SOTC Travel launch Europe Summer 2026 Holidays

**Kolkata:** Thomas Cook (India) Limited, India's leading omnichannel travel services company, and its Group Company, SOTC Travel, have announced their Europe Summer 2026 Holidays. The portfolio offers group escorted tours with guaranteed departures, and the option to choose from premium, value or pocket-friendly tours - meaningfully designed to delight a range of segments and price-points. Special early bird discounts of ₹70,000 per couple, are available on bookings made till, December 5, 2025. Additional offers include an exciting Holiday pe Holiday to a range of attractive locales or a free cruise!

The Companies have strategically grouped their European tours into 5 distinctive regions - aimed at encouraging multiple visits; each journey revealing a new facet of Europe's culture, cuisine and landscapes.

For customers seeking a personalized experience, customized holidays are available, tailored to individual preferences. With a focus on immersive experiences, exclusive destinations and authentic cuisine, Thomas Cook & SOTC's Europe Tours are designed to deliver unbeatable differentiation and value. Rajeev Kale, President & Country Head - Holidays, MICE, Visa, Thomas Cook (India) Limited, said, "Europe continues to hold a timeless appeal for Indian consumers, and with our new Summer 2026 tours, we've focused on making it both attractive and affordable.

"The focused actions by 130 cities under NCAP have shown positive results with 103 cities showing a reduction in PM10 concentration in 2024-25 with respect to 2017-18, out of which 64 cities have shown reduction in PM10 levels by more than 20 per cent and 25 of these cities have achieved a reduction of more than 40 per cent," Singh said.

"A total of 22 cities have met National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and have PM10 Concentrations less than 60 µg/m3," he added. Notably, PM 10 levels in Delhi improved from 241 µg/m3 (in 2017-18) to 203 µg/m3 (2024-25).

Other cities that showed

improvement include Greater Mumbai (161 µg/m3 vs 90 µg/m3); Kolkata (147 µg/m3 vs 92 µg/m3); Ahmedabad (164 µg/m3 vs 103 µg/m3); Hyderabad 110 µg/m3 vs 81 µg/m3; and Bengaluru (92 µg/m3 vs 68 µg/m3).

NCAP was launched by the MoEFCC in January 2019 to improve air quality in 130 cities in 24 States/ UTs of the country through the implementation of National, State, and city-level clean air action plans.

City-specific clean air action plans have been prepared by all 130 cities to implement air quality improvement measures in their respective cities. These plans target air pollution sources like soil and road dust, vehicular emissions, waste burning, construction and demolition activities, and industrial pollution.

"Performance-linked grant of Rs 13,415.43 crore has been provided to 130 cities as a critical gap funding to implement air pollution mitigation measures, during 2019-20 till date," Singh said.

Air quality monitoring is conducted at 836 stations in 130 cities under NCAP. CPCB carries out the annual performance assessment of all 130 cities under NCAP.

# PIL in SC seeks statutory framework to prosecute medical negligence

**New Delhi :** A public interest litigation (PIL) has been filed before the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and all state governments to frame statutory rules for prosecuting cases of criminal medical negligence, as mandated by the apex court nearly two decades ago in the landmark Jacob Mathew judgment.

The petition flagged a "20-year-long inaction" by the authorities despite directions issued by the Supreme Court on August 5, 2005, requiring the Union and state governments to frame statutory rules or executive instructions governing prosecution of doctors in criminal negligence cases.

Terming the delay "disheartening and disappointing", the petition stated that "the nation has since been waiting for more than 20 years" for the mandatory rules, which "are yet to be framed and notified even after two decades of the Jacob Mathew judgment".

The plea questioned the allegedly biased inquiry system, where allegations of medical negligence are assessed by doctor-dominated committees.

"In the absence of Statutory Rules or Executive Instructions as required to be framed in compliance of Jacob Mathew judgement



and under the prevailing system of the Inquiry Committees comprising of mostly the doctors only, the medical inquiry reports, in many cases, do not happen to be unbiased," the PIL stated, adding that "several innocent human beings become victim of torturous, agonising, miserable, ignoble and often butchering deaths in hospitals each year in our country, caused due to gross medical negligence".

The petition said that patients' families are left "absolutely helpless", as "there remains hardly any hope of justice for the victims of gross medical negligence in the situation of 'doctors judging doctors' obviously favouring their fraternity". It referred to an RTI reply from the National Medical

advocate Devansh Srivastava, contended that "every human life is precious" and that preventable deaths inside hospitals "cannot be brushed aside merely as disciplinary issues".

The PIL prayed that the Supreme Court issue time-bound directions to ensure the immediate framing and notification of the mandatory rules as directed in the Jacob Mathew judgment; establish multi-stakeholder inquiry panels, including retired judges, civil society members, patient representatives, NHRC nominees, and independent experts, rather than committees comprised solely of doctors; and introduce accountability mechanisms so that cases of gross medical negligence leading to death are investigated impartially and prosecuted effectively.

The PIL said that such reforms are essential to uphold Article 21 of the Constitution, contending that the right to life necessarily includes the right to fair and unbiased investigation into deaths caused by criminal medical negligence. As per the caustic published on the website of the apex court, a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta will take up the matter for hearing on Monday (December 1).

# Study reveals type of childhood leukaemia originates during foetal development

**BARCELONA :** Acute myeloid leukaemia is the second most prevalent type of acute leukaemia in childhood, and it can be detected within a few months of life. The disease's early beginning raised the possibility that the cancer originated before birth. However, validating this notion has been difficult due to the scarcity of prenatal or newborn samples.

The opportunity to study the origin of this leukaemia arose from the case of a five-month-old baby diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia at the Hospital Nino Jesus in Madrid," explained Pablo Menendez, ICREA professor at the University of Barcelona and the Josep Carreras Institute.

"The parents, who had preserved the umbilical cord blood, opened a line of research that until now had not been possible to address," added the researcher.

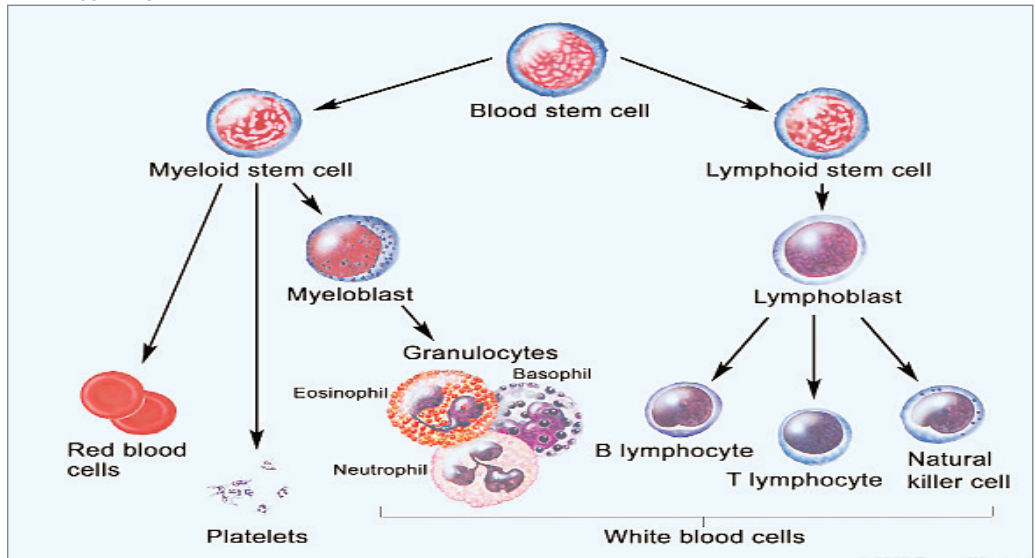
Using precision medicine techniques, researchers analysed the complete genome of the tumour. Unlike tumours in adults, where thousands of mutations are detected, only two chromosomal alterations were identified in this leukaemia. "Genome analysis allowed us to design a personalised diagnostic method to monitor the disease," says Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo. "But these data raise new questions, such as when the tumour arose and in what order these mutations have appeared," he highlights. These questions are difficult to answer,

since such research requires blood samples from the baby before the diagnosis, something that is impossible in the vast majority of cases. However, in this particular case, the existence of a frozen umbilical cord sample allowed researchers to separate different populations of blood cells at birth and to study whether any of the chromosomal alterations detected in the tumour were already present during foetal development.

The study revealed that a translocation between chromosome 7 and 12 was already present in some haematopoietic stem cells in the umbilical cord. In contrast, the other chromosomal alteration, a trisomy of chromosome 19, was not present in the foetus, but was found in all tumour cells, suggesting that it contributes

to increasing the malignancy of the leukemic cells. "These data are highly relevant for understanding the development of a devastating disease, and the existence of this umbilical cord sample was crucial to be able for conducting a study that had been impossible until now in acute myeloid leukaemia", adds Talia Velasco, researcher at the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona and co-leader of the study. In addition to reconstructing the genomic alterations that the cells undergo to generate this leukaemia, the study has also identified a molecular mechanism that had not been observed before in this type of leukaemia and which causes the activation of a gene, called MNX1, which is frequently altered in this type of tumour.

Knowledge of these alterations is essential for developing cell and animal models that allow us to understand the disease's evolution and develop new therapies for treating these pathologies. The study has been led by Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo-IUOPA, Talia Velasco and Pablo Menendez, from the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona, with participation from researchers from four other institutions, including the Hospital Infantil Universitario Nino Jesus, the Hospital Universitario Central de Asturias, the Instituto de Biomedicina y Biotecnología de Cantabria and the Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria La Princesa de Madrid.



# Tele-MANAS mental health helpline handles over 29.7 lakh calls since 2022



**New Delhi :** The Tele MANAS toll-free number, launched as part of the national tele-mental health programme in India, has received more than 29,75,000 calls since its launch in 2022 till mid-March 2025, the Parliament was informed on Monday.

Minister of State for Education Dr Sukanta Majumdar, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, spoke about suicide cases of students, especially in the IITs, and the programmes initiated in the country to address mental health issues. Under the National Tele Mental Health Programme, 36 States and UTs have set up 53 Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (MANAS) Cells till July 17.

"More than 29,75,000 calls have been handled on the helpline number," the Minister said. Majumdar noted that to address the issue of suicide in young adults, the government is taking multi-pronged measures and provides psychological support to students, teachers, and families for mental and emotional well-being to avoid incidences of suicide. He stated that the government has also constituted a National Task Force (NTF) to identify predominant causes of suicides among stu-

dents, analyse existing regulations, and suggest recommendations for strengthening students' protection. According to the 2025 report from the National Crime Records Bureau, student suicides rose from 8,423 in 2013 to 13,892 in 2023, a 65 per cent increase. Students now account for 8.1 per cent of all suicides, up from 6.2 per cent in 2013.

"There are various causes of suicides like professional/career problems, sense of isolation, abuse, violence, family problems, mental disorders, addiction to alcohol, financial loss, chronic pain, etc.," said Majumdar, citing the report. He noted that the Ministry of Education's initiative called Manodharan covers a wide range of activities to provide psychological support to students, teachers, and families for mental and emotional well-being, such as a National toll-free helpline that has been extending guidance to callers through trained counsellors. Other measures include live interactive sessions 'Sahyog' and Webinars 'Paricharcha' that are organised regularly to create awareness about the importance of mental health among all stakeholders, students in all States/UTs, the Minister said.



## 35th annual gathering of Sarsina Darbar concluded



**Nurul Islam Khan:** The 135th annual gathering of Sarsina Darbar Sharif ended on Monday with Nasihat and Akheri Munajat.

The centuries-old traditional ancient Sarsina Darbar Sharif was blessed by Ameer-e-Hizbullah Hazrat Maulana Mufti Shah Abu Nasr Nesaruddin Ahmad Hussain Sahib. Pir Sahib Sarsina Darbar Sharif. The message of peace was given to the gathering of lakhs of people. The message given in this three-day historic gathering was, "Politics-free educational institution". The

Pir Mujaddide Zaman Hazrat Dada Huzur of Furfura Sharif was his distinguished caliph, Pir Shah Nesaruddin Huzur, the founder of this Darbar. That Darbar Sharif is a famous Sufi Darbar of the sub-continent. Thousands of gems are engaged in the welfare of the country in the educational institutions there, a pure Islamic institution. Many social activities are going on. Lakhs of devotees were in tears in that court. The mahfil was concluded by spreading the message of welfare and peace of the human civilization of the world.

## Khurda Road Division Observes World AIDS Day with Awareness Rally and Seminar



**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Khurda Road:** Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway observed World AIDS Day today with a series of awareness activities aimed at educating passengers, employees and the general public on HIV/AIDS prevention and response.

An awareness rally was organised in the morning, featuring banners, posters and placards carrying key messages on HIV/AIDS. The rally was flagged off from the Divisional Railway Hospital in the morning by Dr. Sabita Satpathy, Chief Medical Superintendent of Khurda Road Division.

Railway medical staff, health workers and volunteers including Bharat Scouts & Guides volunteers participated in the rally, which covered prominent public areas

of Khurda Road, including the platforms of Khurda Road Railway Station and nearby railway residential colonies. The rally concluded at the Divisional Railway Hospital after passing through various public engagement points.

As part of the observance, a seminar and interactive session on HIV/AIDS awareness was also held at the OPD complex of the Divisional Railway Hospital. Doctors and health professionals addressed key issues related to prevention, early detection, treatment and social stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.

Khurda Road Division remains committed to promoting health awareness and preventive healthcare among passengers, employees and the local community through regular health camps and outreach initiatives.

## East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Khurda Road Presents Meritorious Student Award-2025



**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Khurda Road:** The East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ECoR-WWO), Khurda Road, presented the Meritorious Student Award-2025 to the wards of railway employees, recognising their academic excellence and encouraging young learners within the railway community.

A total of 135 meritorious students from railway families were honoured at a special function organised for the occasion. The President, ECoR-WWO/Khurda Road Smt Divya Tripathi, personally handed over the awards to the se-

lected students, commending their hard work, dedication and academic achievements in presence of Smt. Leenashree Behera, Vice President, ECoR-WWO/Khurda Road and other members of ECoRWWO. She also motivated the awardees to continue pursuing excellence and set higher aspirations in their educational journey.

ECoRWWO, Khurda Road, continues to champion the educational development and overall well-being of railway families through such welfare initiatives and recognition programmes, reinforcing its commitment to nurturing young talent.

## RPF/ER arrests topB offender at Sealdah Railway Station under "Mission Yatri Suraksha"



**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Kolkata:** In a proactive step towards ensuring the safety and security of passengers, Eastern Railway's Railway Protection Force (RPF) continues its strong action under "Mission Yatri Suraksha" to curb theft and other offences affecting passengers. Strengthening its surveillance and crime-pre-

vention efforts, the RPF team successfully apprehended a Theft of Passengers' Belongings (TOPB) offender at Sealdah Railway Station.

On 30.11.2025, officials of the Crime Protection & Detection Squad (CPDS), Sealdah, detected and arrested one TOPB offender from Sealdah Railway Station. During the operation, the team recovered one ladies' bag containing 150 grams of silver, 2.5 grams of gold ornaments, one mobile phone, and other valuable belongings worth approximately Rs. 80,000/-.

The apprehended individual, along with the recovered items, was handed over to GRPS/Sealdah, where a case has been registered under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Eastern Railway remains committed to safeguarding passengers and their belongings through continuous vigilance and effective enforcement measures.

## Muslim Community Upset Over Waqf Decisions; Clerics Demand Clarification

**Nurul Islam Khan:** The state government has betrayed the minority Muslims over the Waqf property. Mamata Banerjee said "There is no problem in this state, go to Delhi and protest. If you protest here, no one will be a bigger enemy than me". The Muslim community has erupted in anger. Pir Ibrahim Siddiqui, Pirzada Taha Siddiqui, Pirzada Naushad Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui and Pirzada Safiri Siddiqui, Pirzada Uzair Siddiqui and numerous Pirsahibs have spoken out. We had full faith in Mamata's frank words, she also promised us. But it goes without saying that she betrayed the Muslims in the end. They have also talked about the great contribution of this



Muslim community in getting into the government. She has sold the Muslims of this state to the RSS and BJP. Pir Saheb also said that in the context of SIR, she also said 'I will not let SIR happen as long as I am alive'! Is this process also is not happening here? Then the minorities are being cheated. Pir Saheb told Mamata Banerjee to clarify your

position on this issue. They also said that no government has betrayed the Muslims so much since the country's independence. On the other hand, Mohammad Kamruzaman, a member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, said that we are worried and deeply disappointed about the Waqf. The property donated by our ancestors in

the name of Allah The state government has become the owner overnight. How is this possible? On the other hand, the issue of uploading all the waqf properties on the Umid portal by December 5 is also disappointing. Today, a deputiation was given to the Waqf Board in Kolkata on the issue of waqf properties by the Constitution Protection Forum. There, it was demanded to increase the upload time and simplify the issue. Top leaders including Imtiaz Mollah, Alamgir Sardar, their point is, why did the government become the owner of the waqf properties of Muslims overnight despite having a lot of divine properties and huge properties of other communities? The question is going around in the society.

## Malda Division Conducts Digital Awareness Drive to Promote UTS on Mobile App



**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Malda:** Under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Malda Division has intensified its efforts to promote digital ticketing by conducting special awareness campaigns on a daily basis at key stations, including Bhagalpur, New Farakka, and several other important locations.

Monday, under the supervision of Senior Divisional

Commercial Manager, Shri Kartik Singh, a promotional drive was organised at Jamalpur Station to encourage passengers to adopt the UTS on Mobile App for digital, paperless, and convenient ticketing.

During the campaign, Commercial Inspectors and checking staff interacted with passengers, demonstrating the complete process of downloading, registering, and booking unreserved

tickets through the UTS Mobile App. Passengers were briefed on the advantages of mobile ticketing, and the app was successfully installed on the smartphones of more than 70 passengers at Jamalpur Station.

Key Benefits of the UTS Mobile App

- \* 3% bonus on R-Wallet recharge
- \* Eliminates long queues at ticket counters
- \* Paperless and cashless ticketing system
- \* Booking options for journey, platform, and season tickets
- \* Instant access to tickets directly on mobile

This initiative reflects Malda Division's commitment to strengthening digitalisation in railway operations and enhancing passenger convenience in alignment with the Digital India Mission. The Division continues to take proactive measures to expand the adoption of modern, technology-driven ticketing solutions across its jurisdiction.

## Temporary train regulation, permanent improvements : Eastern Railway's upgrade mission with NI work at Khana

**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Kolkata:** Eastern Railway has planned yard remodelling work including ladder shifting along with Pre-Non-Interlocking/Non-Interlocking works at Khana station in the Bardhaman-Khana section under Howrah Division from 02.12.2025 to 08.12.2025. In keeping with the principle "Today's Pain is Tomorrow's Gain," a few trains will be regulated during the 7-day Non-Interlocking period. However, this short-term inconvenience is essential to execute critical infrastructure upgrades that will yield long-term benefits for passengers. The work will significantly enhance operational flexibility, improve reliability of signalling equipment on the Rajdhani route and ensure greater safety for road users at level crossing gates along the section. These improvements will contribute to smoother train movements, better punctuality and safer rail operations. With the



enhancement of operational flexibility, this NI work will also make provision for more train services and reduced journey time. Eastern Railway requests the cooperation of all passengers and regrets any inconvenience caused during this vital upgrade phase aimed at delivering improved

and reliable services in the future.

Consequent to this Pre NI / NI work at Khana, 18 MEMU services and 14 Mail/Express trains will remain cancelled while 31 Mail/Express trains will run via diverted routes on nominated days between 05.12.2025 and 07.12.2025. In addition, 02 pairs of MEMU trains and 01 pair of MEMU Express trains will be short-terminated/short-originated on nominated days between 05.12.2025 and 08.12.2025. Furthermore, 05 MEMU/Express trains will be rescheduled and 05 Mail/Express trains will be regulated enroute on different dates in the NI work period. Apart from this, the 13427/13428 Howrah-Sahibganj-Howrah Intercity Express will have stoppage at all stations between Jhapatra Dhal & Rampurhat on 06.12.2025 and 07.12.2025.

Details of regulation of trains for the NI work is attached.

## Cancellation of trains

**MI News Service, 1 Dec 2025, Kolkata:** Due to track maintenance work at Bandel Station limit over Howrah Division on 03.12.2025, following trains will remain cancelled on 03.12.2025 (Wednesday): Cancellation on 03.12.2025: From Naihati - 37541 From Bandel - 37542, 37260, 37254 From Howrah - 37249, 37253, 37611 From Pundooah - 37614.

**Cancellation of Bardhaman - Hatia - Bardhaman MEMU**

**MI News Service, 1 Dec 2025, Burdwan:** Due to operational reason, 13503/13504 Bardhaman - Hatia - Bardhaman MEMU Express will remain cancelled from 02.12.2025 to 08.12.2025.

## Rly players in Indian Team

**MI News Service, 1 Dec 2025, New Delhi:** Indian Railways has appointed three international players of the Indian women's cricket team - Pratika Rawal, Sneha Rana, and Renuka Singh Thakur, who were part of the World Cup-winning squad - to the post of Officer on Special Duty (OSD-Sports). These three players will now receive pay and benefits equivalent to Group B Gazetted Officers. Through this initiative of the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), the women cricketers will not only gain financial security but will also be entrusted with administrative responsibilities.

## Two-state solution 'only path' to Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Pope Leo

**MI News Service, Beirut:** Pope Leo XIV doubled down Sunday on the Holy See's insistence on a two-state solution to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying in his first airborne news conference that it was the "only solution" that could guarantee justice for both sides.

Leo made the comments as he flew from Istanbul to Beirut for the second and final leg of his maiden voyage as pope.

Though Leo has been fielding journalists' questions at informal gatherings at his country house, the brief encounter marked his first news conference as pope and followed the tradition of

his predecessors of using his trips to engage with the media.

But it was limited to two questions from Turkish journalists.

The American pope was asked by a Turkish journalist about his private talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and whether they discussed the wars in Gaza and Ukraine.

Leo confirmed they had, and said that Türkiye had an "important role to play" in both conflicts, noting that Erdogan's government had already helped facilitate low-level negotiations between Russia and Ukraine to end the war.

## Samajwadi Party MP calls Bengaluru traffic 'most notorious'

**MI News Service, Bengaluru:** Bengaluru's traffic woes resurfaced after Samajwadi Party MP Rajeev Rai criticised the authorities for the "worst traffic management", calling the city's roads the "most notorious".

Rai, who was in Bengaluru on Sunday, tagged Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in a post on 'X', saying he had been stuck for an hour on Rajkumar Samadhi Road and was at risk of missing his flight.

Reacting to the criticism, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who also oversees Bengaluru development, said he would meet the MP in Delhi and show him the traffic situation in the national capital.

"Okay. Let me meet him in Delhi and show him what traffic is like in Delhi. I will also tag him," Shivakumar in told reporters.

In his post on November 30, Rai wrote: "I'm sorry, but

you have the worst traffic management, and the most irresponsible, useless traffic police. They don't even pick up phone calls — here is the screenshot of my attempt to speak to them; none of them picked up my call."

"For the last one hour, we were stuck at the same place on Rajkumar Samadhi Road. I am going to miss my flight; tomorrow I have to attend the Parliament session. Not a single policeman was seen around," he added.

"These inefficient officers are enough to spoil the name and charm of this beautiful city. No doubt Bengaluru traffic has earned the reputation of the most notorious traffic," Rai further said, tagging the Bengaluru Police Commissioner.

In recent months, the state government has faced mounting pressure from industry bodies and citizens over Bengaluru's traffic and infrastructure issues

## 'Beef' in buffet triggers row at UP wedding; samples sent for forensic test

**MI News Service, Aligarh:** A fight broke out at a wedding reception in Aligarh's Civil Lines area, Uttar Pradesh, over a sticker at a dining counter that read "beef curry", police said on Monday.

Two guests, Akash and Gaurav Kumar, objected to the label and tried to record a video on Sunday night at the party, leading to a fracas.

A police team and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials arrived and collected food samples for forensic examination.

Circle Officer Sarvam Singh said three people — the caterer and two others allegedly involved in the altercation — were detained for questioning and released later in the night.

"Action will be taken only

after the forensic report establishes the nature of the meat. No case has been filed so far," he said.

Gaurav Kumar has submitted a written complaint against the caterer, alleging deliberate hurting of religious sentiments.

Police said confusion over the term "beef", used interchangeably for both buffalo meat (legal) and cow meat (banned), often leads to tensions in the region.

As news spread, BJP workers gathered at the Civil Lines Police Station, demanding strict action.

BSP leader Salman Shahid, who also reached the station, accused BJP workers of "high-handed behaviour" and ignoring explanations that the issue arose from a misunderstanding.

## PM's 'delivery, not drama' jab at Congress, Priyanka Gandhi's sharp reply

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Taking a swipe at the Opposition ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said some parties cannot digest the defeat in the Bihar polls, and hoped that Parliament would not become the site of a "melt-down". In what could count among his most scathing addresses before a Parliament session, the Prime Minister said he was ready to give tips to the Opposition on how to

perform, but they must not disrupt the functioning of the two Houses during the Winter Session. The big turnout in the Bihar polls and the participation of women are creating hope and faith, the Prime Minister said. "The world is looking at this very carefully. India has proved that democracy can deliver." The Parliament, he said, must be focused on the direction the country is going in. "The opposition should also do its duty. They should raise key issues.

## ECoR organises 2nd Niladri Cup T-20 Inter Departmental Cricket Championship

**MI News Service, 1 Dec, 2025, Bhubaneswar:** The 2nd T-20 Niladri Cup Inter-Departmental Tennis Ball Cricket Championship was inaugurated today by Shri Dr. Hemant Kagra, President of the East Coast Railway Sports Association, at the Railway Cricket Stadium, Macheswar. The event, organized by the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA), aims to encourage sportsmanship, unity, and physical fitness among ECoR employees.

The initiative has been championed and guided by Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager, East Coast Railway, whose leadership has been instrumental in strengthening sports infrastructure and fostering a culture of sporting excellence across the zone.

The tournament seeks to promote team spirit, discipline, and overall well-being across departments. A total of 11 teams are participating, representing RPF, Personnel & Safety, Medical & Stores,



Accounts, S&T, Operating, Engineering, Commercial, Audit, Construction, and GA & Mechanical.

The matches will be played in a round league format. The top four teams will qualify for the semifinals, and the top two teams will compete in the final match. 28 matches, including semifinals and the final, will be played between

01 December 2025 and 21 December 2025, following ICC T-20 rules.

The championship will end with the final match on 21 December 2025 at the Railway Cricket Stadium, Macheswar.

East Coast Railway remains committed to promoting a vibrant sports culture across the zone. Through initiatives like the Niladri Cup, ECoR not

only provides employees with opportunities to showcase their talent and foster healthy competition but also encourages teamwork, discipline, and overall well-being.

By supporting such tournaments, the Railway reinforces its dedication to employee engagement, physical fitness, and the holistic development of its workforce.



# Olympian Sift Kaur Samra hopeful shooting will be back when India hosts Commonwealth Games in 2030

JAIPUR : Olympian Sift Kaur Samra is confident that the shooting sport, which was discontinued as a medal event for both the 2022 Birmingham and 2026 Glasgow editions, will be included as a discipline when India hosts the Commonwealth Games at Ahmedabad in 2030.

Sift Kaur said that as India are hosting the 2030 CWG, national shooters will get a big chance to showcase their talent and secure a bagful of medals in front of their home crowd.

"I am thrilled that India is hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games, and I am sure shooting will be included as an event. This is a fantastic opportunity for our national shooters to shine and bring home medals. I am also hoping that the event will lead to improved sports infrastructure, making it easier for aspiring athletes to learn and train," Sift told SAI Media on Sunday.

"The Commonwealth Games will have a significant impact on our sports culture. When people come and watch our players compete in the stadium, they will be



inspired to take up sports, and it will definitely trigger a sports mindset in our country," the 24-year-old added.

Sift won an individual silver and a bronze medal in the 50m rifle 3 position at the ongoing Khelo India University Games Rajasthan 2025 for Guru Nanak Dev University here at the Jagatpura Shooting Range on Sunday.

Earlier this season, Sift maintained her dominance at the continental level by clinching her fourth consecutive Asian Championship gold in the 50m rifle 3 position in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, this August. After ending her KIUG campaign on an impressive note, the rifle shooter's focus now is on the ISSF World Cup Final in Doha, Qatar, scheduled from December 4 to 9.

"This year, I have participated in three World Cups, winning two individual medals and narrowly missing out on one. I have also won an individual gold medal at the Asian Championships. Currently, I am focused on the World Cup Final in Doha,

which is scheduled to take place later this year," she said.

"After that, my target is winning a medal at the Asian Games next year, but I also have my sights set on the Olympics. I usually plan short-term goals, and I'm working towards achieving them one step at a time," she added.

Sift, who has been a regular participant in various Khelo India Games since 2020, said that it is an excellent platform for individuals who want to take up sports as a professional career.

"I am constantly a part of Khelo India Games right from the very first edition of University Games in 2020...The Khelo India University Games is an excellent platform for athletes who take up sports later in life, particularly during their college years. It provides them a chance to showcase their talent and test their performance against others. The University Games are more inclusive, offering opportunities to older players who may have missed out on Youth Games," she signed off.

## Give your 100 per cent, keep confidence high: Coach Sreejesh on India's belief at FIH Junior Men's WC

MADURAI : Indian junior men's team head coach P.R Sreejesh believes it will be important for the team to give their 100 per cent and maintain their confidence if they aim to win the Junior World Cup.

The Indian team is set to take on Switzerland here on Tuesday in what will be their final league game of the FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2025. India's match against the 26th-ranked Swiss might be their only game in Madurai; they are well-positioned to top their group and advance to the knockout games in Chennai.

"When you are preparing for the Junior World Cup, it's always important that you give your 100 per cent and you dream about winning that. So, I think it's really important for us to keep that confidence high and just to play the normal game to win the tournament. That's it," Sreejesh told IANS while speaking of India's performances and chances of winning the tournament.

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team started strongly

with a 7-0 victory over Chile in their first Pool B match and followed it with a dominant 17-0 win against Oman to clinch their second straight victory.

While India's performances have been dominant, Sreejesh did not count any competitor out and said that all teams are equally good and capable of beating any opposition on a given day.

"See, Germany is a good team. We're expected to meet them somewhere in the semis or finals. So, I mean, I don't know how the journey is going to be, because all these top nine teams are good enough; they're equally good enough to meet anyone on a given day," he added.

Speaking further, Sreejesh said the team will take it one game at a time and will not make any early assumptions about future results. "So we're not predicting anything; we're just focusing on the next match, the last league round match. Then we will look after the quarterfinals and then think about the future," he concluded.



## Ashes: Labuschagne avoids Khawaja's selection talks, says decision 'up to people above my pay grade'

BRISBANE : Ahead of the second Ashes Test, Marnus Labuschagne highlighted Usman Khawaja's sustained excellence but avoided offering an opinion on whether the veteran should be retained for this week's pink-ball game here at The Gabba.

Despite nearing 39, Khawaja remains central to Australia's Ashes considerations, with team insiders continuing to value his experience and reliability. Since regaining his Test spot four years ago, Khawaja has outscored every other Australian in the format and stands as the only batter in the current squad to feature in all three previous pink-ball Tests at the Gabba. "Usman's a high-quality player. You look at his record... what he's done for Australian cricket. Especially since he's come back, he's been super consistent; he's been really



the rock at the top there," Labuschagne told reporters ahead of Australia's training session on Monday. "There's been a lot of talk about how many opening partners he's had over his

time. But I'm not a selector and whatever happens is all up to people above my pay grade and what they think is the best way for us to win the game and win this series. It's just game by

game, and you work out what's your best team and how it best works for the game," he added. Khawaja has not suggested when he plans to retire, though a farewell Test at the SCG, his

childhood home ground, would offer a fitting bookend to this Ashes campaign. buschagne, however, stressed that sentiment cannot override strategy. When asked about the possibility of a farewell fixture, the Aussie No.3 said, "The most important thing is the team comes first. There are different times when different people may have done that in the past." "He's been an amazing player - 85 tests, averaging 45 (43.56) for Australia all around the world. But, once again, it's not up to me. I don't think he needs advice. He's 38; he's been around the block a long time. "He's got (43) first-class hundreds. The way he's gone from a number three, four and then opened the batting, and the way he's done that, he's navigated some tricky scenarios ... he's just been awesome," he added.

## JSCA EARNs HIGH PRAISE FROM COACH GAUTAM GAMBHIR FOR EXCEPTIONAL MATCH MANAGEMENT FOR INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA ODI

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RANCHI : Indian cricket team coach Gautam Gambhir lauded the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) management for its exemplary arrangements and hospitality during the India-South Africa One-Day International. Expressing his appreciation, Gambhir said that when the responsibility of sports management directly impacts players, every small detail becomes crucial - and at JSCA, these aspects are handled with remarkable precision and professionalism. Gambhir extended his congratulations to JSCA secretary Saurabh Tiwary and joint secretary Shahbaz Nadeem, noting that despite being only six months into their roles, both have managed match arrangements and operational responsibilities with impressive efficiency. He added that their dedication and systematic approach have significantly boosted the association's reputation. Gambhir expressed confidence that the JSCA International Stadium would continue to receive opportunities to host major international fixtures in the coming years, given its consistently improving standards. He also commended the quality of the stadium's ground facilities, food services, transportation arrangements, and gym infrastructure, describing them as top-notch and highly conducive to players' comfort and performance.

## Jharkhand Sports Association Clinches Third Successive Title in Senior Inter District Soccer Tournament

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RANCHI : Jharkhand Sports Association secured the championship crown of the Jharkhand Senior Inter District Soccer Tournament for the third year in a row, defeating Godda district 4-2 in a tense penalty shootout at the Birsu Munda Football Stadium, Morabadi, on Monday. The hard-fought final remained goalless in regulation time, despite both teams showcasing exceptional skill, tactical discipline, and strong defensive play.

With the deadlock unbroken, the organisers opted for a penalty shootout, where Jamshedpur's

composure and experience proved decisive. Their players successfully converted four penalties, while goalkeeper Bhudeshwar Hansda produced two outstanding saves to secure the title for his side.

Hansda's remarkable performance earned him the Man of the Match award, while Godda's Manoj Marandi, who displayed consistent brilliance throughout the tournament, was named Man of the Series.

Supriyo Bhattacharya, Organising Chairman and Senior Secretary General of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, graced the final as the chief guest and presented awards to the players.

In his address, he expressed hope that just as Jharkhand's girls have earned a place in the Indian national team, the state's boys too will soon make their mark at the national level. He also urged Jharkhand Football Association Secretary Ghulam Rabbani to secure hosting rights for national-level competitions at the same venue. Jharkhand Football Association Secretary Ghulam Rabbani, along with Ashish Bose and Farid Khan, also motivated the players. Captains and players from both teams wholeheartedly praised the excellent playing conditions and infrastructure of the Birsu Munda Football Stadium.



## How Odisha swimmer Pratyasa Ray turns water therapy into talent

JAIPUR : By the age of three, Pratyasa Ray's parents had visited many hospitals seeking a remedy for her ongoing health problems and impaired growth. Her mother, Charushree, discovered that water therapy might benefit children with serious health issues and chose to pursue that treatment.

What began as therapy has now become Pratyasa's life. The 23-year-old is among the top swimmers in the country and demonstrated her talent at the Khelo India University Games Rajasthan 2025, winning three gold medals, one silver, and one bronze at the Sawai Man Singh Swimming Complex.

a tube. Her mother recalled, "It was as if water gave her relief. She started enjoying being in water and realised that it was keeping her away from hospitals. Over the next two to three years, she easily increased her swimming distance from 25 meters to 50 meters."

Pratyasha doesn't remember these early days; everything she knows comes from her mother. She said, "A local coach in Sambalpur recognised my potential and suggested I take up competitive swimming."

At eight years old, Pratyasha began her professional training at the Jharsa Khaitan Swimming Complex under Rangnidhi Seth.

The Utkal University student has won a total of 18 medals over the last four editions of the Khelo India University Games, including nine gold and seven silver medals. Additionally, they have achieved impressive results at various national and international tournaments.

Recounting the tough period when Pratyasa's health was a major concern, Charushree told SAI Media, "Pratyasa was born healthy. But she was given antibiotics to protect her from an infection when she was just 21 days old and those medicines reacted adversely. After that, her natural physical development stopped. Our concern grew. We wanted a healthy child, but everything was going against us. During that time, I read in Reader's Digest that swimming can help children with several health issues. Tired of continuous hospital visits, I decided to take that risk."

"During this period, my father, Rajat Kumar Ray, who works in the Odisha government, was transferred to Bhubaneswar. I then began professional training in Kalinga. Balancing studies and sports, I am now pursuing a double postgraduate degree from Utkal University," she said.

Over these years, Pratyasha has earned several medals both nationally and internationally. In addition to her achievements at the Khelo India University Games, the Odisha swimmer competed in three Khelo India Youth Games editions, securing four silver and three bronze medals.

Her top performance in KIUG occurred in Guwahati last year, where she secured four gold medals, one silver, and one bronze. As a result, she received the Eklavya Award from the Odisha Government.

But soon after those Games, she suffered a hairline fracture in her shoulder. "Surgery wasn't needed, but I needed two months of rehab. Because of rehab, I had to stay away from my main backstroke events, but I didn't give up. To maintain my racing ability, I started competing in freestyle and also in longer events of 200 and 400 meters."

She recovered in time for the Senior Nationals in September last year, winning gold in the relay and silver in the 100m backstroke. Now, she aims to join the Indian team for the 2026

"I started taking my three-year-old daughter to a swimming pool in Sambalpur. No admission was possible at that age, so I went into the water with her myself. The initial days were filled with tears and fear, but gradually, water turned her fear into play. Within two months, hospital visits reduced, and after three months, her health stabilised," she told.

Six months after her first introduction to water, Pratyasa for the first time indicated that she could enter the pool without

