

CM Mamata Assures Citizens: “No Detention Centres in Bengal”

Amid heightened anxiety across West Bengal over citizenship verification and documentation procedures linked to the ongoing SIR, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought to reassure citizens. The Chief Minister declared firmly, “We will not allow any detention centre in Bengal.” Banerjee said that relentless fear-mongering around citizenship status had pushed many residents into extreme psychological distress, with some even driven to take their own lives. Condemning what she called a deliberate attempt to create panic, she said, “Everyone in Bengal should remember—your safety is guaranteed. We do not allow any detention camps, nor will we permit any kind of harassment or unrest. In this state, every human being—regardless of religion or community—has a secure place. We do not practise politics of division.” **PG 3**



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Over 150 holidays in 2026 for Bengal govt employees

MI News Service, Kolkata : The West Bengal government has released its calendar for 2026 listing more than 150 holidays in the coming year, including the weekly offs for government employees.. Bengal government employees will enjoy their longest stretch of holidays in October, with their Durga Puja off without a break of 12 days, which will include the Lakshmi Puja holiday as well. As per the West Bengal Finance Department, the Durga Puja holidays will begin on 15 October, Chaturthi, and continue till 17 October, Sashthi, with 18 October being a Sunday and thus allowing for a smooth transition into the 19, 20, and 21 October holidays, when Ashtami, Navami, and Dashami will be respectively celebrated. November will also have in store a number of holidays for the West Bengal government employees. This month, employees will be getting more than 10 off days, including the Kali Puja and Chhat celebrations. In 2026, the West Bengal government employees will get 27 holidays as per the Negotiable Instruments Act. The state government has ordered another 26 days off, thus taking the total number of days off to 53. Considering the 52 Saturdays and 52 Sundays, those working in the Mamata Banerjee government will be eligible for a total of 104 offs in the year. Moreover, those employees belonging to the Santal community will also be getting 30 June as an off day for Hul Dibas. The central government has also released its list of holidays for 2026. There are 14 compulsory holidays and a list of 12 restricted holidays. Employees can choose any three among the 12 restricted holidays.

The compulsory holidays are:

1. Republic Day
2. Independence Day
3. Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
4. Buddha Purnima
5. Christmas Day
6. Dussehra (Vijay Dashmi)
7. Diwali (Deepavali)
8. Good Friday
9. Guru Nanak's birthday
10. Idu'1 Fitr
11. Idu'1 Zuha
12. Mahavir Jayanti
13. Muharram and
14. Prophet Mohammad's birthday (Id-e-milad)

Indian Navy forces Pakistan to remain close to their ports, says Navy chief

MI News Service, New Delhi : Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi on Tuesday said his force's aggressive posturing during Operation Sindoor in May forced Pakistan Navy to remain close to their ports. In his annual press conference, Admiral Tripathi also said that the Indian Navy maintained a high operational readiness, including in the Western Arabian sea, in the last seven-eight months following the hostilities with Pakistan.

The Navy chief, without elaborating, said Operation Sindoor "remains in progress". "The aggressive posturing and immediate action during Operation Sindoor, including deployment of the carrier battle group forced

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Mamata Banerjee slams Centre saying, I 'understand the trick' about central funds

MI News Service , Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has once again slammed the Central Government over the state's outstanding dues, amounting to ₹1.47 lakh crore. Releasing a detailed report on the achievements of her government during the last 15 years at Nanbanna on Tuesday, she alleged that despite directions from both the High Court and the Supreme Court, Delhi is still withholding the funds. The Chief Minister expressed suspicion that the Centre might release the money in February, only to reclaim it in March, stating, "I understand the trick."

Releasing 'Unnayaner Panchali' (Ballad of Development) Mamata Banerjee highlighted massive development strides in agriculture, employment, and health sectors under her leadership. The state government alleges that the Central Government has stopped funding many of the state's welfare and development schemes, forcing the state to finance these projects on its own every year.



Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is releasing 'Unnayaner Panchali' (Ballad of Development) at Nanbanna on Tuesday, highlighting massive development strides in agriculture, employment, and health sectors under her leadership during 15 years of TMC government in West Bengal

Stating that West Bengal owed ₹1.47 lakh crore from the Narendra Modi-led Central Government, the Chief minister said the Centre also ignored the Court orders. Despite numerous demands, letters,

and clear instructions from the Kolkata High Court and the Supreme Court to release the outstanding funds, the Centre remains silent on the matter, the Chief Minister said and expressed

her deep resentment over this continued deadlock. With the state assembly elections approaching next year, the Chief Minister voiced a significant concern: She said "the Centre might release the

outstanding money in February, but then take it back in March. This is a trick that is now clear." Her concern stems from the government rule that unspent funds from the Central Government must be returned if not utilized within the financial year. Mamata Banerjee suspects the

try in the state, holding the Centre responsible for the increase. Concluding her speech with a sharp political barb, she said, "₹10,000 before the vote, and the bulldozer after the vote," a clear attack on the Central Government's promises and actions. Trinamool Congress, headed by Mamata Banerjee, has

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Centre could release the funds very close to the year-end, then claim it back if the state failed to spend the money in the short time available, and before physically take it back. Mamata Banerjee also renewed her criticism of the Centre for stopping funds for several key state projects, including those related to drinking water, roads, and housing schemes. Despite this, she stressed that development in the state continued unabated. The Chief Minister also brought up the high price of poul-

been ruling the state since 2011. Political observers feel that the release of this report seems to be prompted by the crucial West Bengal Assembly elections scheduled next year, as the contents of the report will give an idea to the people of the largescale development programmes that will be highlighted by the state's ruling party both in its polling campaign as well as in the election manifesto for the polls next year. In 2011, the 34-year Left

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PM Modi speaks to Lankan President assures support in post-cyclone rehab

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Tuesday and assured him of continued support in the rehabilitation efforts across all regions impacted by Cyclone Ditwah.

In a telephone conversation, PM Modi expressed condolences for the loss of hundreds of lives and devastation in Sri Lanka, and said the people of India stood in firm solidarity and support with the people of the island nation in this hour of need. 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, an official statement said here today . Dissanayake also conveyed the appreciation of the people of Sri Lanka for India's timely and effective response efforts, it said.

"The 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," the statement said. PM Modi assured Dissanayake 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 liveli-

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hoods across the impacted regions. The two leaders agreed to remain in close touch.

Cyclone Ditwah, which hit large parts of Sri Lanka last week, left a trail of death and destruction, affecting as many as 11,51,776 people of 316,366 families. The death count due to floods and landslides caused by the cyclone rose to 366, with 367 still remained

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Census - 2027 to be conducted in two phases from next year

MI News Service, New Delhi : Ending all speculations in different circles, the Central government has decided to conduct the 2027 Census in two phases, the first between April and September 2026 and the second in February 2027, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday. Giving details of the exercise in response to a question by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the two phases will be -- Phase I-House Listing and Housing Census followed by Phase II-Population Enumeration (PE). The first phase from April to September 2026 will be conducted in a period of 30 days in accordance with the convenience of state and UT governments, he said .

Announcing the government decision to conduct the long pending Population Census-2027 in two phases along with enumeration of castes, the minister said the reference date for Population Census - 2027 will be 00:00 hours of the first day of March, 2027. For the Union Territory of Ladakh and the non-synchronous snow-bound areas of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date will be 00.00 hours of the first day of October, 2026. The notification for intent of conducting Population Census will be published in the official gazette as per provision of section 3 of Census Act 1948. The Census of India is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990. The last Census of India was conducted in 2011 in two phases, namely i) Phase I – House Listing (HLO) (1 April to 30 September 2010) and (ii) Phase II – Population Enumeration (PE) (09 February to 28 February 2011) with reference date - 00:00 hours of the first day of March 2011, except for snow-bound non-synchronous areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh for which it was conducted during 11 to 30 September 2010 with reference date as 00.00 hours of the first day of October 2010. Census 2021 was also proposed to be conducted in

TMC MP claims Odisha police deported Bengali migrant workers

MI News Service, Kolkata: Warning of strong legal action, TMC MP Mahua Moitra has charged the Nayagarh police in Odisha with allegedly forcing four migrant workers from West Bengal to leave the district despite having valid identity documents and termed it totally "unconstitutional". In a post on X, Moitra drew the attention of Nayagarh SP S Suree, claiming that the Odagaon police station in-charge had "instructed 4 Bengali migrants, all bona fide Indian citizens with full paperwork to leave the district" forthwith. "Pressurised Landlord to throw them out, threatened arrest. Inspite of @SP-Murshidabad verifying workers. This is illegal and in violation of our constitution. Am taking you to court so get ready



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lice special task force has been asked to work with local police and other agencies to gather information on the presence of suspected Bangladeshis, especially in coastal districts such as Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Bhadrak, Jajpur and Balasore. "They are being brought for verification in small groups and allowed to go if nothing suspicious is found after verification," said a police officer. Though Bhadrak is among other coastal districts with a sizeable Bengali-speaking population that has been here for decades, police said they are verifying the antecedents of those who have settled here more recently. Individuals with Aadhaar details from districts such as Murshidabad and Malda, which share borders with Bangladesh, are being closely verified, police sources said. Last week, at least four people of an "organised racket" were arrested by police in Jagatsinghpur district on charges of harbouring illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. The administration also demolished structures owned by the accused, stating that they were illegally built on government land. According to a reply to a question in the Assembly in March this year, Odisha has 3,740 undocumented migrants from Bangladesh. Officials, how

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Govt shall talk to Opposition leaders to help end logjam over SIR: Rijiju

MI News Service, New Delhi : Amid unrelenting demands by the Opposition for an immediate discussion on the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that the government was willing to discuss any issue and it has invited leaders from various parties for a dialogue to break the ongoing impasse over discussion on SIR.

Rijiju's remarks came after Opposition INDIA bloc MPs in the House refused to withdraw their demand for a debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters' list in nine states and three Union Territories. The minister said there are several important issues, and the proceedings cannot be disrupted over one issue. The government is ready to discuss anything but the Opposition should not fix timelines, Rijiju told the members. After Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge demanded that a discussion on the crucial issue of SIR should begin in the House immediately, Rijiju said he will hold consultations with leaders of various parties later today



Union Minister Kiren Rijiju speaks in Lok Sabha during the winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Tuesday.

“The problem begins when you start questioning the time. Everything cannot be mechanical. In Parliamentary democracy, we have to engage in dialogue, we have to engage in discussion

Kiren Rijiju

and chalk out a solution. Leader of the House in Rajya

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World leaders listen with rapt attention when PM Modi speaks: Mohan Bhagwat

MI News Service, Pune : RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has asserted that world leaders listen carefully when Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks and this is happening because India's strength is getting manifested and the country is finding its rightful place. Speaking at an event organised in Pune to mark 100 years of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Bhagwat suggested one should not look forward to celebrating milestones like jubilees or centenaries, but aim to complete the given task within the stipulated time.

"That is what the Sangh has been doing. Though the Sangh has completed 100 years, braving challenges and weathering many storms, it is time to introspect why the task of uniting the entire society has taken so long," he told the huge gathering. He said it is generally believed that when India rises, global problems get resolved, conflicts diminish, and peace prevails.

The RSS leader also pointed out that "This is recorded in history, and we must recreate it. This is the need of the hour. The current global situation demands this from India. And that is why Sangh volunteers have been working



He is being heard because India's strength is now beginning to manifest at places where it rightfully should. And that has made the world take notice.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat since day one with the resolve to complete this mission," he noted. Highlighting India's growing stature at the global stage, Bhagwat said, "Why is Prime Minister (Modi) being heard globally with rapt attention? He is being heard because India's strength is now beginning to manifest at places where it rightfully should. And that has made the world take notice." Noting the sacrifices made by RSS founder Dr

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Humayun Kabir
vows to occupy
national highway

MI News Service, Murshidabad: Bharatpur TMC MLA Humayun Kabir has issued an ultimatum declaring that Muslims will stage a mass demonstration on National Highway 34—from Rejinagar to Berhampur—on December 6 to press for laying the foundation stone of a proposed Babri Masjid structure. His comments come amid an escalating dispute over a plot of land whose owner, Nizamuddin Chowdhury, has fenced the area and denied having sold it for any mosque project.

Kabir accused sections of the police and administration of obstructing the initiative, alleging bias in comparison to permissions granted during recent Hindu festivals. In a sharp attack on Beldanga SDPO Utam Garai, he claimed the officer was politically influenced and warned him against interfering, though police officials have refrained from responding publicly. Kabir insisted his stance was not new, saying he had announced similar plans a year earlier and continued to question what he described as BJP's influence on law-enforcement decisions. The remarks come shortly before Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's scheduled district visit. Senior TMC leader and MP Kalyan Banerjee distanced the party from Kabir's statements, dismissing the MLA's importance within the organisation and reiterating that the Chief Minister remains its primary public face. The confrontation threatens to disrupt a key stretch of NH-34 and heightens political tensions in Murshidabad, a district already sensitive to communal issues. The possibility of large-scale mobilisation on December 6 has raised concerns about public order, administrative preparedness, and potential legal consequences. Authorities are monitoring the situation as calls grow for preventive measures to avoid escalation while the underlying land dispute remains unresolved.

End of an era: Cooch
Behar-Kolkata air
link cuts off



MI News Service, Cooch Behar: North Bengal's crucial air link to Kolkata is set to be severed, with the Cooch Behar-Kolkata flight service shutting down from February 1, 2026, marking the end of a three-year experiment that struggled with low passenger viability and the expiry of its operating contract. Launched in February 2023 under the central UDAN regional connectivity scheme, the nine-seater service operated by India One Air had been promoted as an affordable and much-needed connection for the remote border district. Despite initial optimism, the service reportedly faced operational constraints, limited demand, and financial unfeasibility, leading the operator to decline renewal of its agreement.

The impending closure has reignited political sparring. BJP leaders portray the service as a significant achievement during its brief run, crediting Union Minister Nisith Pramanik for pushing the project forward. Trinamool Congress, however, accuses the Centre of neglecting long-term planning and alleges that the initiative was more symbolic than sustainable—recalling that one of the inaugural flights notably carried five BJP MLAs, which critics saw as political showmanship rather than a commitment to infrastructure development. For residents of Cooch Behar, the termination represents a major setback. Many relied on the flight for urgent medical travel, business connectivity, and tourism access, arguing that the district remains underserved despite repeated assurances of improved transport links. Local voices have questioned both state and central priorities, pointing out persistent gaps in regional aviation infrastructure across West Bengal. As the final flights operate through January, demands are growing for an immediate alternative service or a new operator under UDAN. The end of the route once again underscores the challenges of sustaining regional air connectivity in low-traffic areas, leaving North Bengal without a dependable air link to the state capital.

Abhishek Banerjee Hits Back at PM Modi's
'Drama' Remark Ahead of Winter Session



MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament, tensions escalated on Monday after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an unusual and sharp attack on the Congress and other opposition parties, asserting that Parliament is "not a place for theatrics." The comment has sparked a strong political backlash, with Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee responding sharply and questioning the intent behind branding the Opposition's concerns as drama.

Political observers predict that the Winter Session is likely to be stormy, with several contentious issues on the table—ranging from the Delhi explosion, to the Supreme Court-directed SIR process, and the alleged suicides of BLOs across states. Anticipating intense debates and disruptions, the Prime Minister adopted an aggressive

tone even before the House convened. In his customary address, he said, "Those who want to do drama may do so, but this is not a place for theatrics. This is a place for work. Here, the focus should be on policy, not slogans."



TMC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee during the inauguration of Sebaashray camp at Maheshtala.

The remarks immediately invited criticism from the Opposition, especially the Trinamool Congress. Speaking at the inauguration of a Se-

baashray camp in Maheshtala on Monday, Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee strongly condemned the statement. "SIR has taken 40 lives. Raising questions about that is considered drama? Why is the Commission

drama," he retorted, taking aim at both the Prime Minister and the Union Government. Banerjee further escalated his attack by challenging the Election Commission, asserting that he is prepared to move court if necessary. According to him, the Centre and the Commission must be held accountable for the ongoing SIR-related controversies, which have triggered widespread protests across Bengal.

The clash of statements sets the stage for a politically charged Winter Session, with opposition parties gearing up to confront the government over administrative lapses, the SIR process, and national security concerns. With both sides hardening their positions, parliamentary proceedings in the coming days are expected to be turbulent, marked by high-voltage debates and frequent confrontations inside both Houses.

Newborn Found Abandoned Outside Bathroom in
Nadia; Stray Dogs Guarded Infant Through Night

MI News Service, Nabadwip: A newborn baby was found abandoned early Thursday morning outside the bathroom of a local panchayat member's uncle in the Rail Colony area of Swarupganj panchayat, Nabadwip. According to residents, a group of stray dogs had surrounded the infant through the night, preventing other ani-

mals from approaching. Locals said they had heard a baby crying before dawn but assumed the sound came from a neighbouring house. At daybreak, the child was spotted lying in front of the bathroom door. Residents rushed the baby to Maheshganj Hospital, from where doctors advised shifting the infant to Krishnanagar Sadar Hos-

pital. Medical authorities confirmed there were no external injuries and that the blood found on the baby's head was likely from birth. Nabadwip police have launched an investigation to identify who abandoned the newborn. Officers suspect the child may have been left by someone from a nearby locality. Police are working with Childline of-

ficials to ensure the baby's proper care. Local resident Dinabandhu Debnath said, "A woman from our neighbourhood picked up the baby and provided basic care. Though there was blood on the head, doctors said it was birth-related. Several dogs guard our lane at night, they had surrounded the baby and kept it safe."

Krishnanagar Municipality withdraws paid holidays,
revises wage norms for temporary staff

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: The Krishnanagar Municipality has withdrawn paid holidays for temporary workers and discontinued the long-standing practice of granting 31 days' wages each month. The revised norms came into effect on December 1, following a formal order issued by municipal administrator and Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer Sharadwati Choudhury.

The decision, officials said, is part of a wider effort to stabilise the municipality's finances, which have been under strain for several years. Administrative functioning has also been affected by persistent discord among councillors, prompting repeated complaints from residents regarding civic services. According to municipal



records, Krishnanagar Municipality employs 1,326 workers, of whom only 291 are permanent. The remaining workforce consists of temporary employees whose wages, amounting to nearly Rs. 66 lakh per month, are paid entirely from the municipality's own funds. Al-

legations of absenteeism among sections of temporary staff have been raised at various administrative levels.

A high-level meeting convened in Kolkata in September, attended by senior Trinamool Congress leaders and councillors from the municipality,

failed to produce a consensus on internal issues. Subsequently, Ms. Choudhury was appointed administrator with the mandate to restore financial and operational discipline.

"Municipal rules do not provide for 31 days of payment for temporary workers. This practice existed only in Krishnanagar," Ms. Choudhury said, adding that the new measures were implemented in accordance with statutory norms. Under the revised policy, temporary staff will now be remunerated solely on the basis of actual working days.

The administration expects the changes to reduce non-essential expenditure and address long-pending concerns about financial mismanagement within the municipality.

Kolkata to host 10th Eastern India Microfinance Summit

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Association of Microfinance Institutions – West Bengal (AMFI-WB) will be organizing the 10th Edition of Eastern India Microfinance Summit 2025 in association with MFIN and Sathan, and supported by Equifax

as Knowledge Partner and M2i as Research Partner. This year the theme of the Summit is Reimagining Microfinance towards Viksit Bharat. The 10th Eastern India Microfinance Summit 2025 will be held on 10th of December 2025 at DhonoDhanyo Auditori-

um, Alipore, in Kolkata.

The theme of this year's summit — "Reimagining Microfinance towards Viksit Bharat" — centres around three interconnected pillars that collectively shape the future trajectory of the microfinance sector. The 10th

Eastern India Microfinance Summit 2025 provides an important platform for collaboration among MFIs, banks, fintechs, investors, regulators, and civil society to shape a resilient, people-centric microfinance ecosystem aligned with India's development goals.

Audittech 360 Shines at ICAI Eastern Region Golden Jubilee Conference

MI News Service, Kolkata: Audittech 360 grabbed huge attention at the grand 50th Regional Conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC). The two-day event was held on 21st and 22nd November 2025 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata.

The conference, titled "EYE: Ethics Youth Empower", Hundreds of chartered accountants attended sessions on AI ethics, digital reforms and professional growth.

At a prime stall, Audittech 360 showcased its modern services that go far beyond normal accounting. The firm offers management and forensic audits, fraud detection, ERP controls, cost cutting, IFRS and IND AS implementation, CFO services, MIS automation, budgeting, business intelligence solu-

tions, tax planning, corporate governance, company liquidation, IPO support and legal advice in criminal, civil, corporate and family mat-

ters. The firm was founded by three experienced chartered accountants: CA Vivek Agarwal (over 18



Babri Masjid foundation clash:
Land Dispute hits Beldanga

MI News Service, Murshidabad: With only days remaining until the highly anticipated foundation stone laying ceremony for the Babri Masjid in Beldanga, the project faces escalating complications that cast doubt on its imminent commencement. Bharatpur MLA Humayun Kabir, who publicly vowed to inaugurate the mosque on December 6 amidst expectations of a mass gathering, was recently seen inspecting alternative land in the Kandi area — sparking fresh controversy.

Originally announced almost a year ago, the Babri Masjid in Beldanga has encountered an abrupt land ownership dispute that threatens to derail the groundwork. The plot slated for construction, reportedly adjacent to National Highway 12, was suddenly fenced off by proprietor Nizamuddin Chowdhury, who categorically distanced himself

from the mosque plans. Chowdhury emphatically stated that misconceptions over his open land fueled the Babri Masjid speculation and urged authorities to prioritize Muslim community development and mosque restoration over new constructions. In a surprising move last Monday, Humayun Kabir traveled to Jibanti in Kandi police jurisdiction to survey an alternative site after obstacles emerged regarding the Beldanga location. Despite this effort, Kabir dismissed the Kandi land as unsuitable, citing community concerns and locality constraints, yet reiterated his commitment to erecting the mosque in Beldanga. The abrupt shift to explore replacement land just days before the scheduled foundation event raises questions about the project's feasibility and the MLA's preparedness. Observers now question whether the grand plans backed by

Kabir will materialize, or whether this last-minute land dispute signals deeper political and communal resistance. With public expectations mounting and the countdown ticking, the unfolding tussle over rightful land ownership and project legitimacy threatens to overshadow what was billed as a landmark community milestone. The BJP and other opposition voices have already flagged potential legal and social complications, adding a volatile dimension to a project increasingly mired in controversy. The political and social ramifications of this land dispute in Murshidabad will unfold in the coming days, as Humayun Kabir grapples with delivering on his promise amid rising uncertainty and scrutiny. The question remains: will the Babri Masjid rise in Beldanga, or will this contentious project falter on the threshold of its foundation?

Ink stains on leaders' photos trigger complaint at Habra police

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: In a disturbing development from Habra in North 24 Parganas, the TMC has formally lodged a complaint at the local police station following an act of blatant vandalism targeting the party's leaders. On Monday morning, image of WB CM Mamata Banerjee and all India TMC secretary Abhishek Banerjee, displayed at SIR assistance camps established by the party in Deshbandhu Park, were defaced. Ink was splattered on Mamata Banerjee's portrait, while Abhishek Banerjee's image was inscribed with the word "BJP," sparking outrage and a swift police investigation.

The incident has alarmed political circles and heightened tensions on the ground. Trinamool leaders vehemently condemned the act, labeling it as an affront

not only to the individuals concerned but also to the dignity of the state's office. Claiming responsibility lay with opposition elements, the party called for a thorough inquiry. Conversely, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) dismissed these accusations, attributing the defacement to internal factional disputes within Trinamool ranks. A local BJP official asserted, "This is not the culture of the BJP. The allegations are baseless attempts by Trinamool factions to shift blame ahead of elections." Police authorities have escalated the probe, examining CCTV footage to identify those behind the vandalism. The political ramifications of this incident cannot be understated, coming at a time when communal and electoral sensitivities run high. The episode occurs amid a

backdrop of alleged irregularities in voter registrations within North 24 Parganas. Notably, a complaint from Basirhat revealed misuse of identity documents by unauthorized persons claiming citizenship, sparking further concerns about electoral integrity. The complainant reported his voter and Aadhaar cards were exploited without his consent, raising questions about administrative oversight. The unfolding situation in Habra is emblematic of the increasingly fraught political environment in the region, where allegations of intimidation and electoral manipulation underscore the urgency for transparent and just governance. The police investigation remains ongoing as all stakeholders await clarity on the perpetrators and their motivations.

Multiple Voter ID Cards found in drain trigger row in Nabadwip

MI News Service, Nabadwip: A large number of voter identity cards recovered from a drain near Pratapanagar Hospital Road in Nadia's Nabadwip on Tuesday sparked tension in the area and prompted an immediate police probe. The spot, located in a largely abandoned stretch, drew crowds as residents discovered the dumped cards.

Police officers who reached the site began verifying the authenticity of the recovered documents. Locals said the names and addresses on the cards matched people living in the area, but the individuals concerned still had their



original voter IDs at home. The possibility of duplicate or counterfeit cards has raised serious questions about how the documents ended up on the roadside. The incident quickly took on political colour.

BJP leaders alleged that the recovery supports their earlier claims of possible irregularities during the ongoing SIR process. BJP leader Tapas Ghosh accused the

Trinamool Congress of "resorting to intimidation tactics" and "tampering with voter documents."

Trinamool leaders, however, dismissed the allegations. Jhintul Das, councillor of Ward 5 of Nabadwip Municipality, termed the incident a "BJP conspiracy" and demanded a full inquiry by the Election Commission.

The discovery of sensitive identification documents on a busy stretch like Hospital Road has left local residents worried. Police at Nabadwip station have launched an investigation to determine who dumped the voter cards and with what intention.

Mayapur's Massive Gita Turnout Outshines Brigade Row

MI News Service, Mayapur: As Bengal's political temperature climbs ahead of next year's Assembly elections, the planned five-lakh-voice Gita chanting at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Ground has already emerged as the latest flashpoint between the Trinamool Congress and the BJP. But while the two sides trade barbs over the alleged saffronisation of a religious event, an entirely different tableau has unfolded 120 kilometres away in Mayapur—one seemingly untouched by the capital's escalating political acrimony.

With the opposition accusing the BJP and its affiliates of fuelling "political polarisation" through the December 7 programme — a charge amplified by the presence of RSS-leaning monks and firebrand saffron figures like Sadhvi Ritambhara — ISKCON's global headquarters in Mayapur quietly recorded one of its largest Gita Jayanti turnouts in years.

The celebration, held from November 25 to December 1, saw nearly 10,000 youths officially register, travelling from almost every corner of India. But it was the unregistered footfall that astonished organisers. By ISKCON's estimate, at least three lakh people visited Mayapur over six days — a figure the management describes as "unprecedented in recent memory."

The usually serene temple township transformed into a carnival of spiritual fervour as tourists, pilgrims and holiday-season travellers converged for the Gita



Jayna, cultural programmes, devotional music and day-long spiritual discourses. Many were also drawn to the under-construction Temple of the Vedic Planetarium (TOVP), already a major attraction for visitors.

"This festival has outgrown its earlier scale," said ISKCON spokesperson Rasik Gouranga Das. "Gita Jayanti is now a global event. We had representatives from the US, Russia, Spain, France, Germany and almost every Indian state. Most had registered months in advance, but this year's walk-in numbers took us completely by surprise."

Back in Kolkata, political allegations surrounding the Brigade event have only intensified. Trinamool leaders argue that the programme is a thinly veiled attempt at religious mobilisation ahead of the elections, while the BJP maintains it is a purely devotional initiative.

Caught in the crossfire is Swami Pradipnanda Maharaj, popularly known

as Kartik Maharaj, of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha's Beldanga ashram, one of the organisers of the Brigade chanting. Responding to criticism, he said, "Those who colour the Gita with politics do not understand it. The Gita has safeguarded Hindus for centuries — it teaches dignity, resilience and righteous action."

As winter tourism rises, ISKCON officials note that this year's festivities, turning Mayapur into a bustling spiritual hub.

Attention now turns to December 7, when Brigade Parade Ground will host the mega-chanting session. Alongside Ritambhara, the event will feature yoga guru Ramdev, Vrindavan's Swami Gyanananda, and Bageshwar Dham's Dharendra Krishna Shastri — a lineup that all but guarantees the political spotlight will remain fixed on Brigade in the coming week.

Bengal's Dr. Debanjan Bandyopadhyay Among World's Top 2% Scientists

MI News Service, Kolkata: Renowned Bengal-based physician and researcher Dr. Debanjan Bandyopadhyay has secured a place in the world's top 2% scientists, an elite list jointly published by Stanford University and Elsevier. The global recognition not only enhances his personal stature but also marks a proud moment for India in the field of psychiatry and mental health research. Each year, Stanford University compiles this list using Elsevier's extensive database and a detailed evaluation system. In the latest edition, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been named alongside several leading Indian psychiatrists. A distinguished clinician, he is currently associated with a private hospital in Kolkata and has been recognised under the Psychiatric category. His areas of expertise include Geriatric Psychiatry, with a strong focus on elderly mental health. He also regularly participates in national and international seminars and contributes to multiple research projects as a principal investigator or co-author. The list is prepared through a rigorous scientific process, evaluating researchers based on 22 primary and 174 secondary indicators, including citation impact, research originality, and real-world relevance. Following the announcement, Dr. Bandyopadhyay expressed gratitude, saying the honour will encourage further mental health research in India and inspire young researchers nationwide.

Census - 2027 to be conducted in two phases from next year

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two phases in a similar manner with phase I during April-September 2020 and second phase in February 2021. All the preparations for the first phase of the Census to be conducted in 2021 were completed and field work was scheduled to begin in some States/UTs from April 1, 2020. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic across the country, the census work was postponed. The Indian Census is one of the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world. Census provides a picture of the country's demographic, economic, social, and cultural profile. The Census also serves as a foundation for conducting other surveys across the country.

TMC MP claims Odisha police deported Bengali migrant workers

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ever, estimate that the actual figure is much higher. The detentions have been a political flashpoint in the past, with West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee and her party TMC objecting to the "harassment" of Bengali-speaking migrants in several BJP ruled states.

Indian Navy forces Pakistan to remain close to their ports, says Navy chief

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Pakistan Navy to remain close to their ports or near the Makran coast," he said. The Navy chief said Operation Sindoor has put financial strain on Pakistan as significant number of merchant ships avoided travelling to that country following the hostilities. The cost of insurance for the vessels to travel to Pakistan had also gone up substantially, he said.



Persons with disabilities took part in a rally ahead of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Amid SIR Tension, CM Mamata Assures Citizens: "No Detention Centres in Bengal"

MI News Service, Kolkata:Amid heightened anxiety across West Bengal over citizenship verification and documentation procedures linked to the ongoing SIR, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought to reassure citizens. The Chief Minister declared firmly, "We will not allow any detention centre in Bengal." Banerjee said that relentless fear-mongering around citizenship status had pushed many residents into extreme psychological distress, with some even driven to take their own lives. Condemning what she called a deliberate attempt to create panic, she said, "Everyone in Bengal should remember—your safety is guaranteed. We do not allow any detention camps, nor will we permit any kind of harassment or unrest. In this state, every human being—regardless of religion or community—has a secure place. We do not practise politics of division." The Chief Minister also expressed deep grief over the deaths and medical emergencies in-



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee reassured the people of West Bengal that she will not allow any detention centre in the state, as she released Unnayaner Panchali (Ballad of Development) at Nabanna, highlighting major developmental strides across various sectors.

volving government staff—particularly BLOs and SIR-listed workers—who she said had succumbed to

by suicide, some due to stress-related illnesses during SIR duties. We offer our heartfelt condolences," she said. According to figures she cited, at least 39 people have died so far and 13 remain hospitalised in serious condition, including several BLOs. To support these affected families, Banerjee announced an immediate financial relief package: Families of deceased workers (BLOs or SIR-listed) will receive ₹2 lakh each. And Workers who have been hospitalised or suffered severe injury—whether from stroke or suicide attempts—will be provided ₹1 lakh each. She added that two families had already received financial aid and instructed officials to ensure speedy delivery of assistance by removing bureaucratic hurdles. "Let these families at least feel that the government is with them in their darkest hour. Whether it's an accident or a disaster, we stand beside our people. It is our social responsibility," she said.



Schoolchildren wearing dog and cow masks lead PETA India's protest against the Supreme Court's community animal roundup order on the National Day of Action, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Kalyan Banerjee: "As Long as Mamata Exists, TMC Stands Strong"

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a fresh round of pointed remarks, Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee once again asserted that the political authority of Mamata Banerjee within the TMC is comparable to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dominance over the BJP. Speaking on Tuesday, Banerjee said that as long as Modi remains at the helm, the BJP will continue to exist in its current form—and similarly, as long as Mamata Banerjee leads the Trinamool Congress, no internal or external force can weaken the party. "The party runs in Mamata's name. What others say hardly matters," he stated. Banerjee made the remark while responding to questions surrounding the comments of Bharatpur MLA Humayun Kabir on the Babri Masjid issue in Murshidabad. Using the opportunity to underline strong leadership as the defining force of political organisations,



tions, he said, "As long as Modi is there, the lotus will bloom. Once Modi goes, the lotus will bloom nowhere. The same applies to our Mamata-di. As long as she is there, no one can do anything. The party survives because of her." This is not the first time the senior parliamentarian has publicly expressed unwavering loyalty to the Trinamool supremo. Earlier, he had famously declared, "My leader is Mamata Banerjee; I recognise no one. I have only one leader in the party." In the backdrop, Kalyan Banerjee—regarded as a

staunch supporter of senior leaders—had even wished Abhishek on his birthday by highlighting the return of Donald Trump as U.S. President for a second term, a gesture widely interpreted as a subtle message that age may not be an absolute factor in leadership. The BJP, quick to seize on the latest comments, reiterated that several senior leaders within the TMC remain firmly aligned with Mamata Banerjee. BJP leader Sukanta Majumdar said, "There are several veteran leaders like Kalyan Banerjee who continue to stand solidly behind Mamata Banerjee." The Trinamool Congress, however, downplayed any political implications. Party spokesperson Tanmoy Ghosh said there was nothing unusual in Banerjee's statement. "It is true that Mamata Banerjee is the face of the Trinamool Congress. There is no debate about that," he said.

Govt shall talk to Opposition leaders to help end logjam over SIR: Rijiju

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Sabha J P Nadda said the Parliamentary Affairs Minister has already said that "we will come back." "I am told that very soon a meeting is going to take place with Opposition leaders and very soon we will decide," Nadda said. Responding to Kharge's demand for an immediate discussion on SIR, Rijiju said "please don't put timeline condition on anything". "I am going to engage with leaders of various political parties, it may be formally or informally. Ultimately, it will come to you when we start the consultations. "The problem begins when you start questioning the time. Everything cannot be mechanical. In Parliamentary democracy, we have to engage in dialogue, we have to engage in discussion," Rijiju said. He said there are many issues in the country, but they should not undermine one issue and take up another issue as all the issues are important. "You are unable to win elections and people do not believe in you and you vent out your anger in Parliament. This is not right. "In a democracy, there is a platform of elections with the people. We said yesterday too that we are ready to discuss and you should at least hold consultations. But, they try to fix the time, saying government should tell now. This is not right," Rijiju said while taking a swipe at the Opposition. Earlier, Kharge said notices were given by them on Tuesday under Rule 267, which the RS Chairman has rejected without listing the subject and the reasons, which has not been the tradition.

CM Mamata Banerjee Assures DMs Amid Claims of Pressure Over SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata: The controversy surrounding the SIR (Special Interim Review) has intensified, with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee reportedly assuring district magistrates that they need not fear any external pressure. According to highly placed administrative sources, the Chief Minister made a series of explosive allegations, claiming that district officials were being intimidated with threats of being "sent to Delhi" or facing punitive action. Sources said that Mamata Banerjee alleged that a former officer had been appointed as a Special Observer and that district magistrates were receiving threatening calls late at night. "They are calling officers after 9 pm, intimidating them with warnings of transfer or suspension," she reportedly said. The matter came to light after a recently held special meeting between the Chief Secretary and all district magistrates, officially convened for development-related review. According to insiders, Mamata Banerjee unexpectedly joined the meeting virtually. It was during this interaction that she, without directly naming the Election Commission, suggested that a state cadre officer had been deployed in a special supervisory role and was allegedly involved in exerting pressure on district administrations. She reassured district magistrates that the state government stood firmly behind them and urged them not to succumb to fear. The Chief Minister is also said to have emphasised that despite administrative pressure, no disruption must occur in ongoing development work. Though she refrained from naming him, her remarks were widely interpreted as referring to Subrata Gupta, the former IAS officer appointed by the Election Commission as the Special Role Officer for SIR.

PM Modi Speaks To Lankan President Assures Support In Post-Cyclone Rehab

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missing as of on Monday night. India has so far sent 53 tonnes of relief materials and an 80-member contingent of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to Sri Lanka in the aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah, one of the worst natural disasters experienced by the island nation in two decades. Heavy rains and landslides triggered by the cyclone have affected almost a million people. Indian search and rescue teams and military helicopters have rescued more than 150 people from flood-hit regions. Among the rescued persons were some nationals of Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Germany, Iran, Poland, Pakistan, Slovenia and South Africa.

World leaders listen with rapt attention when PM Modi speaks: Mohan Bhagwat

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Keshav Baliram Hegdegar, who established the Hindutva organisation in Nagpur in 1925, Bhagwat recalled that Sangh volunteers began their journey of achieving the mission given to them amid numerous adversities and challenges. There was no certainty that their work would yield positive results, observed the RSS leader, referring to early months and years of the Sangh. "They (Sangh volunteers) sowed the seeds of success and paved the path for transformation by dedicating their lives. Our gratitude must remain with them," he added. Narrating an anecdote to the gathering, the RSS chief said he was once told the Sangh arrived 30 years late. "I responded by saying we did not arrive late. Instead, you started listening to us late," Bhagwat stated. When the Sangh speaks about the strength of dialogue and collective work, it refers to the entire society, he affirmed. "Our foundation lies in unity through diversity. We must walk together, and for that, Dharma is essential. In India, all philosophies originate from a single source. Because everything is interconnected, (and) we must move ahead in harmony," Bhagwat asserted.

Mamata Banerjee slams Centre saying, I Understand the Trick' about central funds

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Front government in West Bengal collapsed, and the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress regime came to power. An insider from the state secretariat, Nabanna, said the individual departmental achievements during the last 15 years have been compiled and released in the format of this booklet today. "The departments whose achievements during the last 15 years have been specially focused include agriculture, health, panchayat affairs and rural development, women and child development and social welfare, and education, among others," the state government official said. At the same time, the successes achieved and the national and international awards received for various welfare schemes of the state government, like Laxmir Bhandar, Kanyashree, and Swastha Sathi, were also elaborately highlighted in the report released by the Chief Minister. "The report also addresses some negative propaganda by the opposition parties against the state government on various issues. At the same time, the report also highlighted the issue of how the state government carried forward with their development projects despite non-cooperation from the Centre towards the release of funds for centrally sponsored projects," the state government official said.

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Name Change
I, Roopanshu Tewari (Old Name) S/o Ram Dyal Tiwari Residing at 21, Ganga Dhar Babu Lane, P.o+P.s - Bow-bazar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700012, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Roopanshu Tiwari (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 02-12-2025. Roopanshu Tewari (Old Name) and Roopanshu Tiwari (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Uttam Naskar (Old Name) S/o Purna Naskar Residing at Vill+Po - Pimpua, Ps - Jaynagar, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743372, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Uttam Kumar Naskar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 02-12-2025. Uttam Naskar (Old Name) and Uttam Kumar Naskar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subhash Barui S/o. Naili Barui, R/o. Birendranagar Dakshin, Kasawara, Polba, Hooghly-712102, do hereby declare that in my son's (Arijit Barui) Birth Certificate where my name has been recorded as Suvash Barui and also in my son's Academic records of Madhyamik Examination (W.B.B.S.E.) where my name has been recorded as Subhas Barui instead of my original name Subhash Barui, I, Subhash Barui, Suvash Barui, Subhas Barui all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 07, sworn before Notary Public, Hooghly at Chinsurah court on 01/12/2025.

Name Change
I, Motiar Rahaman (old name), S/o. Atiyar Halder, R/o. Hodla, Makalpur, Dadpur, Hooghly-712305, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Motiar Rahaman to Motiyar Halder and henceforth I shall be known as Motiyar Halder in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 09 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 01/12/2025. I, Motiar Rahaman & Motiyar Halder & Motiar Halder S/o Atiyar Halder both are the same & one identical person. Nasim Halder is my son.

Name Change
I, Anjana Ray D/o Kartick Chandra Roy R/A 4/48, Rajendra Prasad Colony, P.S. - Golfgreen, West Bengal, Kolkata - 700033 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anjana Roy as declared before in the Court of Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore (WB) vide Affidavit No 65988 dated 30.10.2025. Anjana Ray and Anjana Roy both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shanti Orang, w/o Mahabir Orang, r/o.- Becharhat Baipais, P.O.- Sripally, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713103, declare that my & my husband's name has been recorded in my Voter & Ration Card as Santi Orang, w/o Mahabir Orang and wrongly recorded Aadhaar Card as Hira Orang w/o Mahadev Orang, as declared before The Notary at Burdwan, vide an affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Shanti Orang/Santi Orang, w/o Mahabir Orang & Hira Orang w/o Mahadev Orang, both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jyotsana Sarkar, spouse of No. 14559443X Rank Ex NK Name Mritiganka Mouli Sarkar resident of Vill.-Bhanjapur, P.O.- Kaiti, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713423 have change my Name from Jyotsana Sarkar to Jyotsna Sarkar vide Affidavit dated 02/12/2025 before the Court of Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

NAME CHANGE
I, Swapan Kumar Mandal, S/o. Late Bidhar Chandra Mandal, R/O.-Vill.-P.O.- Beoria, Bhanger-II, Dist.-24 Pgs, (S), WB, Pin-743502, declare that my wife's actual name is Aya Mandal (in Aadhar Card/Pan Card & Voter Card), but inadvertently my wife's actual name has been change in Pension Book as Aya Rani Mandal, as declared before the LD. (1st Class) Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit No.-1315, dated 12/04/2025. Henceforth, Aya Mandal & Aya Rani Mandal both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I Amal Kumar Saha (Old Name), s/o Late Nipendranath Saha, RD at Rathatala Colony, P.O. + P.S. - Ranaghat, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741201, Arpan Saha is my Son. Shall henceforth be known as Amal Saha (New Name) declared before the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Ranaghat, Nadia, W.B. Vide affidavit No-95380, on-26/11/25, That I Amal Kumar Saha (Old Name) and Amal Saha (New Name) both are Same and identical Per Son.

Name Change
I, Anjana Roy on behalf of my father Kartick Chandra Ray R/A - 4/48, Rajendra Prasad Colony, P.S. - Golfgreen (WB) Kolkata - 700033 have changed his name and he shall henceforth be known as Kartick Chandra Roy as declared before in the Court of Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated 30.10.2025 Kartick Chandra Ray and Kartick Chandra Roy both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I,Dulal Paul S/O Late Kamla Kant Paul Residing at Vill-Panbari,Maynaguri, District-Jalpaiguri,Wb.Pin-735219I have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Dulal Chandra Paul as declared before the Ld.1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore dated-28.11.2025.Affidavit no 4210 That Dulal Paul and Dulal Chandra Paul both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Beera Kiran Rao S/O B.V. Rao Residing at 3/1, Ahiripukur 2nd lane, Kolkata-700019. That in my driving licence no.WB01 20190018725 my name has been recorded as B.Kiran Rao S/O Beera Veerabhadra Rao instead of Beera Kiran Rao S/O B.V. Rao(Voter id no-XOA1670934) vide an affidavit before the Ld.1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore,dated-28.11.2025.Affidavit no 4211 That Beera Kiran Rao S/O B.V. Rao and B.Kiran Rao S/O Beera Veerabhadra Rao both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Seikh Ramjan Ali (Old Name), Son Of Sekh Sams Er Ali, Residing At Musalman Para Dwipa Howrah, Ps-Jagatballapur-711414, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Ramjan Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Sekh Ramjan Ali And Sekh Ramjan Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Alam (Old Name), Son Of Late Shamsul Haque, Residing At 37/5a Kabitirtha Sarani, Watgunge, Khidderpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Alam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Mohammed Alam And Md Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Nehaluddin Anwer (Old Name), Son Of Md Nazimuddin, Residing At 3rd Floor, Fl-303,11/1F Topsia Road South, Shilma Biryani, Vtc:Gobinda Khatick Road, Po-Gobinda Khatick Road, Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md. Nehaluddin Anwer (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Mohammed Nehaluddin Anwer And Md. Nehaluddin Anwer Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sayeda Begum & Sayeda Zainul (Old Name), Wife Of Zainul Abedin, Residing At 7, Syed Salley Lane, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sayeda Begum (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025.Sayeda Begum & Sayeda Zainul And Sayeda Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ria Pathak Dey (Old Name), Wife Of Kartick Pathak, Residing At Ramkrishna Road, Khudiram Pally, Po-Nimta, North 24 Parganas-700049, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ria Dey (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Ria Pathak Dey And Ria Dey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Farhana Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Najimuddin Mondal, Residing At N0066, Kankhuli, Purba Para Diamond Harbour-700066, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mst Farhana Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Farhana Bibi And Mst Farhana Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Najimuddin Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Moslem Mondal, Residing At N0066, Kankhuli, Purba Para, Diamond Harbour-700066, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Najimuddin Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Md Najimuddin Mondal And Najimuddin Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ranjit Chandra Golder (Old Name) S/o Khagendra Nath Golder Residing at Helechna 3no Colony, Bagdah, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743270, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranjit Kumar Golder (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 522025 Dated 02-12-2025. Ranjit Chandra Golder (Old Name) and Ranjit Kumar Golder (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Jinal Abedin (Old Name) S/o Late Abdul Audud Residing at Anantapur, P.o - Chansepur, P.s - Tamkul, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721653, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Jinal Abedin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 02-12-2025. Shaikh Jinal Abedin (Old Name) and Jinal Abedin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saptak Dey S/o Sandip Prasad Dey Residing at Vill - Shilampur, P.o - Thakurnagar, P.s - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743287, West Bengal India that my deceased mother who previously known as Rupa Dey (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Arupa Roy Dey (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate at Bongaon vide affidavit no 6755 dated 24-11-2025. I declare that my deceased mother Rupa Dey (Old Name) and Arupa Roy Dey (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Masaraf Hossain (Old Name) S/o Sk Chaher Ali Mistri Residing at Barue Mistri Para, P.o - Mato, District - Howrah, Pin - 711408, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mosaraf Hossain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 02-12-2025. Sk Masaraf Hossain (Old Name) and Sk Mosaraf Hossain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Devasmita Mukherjee (Old Name) S/o Puneet Mishra Residing at Greenfield Ambhada, H/C-III, 4B, Action Area 2D, New Town, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700161, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Debasmitta Mukherjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 02-12-2025. Devasmita Mukherjee (Old Name) and Debasmitta Mukherjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Ahsan Ahmed (old name), son of Sk Suleman, residing at 16D, Gopal Nagar Road, Alipore, Kolkata- 700027, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ahsan Ahmed (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Md Ahsan Ahmed and Mohammad Ahsan Ahmed both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saidul Islam Mondal (old name) S/O Mohammad Kaharjad Mondal, residing at Mohammad Kaharjad Mondal Begpara, Union Board Road, Near Jalukhura, Agani Sangha Club, 10 No Rail Gate, Maheshatala (M), South24 Pgs, Pin- 700141, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Saidul Islam Mondal (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 01/12/2025 Md Saidul Islam Mondal (new name) and Saidul Islam Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sima Devi (Old Name), Son Of Bipin Kr Singh, Residing At 42/1/1, Malapara Road Vtc Naihati(M), Ps-Naihati, Barrackpore-743166, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sima Singh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Sima Devi And Sima Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Raju Roy (Old Name), Son Of Rabindra Narayan Roy, Residing At 1664, Dinesh Pally, Po- Purba Putiary, Ps- Regent Park, Kolkata- 700093, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Raju Ray (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Raju Roy (Old Name) And Raju Ray (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shaheen Fatima (Old Name), Wife Of Md Arif, Residing At 69a, Karaya Road, Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700019, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shaheen Fatma (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Shaheen Fatima (Old Name) And Shaheen Fatma (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Kochar (Old Name), Son Of Dal Chand Kochar, Residing At 5, Jagbandhul Boral Lane, Kolkata - 700007, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashok Kumar Kochar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/12/2025. Ashok Kochar (Old Name) And Ashok Kumar Kochar (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abul Kalam Molla (Old Name), Son Of Md Mahamud Ali Molla, Residing At Dakshin Kankhuli, Po- Bidhangarh, Kolkata- 700066, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Abul Kalam Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Abul Kalam Molla And Md Abul Kalam Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shansera Begum (Old Name), Son Of Abul Kalam Molla, Residing At Z-340/18, Dr A.K Road, Ps-Nadial, Kolkata-700044, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Samsera Begum (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Shansera Begum And Samsera Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pritam Sarkar (old name), son of Parimal Sarkar, residing at 98,PURBACHAL MAIN ROAD, PO HALTU, Kolkata, 700078, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pretam Sarkar (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025. REJU SK and MD REJU SAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sangita Samanta (old name), wife of Anusman Dan, residing at B-10/5, Mangalik Co-Op Housing Society, P.O.- Panchasayar, P.S.- Survey Park, Kolkata- 700094, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sangeeta Dan (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Sangeeta Dan and Sangita Samanta both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sufyan (old name), son of Md Sabir, residing at 107, Pilkhana 2nd Lane, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sufyan (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Md Sufyan and Mohammad Sufyan both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradip Roy (old name), son of Late Gobpallob Roy, residing at Rajarbagan Jhorehat, P.S.- Sankrail, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711302, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Roy (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Pradip Kumar Roy and Pradip Roy both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ONJONA PAUL (old names) W/o LATE SUNIL PAL, residing at 8/407, KALIDHAM, BLK-C-6,PO- DUM, DUM,PS- DUM DUM, BARRACKPORE-700028 West Bengal, India, hav e changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANJANA PAL(new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 02/12/2025. ANJANA PAL (new name) and ONJONA PAUL (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amir Ali (Old Name), Son Of Sk Md Dargai, Residing At 3/123 Old Line, Agarpara, Po- Kamarhati, North 24parganas- 700058, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Amir Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/12/2025. Amir Ali And Sk Amir Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, ABDUS SABUR SEKH S/O -IMRUL KAYECHH SEKH Residing at, Vill - Dingel, Post- Dingel, Ps- Kaliganj, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741137, West Bengal, That my actual date of Birth 03/03/1964 Recorded in my Aadhaar No- 2535 56120 2846 and Pan No- EXVP54822Q, That my Voter card Date of birth XX/XX/1974 is wrong (Voter No- THC1654748) Vide an affidavit Sworn before the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Kolkata.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) CH ABUL HAYAT S/O CHOUDHURY ABDUL REJAK Residing at, Vill - Chandidas, Post- Chandidas, Ps- Naoor, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731301, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from CH ABUL HAYAT TO CHOUDHURY ABUL HAYAT (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) CHOUDHURY ABUL HAYAT in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad on 02 Dec 2025, CHOUDHURY ABUL HAYAT and CH ABUL HAYAT both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) CH SAIFUL JAMAN S/O CHOUDHURY ABUL HAYAT Residing at, Vill - Chandidas, Post- Chandidas, Ps- Naoor, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731301, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from CH SAIFUL JAMAN TO CHOUDHURY SAIFUL JAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) CHOUDHURY SAIFUL JAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad on 02 Dec 2025, CHOUDHURY SAIFUL JAMAN and CH SAIFUL JAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) USMAN GANI SEKH S/O ABU SIDDIK SEKH Residing at, Vill - Ranipur Uttarpara, Post- Masla, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742301, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from USMAN GANI SEKH TO USMAN GONI SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) USMAN GONI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, USMAN GONI SEKH and USMAN GANI SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAHIRUL HAQUE S/O-ANARUL SK Residing at, Vill - Jashohari, Post- Jashohari, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742147, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAHIRUL HAQUE TO JAHIRUL SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAHIRUL SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, JAHIRUL SK and JAHIRUL HAQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD REJU SAIKH S/O-ANDU SK Residing at, Vill - Dakbai, Post- Karnasubarna, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742405, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD REJU SAIKH TO REJU SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) REJU SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, JAHIRUL SK and MD REJU SAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SIRAJUL S/O- ASRAF SK Residing at, Vill - Chaighari, Post- Paschimpara, Ps- Daulatabad, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742302, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SIRAJUL TO SIRAJUL ISLAM SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SIRAJUL ISLAM SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, SIRAJUL ISLAM SK and SIRAJUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SHANKAR AKALIE HAZARI S/O- AKALI HAJARI Residing at, Vill - Gaghgharchar, Post- Dakshinpara, Ps- Hanskhali, Dist- Ranaghat, Pin- 741505, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SHANKAR AKALIE HAZARI TO SHANKAR HAJARI (new name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SHANKAR HAJARI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, SHANKAR HAJARI and SHANKAR AKALIE HAZARI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) AIJUL HOQUE S/O- SAJIRUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill - Bamangrah, Post- Bamangrah, Ps- Kalachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AIJUL HOQUE TO MD AIJUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD AIJUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 Dec 2025, MD AIJUL HOQUE and AIJUL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sajid (old name), son of Md Ghani Haider, residing at 23A MOFIDUL ISLAM LANE KOLKATA 700014, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Sajid (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Mohammed Sajid and Md Sajid both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahajan Ali & Sahajan Ali (old names), son of Late Sekh Khorsid Ali, residing at Paschim Manika, Sulani, East Medinipur, Pin- 721158, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sahajan Ali (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 26/06/2024. Sekh Sahajan Ali & Sahajan Ali & Sahajan Ali both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahana Begam (old name), wife of Sekh Sahajan Ali, residing at Paschim Manika, Sulani, East Medinipur, Pin- 721158, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahanaa Begam (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Sahanaa Begam and Sahana Begam both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Alaudin Miya (Old Name), son of Islam Miya, residing at 2/4, Chowbaga Road, Vtc Tiljala, Post- Tiljala, South 24parganas- 700039, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alaudin Mansoori (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 02/12/2025. Alaudin Miya and Alaudin Mansoori both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Vijay Kumar Shukla (old name) S/o- Bhagirath Shukla, residing at 4, DR. SUNDARI MOHAN AVENUE, FLAT-6, 1ST FLOOR, KOLKATA- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vijay Shukla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Vijay Shukla (new name) and Vijay Kumar Shukla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Reshami Chowdhury & Reshami Choudhary (old names), daughter of Satyanarayan Agarwal, residing at Hudco Housing Estate Block-6, Flat-74, 95, Bidhannagar Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Reshami Choudhary (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Reshami Choudhary & Reshami Choudhary all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajendra Kumar Bera (old name), son of Late Kanai Bera, residing at Vill & P.O.- Barabajitpur, P.S.- Bhabanipur, East Medinipur, Pin- 721645, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajendra Bera (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Rajendra Bera and Rajendra Kumar Bera both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Om Prakash (old name), son of Late Sudarsan Ram Gond, residing at 5/21/48, Bhukailash Road, P.O.- Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Omprakash Ram Gond (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Omprakash Ram Gond and Om Prakash both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabia Begum (old name), daughter of Late Mohammad Ramzan Ali, residing at Tayyab Bari Wala 27, G.J. Khora Road, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rabiya Begum (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Rabiya Begum and Rabia Begum both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajesh Chowdhury & Rajesh Choudhary (old names), son of Nandlal Choudhary, residing at Hudco Housing Estate Block-6, Flat-74, 95, Bidhannagar Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Choudhary (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Rajesh Kumar Choudhary (new name) and Rajesh Chowdhury & Rajesh Choudhary (old names) all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranit Chowdhury (old name), son of Rajesh Kumar Choudhary, residing at Hudco Housing Estate Block-6, Flat-74, 95, Bidhannagar Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranit Choudhary (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Ranit Choudhary and Ranit Chowdhury both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Safia Charimi (old name), wife of Anwar Gharami, residing at Dakshin Kazir Hat, P.O. & P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safia Gharami (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Safia Gharami and Safia Charimi both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Safia Charimi (old name), wife of Anwar Gharami, residing at Dakshin Kazir Hat, P.O. & P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safia Gharami (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Safia Gharami and Safia Charimi both are the same and one identical person.

Malda Division Enhances Safety & Efficiency with Successful Removal of Forced Layout at Dhamdhamia Station

MI News Service, Kolkata, 2 Dec.25 : In a significant step towards strengthening operational safety and improving track geometry, Malda Division of Eastern Railway successfully removed a forced layout at Point No. 54A in the Dhamdhamia station limit over the UP line on 30.11.2025.

During the track improvement activity, Point No. 54A was shifted towards Dhamdhamia by 3 metres, eliminating kinks and improving ride quality, resulting in smoother and safer train movement.

The work was executed by the Engineering team of Malda Division, reaffirming the Division's commitment to safety, reliability and infrastructure enhancement.

Such continuous efforts by Malda Division reflect Eastern Railway's unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of operational safety, efficiency, and track reliability for ensuring seamless train movement across the network.



Regulation of trains for development works in Malda division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 2 Dec.25 : Road over bridge (ROB) girder launching between Jamalpur and Ratanpur stations and track maintenance work at Dhara-hara, Dhanuri and Jamalpur stations have been planned for traffic and power interruption in Jamalpur – Ratanpur section and Jamalpur – Kiul section from 07.12.2025

to 22.12.2025. Consequently, the following trains will be regulated on various dates between 07.12.2025 to 22.12.2025.

Canceled Trains: 73425/73426 Jamalpur – Kiul – Jamalpur DEMU (Date of Journey 07.12.2025 & 21.12.2025). **Rescheduling of Trains:** 73435 Bhagalpur – Jamalpur Passenger (Journey dates 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025, 12.12.2025 & 13.12.2025) will depart from Bhagalpur with 75 minutes delay. 73435 Bhagalpur – Jamalpur Passenger (Journey Date 14.12.2025) will depart from Bhagalpur 30 minutes late. **Trains to be controlled:** 13031 HOWRAH – JAYANAGAR EXPRESS (Journey Dates 07.12.2025, 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025, 12.12.2025, 13.12.2025 & 21.12.2025), 15743 Balurghat – Bathinda Farakka Express (Trip Date 07.12.2025, 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025 & 21.12.2025), 15733 Balurghat – Bathinda Farakka Express (Trip Date 12.12.2025 & 13.12.2025), 13415 MALDA TOWN – PATNA EXPRESS (Trip Date 10.12.2025 & 12.12.2025) and 15554 Jayanagar – Bhagalpur Express (Journey Date 13.12.2025) will be controlled for an average of 60 minutes en route.

Name Change
I, Md Sahidul Islam S/o S Hawlader (my & my father old name), residing at Mandal 0 Molla Para Padmehat Joynagar, Jaynagar, South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743372, West Bengal, I have changed my & my father name and we shall henceforth be known as Md. Sahidul Islam Hawlader S/O Sobhan Islam Hawlader (my & my father new name) as declared before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Md. Sahidul Islam Hawlader and Md. Sahidul Islam Hawlader both are the same and one identical person (myself), Sobhan Islam Hawlader and S Hawlader both are the same and one identical person (my father).

Name Change
I, Mohammad Ausaf (old name), son of Md Raghib Qudus, residing at 75 Hutton Road, Asansol (M Corp.) Masjid Gali, Bardhaman, Asansol, Pin- 713301, West Bengal, I have Split my name and shall henceforth be known as Ausaf (given name) Mohammad (surname name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 02/12/2025. Ausaf (given name) Mohammad (surname) and Mohammad Ausaf (given name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ajjad Alam (Old Name), Son Of Md Kausar, Residing At

Diet has significant impact on risk of Alzheimer's disease: Research

CALIFORNIA [US]: In a detailed study, researchers identify which diets are effective in lowering the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

Findings were published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, Diet's Role in Modifying Risk of Alzheimer's Disease: History and Present Understanding.

The role of nutrition in lowering the risk of Alzheimer's disease has been extensively studied. Plant-based diets, such as the Mediterranean diet and traditional Chinese, Japanese, and Indian cuisines, have been shown to reduce risk, particularly when compared to the Western diet.

Alzheimer's disease rates rise in these countries as they make the nutrition transition to the Western diet. This study identifies dementia risk factors including higher consumption of saturated fats, meat, especially red meat such as hamburgers and barbeque as well as processed meats such as hot dogs, and ultra processed foods high in sugar and refined grains.

This review also lets us know why certain foods increase or reduce risk of Alzheimer's disease. For example, meat raised risk of dementia the most by increasing risk factors such as inflammation, insulin resistance, oxidative stress, saturated fat, advanced glycation end products, and trimethylamine N-oxide. This study also outlines several foods that are protective against Alzheimer's disease, such as green leafy vegetables, colorful fruits and vegetables, legumes (like beans), nuts, omega-3 fatty acids, and whole grains.

Ultra processed foods can increase the risk of obesity and diabetes, themselves risk factors for Alzheimer's disease. Ultra processed foods often lack the very ingredients found in whole plant foods that keep dementia away, such



as anti-inflammatory components and antioxidants. Poverty is an important driver of Alzheimer's disease in the US since ultra processed foods and meat are cheaper sources of energy than fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other more nutritious foods, thus promoting obesity.

The paper also suggests that Alzheimer's disease rates in the US are projected to increase by 50% from 2018 levels by 2038. This calculation is based on comparing trends of obesity in the US with Alzheimer's disease trends. This comparison shows a 20-year lag between obesity rates and Alzheimer's disease rates. This estimate is very close to the estimate published by the Alzheimer's Association in 2018, an estimate of a 56% increase. Our estimate suggests that the rising trend of obesity, due to consumption of meat and ultra processed foods, is the force driving dementia.

Although our personal risk of Alzheimer's disease can be reduced with diet, it is expected that those who continue to eat the Western diet will continue to have a higher risk.

Grant and Blake comprehensively review and synthesize the role of dietary factors in Alzheimer's disease. Evidence from diverse perspectives support that a diet that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and...de-emphasizes meat, especially red meat, saturated fats, and ultra-processed foods is associated with lower risk of Alzheimer's disease. Physical inactivity and obesity also contribute to higher risk. In addition, the dietary and lifestyle patterns associated with higher risk of Alzheimer's disease are known to affect the constellation of mechanisms believed to increase risk, including inflammation, insulin resistance and oxidative stress, among others. Grant and Blake make a strong case that, while further research is needed to better understand the mechanisms, diet and lifestyle factors linked to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and some cancers are likely to influence risk of Alzheimer's disease."

Edward Giovannucci, MD, ScD, Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology, Harvard University.

"Grant and Blake provide a comprehensive review on the dietary and other factors that affect the risk of Alzheimer's disease (AD). Apart from the particular type of diet they demonstrate that the consumption of red meat, insulin resistance, obesity, reactive oxygen species, and oxidative stress, phytochemicals and homocysteine amongst other factors interact with neuroinflammation and play a major role in the aetiology of AD. This treatise provides an excellent overview of modifiable risk factors for AD."

High blood pressure linked with environmental contamination by tellurium: Study

Nagoya, Japan : Higher amounts of tellurium, a pollutant transported from mining and manufacturing to foods, increase the risk of having high blood pressure (hypertension). Improved monitoring of tellurium levels in certain meals may help reduce high blood pressure in the general population.

The study was led by Nagoya University in Japan. According to Takumi Kagawa, one of the researchers involved in the study, the findings are significant as they indicate that tellurium exposure may contribute to elevated blood pressure, a significant public health concern. "The results indicate diet was the most significant contributor to increased urinary tellurium levels, compared to other lifestyle factors, such as smoking and working status, and physiological factors, such as age and sex. Dietary intake, an important aspect of our lifestyle, plays a significant role in increased urinary tellurium concentrations." The journal Environment International published the findings of research looking at the link between tellurium exposure and hypertension. In Japan, cereals and legumes, represented by rice and natto (fermented soybeans), are popular dietary choices. These foods are packed with essential nutrients, such as high-quality carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, that support a person's health. However, tellurium, a rare metalloid, can also be present in these foods. Mining and manufacturing activities release dust, ash, and slag, which are



"When we stopped the exposure, both the blood pressure and the tellurium levels in their urine decreased. These results provide a direct link between tellurium exposure and increased blood pressure, confirming findings in humans." Professor Kato and his team also studied foods that raise the levels of tellurium in urine. They discovered that the consumption of cereals and legumes caused high levels of tellurium, but further testing did not establish a direct link to high blood pressure rates. We found that despite raising tellurium levels in the urine, cereal/legume intake did not directly increase the risk of hypertension."

responsible for the presence of tellurium in the soil. In certain cases, it can be transferred from the soil to crop plants, such as cereals, carrots, and garlic. Consequently, people are exposed to tellurium through food. The study conducted by Professor Masashi Kato, Takumi Kagawa, and their

colleagues involved 2,592 Japanese adults. It revealed that higher levels of tellurium in urine were associated with higher blood pressure and a greater occurrence of hypertension. The results were the same in both mice and humans. "We administered tellurium to mice in amounts equiv-

alent to what humans might encounter daily and observed an increase in blood pressure," Tomoko Misawa, the lead author of the study, explained. "When we stopped the exposure, both the blood pressure and the tellurium levels in their urine decreased. These results provide a direct link between tellurium exposure and increased blood pressure, confirming findings in humans." Professor Kato and his team also studied foods that raise the levels of tellurium in urine. They discovered that the consumption of cereals and legumes caused high levels of tellurium, but further testing did not establish a direct link to high blood pressure rates. We found that despite raising tellurium levels in the urine, cereal/legume intake did not directly increase the risk of hypertension," said Takumi Kagawa. "Cereals/legumes may contain many diverse nutrients that can mitigate the risk of hypertension despite high levels of tellurium. However, considering that increased tellurium exposure is a latent risk factor for hypertension and foods contribute to this association, careful and continuous monitoring of tellurium levels in individual foods may be crucial." The urinary level of tellurium in this study was comparable with the levels in general populations in other countries," Professor Kato said, "Our results indicate an increased potential risk of hypertension by tellurium exposure may be applicable to general populations all around.

Moral reasoning displays characteristic patterns in brain: Research

CALIFORNIA [US]: Every day, we come across situations that we believe to be wrong: a starving child, a dishonest politician, an unfaithful spouse, or a dishonest scientist. These instances draw attention to a number of moral issues, such as those involving fairness, loyalty, and compassion. But what links them all together?

Philosophers, psychologists and neuroscientists have passionately argued whether moral judgments share something distinctive that separates them from non-moral matters. Moral monists claim that morality is unified by a common characteristic and that all moral issues involve concerns about harm. Pluralists, in contrast, argue that moral judgments are more diverse in nature.

Fascinated by this centuries-old debate, a team of researchers set out to probe the nature of morality using one of moral psychology's most prolific theories. The group, led by UC Santa Barbara's René Weber, intensively studied 64 individuals via surveys, interviews and brain imaging on the wrongness of various behaviours.

They discovered that a general network of brain regions was involved in judging moral violations, like cheating on a test, in contrast with mere social norm violations, such as drinking coffee with a spoon. What's more, the network's topography overlapped strikingly with the brain regions involved in theory of mind. However, distinct activity patterns emerged at finer resolution, suggesting that the brain processes different moral issues along different pathways, supporting a pluralist view of moral reasoning. The results, published in Nature Human Behaviour, even reveal differences between how liberals and conservatives evaluate a given moral issue.

"In many ways, I think our findings clarify that monism and pluralism are not necessarily mutually exclusive approaches," said first author Frederic Hopp, who led the study as a doctoral student in UC Santa Barbara's Media Neuroscience Lab. "We show that moral judgments of a wide range of different types of morally relevant behaviors are instantiated in shared brain regions."

That said, a machine-learning algorithm could reliably identify which moral category, or "foundation," a person was judging based on their brain activity. "This is only possible because moral foundations elicit distinct neural activations," Hopp explained.

The group was guided by Moral Foundations Theory (MFT), a framework for explaining the origins and variation in human moral reasoning. "MFT predicts that humans possess a set of innate and universal moral foundations," Weber explained. These are generally organized into six categories:

Issues of care and harm, Concerns of fairness and cheating, Liberty versus oppression, Matters of loyalty and betrayal, Adherence to and subversion of authority, and sanctity versus degradation.

The framework arranges these foundations into two broad moral categories: care/harm and fairness/cheating emerge as "individualizing" foundations that primarily serve to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals. Meanwhile loyalty/betrayal, authority/subversion and sanctity/degradation form "binding" foundations, which primarily operate at the group level.

Researchers created a model based on MFT to test whether the framework - and its nested categories - was reflected in neural



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activity. Sixty-four participants rated short descriptions of behaviours that violated a particular set of moral foundations, as well as behaviours that simply went against conventional social norms, which served as a control. An fMRI machine monitored activity across different regions of their brains as they reasoned through the vignettes. Certain brain regions distinguished moral from non-moral judgment across the board, such as activity in the medial prefrontal cortex, temporoparietal junction and posterior cingulate, among other regions. Participants also took longer to rate moral transgressions than non-moral ones. The delay suggests that judging moral issues may involve a deeper evaluation of an individuals' actions and how

they relate to one's own values, the authors said.

"Although moral judgments are intuitive at first, deeper judgment requires responses to the six 'W' questions," said senior author Weber, director and lead researcher of UCSB's Media Neuroscience Lab, and a professor in the Departments of Communication and of Psychological and Brain Sciences. "Who does what, when, to whom, with what effect, and why. And this can be complex and takes time." Indeed, moral reasoning recruited regions of the brain also associated with mentalizing and theory of mind. The researchers also found that transgressions of loyalty, authority and sanctity prompted greater activity in regions of the brain associated

with processing other people's actions, as opposed to the self. "It was surprising to us how well the organization into 'individualizing' versus 'binding' moral foundations is reflected on the neurological level in multiple networks," Weber said.

Next, the authors developed a decoding model that accurately predicted which specific moral foundation or social norm individuals were judging from fine-grained activity pattern across their brains. This would not have been possible if all moral categories were unified at the neurological level, they explained.

"This supports MFT's prediction that each moral foundation is not encoded in a single 'moral hotspot,'" the authors write, "but (is instead) instantiated via multi-

Researchers find how physical exercise prevents nerve damage during chemotherapy

BASEL [SWITZERLAND]: Damage to nerves brought on by cancer therapies frequently results in symptoms that endure a lifetime. In some circumstances, medication has not worked. Simple exercises can prevent nerve injury, according to research.

The research was conducted by an interdisciplinary German team led by a sports scientist at the University of Basel. Over time, advancements have been made in cancer therapy. The quality of life following rehabilitation is becoming increasingly important; it is no longer only about surviving. Unfortunately, many cancer medications, from chemotherapy to modern immunotherapies, attack the nerves as well as the tumour cells. Some therapies, such as oxaliplatin or vinca alkaloids, leave 70 to 90 per cent of patients complaining of pain, balance issues, or feelings of numbness, burning or tingling.

These symptoms can be very debilitating. They can disappear following cancer treatment, but in around 50 per cent they become chronic. Specialists call it chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, or CIPN for short.

A research team led by sports scientist Dr Fiona Streckmann from the University of Basel and the German Sport University Cologne has now shown that specific exercise, concomitant to cancer therapy, can prevent nerve damage in many cases. The researchers have reported their findings in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

The study involved 158 cancer patients, both male and female, who were receiving treatment either with oxaliplatin or vinca-alkaloids. The researchers divided the patients at random into three groups. The first was a control group, whose members received standard care. The other two groups completed exercise sessions twice a week for the duration of their chemotherapy, with each session lasting between 15 and 30 minutes. One of these groups carried out exercises that focused primarily on balancing on an increasingly unstable surface. The other group trained on a vibration plate.

Regular examinations over the next five years showed that in the control group around twice as many participants developed CIPN as in either of the exercise groups. In other words, the exercises undertaken alongside chemotherapy were able to reduce the incidence of nerve damage by 50 to 70 per cent. In addition, they increased the patients' subjectively perceived quality of life, made it less necessary to reduce their dose of cancer medications, and reduced mortality in the five years following chemotherapy. The participants receiving vinca-alkaloids and performing sensorimotor training had the largest benefit.

A lot of money has been invested over the years in reducing the incidence of CIPN, explains Streckmann. "This side effect has a direct influence on clinical treatment: for example, patients may not be able to receive the planned number of chemotherapy cycles that they actually need, the dosage of neurotoxic agents in the chemotherapy may have to be reduced, or their treatment may have to be terminated."

Despite the investments made, there is no effective pharmacological treatment to date: various studies have shown that medications can neither prevent nor reverse this nerve damage. However, according to the latest estimates, USD 17,000 are spent per patient every year in the USA on treating nerve damage associated with chemotherapy. Streckmann's assumption is that "doctors prescribe medications despite everything because patients' level of suffering is so high."

In contrast, the sports scientist emphasizes, that the positive effect of exercise has been substantiated, and this treatment is very cheap in comparison. At the moment, she and her team are working on guidelines for hospitals so that they can integrate the exercises into clinical practice as supportive therapy. In addition, since 2023 a study has been ongoing in six children's hospitals in Germany and Switzerland (PrepAIR), which is intended to prevent sensory and motor dysfunctions in children receiving neurotoxic chemotherapy. "The potential of physical activity is hugely underestimated," says Fiona Streckmann. She very much hopes that the results of the newly published study will lead to more sports therapists being employed in hospitals, to better exploit this potential.

Pakistan: Section 144 enforced as PTI protests outside IHC over Imran Khan’s jail access

MI News Service, Islamabad: Amid growing concerns over the health of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, who remains in jail, members of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) staged a protest outside the Islamabad High Court on Tuesday, raising slogans demanding justice and political reforms.

PTI supporters gathered despite Section 144 being in force. The former PM has reportedly had no contact with anyone for nearly a month, prompting calls for immediate steps to ensure his well-being.

As demonstrations were held in Islamabad, Minister of State for Interior Tahir Chaudhry said Section 144 would be strictly enforced in both Islamabad and Rawalpindi, where PTI has planned protests, Dawn reported.

He warned that "whether they come to the Islamabad High Court (IHC) or the Adiala jail, action under Section 144 would be carried out without any discrimination," urging PTI-backed lawmakers to "abide by the law."



The provision allows authorities to prohibit gatherings of four or more people for a limited period. According to Dawn, PTI activists are also expected to demonstrate outside Rawalpindi's Adiala jail, where Imran Khan is being held, over restrictions on visitation rights.

Security has been tightened in Rawalpindi, with checkpoints on routes to Adiala jail and road closures leading to Islamabad's Red Zone. Chaudhry said Section 144 was imposed "in light of intelligence reports," claiming

"terrorists look for instances [which they can use] to spread fear and make headlines; be it political gathering, courts or important places or offices."

He added that terrorist groups often use social media and virtual private networks (VPNs) to conceal communication. He said the interior ministry and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority were working on controls to prevent misuse, without affecting legitimate IT operations.

The minister also cited a Peshawar High Court ruling that bans the use of

state resources for political purposes, cautioning provincial officials against deploying government assets outside their jurisdictions without prior notice. He stressed that criminal action would be taken against those violating the order.

According to Dawn, Chaudhry maintained that Section 144 was intended to safeguard lives after a recent incident in Islamabad. He recalled earlier PTI demonstrations demanding meetings with Imran Khan and alleged that supporters "will do it themselves just like on May 9, and the entire Pakistan will face the consequences."

On questions about shifting Imran Khan from Adiala jail to a new facility in Islamabad, Chaudhry said it was too early to comment, noting the jail was nearing completion and staff training would be required. He added that visas for Imran Khan's sons could be issued "in the next 24 hours" if all documents and a "tracking number" were provided.

Meanwhile, Rawalpindi

police said at least 3,000 personnel had been deployed across the city to maintain order. Police said "Section 144 has been imposed across Rawalpindi for three days, which restricts unlawful assembly, rally and protest."

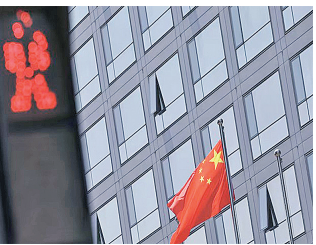
PTI leader AsadQaiser said lawmakers planned to gather outside the IHC before marching to Adiala jail. "It has been decided to hold protests because IHC has failed to implement its order and the Adiala jail administration is not willing to implement the court orders," he said.

Barrister Gohar Ali Khan and other PTI figures are expected to join the demonstrations. Last week, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister SohailAfriidi staged a sit-in outside Adiala jail after being denied access to Imran for the eighth time.

Family members have been unable to meet him for several weeks amid ongoing speculation over his health. Government officials and PTI leaders continue to say he is in good condition.

Tibetan activist confronts China at UN, warns of “colonial assimilation” in Tibet

MI News Service, Washington, DC: Tenzin Dorjee, Senior Researcher and Strategist at Tibet Action Institute, made a powerful statement during the United Nations' 18th Forum on Minority Issues, as reported by Phayul.



Addressing UN officials, diplomats and representatives from over 26 nations, including China, the seasoned activist began by recounting his personal journey as a Tibetan refugee in India, a minority student in Delhi and ultimately an immigrant in the United States.

These experiences, he explained, led him to understand that minorities "do not deplete a state's resources, nor do they jeopardise societal stability." Rather, they enhance societies through their contributions of food, culture, labour, innovation and, most critically, a unique perspective that provides "a window and a mirror" for nations to understand themselves better, as cited in the Phayul report.

Shifting focus from the global context to the pressing issues in Tibet, Dorjee stressed that Tibetans, Uyghurs and Southern Mongolians should not merely be seen as minorities in the traditional sense, but rather as peoples with an intrinsic right to self-determination as recognised by international law.

He contended that their current situation stems from China's intentional campaign of erasure.

He proceeded to outline China's extensive colonial assimilation policies, detailing the mass internment of over a million Uyghurs, the implementation of broad bans on the Mongolian language in Inner Mongolia and the systematic dismantling of Tibetan culture through a widespread system of colonial boarding schools, as highlighted in the Phayul report.

Referencing research by Tibet Action Institute, he pointed out that approximately three out of every four Tibetan children, accounting for between 800,000 and 900,000 students aged 6 to 18, are currently separated from their families and placed in state-operated residential schools where their language, culture and identity are systematically eradicated.

"These children are being systematically transformed into Chinese," he cautioned, urging the closure of these colonial institutions and the reopening of local schools that enable children to be nurtured within their family and community settings, as reported by Phayul.

Putin's India visit to reinvigorate strategic partnership, says Russian Deputy PM Denis Manturov

MI News Service, New Delhi: Ahead of Russian President's Vladimir Putin's India visit, Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister and Co-chair of the India-Russia Inter-governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation Denis Manturov said Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to India marks a "return to the tradition of annual high-level summits," describing it as a major step toward deepening the strategic partnership between the two countries.

"This will be President Putin's first visit to India in a long period," Manturov said during an exclusive interview with ANI, adding that both sides had "thoroughly prepared the agenda" to ensure the meetings on December 4-5 are productive.

"That would be the first visit of our President Vladimir Putin to your friendly country for a long period of time. That returns us to the tradition of annual high-level summits which represents an undeniable success. Together with our Indian colleagues we have thoroughly prepared the agenda for the visit. We expect that all the meetings and negotiations that are to take place will be fruitful and will give new momentum for our two countries' strategic cooperation in all areas", said Manturov.

Coinciding with Putin's visit, the India-Russia Forum will convene in New Delhi with senior government officials and business leaders from both nations. Manturov said the forum is expected to explore ways to expand and diversify bilateral trade, including boosting Indian exports of equipment, raw materials and food products to Russia.

The discussions will also focus on deepening industrial cooperation, advancing joint investment projects and expanding collaboration in high-technology domains. Manturov stressed that the forum is intended to serve as a platform for direct engagement between businesses from both countries, helping to accelerate commercial partnerships and fuel growth in mutual trade.



"In the context of the visit of the head of our country on December 4-5 India-Russia forum is to take place in New Delhi with participation of government and business representatives. During the forum it is planned to discuss the opportunities for expanding and diversifying bilateral trade, including increasing the volume of supplies of Indian products – in particular various equipment, raw materials and foodstuffs", said Manturov.

"Also on the agenda are the deepening of industrial cooperation and the implementation of joint investment projects, cooperation in the field of high technology and collaboration in other areas. The forum is designed to be a good platform for establishing direct dialogue between Russian and Indian companies and will contribute to the intensification of ties and the growth of mutual trade between our countries", he added.

Manturov, on his vision for India-Russia relations in the next decade, said that Moscow expects its relationship with India to remain resilient, dynamic and deeply rooted in long-standing friendship over the next decade, outlining Moscow's long-term vision for the strategic partnership.

Reflecting on the rapidly changing global landscape, Manturov noted that predicting the future has become more challenging, but certain fundamentals remain clear.

Taiwan detects 9 Chinese aircraft, 8 naval vessels, 2 ships around its territory



MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwan detected nine sorties of Chinese military aircraft, eight naval vessels and two official ships operating around its territorial waters as of 6am (local time) on Tuesday.

Of the nine, one sortie entered Taiwan's eastern ADIZ. In a post on X, the MND said, "9 sorties of PLA aircraft, 8 PLAN vessels and 2 official ships operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 1 out of 9 sorties entered Taiwan's eastern ADIZ. ROC Armed Forces have monitored the situation and responded."

Earlier on Monday, Taiwan detected nine PLA aircraft, 11 PLAN vessels and

one official ship operating around its territory. In a post on X, the MND said, "9 PLA aircraft, 11 PLAN vessels and 1 official ship operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 3 out of 9 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's south-western and eastern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded."

Meanwhile, a former US defence official from the Joe Biden administration has expressed support for Japanese Prime Minister SanaeTakaichi following her remarks indicating that Japan might assist in defending Taiwan, labelling Beijing's reaction as "inappropriate," reported the

Taipei Times. Ely Ratner, who was the assistant secretary of defence for Indo-Pacific security affairs from 2021 to this year, stated that Takaichi's comments about Taiwan merely echoed Japan's official stance on the matter.

On November 7, the Japanese prime minister mentioned during a parliamentary meeting that a Chinese assault on Taiwan could be considered "a situation threatening Japan's survival," potentially leading to military action, according to the Taipei Times. Takaichi is believed to be the first Japanese leader in decades to openly propose that a crisis in the Taiwan Strait might result in Japan's military involvement.

Her statement provoked anger in China, which has implemented a range of retaliatory actions aimed at damaging Japan's economy, such as issuing warnings against travel and study in Japan and halting the resumption of Japanese seafood imports. Xue Jian, the Chinese consul general in Osaka, remarked in a now-deleted social media post that Takaichi should be "decapitated."

China reaffirms its opaque nuclear posture



MI News Service, Hong Kong: China is expanding its nuclear-warhead arsenal at blistering pace, one that constitutes the fastest build-up of nuclear weaponry in human history. Alarming, Beijing has failed to explain why it perceives the need to do so, until now, that is.

A Pentagon report published in late 2023 tabulated 500 operational nuclear warheads in China, a figure that had increased to 600+ by late 2024. By 2030, China will have a Predicted 1,000 nuclear warheads. China set about offering clarity as to its nuclear posture through a white paper entitled "China's Arms Control, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation in the New Era". Issued on November 27, 20 years since China last issued such a document, it however leaves many questions unanswered.

Why is China embarking on the world's fastest buildup of nuclear weapons? One brief line in the white paper offers an explanation: "the modernization of its nuclear forces" is apparently

"to safeguard China's own strategic security and overall global strategic stability". By multiplying its nuclear forces, Beijing blithely asserts that both it and the rest of the world can feel safer. Tong Zhao, Senior Fellow at Carnegie China's Nuclear Policy Program, commented that "China now argues more openly that the strengthening of its military is to strengthen the peaceful forces in the world – a vision that ties the achievement of global strategic stability to a more capable Chinese nuclear force."

At its 3 September military parade through Tiananmen Square, missiles featured prominently and proudly. In fact, no fewer than five types of nuclear weapons appeared in the event: DF-61, DF-5C and DF-31BJ intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM); JL-1 air-launched nuclear-tipped missiles; and JL-3 submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Referring to this document's release, Lyle Morris, Senior Fellow at the Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis, commented, "I wouldn't say the content is disappointing, since this is China's official position and repeats Beijing's historical positions from the past. To be sure, it's full of propaganda divorced from China's own actions an

Khurda Road Division Achieves Best-Ever Loading Performance-Tops Indian Railways in Freight Handling

MI News Service, Kolkata, 2 Dec.25 : Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has once again demonstrated exceptional operational strength by achieving its best-ever loading performance, reaffirming its position as the top-performing division in freight handling across Indian Railways. The Division continues to deliver record-breaking results, underscoring its pivotal role in India's freight movement and economic growth.

No. 1 Division in Indian Railways in Traffic Handling
Khurda Road Division continues to lead the nation in overall traffic handling, achieving an impressive 209 million tonnes up to November 2025, consisting of 115 million tonnes of Loading and 94 million tonnes of Unloading. Bilaspur Division ranked second with 169.6 million tonnes, followed by Dhanbad Division (152.8 MT) and Chakradharpur Division (145.8 MT).

Fastest 200 Million Tonnes in Indian Railway History

The Division has set a new national benchmark by handling 200 million tonnes in just 235 days (as on 21.11.2025). This is the fastest-ever achievement in Indian Railways, surpassing its own previous record of 250 days in 2024–25.

Ever-Best November Loading Performance

Khurda Road Division achieved a historic 14.441 million tonnes of loading in November 2025, surpassing all previous November figures – 12.990 MT (Nov 2023); 12.780 MT (Nov 2021) and 12.690 MT (Nov



2024). This is the first time the Division has crossed the 14-million-tonne mark in any November.

Strong Growth in Earnings (19.9%)

In addition to higher loading, the Division recorded a significant rise in freight earnings that includes ₹1370.64 crore in Nov 2025 against ₹1143.20 crore in Nov 2024 registering an increase of 19.9%. This outpaced the loading growth of 13.8%, reflecting improved freight composition, better realization, and efficient logistics management.

Terminal-Wise Record-Breaking Performances

Several terminals achieved their best-ever monthly performance:

Tata Steel Ltd., Jakhapura (TSLJ): 163 rakes (Previous best: 160 rakes in Oct 2025)

Also set a daily record: 13 rakes loaded on 30.11.2025

Jindal Stainless Ltd., Sukinda (JSLJ): 53 rakes (Previous best: 49 rakes in May 2025)

IOCL Pep Coke Siding Paradeep (IPCP): 34 rakes (Previous best: 33 rakes in Dec 2020)

Deep Draught Iron Ore and Coal Berths of PPT

Phase-II (DDSP), Paradeep: 9.2 rakes/day (Previous best: 9.1 rakes/day in July 2025)

Achievement Amid Adverse Weather

Despite natural challenges, including cyclonic conditions and heavy rainfall, Khurda Road Division ensured uninterrupted freight movement through robust planning, coordinated efforts, and real-time monitoring.

Driving Force behind the Success

This outstanding performance has been made possible by efficient rake allocation and movement; Close coordination with freight customers; High-performance terminal operations; dedicated efforts of Operating, Commercial, and field teams and Strong leadership under East Coast Railway administration.

Khurda Road Division – Leading India's Freight Growth

The Division's relentless pursuit of excellence continues to strengthen India's logistics ecosystem. Khurda Road Division remains committed to the motto of "Progress Our Mission, Fulfillment Our Vision", ensuring safe, efficient and customer-oriented freight transportation.

Regulation Of Trains For Development Work In Malda Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 2 Dec.25 : For launching of Girders of Road Over Bridge (ROB) between Jamalpur & Ratanpur stations and Track maintenance work at Dharhara, Dhanauri and Jamalpur stations, Traffic & Power Block has been planned in Jamalpur – Ratanpur section and Jamalpur – Kiul section in Malda Division from 07.12.2025 to 22.12.2025. Consequently, following trains will be regulated in different days between 07.12.2025 & 22.12.2025 as under: **Cancellation of trains:** ● 73425/73426 Jamlpur – Kiul – Jamalpur DEMU (journey commencing on 07.12.2025 & 21.12.2025). **Rescheduling of trains:** ● 73435 Bhagalpur – Jamalpur passenger (journey commencing on 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025, 12.12.2025 & 13.12.2025) will be rescheduled by 75 minutes from Bhagalpur.

● 73435 Bhagalpur – Jamalpur passenger (journey commencing on 14.12.2025) will be rescheduled by 30 minutes from Bhagalpur. **Controlling of trains:** ● 13031 Howrah – Jaynagar Express (journey commencing on 07.12.2025, 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025, 12.12.2025, 13.12.2025 & 21.12.2025), 15743 Balurghat – Bhatinda Farakka Express (journey commencing on 07.12.2025, 09.12.2025, 10.12.2025 & 21.12.2025), 15733 Balurghat – Bhatinda Farakka Express (journey commencing on 12.12.2025 & 13.12.2025), 13415 Malda Town – Patna Express (journey commencing on 10.12.2025 & 12.12.2025) and 15554 Jaynagar- Bhagalpur Express (journey commencing on 13.12.2025) will be controlled enroute on and average 60 minutes.

Security Tightened As Chinese Medical Experts Join Treatment Of Critically Ill Khaleda Zia

MI News Service, Kolkata, 2 Dec.25 : Security around former Bangladesh prime minister Khaleda Zia was significantly tightened on Tuesday after a team of specialist doctors from China joined efforts to stabilise her condition, which remains highly critical at Dhaka's Evercare Hospital.

Police placed a barricade at the hospital's main entrance at around 2 am, and hospital officials told The Daily Star that more than two dozen officers have been stationed there to monitor movement inside the facility and bolster protection for the ailing Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chief.

Zia, 80, was admitted



on November 23 following infections in her heart and lungs. Her condition worsened within days, and she was shifted to the coronary care unit four days later. According to BNP Vice-Chairman Advocate Ahmed Azam Khan, her health deteriorated sharply on Sunday night, prompting doctors to place her on ventilation.

A five-member medical team from China arrived in the capital on Monday and was spotted entering Evercare late that night, Dhaka Tribune reported. The delegation had earlier met with the medical board supervising Zia's treatment, said the board's chief cardiologist, Dr. Shahabuddin Talukder.

Talukder confirmed that her condition had not improved and stressed that she was not in a condition to be moved abroad for advanced care. He noted that more expert consultation was urgently required, with another team of Chinese specialists expected to land in Dhaka later on Tuesday.

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Jharkhand Crush Saurashtra by 84 Runs in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

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RANCHI: Jharkhand registered a commanding 84-run victory over Saurashtra in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match played on Ground B of the NarendraModi Stadium on Tuesday. Led by a blistering knock from skipper IshanKishan, Jharkhand dominated the contest from start to finish.

Batting first, Jharkhand posted an imposing total of 209 for 8 in the allotted 20 overs. Captain IshanKishan played a sensational innings, scoring 93 off just 50



deliveries, studded with 11 fours and 3 sixes. His aggressive stroke play set the tone for a formidable total. Valuable contributions also came from Robin Minz (28), Anukul Roy (27) and Virat Singh (20). Among Saurashtra's bowlers, ChetanSakariya was the standout performer, claiming 3 wickets for 42 runs.

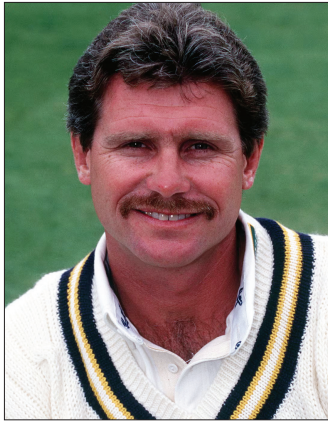
Chasing a challenging target, Saurashtra faltered under pressure and were bowled out for 125 in 15.1 overs. PrerakMankad top-scored with 39, while Ruchit and Lucky added 20 runs each, but none could convert their starts

into a match-defining innings. Jharkhand's bowlers delivered a clinical performance, maintaining discipline and consistency throughout. Anukul Roy shone with the ball as well, picking up 3 wickets for 25 runs. Sushant and Amit also made key breakthroughs, bagging two wickets apiece to dismantle Saurashtra's batting lineup.

With this resounding win, Jharkhand strengthened their position in the tournament, showcasing a cohesive display in both batting and bowling departments.

Former England batter Robin Smith dies aged 62

NEW DELHI : Former England batter Robin Arnold Smith, remembered as one of the greatest players of fast bowling England ever had, has passed away at the age of 62 in Perth, Australia. Smith, widely known as 'The Judge', died unexpectedly at his South Perth apartment on Monday, the cricketer's family said. However, the cause of Smith's death is at present unknown.



"Everyone at the England & Wales Cricket Board is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Robin Smith. An England and Hampshire legend. Rest in peace, Judge," England Cricket said in an X post.

During his England career, Smith played 62 Tests and 71 ODIs, amassing more than 6,500 runs, including 4,236 Test runs with nine centuries. At the end of his career, he had a Test average of 43.67. He was also part of the England squad that reached the 1992 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup final against Pakistan.

Smith's family said in a statement, "It is with the deepest and most profound sense of sadness and loss that we must announce the passing of Robin Arnold Smith, beloved father of Harrison and Margaux and cherished brother of Christopher..."

"A brave and dashing batsman, he excelled both for Hampshire and his adopted country, collecting legions of admirers and friends along the way. This is an immensely difficult period for us all whilst we try to come to terms with our bereavement, and we would therefore much appreciate consideration for our privacy by the media and cricket followers alike.

"Since his retirement from the game in 2004, his battles with alcohol and mental health have been well documented, but these should not form the basis of speculation about the cause of death, which will be determined at the postmortem investigation."

Born in Durban, South Africa, Smith moved to England to play for Hampshire. He played for Hampshire across 21 years between 1982 and 2003, captaining the county between 1998 and

2002. In his time with the Rose and Crown, Smith played over 300 first-class matches, scoring 18,984 runs with a high score of 209 not out at an impressive average of 42.09. Smith also made 347 List A appearances for Hampshire, securing over 12,000 runs at an average of 42.97.

"Known as 'The Judge', Smith played over 600 times for Hampshire and scored over 30,000 runs for the club in a career that spanned more than 20 years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time," Hampshire Cricket posted on X.

He retired from cricket at the age of 40, with 18,984 county runs to his name and a reputation as a Hampshire great.

ECB Chair Richard Thompson said, "Robin Smith was a player who stood toe to toe with some of the quickest bowlers in the world, meeting spells of hostile fast bowling with a defiant smile and an incredible resilience. He did so in a way that gave England fans enormous pride and no shortage of entertainment."

"He was a batter ahead of his time, which was typified in that unforgettable unbeaten 167 from 163 balls in an ODI against Australia at Edgbaston in 1993."

His record at Hampshire is exemplary, and he'll be remembered rightly as a great of Hampshire CCC. We're desperately sad to learn of his passing, and the thoughts of all of us in cricket are with his friends, family, and loved ones."

SRI LANKA TO HOST PAKISTAN FOR T20I SERIES IN JANUARY AHEAD OF T20WC 2026

NEW DELHI : Sri Lanka Cricket announced that the team will host Pakistan for a three-match T20I series in January 2026 in the build-up to the Men's T20 World Cup, which is set to be played from February 7 to March 8 in India and Sri Lanka. The Lankan Lions will face Pakistan on January 7 in the first T20I at the RangiriDambulla International Cricket Stadium (RDICS) in Dambulla, followed by two more games on January 9 and 11 at the same venue to conclude the series. The bilateral contest will provide both teams with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the conditions for the marquee tournament. While Lanka, as co-hosts, will play their group-stage matches at home, the Men in Green will play all their World Cup matches in Sri Lanka due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan. "The Pakistan National Team will tour Sri Lanka in January 2026 to play a three-match T20I series. All matches will be played at the RDICS in Dambulla," said Sri Lanka Cricket on their Instagram as they announced the fixtures. The PCB, meanwhile, said in their statement, "The tour will provide the side with valuable match practice ahead of next year's global event." Pakistan have demonstrated strong performance in recent T20I cricket. Following a convincing 2-1 series win against South Africa, the Men in Green easily defeated Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe to win the T20I tri-series. They are placed in Group A with Namibia, the United States, the Netherlands, and arch-rivals India, beginning their T20 World Cup campaign on February 7. If they reach the semifinal and eventually the final, those matches will also be staged in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka, meanwhile, recently finished a three-week tour of Pakistan, during which they played three ODIs and participated in a tri-series that also included Zimbabwe.

T20I series schedule:
First T20I: Wednesday, January 7, Dambulla
Second T20I: Friday, January 9, Dambulla
Third T20I: Sunday, January 11, Dambulla

Bracewell, Smith rescue New Zealand after West Indies seamers dominate rain-hit Day 1

CHRISTCHURCH : Michael Bracewell and Nathan Smith's gritty 52-run stand for the seventh wicket ensured New Zealand ended a rain-hit opening day on level terms after a dramatic collapse in seam-friendly conditions at Hagley Oval. By stumps, the hosts had reached 231 for 9, recovering from a perilous 148 for 6 after Kane Williamson's half-century laid the early foundation.

West Indies captain Roston Chase had no hesitation in bowling first after winning the toss, citing the heavy overhead conditions, a green-tinged pitch, and the venue's history - only once in 15 Tests here has a captain chosen to bat first.

The decision paid off instantly. Kemar Roach, returning to Test cricket for the first time since January 2025, struck in his third ball. Operating around the wicket, he drew Devon Conway into a loose poke, and Justin Greaves accepted the edge at second slip. But the innings had barely begun when rain forced a 90-minute delay with only 3.3 overs bowled. Another shower truncated the first session to just 10.3 overs, during which New Zealand mustered only 17 runs.

After lunch, Williamson found a way to move the scoreboard, picking up two boundaries in three balls off Johann Layne. While not always in command, he relied on soft hands and late play



- hallmarks of his technique - to survive and score on a tricky surface.

Debutant Ojay Shields endured a nervous start. His first ball in Test cricket was a short, wide no-ball that Tom Latham, then 2 off 34, cracked for four. Shields later bowled Williamson through the gate, only to be denied by another overstep - an early sign of the assistance available for disciplined seamers.

That discipline came from Justin Greaves. In successive overs, he removed both set batters. Williamson, squared up, edged to second slip for a valuable hand; Latham followed soon after, edging an overpitched ball to the

keeper.

West Indies kept striking at regular intervals. Jayden Seales bowled RachinRavindra with a full ball from around the wicket, and Layne claimed his maiden Test wicket when Will Young edged to second slip for 14. Shields added another when Tom Blundell dragged an inside-edge onto his stumps, leaving the hosts wobbling at 120 for 5 and then 148 for 6.

Bracewell and Smith then staged the fightback. Bracewell counterattacked, Smith dug in, and together they added 52 runs that hauled New Zealand back into the contest. Chase eventually broke the stand when Smith

flicked loosely to short midwicket.

Sensing the tail was exposed, Bracewell went for his shots. The approach didn't last. On 47, he miscued a pull to give Shields his second wicket. Matt Henry soon fell to a Roach bouncer for 8, and two balls later, Jacob Duffy was struck on the helmet by another sharp short ball. As the physio began a concussion check, the umpires deemed the light unplayable and called stumps.

Only 70 overs were possible on a day interrupted repeatedly by rain and fading light. West Indies, however, were guilty of releasing pressure with 23 extras, a tally that could loom large on a spicy surface.

'I don't want gifts or fame...' Blind Cricket T20 WC winner PhulaSaren pleads for a roof for her family

NEW DELHI : The 20-year-old PhulaSaren from Odisha'sBalsore district, who was adjudged Player of the Match in the final of the Blind Women's T20 Cricket World Cup in Colombo, said that reality struck her hard upon returning home after India's historic title triumph.

The Blind Women's Cricket T20 World Cup-winning team was accorded a hero's welcome on its return to India. Moreover, the Government of Odisha awarded Rs 11 lakh each to the Odisha players after their historic win.

Phula, however, revealed that she was met with an eviction notice, compelling her to plead with the government for a small home for herself and her family. The world champion is deeply concerned about her parents' struggles, living in a temporary hut on government land in Salabanei village, amid the threat of eviction.

"When I came back with the World Cup, our District Collector

told us he felt proud. But now we have received an eviction notice. Where will we go?" Phula told IANS. "If they remove us, I cannot study, I cannot practice, I cannot play. I will lose everything. I played for India... I made my country proud. But now I don't know where my family will live," said Phula, holding back tears.

Phula's parents are daily wage labourers. The family have no land of their own. "We live on government land - a small shed my father built. My mother works as a helper in a local lab. My brothers also work as labourers. There is no stable income."

She added, "My father could not support my education or my game. Many times I wanted to quit. I was the only girl from my district to even complete higher studies... people in my village said, 'She is blind, what will she do?'"

"I just want a small house for my family. I don't want big gifts. I don't want fame. I only want a small piece of land so my family can build a house. If we are removed, where will we stay?"



How will I continue my studies or cricket?"

She said that some officials promised help, but nothing materialised. "They said they would support me... open training facilities... give us land. But nothing happened. Everyone wants credit when I win. But when I need help, no one is there."

Phula continued, "I fought poverty and disability. I fought every barrier to play for India. But now I am scared - not of cricket opponents, but of losing my home. The government felt proud when I won. Now I request the same government... please don't take away our home. Give us a small land to live on. That is all I want."

Phula further recalled the moments after India's historic victory against Nepal in Colombo. "Winning the World Cup felt like touching the sky. My dream was to meet PM Modi... and just two days after the win, he called us. When he shook my hand, he said he was proud of us. I will never forget that day," she said."

DANE VAN NIEKERK EYES PERSONAL REDEMPTION AS SHE RETURNS FOR SOUTH AFRICA AFTER A 2-YEAR

CAPE TOWN : South Africa's veteran all-rounder, Dane van Niekerk, is all set to make a long-awaited return to international cricket, two years after her last appearance for the Proteas, and feels that the forthcoming series against Ireland will provide her with an opportunity to understand where she stands.

The 32-year-old, who initially retired from the international game in 2023 before reversing that decision earlier this year, will rejoin the national setup for a three-match T20I series against Ireland. With more than 190 international caps across ODIs and T20Is, van Niekerk says a deeply personal ambition drives her comeback.

"That's the main goal - just

proving to myself that I can really tick those boxes that I want to tick. I know if I tick those boxes, I will contribute to the team, hopefully in winning situations. That's what it's all about for me," van Niekerk said at a pre-tour camp here.

The former South Africa captain admitted that returning to the fold feels surreal after believing her international days were over. "I didn't think the day would come. It means a lot. It means the world. I got my clothes (national kit) again, and it felt like it was my clothes for the first time. I got a new helmet as well. I was like a child. That's what it means to me to be here," she added.

Her domestic performances for Western Province this season



helped pave the path back into the national side. Van Niekerk struck four half-centuries in her last seven innings across formats, signalling both form and readiness.

She returns to a South African team that has undergone significant evolution in her absence, a side that has reached the final of the last three ICC women's tournaments and continues to raise performance standards. "A lot of things have changed since I was part of the team, and for the better. The intensity is through the roof," she observed.

While acknowledging the team's upward trajectory, van Niekerk hopes her experience and cricketing intellect can add further value.

"For me, contributing, whether it's knowledge, whether it's tactics, whether it's chats about cricket and experiences, if I can do it with the bat in hand or in the field, whichever way, in a positive manner, if I can contribute, I'd be happy."

Though she missed South Africa's recent historic World Cup final appearance in India, van Niekerk has been a proud spectator and supporter from afar. "I've been very vocal about how chuffed I am for the team and their successes. On the sidelines, or in the commentary box, or just as a wife (to MarizanneKapp), or a friend, it is always nice to see," she said.

She admitted the occasion stirred mixed emotions, saying, "Obviously, I wish I were there,

because who wouldn't? I think any person, even if they didn't play cricket, would have loved to walk out in India, against India in a World Cup final. That is just electric, and that's the moment you live for. I am very proud."

Van Niekerk also believes the team is closing in on a long-awaited world title. "I think this team is due for a World Cup. Whether I'll be part of it or not, it doesn't matter. I just think it is due for this group of players to lift the Cup."

South Africa will host Ireland in the opening T20I at Newlands in Cape Town on Friday, followed by matches in Paarl on Sunday and Benoni next Wednesday as van Niekerk begins the latest chapter of her international career.