

Ahead of Putin's visit, Govt is suffering from insecurity : Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Once again coming down heavily on the Centre, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has alleged that the government tells visiting foreign dignitaries not to meet the Leader of the Opposition due to its "insecurity".

Rahul Gandhi's remarks came barely hours before the beginning of the much awaited two-day visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to India.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said "it is a tradition that visiting foreign dignitaries meet the LoP, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of External Affairs were not following this norm". He also accused the Narendra Modi government of denying permission for the visiting dignitaries to meet him as the Leader of the Opposition in the country, adding the government's action reflects its "insecurity".

"Normally, the tradition is that those who come from abroad have a meeting with the LoP. This used to happen during (Atal Bihari) Vajpayee ji's time and Manmohan Singh ji's time," Rahul Gandhi, said adding "But what happens these days is that when foreign dignitaries come and when I go abroad, the government suggests to them not to meet the LoP," he added.

The Congress leader underscored the importance of such meetings, saying they will help give another perspective. "We also represent India, only



the government does not represent India," he added.

The Russian president arrives in New Delhi around 6:35 pm on Thursday, and hours later, Prime minister Modi will host him for a private dinner in reciprocation of a similar gesture extended to the Indian Prime minister by the Russian leader during his visit to Moscow in July last year.

On Friday, Putin will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan before the 23rd India-Russia summit. PM Modi will also host a working lunch for the Russian leader and his delegation at Hyderabad House, the venue for the summit. However, there is no programme of the Russian President to meet the Leader of Opposition here during his visit.

‘They’d call me Bangladeshi, if I was not born in Birbhum’: says Mamata Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata/Baharampur: The firebrand West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee continuing her tirade against the Union Government, has once again described the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls a “ploy and a conspiracy against the people” of the state and reiterated her commitment to continue her unwavering fight to protect every citizen’s voting rights.

Addressing a massive public rally at Bahampur Stadium in Murshidabad district on Thursday afternoon on the second day of her two day visit to the bordering and muslim dominated districts of Malda and Murshidabad, the Chief minister spoke with conviction about the values that define as democracy, dignity, and secular unity. She also reminded the people that Bengal would always stand united against those who thrive on fear and division.

Unleashing a multi-pronged attack on the Centre, targeting issues ranging from migration and citizenship to river erosion, power projects and the Waqf Amendment Bill, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, amid huge appluds from the massive crowd, hit out at the BJP over its rhetoric on migrants.

With characteristic sarcasm, she said, “Just looking at migrants is nothing but getting tortured”. Just looking at Mur-



Continuing her tirade against the Union Government, West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is addressing a massive public rally at Bahampur Stadium in Murshidabad district on Thursday.

shidabad and Malda, everyone seems to be Bangladeshi! It's a sheer luck that I was born in Birbhum , — otherwise they would have called me Bangladeshi too." Mamata Banerjee remarked.

She asserted that people displaced from Bangladesh were Indian citizens and reiterated her long-held position that NRC would never be implemented in the state.

"Even if they cut my throat,

I will not set up a detention camp. I will not expel anyone from Bengal," she declared.

From the same platform, the Chief Minister announced the inauguration of the 660 MW supercritical thermal power project at Sagardighi, a long-pending project first sanctioned in 2017 in the district. Built at a cost exceeding Rs 4,567 crore, the unit is set to begin power generation on December 10.

Mamata Banerjee said the project will benefit nearly 16.7 lakh families and create employment opportunities for about 26,000 people.

The Chief Minister once again raised concerns over severe Ganga erosion in Murshidabad and Malda districts and claimed that 12,116 bighas of land have already been swallowed by the river, adding that the Farakka Barrage, run by the Central government, is

responsible for the unabated erosion.

The Chief minister said although the Centre had promised to continue dredging of the mighty river and allocated Rs 700 crore as part of the Teesta water-sharing agreement with Bangladesh, the state was yet to receive the funds. She added that state-led initiatives worth Rs 96 crore have completed six erosion-prevention projects in the district despite obstacles

linked to Farakka.

In her address, the Chief Minister urged people not to rely on the Centre for old-age allowances, asserting that the state's Lakshmir Bhandar scheme, a monthly dole for women, would continue uninterrupted. She claimed that despite "central deprivation," nearly 1 crore houses have been constructed under the Bengal Housing Scheme and other departments, with an overall target of 1.87 crore homes.

Expressing concern over the Waqf Amendment Bill, 2025, Mamata Banerjee alleged that attempts by "communal forces" to create divisions in Bengal. "Some forces are trying to divide people on religious lines," she said.

She stressed that the Waqf amendments were actually brought by the Centre and not by the state, and reminded the audience that the Bengal Assembly had already passed a resolution against the law and moved the Supreme Court.

"As long as we are here, I will not let anyone touch these places," she asserted.

With political temperatures rising ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections in the state and the ongoing SIR process dominating administrative focus, Mamata Banerjee's speech here signals yet another round of sharp state-Centre confrontation.

India-Russia sign multiple agreements to boost partnership, as President Putin arrives

MI News Service, New Delhi: With a view to further expanding a nearly eight-decade long partnership between India and Russia, (formerly the Soviet Union), that has remained steadfast notwithstanding fractious geopolitical environment and tensions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accorded a warm welcome to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday night and hosted a private dinner for the guest at his official residence soon after his arrival on a two day visit.

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi from Moscow this evening for his 4th visit to India in over a decade to participate in the 23rd India-Russia summit.

Boosting defence ties, insulating India-Russia trade from external pressure and exploring cooperation in small modular reactors are set to be the focus of the summit meeting between PM Modi and President Putin on Friday that is expected to be closely watched by Western capitals.

The Russian leader's nearly 27-hour visit to New Delhi has assumed greater significance as it is taking place against the backdrop of rapid downturn in India-US relations.

Following the 23rd India-Russia summit, the two sides are expected to seal several agree-



ments, including in areas of trade.

As the Russian leader is visiting India amid renewed American push to end the war in Ukraine, the issue is also likely to figure prominently at the summit.

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President Putin will also visit Rajghat in the morning, accord-

ing to people familiar with the government protocol .

After the summit, President Putin is set to launch the new India channel of Russian state-run broadcaster, following which he will attend a state banquet to be hosted in his honour by President Droupadi Murmu. The Russian leader is expected to leave India at around 9 pm on Friday.

In the summit talks, New Delhi is expected to press for addressing the increasing trade deficit caused by India's procurement of large volumes of Russian crude oil.

The Russian President's trip to India is taking place at a time when India-US relations are going through possibly the worst phase in the last two decades after West Washington imposed a whopping 50 per cent tariff on Indian goods, including 25 per cent levies for New Delhi's procurement of Russian crude oil.

The impact of American sanctions on India's procurement of Russian crude oil is likely to be discussed at the summit.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov on Tuesday said New Delhi's purchase of crude oil from Russia may decline for "a brief period" in view of Western sanctions, but, at the same time, he said Moscow is taking steps to enhance the supplies.

At the summit, Putin is expected to apprise PM Modi about the latest US efforts to bring an end to the Ukraine conflict. India has been consistently maintaining that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way forward to end the war.

Following the Modi-Putin talks, the two sides are expected to ink a plethora of agreements, including one on facilitating the movement of Indian workers to Russia, and another on logistical support under a broader framework of defence cooperation.

It is learnt that under the trade basket, Indian exports to Russia are expected to significantly increase in areas of pharma, agriculture, food products and consumer goods.

The move comes amid concerns in New Delhi over a ballooning trade deficit in favour of Russia.

India's annual procurement of Russian crude oil

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TMC suspends party MLA Humayun Kabir for his plan to build 'Babri Masjid' in Murshidabad

MI News Service, Kolkata / Baharampur: In a major step to ensure an absolute peace and harmony in West Bengal, the ruling Trinamool Congress suspended the party's outspoken MLA from Bharatpur-Humayun Kabir - on Thursday, for triggering a huge controversy and political storm for his proposal to build a 'Babri Masjid' in Murshidabad district.

Kabir, who has hogged the limelight over the last few years with his controversial statements on various issues, including the party's internal affairs, had recently announced that he would lay the foundation stone of the proposed mosque at Beldanga in the minority dominated Murshidabad district on December 6 commemorating the destruction of the original Babri Mosque in Uttar Pradesh on that day more than two decades ago .

Announcing his suspension, senior Cabinet minister and TMC leader Firhad Hakim said here today that Kabir's conduct amounted to "gross indiscipline" at a time when the party was working to maintain peace and communal harmony in the state.

"Kabir was involved in communal politics, which the TMC is strictly against. TMC does not believe in communal politics. He



will have no relation with the party from this moment. He is being suspended on the instructions of our top leadership," Hakim said reportedly following instructions from top leaders in the Mamata Banerjee government.

"We have cautioned him thrice earlier. Still he is doing this. That is why we are suspending Humayun Kabir. The party will not have any relation with him," Hakim said.

He added that the party was alarmed after Kabir recently claimed he would "build the Babri Masjid," a statement Hakim described as provocative and unnecessary. "We noticed that one of our MLAs from Murshidabad suddenly declared that he would build the Babri Masjid. Why suddenly Babri Masjid? We already warned him. As per the

decision of our party, TMC, we are suspending MLA Humayun Kabir," Hakim reiterated.

The TMC has alleged that Kabir's remarks were made with the intention of fuelling communal tensions and that he was being encouraged by the BJP to do so. The party leadership made it clear that it would not tolerate actions that could harm communal harmony or deviate from the party line.

Interestingly , when the suspension was announced, Humayun Kabir was present at the ground in Baharampur, where Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to address a rally later in the day.

Asked about his reaction, Kabir told reporters that the suspension was a "deliberate humiliation" and said he would resign as an MLA and launch a

new political outfit on December 22 in Murshidabad.

Kabir said his new outfit will contest a total of 135 of the 294 seats in the Assembly in next year's state elections.

"I will expose the Chief minister and the TMC over their double standards on secular politics. TMC has been fooling minorities and has a tacit understanding with the RSS-BJP," he alleged.

"The December 6 programme will go ahead as planned. I will not cancel it. If the administration doesn't allow me to lay the foundation stone, then I will sit on a dharna and get arrested. I have full faith in the judiciary," he said.

Humayun Kabir, who keeps switching political parties and had been in the Congress and BJP earlier, claimed that lakhs of people would join the December 6 programme, which may block the all-important NH-12 that connects Kolkata in the south to Siliguri in the north.

State BJP President Samik Bhattacharya termed Kabir's suspension nothing but a "drama". "Humayun Kabir has been making controversial remarks for a long time, yet the TMC never took any cognizance of that and initiated concrete action. They want to establish the rule of Babur in Bengal," he alleged.

India rushes Bailey bridge, 500 water units to flood-hit Sri Lanka

MI News Service, Colombo: India has sent a Bailey bridge and hundreds of water-purification units to cyclone-hit Sri Lanka as part of its ongoing humanitarian support to reconnect isolated communities and restore essential services in the island nation.

Sri Lanka has been grappling with widespread flooding, landslides and severe infrastructure collapse triggered by Cyclone Ditwah, leaving several districts isolated and severely straining the country's disaster-response capacity.

At least 479 people have been killed and 350 are still missing as of Thursday evening due to catastrophic floods and landslides caused by extreme weather conditions since November 16.

An IAF aircraft on Wednesday transported the prefabricated Bailey bridge and 500 water purification units to help ensure access to safe drinking water in cyclone-affected regions.

"Bridging gaps and restoring

hope under Operation Sagar Bandhu. A C-17 aircraft has flown in a Bailey Bridge along with 500 water purification units, paving the way for reconnecting isolated communities and ensuring access to safe drinking water," the Indian High Commission here posted on social media on Thursday.

In another post, the mission said disaster-management cooperation between the two neighbours also continued in the digital sphere.

In a virtual meeting held on Wednesday, Bhaskar Katamneni, Secretary of Real Time Governance, Andhra Pradesh, shared a "digital toolkit" showcasing the state government's best practices in disaster preparedness and response with Hans Wijayasuriya, Chief Advisor to the Sri Lankan President on Digital Economy, and the GovTech team.

India has been extending humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka under Operation Sagar Bandhu, with extensive air, sea



and ground operations delivering urgent relief to those affected.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in a social media post on Wednesday expressed appreciation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi for India's steadfast support to Sri Lanka.

"India's prompt assistance under the SAGAR-BANDHU initiative underscores the depth of our partnership and the endur-

ing goodwill between our nations," he said.

Officials estimate a total economic loss of between USD 6 billion and 7 billion, which is roughly 3-5 per cent of the island nation's GDP, due to the cyclone.

Incidentally, yesterday India has also sent a mobile field hospital and over 70 medical personnel to the island nation to help boost the relief operations as one of the first responders to

this unprecedented natural disaster.

The supplies included advanced medical equipment and field hospitals. "An Indian Air Force C-17A aircraft carrying urgent medical assistance arrived in Sri Lanka. The consignment comprised critical medicine, advanced medical equipment and deployable field facilities to support the country's ongoing rescue and relief operations," an official statement said.

Santhosh Jha, Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka handed over the relief materials to Major General Tiral de Silva of the Sri Lankan Army, the statement added.

"The cargo includes two fully equipped field hospitals designed for rapid deployment in emergency zones. One of these units is scheduled to be established in Welimada to support ongoing humanitarian operations. In addition, India has dispatched 73 medical

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Fitch forecasts India's FY'26 GDP growth to 7.4 pc on better consumer spending after GST reforms

MI News Service, New Delhi: The US based internationally reputed global economic rating agency 'Fitch Ratings' has upgraded India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year to an unprecedented 7.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent last year, in the wake of increased consumer spending and improved sentiment boosted by GST reforms.

According to the global rating agency on Thursday, falling inflation gives the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room for one more policy rate cut in December to 5.25 per cent, following 100 bp of cuts in 2025 so far.

Fitch said GDP growth accelerated further in the July-September quarter to 8.2 per cent, from 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter.



Accordingly, the Fitch Ratings has raised India's overall GDP growth forecast for 2025-2026 to 7.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent last year, on increased consumer spending and improved sentiment boosted by GST reforms.

"Growth will ease over the remainder of the financial year 2025-26 (to end-March), but we have raised our full-year growth forecast to 7.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent in September," Fitch said in its Global Economic Outlook report for December.

Private consumer spending is the main driver of growth this year, supported by strong real income dynamics, increased consumer sentiment, and the impact of recently implemented goods and services tax (GST) reforms, it said..

Effective September 22, GST on about 375 items has been slashed, making over 99 per cent of consumption items cheaper. However, Fitch expects GDP growth to slow down a little to 6.4 per cent in FY'27.

It projected private investment to pick up in the second half of the next fiscal (2026-27) as financial conditions loosen. Consumer price inflation fell to an all-time low of 0.3 per cent in October, driven by lower food and drink prices.

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Document errors cause distress, woman's suicide sparks uproar

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: The tragic suicide of Hasana Bibi, a resident of Madhya Balabhute in the Tufanganj assembly constituency, has reignited political tensions in the state amid allegations surrounding errors in official documents linked to the Special Identification Registry (SIR). Relatives of Hasana Bibi revealed that her name was misspelled on both her voter identity card and Aadhaar card, causing her significant distress over several days. It is also claimed that discrepancies existed in the official documents of her two sons, which she managed to rectify.

Despite these efforts, the woman suddenly took her own life, prompting widespread concern and political reactions. The incident triggered immediate responses from local political leaders. Trinamool district president Abhijit De Bhowmik visited the hospital morgue, while State Trinamool Congress vice president Rabindranath Ghosh attended Hasana's residence to express condolences. Trinamool representatives attributed the death to panic induced by fears surrounding SIR implementation, condemning alleged intimidation tactics during the electoral process. Conversely, BJP leaders dismissed such claims, accusing Trinamool of politicizing the tragedy to deflect attention from governance issues. BJP spokesperson Biraj Bose refuted accusations by pointing to prior incidents involving electoral personnel and stressing that electoral processes must remain free of misinformation and fear. The case adds to a growing list of deaths linked to administrative and electoral anxieties in West Bengal, underscoring a pressing need for accountability and clarity in handling voter documentation and public reassurance amid politically charged surroundings. Authorities face mounting pressure from across the spectrum to conduct a thorough investigation and address procedural lapses that may have contributed to this heartbreaking loss.



SLST 2025 job aspirants held a protest rally over their recruitment demands, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Old rivalries medication fail as violence resurges

MI News Service, Birbhum: Deep-seated factional strife within the TMC continues to destabilize the party's ground-level cohesion in the Siuri-2 block, Birbhum district. Despite direct intervention from senior party functionaries, violent clash erupted again on Wednesday night in Januri village of Koma Panchayat, raising serious concerns about the party's internal discipline and control.

On Tuesday, following rising tensions linked to the lingering Kesh-Kajal dispute from 'Unchutala' spreading into 'Nichutala,' Trinamool's district leadership dispatched Birbhum core committee member and district council president Kajal Sheikh to mediate and quell the turmoil. A high-level peace meeting involving local faction heads—Koma region president Balram Bagdi and Trinamool block president Nurul Islam—was convened at Birbhum Zilla Parishad. Both leaders pledged to restore organizational unity and desist from any further factional hostilities. However, these commitments proved hollow. Barely 24 hours later, reports surfaced of a brutal assault in Januri village, where men allegedly aligned with Nurul Islam launched a violent attack on supporters of Balram Bagdi. The attacking faction reportedly targeted workers' homes late at night, inflicting injuries and vandalizing property. Two victims remain hospitalized at Siuri Sadar

Hospital with serious wounds. Eyewitness accounts and party insiders confirm this was a retaliatory strike rooted in factional allegiances—Balram is recognized as a staunch ally of controversial regional powerbroker Anubrata Mondal, while Nurul is closely linked to Kajal Sheikh. This latest outbreak starkly contradicts assertions made on Tuesday by both factions during their district-level meeting, which insisted that all issues were "resolved" and disputes were mere misunderstandings. The violent episode obliterates any illusion of reconciliation and exposes the fragile and fractured state of Trinamool's local unit in Birbhum. The genesis of this violent factionalism can be traced back to a longstanding rivalry known as the Kesh-Kajal dispute originating in 'Unchutala,' which continues to cast a dark shadow over the neighbouring



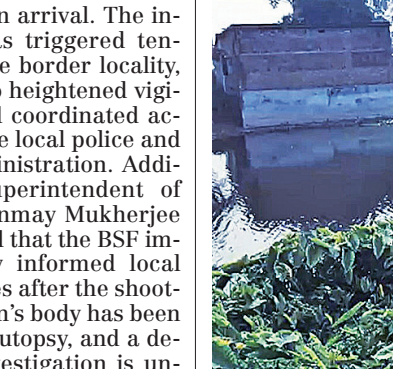
'Nichutala' area, effectively paralyzing party functions. The repercussions of this infighting not only damage the organization's grassroots fabric but also threaten to derail its political agenda in this strategically significant region. Compounding the crisis, the incident echoes the harrowing episode on November 20 when Birbhum MP Shatabdi Roy intervened after Nurul Islam's associates severely assaulted Balram Bagdi and his brother at the SIR support center. Roy's urgent action had temporarily quelled tensions, with directives from Trinamool All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee to resolve conflicts through dialogue. Yet, the recurrence of aggression underlines a blatant defiance of central commands and a breakdown of intra-party discipline. As factional clashes escalate unchecked, the Trinamool leadership faces an urgent test to regain control and maintain its image ahead of looming electoral challenges. Failure to stem this violent infighting risks further erosion of local support and intensifying party fragmentation, putting its political dominance in Birbhum in jeopardy. The Birbhum Trinamool Congress now stands at a crossroads: either enforce stringent measures to restore order or witness mounting internal chaos that could undermine the party's credibility and effectiveness in one of West Bengal's pivotal districts.

BSF kills Bangladeshi infiltrator in Cooch Behar border clash



MI News Service, Cooch Behar: A Bangladeshi national was fatally shot by the Border Security Force (BSF) during an alleged attempt to illegally cross into India along the India-Bangladesh border under Bairagihra Gram Panchayat in Mathabhanga No. 1 Block of Cooch Behar district. The incident occurred late Wednesday night and has renewed concerns over security vulnerabilities and rising infiltration attempts along this sensitive international boundary. The deceased, identified as 29-year-old Sabuj Hasan from Lalmonirhat district in Bangladesh, was

reportedly part of a group attempting to breach the barbed wire fencing to enter Indian territory. According to official sources, personnel of the BSF's 156th Battalion noticed the group's movement and issued repeated warnings instructing them to stop. However, the infiltrators allegedly ignored the commands and attempted to attack the BSF team, prompting the security personnel to open fire in what they described as an act of self-defense. Following the confrontation, Sabuj Hasan was rushed to Mathabhanga Subdistrict Hospital, where medical authorities declared him



dead upon arrival. The incident has triggered tension in the border locality, leading to heightened vigilance and coordinated action by the local police and civil administration. Additional Superintendent of Police Tanmay Mukherjee confirmed that the BSF immediately informed local authorities after the shooting. Hasan's body has been sent for autopsy, and a detailed investigation is underway to verify the sequence of events and determine the exact circumstances that led to the fatal encounter. This incident highlights the complex challenges faced by security forces in monitoring illegal movements across the porous border, where smuggling networks and infiltration attempts continue to pose significant threats. As authorities probe deeper into the event, the shooting serves as another reminder of the ongoing struggle to maintain law and order and safeguard territorial integrity along West Bengal's international frontier

Gold smuggling bid foiled on Indo-Bangla border; BSF seizes gold worth over Rs. 3 crore



Dipankar Edbar, Krishnaganj (Nadia): In a well-coordinated operation at evening, Border Security Force (BSF) troops posted along the India-Bangladesh border in Nadia's Krishnaganj on Wednesday, intercepted a major gold-smuggling attempt and seized gold biscuits worth more than Rs. 3 crore. Acting on specific intelligence, jawans of the South Bengal Frontier intensified vigil around a water body suspected to be a transit point. Around 5 pm, the troops spotted two men wading through the lake, using the cover of dusk and attempting to remain con-

cealed under thick water hyacinth. The BSF team quickly cordoned off the area. One alleged smuggler was apprehended after a brief chase, while the second managed to flee taking advantage of darkness and swampy terrain. During an extensive search of the surrounding marshes, multiple packets wrapped carefully for cross-border movement were recovered. On inspection, the packets were found to contain 20 gold biscuits weighing 2,354.73 grams, valued at Rs.3,05,99,716, officials said. A senior BSF South Bengal Frontier spokesperson praised the alertness of the troops, saying the incident once again underscored the force's success in disrupting organised smuggling networks operating along the porous stretches of the border. The spokesperson further appealed to local residents to report any suspicious cross-border activity or information related to smuggling to BSF's 'Seema Saathi' helpline-14419 or via WhatsApp at 9903472227, through text or voice note.

Body found in hyacinth-choked pond sparks sensation in Nabadwip



Dipankar Edbar, Nabadwip (Nadia): Panic gripped residents of the Manipur Road area after the blood-stained body of an unidentified man was found floating in a hyacinth-covered pond near a brick kiln under Nabadwip police station in Nadia district on Thursday morning, police sources said.

Locals first spotted the body and alerted police. Officers said the deceased, believed to be around 25 years old, bore a deep injury mark near his right ear. Preliminary findings suggest he may have been struck with a heavy object, leading to his death. The body has been sent to Shaktinagar District Hospital for post-mortem examination. Nabadwip police have launched an investigation to establish the identity of the victim and the circumstances leading to his death. Officers are probing whether the man was murdered near the brick kiln or whether the body was dumped in the pond after the crime elsewhere. The role of local suspects is also being examined, police said.

New thermal drones to boost Jaldapara forest security



MI News Service, Alipurduar: As winter settles over Jaldapara National Park, the long-standing threat of poaching intensifies, with smugglers taking advantage of dense fog and difficult terrain to hunt and traffic endangered species. In response, the Forest Department has strengthened its enforcement strategy by deploying advanced drone surveillance systems designed to detect and deter illegal activities. For the past three years, drones have been in operation over Jaldapara and the neighboring Gorumara National Park, delivering real-time intelligence that has significantly transformed forest protection efforts.

These aerial systems have already proved invaluable. During the recent floods, drone cameras located 11 rhinos that had been swept away by powerful currents, enabling forest officials to trace, rescue, and safely return the animals. Beyond anti-poaching operations, the drones also play a vital role in early forest-fire detection, monitoring wildlife movement patterns, tracking changes in river courses, and preventing human encroachment in sensitive ecological zones. However, current coverage is constrained by both the limited number of drones and the technological boundaries of the existing

Murshidabad MLA to launch new party after suspension

MI News Service, Murshidabad: Humayun Kabir, MLA from Bharatpur, has been officially suspended from the Trinamool Congress, following a controversial statement regarding the Babri Masjid issue. The suspension was announced during a press briefing by Murshidabad observer Firhad Hakim and party leader Niamat Sheikh in Kolkata, catching Humayun Kabir himself off guard as he attended a party meeting. Kabir learned of his suspension through media reports while preparing to take the stage, expressing visible distress and signaling his intent to sever ties with the party. "I was invited by the district president Apurba Sarkar. I will discuss with him. If asked to stay, I will consider it; otherwise, I will leave," Humayun Kabir said. He further declared his plan to resign from the



party imminently and revealed intentions to launch a new political outfit on December 22 in Berhampur, aiming to contest all 135 seats in Murshidabad. The suspension follows a warning issued by party leadership earlier that they do not endorse Kabir's remarks related to the Babri Masjid. Humayun Kabir dismissed criticisms of his statements as politically motivated and emphasized his resolve not to relent, asserting, "I am a Muslim. I have been suspended over the Babri Masjid issue. If it costs me my life, I will be a martyr, but I will not back down." He also announced plans to lay the

foundation stone for the Babri Masjid on December 6. Highlighting his defiant stance, Humayun Kabir welcomed the suspension as inconsequential, stating he holds no official position in the party presently. This development echoes an earlier disciplinary action against him in 2015, when he faced a six-year suspension without prior notice. Humayun Kabir's departure and formation of a new political force underscores growing internal fissures and shifting dynamics within the region's political landscape, signifying potential upheaval ahead of forthcoming elections.

Promising doctor Arnab Chakraborty killed in fatal accident



MI News Service, Belgharia: The promising medical career of Arnab Chakraborty, a dedicated intern from Belgharia, came to a heartbreaking end after he was killed in a fatal car accident on National Highway 9 near Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. Arnab, a final-year medical student at a private medical college and hospital in Amroha, lost his life along with three fellow doctors when their vehicle met with a devastating collision while returning from duty. Arnab, a resident of Pub Para in Belgharia, had been eagerly looking forward to completing his internship in June. His family had long nurtured hopes for his bright future in the medical field. His father, Arun Chakraborty, had even built a new house in anticipation of his son's return, envisioning a stable foundation from which Arnab could begin his journey as a practicing doctor. The news of his sudden demise has left the family shattered and the community stunned. The accident



has cast a pall of grief over Pub Para, where Arnab was known for his dedication, humility, and strong academic record. Relatives, neighbors, and friends have been struggling to process the abrupt loss of a young man whose life was filled with promise and purpose. His passing also resonates deeply within the medical fraternity, where he was regarded as a hard-working intern committed to serving patients with compassion. Arnab's untimely death highlights the precarious circumstances often faced by young professionals living far from home, navigating demanding schedules and long commutes. It also serves as a sobering reminder of the persistent dangers on highways that have witnessed repeated fatal accidents. While Arnab's dream of becoming a skilled, empathetic doctor now remains unfulfilled, his memory endures in the hearts of those who believed in his potential and cherished his gentle spirit.

Village school closure sparks outrage, children forced to travel

MI News Service, Malda: A severe educational crisis has engulfed Jhan Chakchak village as its only M.S.K. school remains indefinitely closed due to a critical shortage of teaching staff. Since the death of the school's sole teacher in 2023, authorities have failed to appoint any replacements, effectively shutting down the institution and disrupting the education of more than a hundred students who depended on it. Established in 2008, the school had been equipped with adequate infrastructure and a regular mid-day meal program, serving as the village's primary center for education from grades one through eight. Its abrupt closure has created a major void for the community's over two thousand families, leaving children with no choice but to walk several kilometers to reach alternative schools—often in challenging weather and along unsafe routes. Villagers have expressed deep frustration and growing disillusionment with the prolonged administrative inaction. Local resident Nazrana Bibi highlighted the gravity of the situation, stating, "Even though the school is right near our homes, we have no choice but to send our children far away."



The 10th annual Madhyamgram Khadi Fair is packed with people. The fair will continue from 2 pm to 9 pm until December 10th.

Factional fight in Birbhum TMC sends members to hospital

MI News Service, Birbhum: Despite explicit directives from Trinamool All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee to end factional disputes and unite the party ranks, Birbhum's Trinamool Congress continues to be marred by violent internal conflicts. The fragile alliance forged between Balram Bagdi, regional president of Koma Gram Panchayat and a close associate of Anubrata Mondal, and Kajal Sheikh's faction has rapidly unraveled, plunging the party deeper into turmoil. Within 24 hours of ostensibly joining forces in compliance with party leadership's call for reconciliation, supporters of Balram Bagdi were reportedly assaulted by followers loyal to Kajal Sheikh in Siuri, raising grim questions about the cohesion and discipline within the local Trinamool cadre. The violence resulted in the hospitalization of a woman and a man at Siuri Sadar Hospital; victims alleged the attacks were motivated solely by factional allegiance despite all claiming to

be Trinamool members. One injured party stated, "We were beaten because we belong to Balram Bagdi's team. Both sides are Trinamool, yet they attacked us mercilessly." Balram Bagdi himself acknowledged the breakdown of peace efforts, warning that continued violence would render coexistence impossible. He reiterated that the initial move towards unity was undertaken following Abhishek Banerjee's explicit instructions but expressed deep frustration at the rapid resurgence of hostilities. The saga unfolded amid claims that Kajal Sheikh's supporters had earlier assaulted Balram Bagdi, his brother, and another party worker, an incident reportedly witnessed by Shatabdi Roy, further underscoring the severity of the factional clashes. This brazen display of intra-party violence exposes a critical fault line within Birbhum's Trinamool Congress, undermining leadership's efforts to maintain order and threatening the party's stability in a politically sensitive region.

KMC Launches
Helpdesk for Faster
Birth and Death
Certificates

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has set up a dedicated helpdesk to ensure faster and accurate issuance of birth and death certificates. In a parallel move, the civic body has decided that individuals without any official record of their date of birth will receive a "Non-Identity Birth Certificate" under special provisions of the Birth and Death Registration Act.

The new helpdesk has been established at the Singh Dwar of KMC's central building, featuring eight counters. A separate table has also been designated exclusively to handle complaints. Earlier, for the past seven days, eight counters had been operational at Gate No. 6 of the municipal building.

Speaking on the initiative, Deputy Mayor and Mayor-in-Council for Health Atin Ghosh said, "Birth and death certificates are being issued after verifying authentic records for all individuals whose births or deaths have occurred within Kolkata Municipal limits. We are working to further expand these services." The KMC record room holds documents dating back over 120 years, which are checked only when absolutely necessary. Individuals who can present proper documentation receive new or duplicate certificates with official watermarks. For records over a year old, a service charge is applied for each copy issued.

A senior official from the health department explained that even for those born in Kolkata, if no official records exist, certificates can still be issued based on court directives using documents like passports, voter ID cards with photos, or Aadhaar cards. However, not everyone visiting the central KMC office is doing so solely to collect certificates under the Special Identity Registration system. Many are obtaining duplicate certificates for overseas employment or higher education purposes.

The official added, "A single person may have consistent names and addresses, but the computerized system often shows a 2-3 year difference in recorded birth dates. Such discrepancies are common. Without verification, KMC cannot issue birth certificates."

Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh noted that around 100 birth and death certificates are issued daily. With the new infrastructure in place at the Singh Dwar helpdesk, the corporation is now equipped to issue an additional 400 certificates daily, significantly reducing delays and improving service for citizens.

PIL Filed in Cal HC Over Humayun Kabir's Babri Masjid Plan

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh controversy has erupted in West Bengal after Murshidabad MLA Humayun Kabir announced plans to construct a Babri Masjid in Beldanga on December 6. The declaration has triggered intense political and social debate, and the matter has now reached the Calcutta High Court. Alleging that Kabir's proposal is unconstitutional and capable of disturbing communal harmony, advocate Sabyasachi Chakraborty has filed a Public Interest Litigation demanding immediate judicial intervention.

According to Chakraborty, Kabir's statements are provocative in nature and could disrupt peace in the region. The petition urges the court to take steps to prevent any attempt that may inflame communal tensions. Following the filing, the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul has advised the petitioner to proceed in accordance with court rules. While the exact date of the hearing has yet to be set, sources indicate that the matter is expected to come up before the bench very soon.

The controversy began when Kabir declared that a Babri Masjid would be constructed on land he said he has already prepared. His announcement immediately sparked political turbulence, with the ruling Trinamool Congress distancing itself sharply from the legislator. TMC leaders claimed they were unaware of the plan and insisted that it did not reflect the party's position.

By Thursday morning, the situation escalated further as the Trinamool Congress suspended Humayun Kabir from the party on charges of engaging in anti-party activities. Announcing the decision at a press conference, senior leader Firhad Hakim stated that the party would maintain no association with Kabir going forward. He emphasised that Kabir's actions were entirely his own and not endorsed by the Trinamool Congress.

Even Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee weighed in on the controversy, indirectly criticising Kabir during a public meeting in Berhampore. Without naming him, she remarked, "When one grain of paddy rots, it must be removed, or else the entire stock will be spoiled."

Mamata Deploys Senior
Officers as Observers to
Monitor Public Projects



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee amidst rural women before a massive public rally at Baharampur Stadium in Murshidabad district on Thursday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has directed district-level officials, including District Magistrates, to ensure that the ongoing implementation of public welfare projects is not hampered under the pressure of the SIR (Special Investigation and Review) system. Speaking on Tuesday at Nabanna during the release of the "Unayaner Panchali" report, Mamata emphasized that special observers would be deployed in districts to monitor project execution closely. She instructed Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to form a dedicated team of top-level officers for this purpose.

Following the Chief Minister's directives, the state government on Wednesday formed an observer team consisting of 23 senior IAS officers and issued a detailed guideline specifying which

officer would be deployed to which district. The directive, signed by the Chief Secretary, clarifies that the officers will oversee the implementation of the Banglar Bari project, Pathashree and Rastashree schemes, and work under the "Amader Para Amader Samadhan" initiative, in addition to addressing public grievances promptly.

The Chief Secretary has also outlined the responsibilities of these officers. Senior officials will visit assigned districts, coordinate with District Magistrates, and provide guidance to ensure timely and effective project execution. They are expected to monitor whether projects are proceeding according to schedule and intervene immediately in case of delays or complaints. Officers will also submit feedback, reports, and recommendations to Nabanna to keep the Chief

Minister informed of on-ground realities.

Administrative sources note that the state is keen on completing key government projects ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. Mamata has explicitly stated that officers who ensure swift and efficient implementation will be rewarded.

Assignments for officers have already been finalized. Notable postings include Shantanu Basu in Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Binod Kumar in East Midnapore, Manish Jain in West Midnapore, Sanjay Banshal in Purulia, Choten D Lama in Jhargram, Rashmi Kamal in Bankura, Kaushik Bhattacharya in Alipurdwar, Dushmant Naryal in Jalpaiguri, Mounita Godara Basu in Darjeeling, Rajesh Kumar Sinha in Cooch Behar, Soumitra Mohan in Kalimpong, Shubhanjan Das in North Dinajpur, P. Ulaganathan in Malda, Surendra Gupta in South Dinajpur, P. B. Selim in Murshidabad, Narayan Swaroop Nigam in South 24 Parganas, Antara Acharya in Howrah, Rajesh Pandey in Nadia, Parvez Ahmed Siddiqui in North 24 Parganas, Onkar Singh Meena in Hooghly, Shardakumar Dwivedi in Birbhum, Bandana Yadav in East Bardhaman, and Barunkumar Roy in West Bardhaman.

Additionally, a 14-member support team has been formed to liaise with these officers and provide regular reports to the Chief Minister.

Bratya Basu Hits
Back at Opposition
Over HS Exam Fees

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu on Thursday fired back at opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari over allegations regarding higher secondary examination fees, calling the claims "misleading" and "an attempt to confuse students and parents." The spat unfolded on social media after Adhikari posted on X (formerly Twitter), claiming that the Mamata Banerjee government was scheming to extract money from students despite education being free.

Basu responded decisively by sharing official notices from the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), demonstrating the transparency of the state's fee structure. "The opposition leader is trying, in his usual style, to mislead the public regarding higher secondary exam fees," Basu wrote on social media. "For clarity, here is the CBSE 2025 examination fee notice under the central government, along with the WBCHSE press release. This will ensure that facts are clear and misinformation ends."

The controversy stems from a recent directive issued by the WBCHSE fixing the maximum fee for each semester examination at 70 per student. West Bengal introduced a semester-wise higher secondary curriculum this year, and the order was meant to prevent schools from charging excessive fees. Complaints against some schools charging beyond the prescribed amount were immediately addressed by the council.

According to Basu, Adhikari's lengthy post created unnecessary confusion among students and parents. By publicly posting the official notices, the Education Minister aimed to provide clarity and ensure that accurate information reached all stakeholders. He emphasized that the state government guarantees education free of cost for all students, contrasting it with central boards like CBSE, where examination fees are significantly higher.

Basu's response highlights the government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and protecting students' interests. The minister also sought to stop the spread of "misleading propaganda" that could alarm parents and learners unnecessarily.

Fitch forecasts
India's FY'26
GDP growth

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"We expect falling inflation should give the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) room for one more policy rate cut in December to 5.25 per cent, following 100bp of cuts in 2025 so far, and a series of reductions in the cash reserve ratio (from 4 per cent to 3 per cent)," Fitch said.

RBI's Monetary Policy Committee is slated to announce its policy review on Friday.

With core inflation recovering and activity projected to remain strong, Fitch said that it expects the RBI to have reached the end of its easing cycle, and that rates will remain at 5.25 per cent over the next two years.

India rushes
Bailey bridge

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professionals, including doctors, physicians, anaesthesiologists and other specialised personnel, to provide on-ground medical support where most needed," the statement added.

Citing a social media post by PRO Defence Jammu, the statement said an Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft airlifted the para field hospital, and 73 medical personnel from Agra, and landed in Colombo on Wednesday to augment ongoing relief efforts.

In addition, it said, a number of IAF Mi-17 helicopters have been operating continuously, airlifting more than eight tonnes of relief material and evacuating 65 survivors, including foreign nationals, critically ill patients and a pregnant woman. Indian rescue teams are also conducting operations across multiple sites, the mission said.

NDRF teams deployed in the Sedawatta and Nadeegama areas near Colombo have rescued more than 43 people so far, and continue to save those trapped in floodwaters ranging between 8 and 10 feet, the High Commission said in a social media post adding that under Operation Sagar Bandhu, Indian teams are prioritising the evacuation of the most vulnerable to ensure every life is brought to safety.



The BLO Adhikar Rokkha Committee and families of deceased BLOs protested and submitted a deputation to the West Bengal CEO, demanding better conditions, compensation, and security after several BLO deaths during the Special Intensive Revision, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Tensions Flare Again Outside
CEO's Office Over BLO Demands

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed renewed unrest on Thursday outside the office of the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) as the 'BLO Rights Protection Committee' staged a protest demanding financial assistance for families of deceased Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and an extension of deadlines, among other issues. Relatives of the deceased BLOs were also present at the march. However, police intervention to stop the protesters led to heightened tensions, with allegations that some demonstrators attempted to breach police barricades and enter the CEO's office, turning the area into a virtual battlefield. Protesters argued that they had previously requested an extension from the Chief Electoral Officer, but were still being blocked.

BLOs have been staging a sit-in outside the CEO's office for several days, citing heavy workloads and demanding fair treatment. The ongoing protest, organized under the banner of the 'BLO Rights Protection Committee', drew fresh attention on Thursday with participation from the families of deceased officers. The protesters claimed that they are forced to work under "unbearable pressure," and that the recently granted seven-day extension was insufficient. They also reiterated their demand for financial assistance for the families of BLOs who had passed away.

This is not the first time tensions have erupted outside the CEO's office. A few days ago, protests over the handling of BLO duties, involving senior leader Suwendu Adhikari, escalated

sharply. Demonstrators reportedly chanted slogans targeting the opposition leader, including "Go Back," intensifying the standoff. Amid the unrest, Suwendu Adhikari called for relocating the state CEO's office to a safer location and also urged the deployment of central forces to manage the situation.

Authorities are now grappling with multiple challenges: balancing the protestors' legitimate demands while maintaining law and order in a highly sensitive electoral environment. The protests have highlighted ongoing grievances among BLOs, including extended work pressures, insufficient support for families of deceased officers, and calls for administrative accountability.

'Swasthya Bandhu' Initiative Reaches
1 Lakh People in Just 20 Days

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's innovative "Swasthya Bandhu" initiative, launched on November 11, has already reached over one lakh people within just 20 days. Designed to deliver healthcare services directly to the doorstep, the program employs 110 mobile medical units, with 100 more units set to join soon, the Chief Minister announced on social media on Wednesday. She described the scheme as "another people-friendly initiative" by her government.

So far, 1,027 health camps have been organized under the program, attracting predominantly women and senior citizens. Speaking about the initiative, Mamata said, "Hundreds of underprivileged people are receiving free medical services, including lab tests, ECG, and ultrasound, particularly benefiting elderly citizens and women."

According to health department officials, each mobile unit functions like a compact, state-of-the-art hospital, offering 35 types of tests, including hemoglobin, complete blood count, pregnancy, cholesterol, kidney and liver function, uric acid, ECG, and chest X-rays. Test results are provided within minutes, and the units are equipped with ECG machines, nebulizers, and ultrasonography equipment. Trained nurses and specialist doctors assess patients quickly and provide necessary treatment on-site. By bringing healthcare to remote areas, the program saves people the burden of traveling long distances to hospitals, which has contributed to increasing attendance at the camps.

Alongside healthcare delivery, Mamata highlighted support for differently-abled individuals, coinciding with International Day of Persons with Disabilities. On social media, she urged, "Let us commit to building a society where every individual, regardless

of circumstances, can live with equal opportunity and dignity." The government has strengthened institutional support for the differently-abled through humanitarian pensions, scholarships, distribution of assistive devices, and inclusive healthcare programs.

Additionally, the state government has introduced neonatal screening to identify developmental delays and abnormalities early. Special schools and inclusive education are provided for children with special needs, enabling them to develop skills for sustainable livelihoods. Reservation in government jobs further ensures that differently-abled citizens can live independently and with dignity.

Mamata Banerjee emphasized that Swasthya Bandhu not only provides essential healthcare but also strengthens social protection and inclusion, reflecting the government's commitment to equitable development and citizen welfare across West Bengal.

India-Russia sign multiple agreements to
boost partnership, as President Putin arrives

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goods and services from Russia amounts to around USD 65 billion, while Russia's imports from India stand at around only USD 5 billion. Officials said India is also looking at boosting cooperation in the fertiliser sector. Russia supplies three to four million tonnes of fertilisers to India annually.

The Indian and Russian sides are also likely to discuss New Delhi's proposed free trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union.

Ahead of the summit, the Defence ministers of the two countries will hold wide-ranging talks on Thursday that are likely to focus on India's plan to procure additional batches of S-400 missile systems and other critical military hardware from Russia.

The S-400 missile systems proved to be very effective during Operation Sindoor. Top military officials said the overall focus will

be to further expand the already close defence and security ties between the two countries, with a particular focus on ensuring expeditious supply of military hardware from Russia to India.

In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems, notwithstanding a warning by the US that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions under the provisions of Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).

Peskov said there may be a discussion on the possibility of Russia supplying Su-57 fighter jets to India. India is in the process of procuring a batch of fifth-generation fighter jets.

Dassault Aviation's Rafale, Lockheed Martin's F-21, Boeing's F/A-18 and the Eurofighter Typhoon are the main contenders.

Ways to bolster bilateral energy ties are also expected to figure prominently in the summit. It is learnt that Russia has offered India additional discounts for its procurement of crude oil.

The offer came after the volume of India's purchase of Russian crude oil registered a decline in the last few weeks following the latest wave of US sanctions on two Russian oil producers.

India and Russia have a mechanism under which India's Prime minister and the Russian President hold a summit meeting annually to review the entire gamut of ties. So far, 22 annual summit meetings have taken place alternately in India and Russia. The Russian president had last visited New Delhi in 2021, while in July last year, PM Modi travelled to Moscow for the 22nd Annual Summit. Russia has been a time-tested partner for India and a key pillar of New Delhi's foreign policy.



All-women squads of pacers will lead the 10K, while the Defence Forces will pace the 25K at the landmark 10th edition of the Tata Steel World 25K in Kolkata.

All-Women Pacers to Lead 10K;
Defence Forces to Guide 25K at
Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The landmark 10th edition of the Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata, the world's first World Athletics Gold Label 25K road race promoted by Procarn International, will feature 22 inspiring pacers guiding thousands of runners on Sunday, December 21.

This year's lineup highlights extraordinary stories of discipline, courage, and transformation. From Armed Forces personnel who have served the nation to women overcoming personal challenges and professionals balancing demanding careers with fitness, the pacers embody the spirit of #DecadeOfDifference that the event represents.

Leading the 10K all-women pacers is Roshni Guha-

thakurta, born with bilateral clubfoot, who transformed her life through running. A CESC Deputy Manager and mother of an 8-year-old, Roshni will lead the 85-minute pace group. Other notable 10K pacers include entrepreneur Chanda Ahuja (75-minute pace) and ophthalmologist Dr. Saswati Biswas (60-minute pace). The team also features Aliana Goperna Sherpa, Uma Devi Sharma, Jyoti Saboo, Shobha Agarwal, Namrata Agarwal, and Priyanti Dutta.

In the 25K category, Defence Forces personnel will guide participants. Kolkata's Manpreet Singh, the fastest 25K pacer, will lead the 2:00-hour group, while New Delhi's Kartikay Pandey, who lost 18 kg during the pandemic, will pace

the 2:05-hour bus. Kargil War veteran and Comrades Marathon Bronze Medalist Bapai Bhattacharyya will lead the 2:40-hour pace. Other pacers include Ram Mohan, Ashish Dhingra, Gurmeet Raturi, Chanambam Ruhikanta Singh, Lalit Kumar Tiwari, Paramjeet Yadav, Gaurav Srivastav, Dr. Ratandeep Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, and Vidyasagar Mehta.

"Pacing is a selfless act. From the discipline of the Defence Forces to the inspiring all-women team for the 10K, our pacers truly reflect the heart and soul of this event," said Vivek Singh, Jt. MD, Procarn International.

The race will be telecast live on Sony Sports 1 and Sony Sports 1 HD from 5:30 am on December 21.

NAME CHANGE

I, Md Jahangir Alam, S/o- Late Md. Ilyas, residing at 36, Tiljala Masjidbari Lane, P.O & P.S- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, do hereby declare that somewhere in his documents my father's name was recorded as Md. Ilyas / Md. Ilias / Md. Ilyas instead of his real name i.e. Md. Elias, father of Md. Jahangir Alam. On 01.12.2025 vide an Affidavit (no. 19411) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, I affirm that Md. Ilyas, Md. Ilias, Md. Ilyas and Md. Elias is the same & one identical person i.e. Md. Elias.

I SANTANA DAS, D/O- LATE BISWANATH DAS (Old Name), of Vill - Kojalsa, P.O- Srigram, P.S.- Ketugram, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713129, have changed my name and shall be henceforth be known as AMMINA BIBI, W/O- AROJ SK (New Name) vide affidavit No- 5228/25 dated 02/12/2025 sworn before the Notary Public at Katwa Court. That AMMINA BIBI, W/O- AROJ SK (New Name) & SANTANA DAS, D/O- LATE BISWANATH DAS (Old Name) and BISWANATH DAS and BISHU DAS is the same single and identical person.

I, Arjina Khatun, W/o Nazezuddin SK, D/o Afzal SK, residing at Vill. Kojalsa, P.O. Srigram, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PIN - 713129 do hereby declare that my father's name has been recorded as Asgar SK. S/o Abdul SK. in 2002 voter list instead of Afzal SK, S/o Abdul SK. On 02.12.2025 vide affidavit no. 3146 before the court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, I affirm that my father Afzal SK, S/o Abdul SK & Asgar SK, S/o Abdul SK is the same & identical person.

I, SALMA BIBI (Old Name), W/o Amir Al Gazi, residing at Vill. Boro Jirakpur, P.O. Basirhat R.S.P.S. Basirhat, Dist. North 24 Parganas, PIN - 743422. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as HAFIJA BIBI GAZI (New Name) as Declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court, Basirhat affidavit no. 30165/25 dt. 03.12.25. SALMA BIBI (Old Name) & HAFIJA BIBI GAZI (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Manjuara, W/o Md Abdus Samad Khan. Residing at Vill- Ulurdar, P.O. Enayetpur, P.S. Dholahat, Dist- 24 Pgs. (S). Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manjuara Khatun as declared before the 1st class judicial magistrate at Kakdwip Court 24 pgs. (S) Vide Affidavit No. 10051 Dated 22.08.25. Manjuara and Manjuara Khatun both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Mujafar Mondal, s/o Nur Mohammad Mondal, r/o- Balindi Baishpukur ward no.-8, P.O.- Mohanpur, P.S.-Haringhata-Nadia- 741246 (W.B.) do hereby declare that I have changed my Father's name from Nur Mohammad Mondal to Nur Mohammad Mondal and henceforth shall be known as my Father - Nur Mohammad Mondal in all purpose, vide Affidavit No.7 sworn before the J.M.(1st Class) at Kalyani on 14/10/25, Nur Mohammad Mondal & Nur Mohammad Mondal both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Nimayee Biswas, W/o Murugan E. r/o- VTC-Jaguli, P.O.- Barajaguli, P.S.- Haringhata, Dist.-Nadia-741221, WB, declare that my daughter's name has been recorded in Birth Certificate as Evelina Evelyn (for all official & legal purposes) & shall henceforth be known as Eveliya Ervin, vide affidavit SI.No. 06 dt 17.11.25, declare in the Court of LD. A.C.J.M.-II (1st Class) at Kalyani, Nadia. Evelina Evelyn and Eveliya Ervin both are same person, not different person.

Name Change

I, Kartik Santra S/o Sibnath Santra Residing at Vill-Chak Kadamtala, P.O.-Uttar Jharpordaha, PS-Domjur, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711405. My son Rabi Sankar Santra in his secondary education & Higher secondary education registration certificate my name wrongly recorded as Kartik Santra. My actual name is Kartik Santra as declared vide an affidavit before the 1st class Executive Magistrate at Howrah court. Dated-02/12/2025. Affidavit no 19433/25. That Kartik Santra and Kartik Santra both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Biswajit Parui (Old Name) S/o Madan Chandra Parui Residing at Vill-South jochanditalla, Parupara, P.S-Domjur, Dist-Howrah-711405 (W.B.) have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biswajit Madan Parui (New Name) as declared before the 1st class Executive Magistrate at howrah Court.Dated-02/12/2025 Affidavit no. 19500/25. That Biswajit Parui (Old Name) and Biswajit Madan Parui (New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sarmistha Nag (Dey), W/o Apurba Lal Nag, residing at Calcutta Greens Ph - 1, Flat - B/42, 1050/2 Survey Park, Santoshpur, Kolkata - 700075, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarmistha Nag as declared before the Notary Public vide Affidavit no. 28 dated 03.12.2025. Sarmistha Nag (Dey) and Sarmistha Nag both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Sima Mukherjee daughter of Late Narendra Nath Biswas and wife of Aparim Mukherjee residing at 5, Lake East 4th Road, Santoshpur, Kolkata - 700075, W.B have changed my surname and shall henceforth be known as Sima Biswas (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kolkata vide Affidavit No. 09 Dated 01/12/2025. Sima Mukherjee & Sima Biswas both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Wasim Rahaman S/o. Md Obaidur Rahaman, R/o. Bantika, Boinchii, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B. do hereby declare that, I, Md Wasim Rahaman S/o. Md Obaidur Rahaman, Sk Md Owasim Rahman @ Md Wasim Rahaman S/o. Md Obaidur Rahaman & Mohammad Wasim Rahaman S/o. Mohammad Obaidur Rahaman all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 11935 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 02/12/2025.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Obaidur Rahman S/o. Mohammad Jamaluddin, R/o. Kolumukur, Hatni, Pandua, Hooghly- 712134, W.B. do hereby declare that, I, Mohammad Obaidur Rahaman, Md Obaidur Rahaman & Mohammad Obaidur Rahman S/o. Mohammad Jamaluddin all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 11936 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 02/12/2025.

Name Change

I, Santosh Agrawal (Old Name) W/o Rohit Agarwal Residing at 118, Canal Street, Shreebhumii, VTC - South Dumdum (M), P.o - Shreebhumii, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700048, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Santosh Agrawal (New Name) as declared before the no 44/2025 Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 44/2025 Dated 04-12-2025. Santosh Agrawal (Old Name) and Santosh Agrawal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajen Das (Old Name) S/o Late Ganesh Das Residing at Vill+P.o - Nonakundu, P.s - Domjur, District - Howrah, Pin - 711405, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raju Das (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate (1st Class) at Howrah vide affidavit no 19048/25 Dated 27-11-2025. Rajen Das (Old Name) and Raju Das (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Onkar Singh (Old Name) S/o Late Jagannath Singh Residing at 1C/1B, Motijhil Lane, P.o - Tangra, Ps - Entally District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Onkar Nath Singh (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Sealdah vide affidavit no 14195 Dated 04-12-2025. Onkar Singh (Old Name) and Onkar Nath Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sanjeeb Kumar Singh S/o Late Bijoy Singh Residing at 68, Sri Arabinda Road, Picadilly Point, P.o - Salkia, District - Howrah, Pin - 711106, West Bengal India that my minor daughter who previously known as Mushkan Singh (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Shaurya Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 04-12-2025. I declare that my minor daughter the Mushkan Singh (Old Name) and Shaurya Singh (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Manick Dutta, Manicklal Dutta (Old Name) S/o Brindaban Dutta Residing at Uttar Jharpordaha, Panchantala, P.o+Ps - Domjur, District - Howrah, Pin - 711405, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Maniklal Dutta (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Manick Dutta, Manicklal Dutta (Old Name) and Maniklal Dutta (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Yusuf, Mohammad Yusuf (Old Name) S/o Mohammed Aslam Residing at Cloud, 9 Block Nimbus 6th Floor, Flat-6B, 4, Bhukailash Road, P.o - Khidirpore, District - Kolkata Pin - 700023, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Yusuf (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 04-12-2025. Md Yusuf, Mohammad Yusuf (Old Name) and Mohammed Yusuf (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shyamal Poddar (Old Name) S/o Mrityunjay Poddar Residing at B/48, Rabindrapally, Baghajatin, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700086, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamal Poddar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Shyamal Poddar (Old Name) and Shyamal Poddar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sumita Poddar (Old Name) W/o Shyamal Poddar Residing at B/48, Rabindrapally, Baghajatin, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700086, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sumita Poddar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Sumita Poddar (Old Name) and Sumita Poddar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Pulakesh Gain (Old Name) S/o Ranjit Gain Residing at Vill - Nalkura, P.o - Natagram, Ps - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743249, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pulakesh Gain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Pulakesh Gain (Old Name) and Pulakesh Gain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Savita Gain (Old Name) W/o Pulakesh Gain Residing at Vill - Nalkura, P.o - Natagram, Ps - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743249, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabita Gain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Savita Gain (Old Name) and Sabita Gain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, N Ahmad & Salim Ahmad (Old Name), Son Of Noor Alam, Residing At 168/Y Keshab, Chandra Sen Street, Kolkata-700009, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Salim (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/12/2025. N Ahmad & Salim Ahmad And Md Salim Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Afzal Hussain (Old Name), Son Of Late Mohamad Ishaak, Residing At 53b, Muslim Tola-1, Goditand Giridih-825324, Jharkhand, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Afzal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 11927 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah Court On 10/11/2025. Afzal Hussain And Md Afzal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Bimal Chandra Naskar (old name) son of Jaydeb Naskar, residing at Keoradanga Botheria, Bishnupur, Diamond Harbour, 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimal Naskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Bimal Naskar (new name) and Bimal Chandra Naskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Arundhati Utpal Chatterjee (Old Name), Wife Of Utpal Chatterjee, Residing At Flat 41, Suryasikhar Chs, Ac-224, Aa-1, P.o & Ps- New Town, North 24pgs- 700156, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arundhati Chatterjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/12/2025. Arundhati Utpal Chatterjee And Arundhati Chatterjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Joyjeet Mukharjee (Old Name), Son Late Jyotirmoy Mukherji, Residing At110, Indra Pally Belgharia, Kolkata-700056, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jayjeet Mukherji (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/12/2025. Joyjeet Mukharjee And Jayjeet Mukherji Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shyam Kumar Taparia (Old Name), Son Of Ramanlal Taparia, Add-Avani Oxford Phase-2, Block-3, Flat-12d,136, Jessore Road, Bangur Avenue, Kolkata-700055, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shyam Taparia (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 1087 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 17/07/2022. Shyam Kumar Taparia And Shyam Taparia Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Abul Hossen Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Late Md Nurul Gazi And Nurul Gazi, Resident Of Vill-Amlani, Muslim Para, P.o & Ps - Hasnabad, Dist - 24 Parganas (North)- Pin-743426, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abul Hossen Gazi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/12/2025. Md Abul Hossen Gazi (Old Name) And Abul Hossen Gazi (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Hrisav Kumar Mondal And Hrisav Mondal (Old Names), Son Of Biswajit Mondal, Residing At I,Shyam Nagar Road, Shyam Nagar, South Dum Dum(M), Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-700055, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hrisav Mondal (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Alipore Dated 10/11/2025. Hrisav Kumar Mondal And Hrisav Mondal (Old Names) And Hrisav Mondal(New Name), Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Geeta Tiwari, W/o. Gopal Tiwari, r/o. - Gali No.14, Navjeevan Colony, Chhola Road, Huzur, Bhopal G.P., Madhya Pradesh-462001, declare that my actual name spelling have change and shall henceforth be known as from Geeta Tiwari (Aadhar Card) to Gita Tiwari (in some docs), vide Affidavit SI. No. 6801 dt 13.11.25, declare before the Ld 1st Class Magistrate at Kolkata. Henceforth, Geeta Tiwari and Gita Tiwari both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Habibul Rahaman S/o. Sk Jalal, R/o. Champahati, Simlagarh, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, do hereby declare that in my Academic records of Madhyamik Examination (W.B.S.S.E.) where my father's name has been recorded as Jalal Seikh instead of his original name Sk Jalal. My father Sk Jalal & Jalal Seikh all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 29, sworn before S.D.E.M., Sadar, Hooghly court on 26/11/2025.

Name Change

I, Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra (old name), R/o. Ranagachha, Sugandhya, Polba, Hooghly-712102, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra to Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra and henceforth I shall be known as Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 190 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 04/12/2025. I, Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra & Subhakar Patra S/o. Kartik Patra both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

After accepting Islam & also after my marriage on & from 12/2/2015, I, Deepa Suryavanshi D/o. Shyamal known everywhere as Najima Sultana W/o. Md. Sabbir Ahmed, I, Najima Sultana, W/o. Md. Sabbir Ahmed & Deepa Suryavanshi D/o. Shyamal is the same self & one identical person vide affidavit no. 37, dt 04/12/2025 before Notary Public, Kalna, Purba Bardhaman Court.

Name Change

I, Amra Khatoon (Old Name), Wife Of Minnatullah, Residing At G-367/F/1, Alifnagar, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amera Khatoon (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/12/2025. Amra Khatoon And Amera Khatoon Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Aslam Parvez Mohammed (Old Name), Son Of Md Nisar, Residing At 85,Noor Mohammad Munshi Lane, Howrah-711101, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Aslam Parvez (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/12/2025. Aslam Parvez Mohammed And Md Aslam Parvez Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, SANJOY BERA (Old Name) S/O NARAYAN CHANDRA BERA, residing at Vill- ANANDAPUR, P.O- MOYNA, P.S.- MOYNA, East Medinipur, Pin- 721629, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SANJAY BERA (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 04/12/2025. SANJOY BERA (New Name) and SANJOY BERA (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Name Change

I, Nisha Parasramka (old name) daughter of Late Punam Chand Agarwal, wife of Vivek Agarwal, residing at Prudent Residency 3rd Floor, 3no Dr Kotnis Sarani 0 Block, New Alipore, P.S.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nisha Agarwal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Nisha Agarwal (new name) and Nisha Parasramka (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Vivek Parasramka (old name) son of Bijoy Kumar Agarwal, residing at Prudent Residency 3rd Floor, 3no Dr Kotnis Sarani 0 Block, New Alipore, P.S.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vivek Agarwal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Vivek Agarwal (new name) and Vivek Parasramka (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Alok Dalmia (old name) son of Late Balkishan Dalmia, residing at 124, Chittaranjan Avenue, P.S.- Jorasanko, Kolkata- 700073, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alok Kumar Dalmia (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Alok Kumar Dalmia (new name) and Alok Dalmia (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Pratima Mandal (old name) daughter of Ajit Mallick and wife of Habibur Mondal, residing at Vill- Ganrapota, P.O.- Ganrapota, P.S.- Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743251, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pratima Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Pratima Mandal (new name) and Pratima Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Habibur Mandal (old name) son of Nepal Mondal, residing at Vill- Ganrapota, P.O.- Ganrapota, P.S.- Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743251, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Habibur Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Habibur Mandal (new name) and Habibur Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Payal Mehrotra Mehta (old name) wife of Chetan Mehta & daughter of Dilip Mehrotra, residing at BL-3, Flat-6A, Prasad Exotica 7/13, Canal Circular Road, Phool Bagan, Kolkata-700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Payal Mehrotra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Payal Mehrotra (new name) and Payal Mehrotra Mehta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Zahid Intiaz (old name) wife of Intiaz Mohammed, residing at 11, Bed Ford Lane, Park Street, Kolkata- 700016, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zahida Intiaz (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. Zahida Intiaz (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SHANTIRAM SARKAR s/o SUGRIB SARKAR, declare that my father said name SUGRIB CHANDRA SARKAR (father old name), residing at SENPUR, SHYAMNAGAR, RAJIA, KALIRHAT, KOTWALL, NADIA-741184, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as SUGRIB SARKAR (father new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. SUGRIB SARKAR and SUGRIB CHANDRA SARKAR both are same and one identical person (my father).

Army initiates ‘AMAR’ Prog

MI News Service, Gangtok: Braving sub-zero temperatures, rarefied air and snowy, rough terrain at an altitude of 14,000 feet in the upper reaches of Sikkim, soldiers of the Indian Army's Trishakti Corps recently undertook intensive martial arts training under the Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR) programme. The Trishakti Corps, headquartered in Sukna on the outskirts of Siliguri, launched its high-altitude AMAR training module to significantly boost close-combat preparedness in some of the most challenging operational zones along the northern borders, army sources said. AMAR, experts said, is a modern combat system that integrates traditional Indian martial arts with globally proven close-quarters techniques.

The regimen includes unarmed combat, weapon-based engagement, stress-response control, and rigorous physical and mental conditioning — all essential for army operations in high-altitude and hostile environments. “Such physically demanding training at extreme altitudes enhances reflexes, balance, stamina, situational awareness and controlled aggression, qualities crucial for success in close-quarter combat in mountainous terrain. The AMAR system ensures every soldier becomes a ‘weapon in himself’, capable of responding swiftly and effectively anytime, anywhere,” said a source.

“The training was conducted amid sub-zero temperatures, thin air and extremely rugged terrain. It prepares soldiers to respond decisively even in situations where conventional weapons are not immediately available,” the source added.

Tamil Nadu gets advanced solar manufacturing plant

MI News Service, Kolkata/Chennai: Tamil Nadu gets its state-of-the-art Vallam manufacturing facility adding 5 GW of advanced module production capacity. Vikram Solar announced the commissioning of its state-of-the-art Vallam manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu.

The unit spans over 27,000 sq. m. The plant is built on advanced TOPCon technology, engineered for seamless HJT upgrades, and designed to support M10, G12, and G12R formats. The commissioning of Vallam strengthens the commitment to growing Tamil Nadu's clean-energy manufacturing ecosystem.

Vallam plant represents a significant technological leap for the clean energy ecosystem in India. It incorporates a sophisticated layer of next-generation automation, seamlessly integrating intelligent robotics, advanced material-handling systems, comprehensive built-in quality checks and fully automated packaging.

Bengal based Group signs MoU with Malaysian Univ

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Bengal based Group has tied up with a Malaysian University for academic cooperation. JIS Group Educational Initiatives, India, has signed a MoU with the Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia. The MoU outlines the intent of both institutions to strengthen academic linkages through joint initiatives such as research collaboration, student and faculty exchange, academic exchange in the form of

Name Change

I, SUJATA MONDAL (old name) W/O LATE BIPLAB MONDAL, residing at 8/407, KALIDHAM, BLK-C-6,P.O.- DUM DUM, BARACKPORE-700028 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUJATA MONDAL (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. SUJATA MONDAL (old name) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, MD RASHID HUSSAIN (old name) S/o LATE GOLAM HOSAIN, residing at 7/H/2, AHIRPUKUR 2ND LANE, BALIYANGUR, KOLKATA-700019 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD RASHID HOSSAIN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/12/2025. MD RASHID HOSSAIN (new name) and MD RASHID HUSSAIN (old name) all are same and one identical person.

General Manager Eastern Railway Addressed The Promotee Officers In A Meeting At ER Headquarters

MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Dec.25 : The Annual General Meeting of Eastern Railway Promotee Officers Association (ERPOA) for 2025 was held at the Headquarters of Eastern Railway on 04.12.2025. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway along with Shri Sheelendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager, Principal Head of the Departments, Officers from all Divisions & Workshops of Eastern Railway were present in this meeting.

Shri Provat Kumar Mandal, working President and Shri Debabrata Bose, General Secretary, and Abhijit Ray, Ex- President of ERPOA explained the role and different activities of the promotee officers Association and their Federation in Delhi. Shri Roy also highlighted different issued related to career progression of promotee officers. General Manager/Eastern Railway gave a sym-



thetic attention to these issues. During the open session, General Manager distributed mementos to the retired officers, acknowledging their contribution and dedication to Eastern Railway. Shri Deouskar also appreciated the welfare activities of Eastern Railway Promotee Officers Association (ERPOA).

ECoR Intensifies Measures to Ensure Safe Train Operations during Dense Fog

• **Special Fog Safety Drive Launched Across ECoR jurisdiction.**
• **Passengers advised to check Train Status through NTES and Helpline/Enquiry Number 139**
MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Dec.25 : With dense fog conditions reported in several sections or routes under its jurisdiction and in Northern parts of the country, East Coast Railway has initiated a comprehensive preparedness drive to ensure safe and smooth train operations during the winter months. ECoR has strengthened round-the-clock monitoring and deployed additional manpower to tackle challenges posed by reduced visibility during night and early morning hours. Railways follow a well-established operating protocol during fog and ECoR has further intensified efforts to enhance safety across fog-prone routes. **Speed Regulation & Safety Counseling for Train Crew:** During dense fog, Loco Pilots have been instructed to regulate speed strictly based on visibility conditions. Safety Counsellors and Railway Officers are continuously briefing running staff to maintain utmost caution during train operations. Emphasis is placed on safe speed—even if it results in loss of punctuality—placing passenger safety as the highest priority. Enhanced Visibility Measures in Fog-

Affected Sections To assist Loco Pilots in identifying signals in low visibility, luminous and fluorescent strips have been applied on OHE masts, level crossing gates, and locations ahead of critical stop signals. These reflective indications enable train crew to spot signal positions well in advance, even under dense fog conditions. **Use of Detonators as Audible Warning Devices & Fog Safe Device (FSD):** To enhance safety during low visibility, FSDs (Fog Safe Devices) have been provided to Loco Pilots for advance signal announcements, while detonators are being deployed at severely fog-affected locations to deliver audible warnings through pressure-activated blasts as trains approach signals. East Coast Railway has ensured adequate fog safety equipment availability across all divisions. Waltair Division has been provided with 471 FSDs, Khurda Road Division with 125 FSDs, and Sambalpur Division with 210 FSDs. **Counselling of Station Staff & Guards:** Station Managers have been provided with adequate detonators and have been advised to assess whether visibility is impaired badly enough to warrant the use of detonators. The Railway Staff posted at Stations, Cabins and Gates have also been instructed to place detonators whenever there is thick fog to warn the loco

pilots according to laid down rules & regulations.

Counselling of Train Guards: The Guards of the trains have been counselled and instructed to watch that, the loco-pilot does not exceed the prescribed speed limit during fog. During night as well as in the thick foggy or tempestuous weather impairing visibility during day, a Red Tail Lamp of approved design displaying a flashing Red Light to indicate last vehicle check and device should be lit on the last vehicle as per provisions. Guards have been advised to use flasher lamps during day time also during fog. **Luminous Indication Strips at Level Crossings and Rear Coaches:** Lifting barriers at Level Busy Crossings to be provided with luminous indication strips. Similarly, the rear portion of the trains fitted with LED based Flasher Tail Lights in addition to Flashing Red Tail Lamp along with luminous indication strips. **Cold Weather Patrolling & Surprise Foot Plate Inspection (From Engine):** ECoR has also introduced Cold Weather Patrolling System by deputing Winter Patrolman with proper training and monitoring. Apart from this, surprise checks and Footplate inspections are being done during late night and early morning hours i.e. from midnight to 0700hrs at all sensitive places.

Two Kolkata – Lalgola Passenger Services To Be Operated By Memu Rakes With Toilet Facility

MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Dec.25 : To fulfil the demand and to ensure enhanced comfort & dignity to the passengers, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to operate existing two passenger service i.e. 63101 Kolkata – Lalgola Passenger (leaving Kolkata at 14:10 hrs) & 63102 Lalgola – Kolkata Passenger (leaving Lalgola at 08:35 hrs) by MEMU rakes equipped with toilet facility with effect from 05.12.2025.

Special Metro Services In Blue Line And Green Line On 07.12.2

Gritty EAST BENGAL storm into SUPER CUP Final

MI News Service, Kolkata: East Bengal storm into the final of the Super Cup as they beat Punjab FC 3 – 1 in the Semi-Final of the Super Cup-2025. Rashid drew the first blood for the Red and Gold Brigade in the 12th minute. Ramirez equalized for Punjab in the 34th minute. Sibille gave a 2 – 1 lead to East Bengal in the added time of the first half. Crespo fixed the last nail in the Punjab coffin in 70th minute to make it 3 – 1 in favour of the Red and Gold Brigade.

BMC warns of 4-5 mtr high tides till Dec 7

MI News Service, Mumbai: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has issued an advisory urging citizens to stay away from Mumbai's seashore as the city is set to witness four consecutive days of high tides between December 4 and 7, with levels rising above 4 metres throughout the period.

According to the civic body, the Arabian Sea will see a high tide of 4.96 metres at 11.52 pm on Thursday. Tide levels are expected to remain elevated, with the highest reaching 5.03 metres on Saturday morning, followed by 5.01 metres early on Sunday. On Friday morning, the tide is projected to touch 4.14 metres, and 4.17 metres on Saturday night.

High tides may also cross 5 metres on December 6, the BMC noted.

The advisory comes ahead of Dr B. R. Ambedkar's death anniversary on December 6, when thousands of people visit Chaitiya Bhoomi in central Mumbai. The civic body has urged attendees to exercise caution near the sea-front. Every year, a large number of citizens and tourists visit the city's beaches, especially on weekends. To prevent mishaps, the BMC's disaster management cell said it will strengthen coastal safety measures.

"For every 100 metres, we will have one lifeguard stationed," a civic official said. Additional lifeguards will be deployed across beaches as a precaution.

Mumbai has a 145-km-long shoreline with 12 public beaches spread across the island city, as well as the eastern and western suburbs.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender No. : SDSTE-ETN-CCTV-YARD-STN, Dated 03.12.2025. Open e-Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, near Howrah Railway station, Howrah-711101 in Single Packet System for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Name of Work : 1. Development of wharf & drainage system at Dankuni Goods & provision of CCTV coverage & electrical facilities for Fog Cannon, AAO, Noise Monitoring. 2. Proposal for installation of CCTV at Bardhaman Yard. 3. Proposal for installation of CCTV at Howrah-Bamangachhi Yard. 4. Proposal for installation of additional CCTV at Bardhaman Station. 5. Proposal for installation of CCTV at vulnerable LC gate of Howrah division. 6. Rolling in huts with CCTV at Howrah, Bardhaman, Rampurhat & Azimganj. Advertised Value: ₹ 8,39,00,720.19. Earnest Money/Bid Security: ₹ 5,69,500/-.

Tender Document Cost : 0.00. Bidding Start Date: 12.12.2025. Period of Completion: 12 Months. Validity of Offer : 60 Days. Tender Closing Date & Time : 26.12.2025, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Uploading Tender : 03.12.2025, 12.04 hrs.

(HWH-430/2025-26) Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.e.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. (i) 114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-34, (ii) 114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-38, Dt-03.12.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India, the Sr. DEE/G/South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tenders for the following works before 12.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items. SI.No.-(i). Description of work: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 04 nos. Escalators (Jhargram-JGM-02 nos. and Ghatshila-GTS-2 nos.) under ABSS scheme along with 10 years Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract. Tender Value: ₹ 4,10,16,918.56. Bid Security/E.M.D.: ₹ 3,55,100. SI.No.-(ii). Description of work: Kharagpur: Provision of Smart Energy Meter at Kharagpur Railway Settlement area under the jurisdiction of Sr.DEE(G)/Kharagpur as Phase-1. Tender Value: ₹ 22,04,073.60. Bid Security/E.M.D.: ₹ 44,100. Date of Opening: 24.12.2025 (for SI.No. (i) & (ii)). Cost of tender document: Nil (for SI.No. (i) & (ii)). Completion Period: 12 months for Sr.No. (i) and 06 months for Sr.No. (ii) from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. Date of submission: Up to 12.00 hrs. of 24.12.2025 (for SI.No. (i) & (ii)). Interested tenderers may visit website www.irps.gov.in for full details, description, specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for these works will be accepted. Note: Prospective bidders may participate in all tenders. (PR-914)

Exercise Garuda 25 concludes: Indo–French Air Forces successfully complete 8th edition of bilateral air exercise

MI News Service, New Delhi: The 8th edition of Exercise Garuda, a bilateral Indo–French air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF), concluded at Air Base 118, Mont-de-Marsan, France, on 27 November 2025. The IAF contingent returned to India on 02 December 2025 after the successful culmination of the exercise.

During the exercise, the IAF participated with Su-30MKI fighters, supported by IL-78 air-to-air refuelling aircraft and C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft and both air forces conducted a range of complex air operations in a



realistic operational environment. The training involved joint mission planning, coordinated execution of strike and escort missions and familiarisation with each other's op-

erational procedures, thereby enhancing interoperability. The IAF maintenance crew ensured high serviceability throughout, enabling smooth conduct of all planned missions. Senior

officials from both nations interacted with the participants during the closing ceremony, commending the professionalism, discipline, and commitment displayed by both participating forces.

Exercise Garuda 25 was one of the largest international air training engagements undertaken by the IAF this year. The exercise reaffirmed the strong strategic partnership between India and France and provided valuable operational insights to the participating forces. The lessons learnt will further enhance the IAF's war-fighting capabilities and strengthen jointmanship with friendly foreign air forces.

Barrier free electronic toll collection soon: GADKARI



Advertisement According to an official statement released recently, the National Payments Corporation of India has developed the National Electronic Toll Collection programme. It is a unified and interoperable platform for electronic toll payments designed to streamline collections on highways.

FASTag, based on Radio Frequency Identification technology and fixed to a vehicle's windscreen, forms the core of this system and enables automatic debit of toll charges from a linked account without halting at plazas.

In a written reply, Gadkari

informed the Lok Sabha that the government has decided to adopt innovative methods for user fee collection with the aim of reducing congestion, removing delays at fee plazas and improving the overall travel experience on national highways.

"In the effort to enhance toll operations and enable seamless movement of vehicles, the government has decided to implement the Multi-Lane Free Flow Electronic Toll Collection system, which facilitates barrier-less tolling using integrated technologies including Automatic Number Plate Recognition with AI analytics and RFID-

Legal Notice

ALREADY PURCHASED LAND : 3 Kathas With regard to Mutation of a Land I Anongi Saha D/O Alok Saha, Resident of Chowbaga Majhi Para, P.O.-Chowbaga, PS.- Anandapur, Kolkata-700105. West-Bengal had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Deshbandhu Mondal S/o-Late Tarak Nath Mondal, POA Number I-00580/2016, Appointed by Ganesh Sanpui, Jadunath Sanpui, Rabin Sanpui, Padmabati Mondal & Madhumati Sarkar S/O & D/O Late Radhika Prasad Sanpui, Deed Number - 00018/2019dt.03/01/2019.

If anybody has any objection on mutation of said land/Property, please inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata, KMC Building, Room 328, 5 S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013, in writing or over email bilroa@gmail.com, Within one month from the date of this advertisement, land schedule Mouza - Chowbaga, J.L. No - 3, R.S. Khatian - 451, L.R. Khatian - 835, C.S. Dag - 196, R.S. & L.R. Dag No - 308, land measuring is about 03 Kathas.

Dilip Das, Advocate, Alipore Police Court, Kolkata - 700027, M- 9163180166

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ALREADY PURCHASED LAND : 2 Kathas 09 Chataks With regard to Mutation of a Land We 1)Raj kumar Gupta D/O Chhedhi Prashad Gupta Resident of Flat No.-202, S.P.S. Apartment, 2 No. Majhi Street, P.O. + PS. - Belur, Howrah, West Bengal,2) Krishna Kumar Gupta & 3) Amit kumar Gupta S.O.- Chhedhi Prashad Gupta, Resident of Raju Patty, P.O. - Ankonsahid, PS. - Joinput, Dist.- Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Sankar Dhara, POA Number I-00036/1998,Appointed byKabir Chandra Sen, Deed No. I-10412/2022, dt 05/09/2022.

If anybody has any objection on mutation of said land/Property, please inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata, KMC Building, Room 328, 5 S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013, in writing or over email bilroa@gmail.com, Within one month from the date of this advertisement, land schedule Mouza – Maduradaha, J.L. No - 12, L.R. Khatian - 181, C.S. Dag - 405 & 417,R.S. & L.R. Dag - 407 & 411 land measuring is about 02 Kathas 09 Chataks.

Dilip Das, Advocate, Alipore Police Court, Kolkata - 700027, M- 9163180166

BENGAL SUPER LEAGUE set to kick-off from Dec 14

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bengal Super League (BSL) is poised to usher in a new chapter in Bengal's footballing landscape as it officially kicks off on 14th December, 2025. Spear-headed by Shrachi Sports, the league aims to elevate grassroots and semi-professional football by offering a high-calibre platform for emerging athletes across the state. "The Bengal Super League is not just a tournament; it is a movement," said Rahul Todi, Managing Director, Shrachi Sports.

The inaugural season will officially begin on 14th December, 2025 at the District Sports Association Stadium, Malda from 4 pm.

Among the participating sides are Sundarban Bengal Auto FC, North 24 Parganas FC, Howrah-Hooghly Warriors, FC Medinipur, Burdwan Blast-ers, Kopa Tigers Birbhum, JHR Royal City FC Malda-Murshidabad and Northbengal United FC. Though these teams are making their competitive debut, they bring together a compelling mix of experienced players from platforms such as the Indian Super League, I-League, Calcutta Football League and Subroto Cup.

Shrachi Sports has partnered with Zee Bangla Sonar and ZEE5 as the league's Official Broadcast and Streaming Partners.

আমাদের জাননা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি
আমার মক্কেল ১) দীপক বেক, পিতা-অংশুপাধিক বেক, ২)রোহিণীনা বেক স্বামী-দীপক বেক সাং ও পোঃ-ইন্দিরা থানা-সাঁকরাইল, জেলা-হাওড়া এবং ৩) সানি এন্ডা, ৪) কবির এন্ডা উভয়ের পিতা চিত্তপ এন্ডা সাং-মহিষাড়া, পোঃ-আব্দুল মৌরী থানা-জোমহুড়, জেলা-হাওড়া মহানগরন বিবাহ ইংল্যান্ডে ১৪/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখে রানিহাটা সাং রেজিঃ অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ৫২৫৩ নং ও ৫২৫৪ নং বিবাহ কেরানী দলিল দখল করেছেন দাস পিতা কবিরহাটী দাস মহাশয়ের দিকট হইতে যদিও মূল স্মৃতি যাক্তা জেলায় সাঁকরাইল থানার অধীন দুইলা মৌজায় জে.এল.-৩৫ নং ভুক্ত, এল.আর.-২১৯৯ নং বখতিয়ান এল.আর.-১৯৯১ নং দাশে ডাল্পা ০১ কাতা ০৫ ছটাক ২১ বর্গফুট বা ২,২১০৮ শতক এবং ০১ কাতা ০৪ ছটাক বা ২,০৬৩৫ শতক সম্পত্তি ক্রয় করিয়াছেন উক্ত নথি বিবাহের বিবাহ ইংল্যান্ডে ২০২১ সালে রানিহাটা রেজিঃ অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০১ নং বিবাহ ০২০৩৪৬৩৩ নং আমোজানারানী দলিল মূলে বিব্রেক্তার পক্ষে পুলকেশ দাস পিতা কামেশ দাস, সাং ও পোঃ-দুইলা থানা-সাঁকরাইল, জেলা-হাওড়া মহানগরন আমোজানার নিযুক্ত করিয়াছেন। উক্ত হই হেতু বিব্রেক্তার নিবন্ধন কাহারও কোন প্রকার আপত্তি থাকিলে এক মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট বি.এল.আর.এল.আর.ও সাঁকরাইল অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিলেন, অন্যথায় উক্ত সম্পত্তি মিউন্সিপন সার্ভিসে আবেদনকারীর নামে আইন মোতাবেক হইবে। RIMO BHAKTA Advocate (Judges court Howrah)

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I Baby Gupta W/O.-Sunil Kumar Gupta, Add -Jagadishpur Bhagar More, P.O & P.S- Sonarpur, South 24 Pgs, lost my chain deed 6237/2005 at Ghasiwarra Sonarpur, which was registered at ADSR Sonarpur and I lodge a G.D on 3/12/2025 G.D No.-249/2025 at P.S Sonarpur. In this connection having any one inquiry/information please contact this Ph.No.-8335089906

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ALREADY PURCHASED LAND : 2 Kathas With regard to Mutation of a Land I Gagan Patra S/O Nimai Patra, Resident of Chowbaga Shyamabadal, P.O.-Chowbaga, PS.-Anandapur, Kolkata-700105. West Bengal had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Nasi Mondal S/o-Late Bijay Mondal, POA Number I-00137/2012, Appointed by Ramendra Nath Das, Deed Number I-18746/2015dt.24/09/2025& Deed Number I- 09764/2021 Arun Kumar Gupta.

If anybody has any objection on mutation of said land/Property, please inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata, KMC Building, Room 328, 5 S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013, in writing or over email bilroa@gmail.com, Within one month from the date of this advertisement, land schedule Mouza - Chowbaga, J.L. No - 3, R.S. Khatian - 19, L.R. Khatian - 417, R.S. & L.R. Dag No - 434, land measuring is about 02 Kathas.

Dilip Das, Advocate, Alipore Police Court, Kolkata - 700027, M- 9163180166

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ALREADY PURCHASED LAND : 01 Katha 08 Chataks With regard to Mutation of a Land Noor Alam S/O , Resident of 11/D,Tiljala Shib Talga Lane, P.O.-Tiljala, PS.-Karaya, West Bengal had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Deshbandhu Mondal S/o - Late Tarak Nath Mondal POA Number I-00580/2016 Appointed by Ganesh Sanpui, Jadunath Sanpui, Rabin Sanpui, Padmabati Mondal & Madhumati Sarkar S/O & D/O Late Radhika Prasad Sanpui, Deed Number I- 00017/2019dt.03/01/2019.

If anybody has any objection on mutation of said land/Property, please inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata, KMC Building, Room 328, 5 S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013, in writing or over email bilroa@gmail.com, Within one month from the date of this advertisement, land schedule Mouza - Chowbaga, J.L. No - 3, R.S. Khatian - 451, L.R. Khatian - 835, C.S. Dag - 196, R.S. & L.R. Dag No - 308, land measuring is about 01 Katha 08 Chataks only.

Dilip Das, Advocate, Alipore Police Court, Kolkata - 700027, M- 9163180166

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ALREADY PURCHASED LAND : 4 Cottahs With regard to Mutation of a Land We Ansar Ahmed S/O Intezar Ahmed & Hasina Begum W/O - Ansar Ahmed, Resident of 29/A Golam Jilani Khan Road, P.O. & PS.- Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West-Bengal had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Deshbandhu Mondal S/o-Late Tarak Nath Mondal POA Number I-00450/2017 Appointed by Habul Pramanick @ Haren pramanick S/O Late Biswanath Pramanick, Deed Number I- 03338/2017dt.31/07/2017.

If anybody has any objection on mutation of said land/Property, please inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata, KMC Building, Room 328, 5 S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700013, in writing or over email bilroa@gmail.com, Within one month from the date of this advertisement, land schedule Mouza - Chowbaga, J.L. No - 3, R.S. Khatian - 452 & 453, L.R. Khatian - 390 & 917, R.S. & L.R. Dag No - 308, 309 & 310, land measuring is about 04 Cottahs.

Dilip Das, Advocate, Alipore Police Court, Kolkata - 700027, M- 9163180166

Over 3,200 Indians deported from USA in 2025: JAISHANKAR

MI News Service, New Delhi: The scale of deportations from the United States emerged as a core focus in the Rajya Sabha, as External Affairs minister S. Jaishankar detailed the sharp rise in removals this year. Since January 2025 alone, 3,258 Indian nationals have been deported, a number that already exceeds the totals for the past two years combined.

"Since January 2025, a total of 3,258 Indian nationals have been deported by the United States to India. Of these, 2,032 individuals (approximately 62.3 per cent) were deported on regular commercial flights, while the remaining 1,226 (37.6 per cent) arrived on US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operated charter flights," Jaishankar said in his written reply.

"The NIA has registered and investigated 27 human trafficking cases, resulting in 169 arrests and chargesheets against 132 individuals. The NIA arrested 20 important traffickers in Haryana and Punjab on August 7 and then in Himachal Pradesh, two more people on October 2," he informed the House.

State agencies, he added, are also pursuing illegal travel agents and traffickers.

"The maximum number of

trafficking cases is from the state of Punjab. The Punjab government has constituted an SIT and a fact-finding committee. As per information given by them to us, 25 FIRs have been registered against 58 illegal travel agents, and 16 accused have been arrested," he said.

Jaishankar also pointed to action in other states.

"In the case of state of Haryana, 2,325 cases have been registered and 44 FIRs have been registered and 27 people have been arrested. Also, one significant trafficker has been arrested by the state of Gujarat," he said.

The minister's reply placed the year-wise deportation numbers in context. A total of 617 Indians were deported in 2023 and 1,368 in 2024, compared to the 3,258 already sent back in 2025, marking a dramatic escalation.

Since 2009, India has received 18,822 deportees from the US. Jaishankar told the House that India continues to raise concerns with the US over the treatment of deportees, especially on ICE-operated flights.

"The Ministry has strongly registered its concerns with the US authorities on the treatment of deportees, particularly with respect to the use of shackles, especially on women and children," he said.

However, he added that there have been no recent instances in-

volving minors or women. "No instance of shackling of women and children has been brought to the notice of this Ministry since the 5th February deportation flight," he said.

According to him, the US has defended its procedures. "They have also conveyed that their policy of shackling deportees is followed to ensure the safety and security of all passengers on these flights. In the past, they claim that there have been instances of violence by deportees against fellow deportees and supporting crew members on such deportation flights. While women and minors are generally not shackled, the flight officer in charge of a deportation flight.

e-Tender	
Office of The Pingla Panchayat Samity Invites Tender for 1 No. Schemes.	
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NO.	
NIT No.	Last Date of Application
Pingla-e-NIT/ MPLAD/ 028/2025-26	02.01.2026 up to 12.01 Hrs.
Details of the Tender notice is available in website wbenders.gov.in	
Sd/- Executive Officer Pingla Panchayat Samiti	

based electronic toll collection (FASTag)," he said.

The minister said a request for proposal to implement FASTag plus ANPR and AI based barrier free fee collection on selected plazas has been invited or

finalised according to Annexure IV.

The system may be extended to other plazas in a phased manner depending on the outcome and effectiveness of the projects where it is first deployed.

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR TRAFFIC BLOCK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

For conversion of Point No. 206B/207, Traffic Block for 7 hours will be necessary at Dum Dum Jn. station limit from 22.30 hrs. of 06.12.2025 (Saturday) to 05.30 hrs. of 07.12.2025 (Sunday). Consequently, the following arrangements have been made in train running: ● Cancellation of Trains on 07.12.2025 (Sunday) : (1) 33431 UP Sealdah-Barasat Local (2) 33432 DN Barasat-Sealdah Local (3) 33813 UP Sealdah-Bangaon Local (4) 33818 DN Bangaon-Sealdah Local (5) 32211 UP Sealdah-Dankuni Local (6) 32212 DN Dankuni-Sealdah Local ● Rescheduling of Trains : (1) 13142 DN New Alipurduar-Sealdah Teesta Torsa Express [JCO 06.12.2025 (Saturday)] will be rescheduled by 02 hrs. 30 minutes i.e. will leave New Alipurduar at 14.35 hrs. instead of 12.05 hrs. (2) 13154 DN Malda Town-Sealdah Gour Express [JCO 06.12.2025 (Saturday)] will be rescheduled by 01 hrs. 50 minutes i.e. will leave Malda Town at 23.15 hrs. instead of 21.25 hrs. (3) 13164 DN Saharsa-Sealdah Hate Bazar Express [JCO 06.12.2025 (Saturday)] will be rescheduled by 01 hrs. 40 minutes i.e. will leave Saharsa at 15.55 hrs. instead of 14.15 hrs. (4) 12344 DN Haldibari-Sealdah Darjeeling Mail [JCO 06.12.2025 (Saturday)] will be rescheduled by 01 hrs. 40 minutes i.e. will leave Haldibari at 19.55 hrs. instead of 18.15 hrs. ● Short Termination and Short Origination on 07.12.2025 (Sunday): (1) 33812 DN Bangaon-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantt. instead of Sealdah and 33815 UP Sealdah-Bangaon Local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantt. instead of Sealdah on 07.12.2025 (Sunday). (2) 33512 DN Hasnabad-Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantt. instead of Sealdah and 33511 UP Sealdah-Hasnabad Local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantt. instead of Sealdah on 07.12.2025 (Sunday).

Note: There may be delay in train running during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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ROSE VALLEY ASSETS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

(Chairman Hon'ble Justice Dilip Kumar Seth (Retd.)) Room No. 401 & 402, 4th Floor, 5, Mangoe Lane, Kolkata - 700-001

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS OF ROSE VALLEY GROUP OF COMPANIES

W.P. No. 27005 of 2016 Kalipada Pal & Anr. -vs- Union of India & Ors. And W.P. No. 275 of 2015 Rose Valley Real Estates & Construction Ltd & Anr. -VS- State of West Bengal & Ors.

The Learned Asset Disposal Committee (ADC) headed by Chairman Hon'ble Justice Dilip Kumar Seth (Retd.) was constituted vide Order Dated 11th May, 2015 passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta. The Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta vide order dated September 21, 2023 was pleased to direct for creation of website for inviting claims from the Rose Valley Depositors as well as for furnishing other necessary information to be displayed in the website.

On 18th March, 2024 the Learned ADC has directed as follows:

The website of the ADC www.rosevalleyadc.com is launched. The Depositors are requested to upload their respective claims at the said ADC website. The procedure for lodging the claims is given in the said website. All are requested to follow the same. The payment towards the claims lodged are subject to verification and scrutiny.

Place: Kolkata Date: November 03, 2025

BY ORDER

CBC 15204/11/0191/2526

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office : ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
[CIN No: L65190G]1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Romen Roy/ Somen Roy/ 9 A/5 Dhanipara 2nd Lane P.O. Nonachandankpur Barrackdoppu, P.S. Titagarh District- North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 700122/ LBCAL00005453047	Entire 3rd Floor Flat, Municipal Premises No. 31, Central Road, R.S. Dag No. 338 & 339, R.S. Khatian No.182, R.S. No. 10, J.L. No. 36, Touzi No. 243, Ward No. 095, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Assessee No. 21-095-03-0038-3, P.S. Jadavpur, A.D.S.R.O. Alipore, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700032, West Bengal, Admeasuring an Area of Super Built Up Area 665 Sq. Ft. More or Less Alongwith Proportionate Share of Land North: One Storied Building of Premises No. 31/A, Central Road, P.S. Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700032 South: Three Storied Building of Premises No. 32, Central Road, P.S. Jadavpur, Kolkata- 700032 East: 16'-00" Wide Jadavpur Central Road West: Three Storied Building of Premises No. 31/1, Central Road, P.S. Jadavpur Kolkata 700032/ Date Of Physical 29/11/2025	April 30,2025/ Rs. 19,02,120,53/-	Kolkata

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

Date: December 05, 2025 Place: Kolkata

Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Compact cars and SUVs drive three-fourth of motor insurance claims, EVs costliest to repair: Report

NEW DELHI : Compact cars and SUVs together account for nearly three-fourths of all motor insurance claims in the country, highlighting their dominance on Indian roads and in insurance payouts, an analysis report by PolicyBazaar has said.

The report showed that compact car owners generated the highest share of claim volumes at 44 per cent, largely due to city driving conditions and moderate-value repairs, which cost an average of Rs 21,084 per claim. It stated "compact cars segment dominates claim volumes with 44 per cent share." The report also shared that the SUVs emerged as the second-largest contributor with a 32 per cent share, but with a higher repair cost magnitude of Rs 29,032 and a comparatively high frequency of 16 per cent. The report noted that SUV-related repairs are costlier due to bigger vehicle structures and higher component pricing.

Interestingly, electric vehicles (EVs) contributed only 1 per cent of total claim volumes but recorded the highest claim frequency at 29 per cent and severe repair costs averaging Rs 39,021 per claim.

According to the report, the high cost of repairing EVs is driven by expensive batteries and electronics.

Among major cities, Lucknow registered the highest claim frequency at 17 per cent, indicating high accident-prone routes and repeated collisions inside the city.

The NCR region stood out for high-cost repairs. Noida recorded one of the highest claim severities at Rs 25,157, followed by Gurgaon and Ghaziabad with severities above Rs 22,000.

The report highlighted that Pune sees higher repair bills despite similar claim volumes, while cities like Chennai (1.80 per cent) and Mumbai (1.50 per cent) maintain low incident rates and low repair cost burdens.

On the category of claims, the report said own-damage claims dominated motor insurance payouts at 95 per cent, mostly due to minor accidents, accidental bumps, and bumper-to-bumper repairs.

INDIAN STUDY FINDS 1ST EVIDENCE ON HOW NANOPLASTICS FROM SINGLE-USE PET BOTTLES HARM BODY

NEW DELHI : Nanoplastics derived from single-use PET bottles can directly disrupt key biological systems that are vital for human health, according to a study led by the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali (INST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), on Thursday.

Nanoplastics, found in food and water, are a global concern and are increasingly being detected inside the human body. But their exact effects remain poorly understood.

While many studies had focused on how plastics pollute the environment or damage host tissues, almost nothing was known about their direct impact on beneficial gut microbes that are central to human health.

The team led by Prashant Sharma and Sakshi Dagariya from the Chemical Biology Unit at INST found the first clear evidence of profound consequences to human health.

The researchers found that long-term exposure reduced bacterial growth, colonisation, and protective functions, while increasing stress responses and sensitivity to antibiotics.

"Together, the findings explain that nano-plastics from everyday plastics are biologically active particles that can interfere with gut health, blood stability, and cellular function," said the researchers in the paper published in the journal Nanoscale Advances.

The team recreated Nanoplastics from PET bottles in the laboratory and tested them across three key biological models.

A beneficial gut bacterium, Lactobacillus rhamnosus, was used to see how nanoplastics affect the microbiome.

At higher concentrations, nanoplastics were found to disrupt red blood cell membranes and cause premature destruction of the cells.

Further, the team also found that prolonged exposure led to DNA damage, oxidative stress, apoptosis, and inflammatory signalling, alongside shifts in energy and nutrient metabolism.

"The nanoparticles induce DNA damage, oxidative stress, and inflammatory responses in human epithelial cells during prolonged exposure, posing risks to human health that were previously unrecognised," the researchers said.

Beyond human health, the insights can extend to agriculture, nutrition, and ecosystem studies, where microbial balance and plastic pollution intersect, they noted.



Delhi-NCR records 3-year best AQI: PM10 & PM2.5 lowest in Oct-Nov since 2023, says govt

NEW DELHI : Air Quality Index in the Delhi NCR region has seen significant improvement this year during the October-November period, the government informed the Parliament on Thursday.

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Kirti Vardhan Singh stated that the region has recorded the lowest average concentrations of particulate matter 10 and 2.5 since 2023.

The Minister explained that the AQI in October 2023 stood at 219, dipping to 234 in 2024. It improved to 223 in 2025. In November, the region recorded an AQI of 373 in 2023, which dipped to 374 in 2024. In 2025, it stood at 354.

The average concentration of PM 2.5 in October 2023 was 105 Rsg/m3, which climbed to 114 Rsg/m3 in 2024. However, it saw an improvement at 108 Rsg/m3 in 2025.



Similarly, the average concentration of PM 2.5 in November 2023 stood at 240 Rsg/m3, climbing to 246 Rsg/m3 in 2024. In 2025, the levels improved to 223 Rsg/m3.

From 231 Rsg/m3 PM 10 in October 2023, the levels dipped to 249 Rsg/m3 in 2024. In 2025, it improved to 219 Rsg/m3. In November 2023, PM 10 was recorded at 384 Rsg/m3, dipping to 393 Rsg/m3 in 2024. In 2025, the levels stood at 375 Rsg/m3, Singh said.

Crediting "coordinated efforts", he noted that the "number of good days (AQI<200) in

Delhi has increased to 200 days in 2025 from 110 days in 2016".

"While there is an overall improvement in the AQI this year, very poor days (AQI: 301-400) and severe days (AQI more than 401) have reduced from 71 days in 2024 to 50 days in 2025. Delhi has observed the lowest average AQI in the past 8 years, that is, from 2018 to 2025 (barring 2020- Covid lockdown)," the Minister added.

To address air pollution in Delhi-NCR, the government has also established the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) under the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, for better coordination, research, identification, and resolution of problems of air pollution in Delhi-NCR and adjoining areas.

The issue of air pollution in Delhi-NCR has been addressed by the Government in a collective, collaborative, and participative mode involving all the major

MP CM invites JP Nadda to lay foundation of four medical colleges



NEW DELHI : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Wednesday met BJP national president and Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda in New Delhi and invited him to lay the foundation stones of four new medical colleges in the state.

Yadav, accompanied by Indore Lok Sabha MP Shankar Lalvani, met Nadda at the Parliament late in the evening.

Talking to IANS, the Chief Minister said the colleges will be established under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in Panna, Katni, Dhar and Betul districts.

"I have requested Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda to lay the foundation stones of four new medical colleges. He has accepted our invitation and will visit Madhya Pradesh by the last week of December," said the

Chief Minister.

The state government has allocated 25 acres of land for each college at a nominal rate of Rs 1. Earlier in April, the government announced the land allotment policy for investors and secured cabinet approval.

Amendments were also made to facilitate the transfer of district hospitals to PPP-developed medical colleges.

The meeting came a day after Yadav chaired special review sessions of five departments, including Public Health and Family Welfare.

The Health Department, led by Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla, has faced scrutiny following incidents such as the Coldrif cough syrup tragedy in Chhindwara and rabbiting cases at Indore's M. Y. Hospital.

ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited gets final Sebi nod for IPO

MUMBAI: Mumbai-based ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd has received final approval from the capital markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its initial public offering (IPO).

The Company had filed its IPO papers with Sebi on 8 July 2025.

The IPO consists of an offer for sale by promoter, Prudential Corporation Holdings.

As on the date of the DRHP, the issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is 17,652,090 shares of Rs 1. Post completion of the proposed bonus issuance, the issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity Share capital of our Company shall increase from 176,520,900 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 1 each to 494,258,520 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 1 each.

Subsequent to the proposed bonus issuance, if undertaken, the number of Offered Shares by

Prudential Corporation Holdings shall be up to 49,425,852 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 1 each.

ICICI Prudential AMC is a joint venture between ICICI Bank and Prudential Corporation Holdings Limited, operating since 1998. The company is the largest asset management company in India in terms of active mutual fund quarterly average assets under management (QAAUM) with a market share of 13.3% as of March 31, 2025 (Source: CRISIL Report). As of March 31, 2025, the company's total mutual fund QAAUM was to Rs 8,79,410 crore.

As of March 31, 2025, the company had the highest market share of equity and equity-oriented schemes QAAUM, of 13.4% across asset management companies in India (Source: CRISIL Report). Its equity-oriented hybrid schemes also had the largest market share in India, as of March 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (Source:

JINDAL STAINLESS RANKS AMONG GLOBAL TOP 5% IN DJSI SCORES; SECURES 4TH POSITION IN STEEL SECTOR

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless-steel manufacturer, has achieved a landmark milestone in global sustainability rankings, securing an ESG score of 78 in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) for FY25.

This recognition places Jindal Stainless among the top 5% of steel companies globally and ranks it fourth in the steel sector and 1st in the stainless steel sector worldwide in the DJSI-modelled scores as of November FY25, the company said in a release.

The score represents a significant rise from 60 in FY24, underscoring the company's accelerated transition towards sustainability-driven growth, transparency, and long-term value creation.

Commenting on this achievement, Jindal Stainless, Managing Director, Abhyuday Jindal, said, "Securing one of the top global positions in the DJSI-modelled ESG rankings is a proud moment



for us. Our significant improvement over the past year scores reflects our continuous commitment to responsible growth, grounded in transparency, innovation, and care for our people and planet. Sustainability at Jindal Stainless is not driven by targets alone; it is anchored in our values, embedded in everyday action, and strengthened by the trust of our communities and stakeholders. This milestone further reinforces our resolve to accelerate our Vision 2030 ambitions and continue shaping a future where industrial progress and sustainability advance together.

er." The CSA scorecard highlights Jindal Stainless' exceptional performance across all three ESG dimensions, with scores of 83 in Environmental, 73 in Social, and 76 in Governance & Economic. These figures far exceed the industry averages of 37, 35, and 36, respectively. The company's data availability rate of 97% and a perfect score of 100 in Transparency & Reporting place it among the most transparent and accountable companies in the global steel sector.

Jindal Stainless, Chief Sustainability Officer, Kalyan Bhattacharjee, added, "Our ESG score this year is the result of deep integration of sustainability across our operations, from climate strategy and energy efficiency to occupational health and stakeholder engagement. Our efforts across Energy Efficiency, climate strategy, water & waste management, biodiversity, occupational Health & Safety, Information security, Enterprise

Risk Management and business ethics led to us achieving this milestone. Honoured and proud to be setting new benchmarks for sustainable material globally."

Jindal Stainless has emerged as the only company in the steel sector to be honoured with the Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability in FY25. This is another major recognition which underscores the company's continued progress in strengthening its ESG performance and reporting standards.

The company has consistently demonstrated its commitment to ESG through strategic investments in decarbonisation and sustainability initiatives.

In FY25 alone, these efforts led to a 14% year-on-year reduction in GHG emissions, driven by projects ranging from Odisha's largest captive solar plant to energy-efficiency upgrades and supply-chain digitisation, alongside community efforts in education, healthcare and skilling around their plants.

Over 6 lakh lives lost due to malaria in 2024, drug resistance a major threat: WHO

NEW DELHI : Malaria infected an estimated 282 million people and claimed 6,10,000 lives worldwide in 2024, according to the World Health Organization's (WHO) annual World Malaria Report on Thursday, which highlighted drug resistance as a major threat to elimination efforts.

While the WHO-recommended vaccines helped to prevent an estimated 170 million cases and one million deaths in 2024, this was roughly 9 million more than the previous year.

An estimated 95 per cent of these deaths were in the African Region, with most occurring among children under 5.

India accounted for 73.3 per cent of all cases in the WHO South-East Asia Region. The country also reported 88.7 per cent per cent of all deaths in the region.

The report showed that progress in reducing the malaria deaths -- a key target of the Global

Technical Strategy for malaria 2016-2030 -- remains far off track.

It noted that antimalarial drug resistance has now been confirmed or suspected in at least 8 countries in Africa, and there are potential signs of declining efficacy of the drugs that are combined with artemisinin.

Other risks to malaria elimination efforts include the prevalence of malaria parasites with pfhrp2 gene deletions, undermining the reliability of rapid diagnostic tests, while confirmed pyrethroid resistance in 48 countries is reducing the effectiveness of insecticide-treated nets.

At the same time, Anopheles stephensi mosquitoes -- resistant to many commonly used insecticides -- have now invaded 9 African countries, posing a serious challenge to urban malaria control efforts.

Notably, progress is also being made in eliminating malaria. To



date, a total of 47 countries and one territory have been certified malaria-free by WHO -- Cabo Verde and Egypt were certified malaria-free in 2024, and Georgia, Suriname, and Timor-Leste joined them in 2025.

The report noted that the WHO

Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

"Increasing numbers of cases and deaths, the growing threat of drug resistance, and the impact of funding cuts all threaten to roll back the progress we have made over the past two decades," Ghebreyesus added.

The report also noted other risks, such as extreme weather events -- changes in temperature and rainfall -- contributing to increased outbreaks of malaria; conflict and instability limiting access to care.

The challenge is further exacerbated by the plateauing of global funding over the last decade, limiting the reach of life-saving interventions.

"However, none of the challenges is insurmountable. With the leadership of the most-affected countries and targeted investment, the vision of a malaria-free world remains achievable," said the WHO chief.

Study links common childhood virus to bladder cancer

NEW DELHI : UK researchers have found a common childhood virus that can trigger DNA damage leading to bladder cancer later in life.

Tackling the virus early could open the door to preventing bladder cancer later, said the team from the University of York.

The study, published in Science Advances, revealed that after being contracted in childhood, the BK virus usually lies dormant in the kidney.

BK virus infections do not have obvious symptoms, but physicians have learned a lot about the virus from the experiences of kidney transplant recipients who have to take immunosuppressants to prevent the immune system from targeting their new kidney.

In laboratory studies using the human tissue that lines the urinary tract (urothelium), the team observed DNA damage patterns caused by the cell's antiviral defences after controlled exposure to BK virus -- the childhood infection identified earlier as lying dormant in the kidney.

In this fight against the BK virus, "friendly fire" from enzymes meant to damage the virus can cause collateral damage in the cells' own DNA.

This evidence supports a theory in which an individual's own antiviral response to BK virus infection causes the DNA mutations that can lead to cancer.

"In other types of virus-related cancer, such as cervical cancer, we know that virus DNA combines with our own genetic material to drive tumour development. Our results have shown that in the bladder, the tissue's defensive response to the virus causes DNA changes which can lead to cancer," said Dr. Simon Baker from the University.

"We found that DNA damage happens not only in infected cells but also in surrounding 'bystander cells,' witnessing infection in their neighbours. This is important because it might explain why most bladder cancers have no sign of the virus in them when they are diagnosed many years later," Baker added.



IndiGo Madinah-Hyderabad flight diverted to Ahmedabad following bomb threat

MI News Service, Hyderabad: An IndiGo flight from Madinah in Saudi Arabia to Hyderabad was diverted to Ahmedabad on Thursday following a bomb threat, a police official said. The flight landed safely at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport here around 12:30 pm, and all passengers and crew were debarked to conduct a thorough search of the plane, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 4) Atul Bansal.

"When the flight was on its way to Hyderabad from Madinah, someone sent an email to IndiGo claiming that a bomb had been planted on the aircraft. Since Ahmedabad was the closest airport, the pilot decided to land here as a precautionary measure," said Bansal. After being alerted about the bomb threat, the local police rushed to the spot to assist the Central Industrial Security Force and National Disaster Response Force, said the official, adding that nothing suspicious was found during the initial search.

CJI questions Rohingya deportation plea, "Do we give them red carpet welcome?; remark draws sharp criticism for insensitivity

MI News Service, Delhi: The Supreme Court of India on Tuesday questioned a plea concerning the alleged custodial disappearance and forced deportation of Rohingya individuals, asking whether people who cross into India illegally can be accorded full legal protections and humane treatment.

During the hearing the Chief Justice asked the petitioners: "If you don't have the legal status to stay as a refugee in India... and you are an intruder."

Do we give them a red-carpet welcome?" He added that following illegal entry, asking for shelter, food, education or other facilities would amount to "stretching the law."

Human-rights activists and refugee-rights supporters condemned the remark, calling it an alarming departure from fundamental humanitarian norms.

One human-rights lawyer noted: "Such language dehumanises already vulnerable people and reduces questions of their safety and dignity to matters of national-security jargon."

Civil-society observers argue that equating human lives with "intruders" undermines the basic principle of human dignity, and that a "red-carpet" analogy for deportation reflects a deeply insensitive state of mind toward persecuted Muslims seeking asylum.

Critics also warn that such remarks coming from the highest judicial authority, risk normalising arbitrary detention and refoulement, especially when the individuals involved belong to already marginalised communities.



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International law under the principle of non-refoulement prohibits sending back asylum-seekers to places where their life or freedom may be threatened, regardless of their entry status.

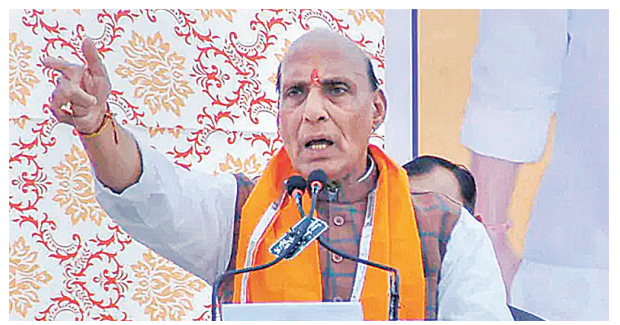
As the hearing is adjourned to December 16, many civil-society groups are calling on the Court to ensure that justice is not reduced to legal formalism, but remains grounded in humanity, dignity, and respect for universal rights.

"Nehru wanted to build Babri Masjid using public funds," claims Rajnath Singh

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on December 2, 2025, claimed that Jawaharlal Nehru had proposed building the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya using public funds, a plan he said was thwarted by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Addressing a "Unity March" gathering near Vadodara, Singh said, "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru wanted to build the Babri Masjid using public funds. If anyone opposed this proposal, it was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He didn't allow the Babri Masjid to be built using public money."

He also said that when Nehru raised the restoration of the Somnath Temple, Patel clarified that the temple rebuild was funded by public donations, not state money, implying a contrast with the supposed Muslim-institution funding plan. "Not a single penny of the government's money was spent on this (Somnath



temple) work." Singh claimed. The statement soon drew outrage from opposition parties and many other civil society groups. The Indian National Congress (INC) and several opposition leaders rejected Singh's statements as baseless and politically motivated. INC MP Manickam Tagore posted on X that there is "zero archival or documentary evidence to support" the claim.

"Nehru ji explicitly opposed using government money for religious places, including the reconstruction of temples," he said.

"They do not have evidence of it, this is a lie told by Rajnath Singh ji." Congress spokespersons also called the claim a "WhatsApp-university story" and accusing the BJP of rewriting history to foster communal polarisation. Historians and archival researchers also cast doubt on the allegation. According to contemporary letters and public records from Nehru and Patel, no documented decision or proposal exists indicating that the government ever planned to use state funds to rebuild the Babri Masjid.

Netanyahu taps his military secretary, Roman Gofman, as the next Mossad director

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu taps his Military Secretary Maj. Gen. Roman Gofman as the next Mossad director, Netanyahu's office announces. The current chief of the spy agency, David Barnea, will end his five-year term in June 2026. According to Channel 12, Netanyahu's selection of Gofman means that he passed over the two candidates suggested by Barnea. The appointment is being submitted to the Advisory Committee for Senior Appointments for review.

Gofman rose through the IDF Armored Corps,

becoming a division commander before moving out of combat roles. "Gofman is a highly distinguished officer," says Netanyahu's office in a statement. "His appointment as the prime minister's military secretary in the midst of the war... proved that he possesses exceptional professional capabilities, from his rapid entry into the role to his immediate and significant involvement in the seven arenas of the war." The PMO says that Gofman "maintained continuous coordination with all intelligence and security agencies, especially the Mossad."

Israeli, Lebanese representatives hold rare meeting, discussing "economic cooperation"

MI News Service, Jerusalem/Beirut: Israeli, U.S. and Lebanese officials met in Naqoura, Lebanon, on Wednesday to discuss potential economic cooperation. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said the meeting, held at the headquarters of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, brought together the deputy head of Israel's National Security Council foreign policy division, U.S. President Donald Trump's adviser on Lebanon, Morgan Ortogus, and "Lebanese civilian representatives."

It said the talks were conducted "in a positive atmosphere" and that the sides agreed to begin drafting ideas for possible economic cooperation between Israel and Lebanon.

Israel told participants that dismantling Hezbollah's military capabilities "is required regardless of any progress" on economic issues, the statement said,

adding that the sides agreed to hold follow-up discussions.

According to Elnashra, a Lebanese news website, former Lebanese ambassador to the United States, Simon Karam, headed the Lebanese delegation, accompanied by military officers. The Lebanese side focused on Israeli "cease-fire violations" and UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which aims to end hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel.

Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said Wednesday that economic talks with Israel could form part of a future normalization process, but any such steps must follow a peace agreement and remain distant for now.

"Normalization would follow peace. It cannot precede peace," Salam told reporters in his office, adding, "We are still far from that."

Speaking about Hezbollah's disarmament, Salam said the first phase of bringing all weapons

under state authority would not be completed unless Israel withdraws from territories it continues to occupy. He also said Lebanon is open to U.S. and French verification of remaining Hezbollah weapons caches in southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah, however, condemned Wednesday's talks as a betrayal of "national dignity" and the sacrifices of "resistors," demanding that any negotiations remain indirect and protect Lebanon's rights.

The meeting comes amid near-daily Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon despite a ceasefire that went into effect in November 2024, ending months of cross-border fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

Israel and Lebanon, which remain technically at war, have no diplomatic ties and usually communicate only indirectly, typically through the United Nations or foreign mediators.

Israel identifies remains of last Thai hostage held in Gaza

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Remains recently transferred to Israel have been identified as those of the last Thai hostage taken during the Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7, 2023. Israeli authorities said on Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement that the country's national forensic laboratory confirmed the remains belong to Sudthasak Rinthalak, a Thai national who worked in agriculture in southern Israel.

The Israeli military said Rinthalak, 42, was killed in the orchards of Kibbutz Be'eri near the Gaza Strip. His body was taken into Gaza and held by the Islamic Jihad group. His death was officially determined on May 16, 2024. Israeli authorities said all 31 Thai hostages abducted during the Oct. 7 attack have now been accounted for, with 28 returned alive and three confirmed dead.

Since the start of the ceasefire on Oct. 10, Hamas has released 20 living hostages and 27 bodies. In return, Israel has released nearly 2,000 Palestinians from its prisons and returned the bodies of hundreds of deceased Palestinians.

Bareilly sees demolition orders against marriage halls linked to Tauqeer Raza's aides, critics allege selective action

MI News Service, Bareilly: Officials of the Bareilly Development Authority (BDA) have initiated action against two marriage halls — Good Marriage Hall and Aiwan-e Farhat that are reported to have links with supporters of Maulana Tauqeer Raza, the incarcerated president of Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC).

This follows violence that erupted on September 26 in the city associated with an "I Love Muhammad" protest, for which the cleric and several of his aides have been arrested.

According to BDA sources, these halls were constructed without obtaining the legally required approvals, and demolition orders were originally issued back in 2011. On December 1, the BDA delivered notices regarding Aiwan-e-Farhat. Police from the Baradari station confirmed they received the letter and visited the site for preliminary inspection.

The owner of Good Marriage Hall, named in media as Rashid Khan, reportedly began removing items from the premises when he learned of the proposed action.



Despite these developments, the actual demolition was postponed this time, as BDA officials did not arrive until later in the day and cited a shortage of staff. Community leaders have responded with concern, arguing that the administration's focus appears one-sided. A local community leader said the action against halls linked to Tauqeer Raza's supporters while alleged perpetrators from the majority community face little or no consequences, "raises serious questions" about fairness and equity.

Muslim locals also expressed that Raza, his relatives, his aides, and several Muslim youths who were part of the protest were targeted due to their faith. Supporters of Raza argue that the crackdown on these properties, now almost 20 years after the original demolition orders reflects a retaliatory approach in response to the September violence. They note that other properties, even those reportedly involved in damage during the unrest, have not been similarly targeted.

For now, the fate of Good Marriage Hall and Aiwan-e-Farhat remains uncertain.

RPF/ER Assisted Injured/III Persons Under "Mission Sewa"

MI News Service, Kolkata, 4 Dec.25 : Eastern Railway continues to uphold its commitment to passenger safety, care, and welfare through the humanitarian efforts of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) under the flagship initiative "Mission Sewa." The mission focuses on providing timely assistance to passengers in distress, especially those who are ill, injured, or in need of urgent medical attention.

On 03.12.2025, RPF personnel of Howrah and Sealdah Divisions extended critical support by rescuing three female passengers who were found sick, injured, or suffering from severe discomfort while travelling. At Bandel Railway Station, one female passenger in an ill condition was rescued from a train and promptly shifted to the nearest Government Hospital. Another female passenger was



found in an injured condition between Ballygunge – Park Circus railway stations. RPF officials acted swiftly to provide first aid and arranged her transport to a Government medical facility. At Sahibganj Railway Station, a female passenger experiencing labour pain inside a train was promptly assisted by RPF personnel. They ensured her immediate transfer to the nearest hospital for safe medical care. The coordinated and timely response of RPF teams ensured that all three women received essential medical attention without delay.

MI News Service, New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin has left for India and is scheduled to arrive in New Delhi Thursday evening for a two-day state visit as part of the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit. Ahead of his arrival, as questions abound about his security arrangements and rumours of body doubles, many are also asking: "How wealthy is Vladimir Putin really?"

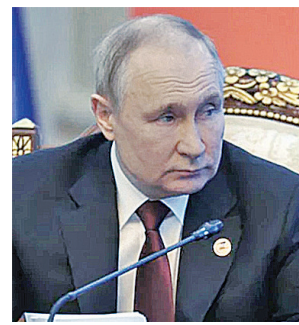
Official Kremlin disclosures paint the picture of a modest public servant. Putin's declared annual salary stands at roughly \$140,000, and his listed personal assets include an 800-square-foot apartment, a small plot of land with a trailer, and three vehicles, as per Reuters. The Kremlin has consistently portrayed him as a leader who lives simply.

Putin could be worth as

much as \$200 billion, financier Bill Browder, once the largest foreign portfolio investor in Russia, has long claimed. Browder told the US Senate Judiciary Committee in 2017 that much of this hidden wealth was amassed after the 2003 arrest of oligarch Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

If true, this would place Putin among the richest individuals in the world, surpassing even Microsoft's Bill Gates and former Alphabet CEO Larry Page.

While his official filings are sparse, Putin is frequently photographed wearing luxury watches worth several times his declared annual income. A 2022 release by the UK Foreign Office showed links between Putin and extravagant assets. A £566 million (Rs 6,000 crore) superyacht and the infamous \$1 billion "Putin's Palace"



on the Black Sea, officially owned by close associate Arkady Rotenberg.

Reports over the years have also tied him to multiple lavish residences, fleets of cars, and dozens of aircraft and helicopters, none of which appear in Kremlin records.

Putin's financial empire remains almost entirely hidden, but researchers and investigators outline two broad mechanisms.

Extortion of oligarchs -



International media, including CNN, have reported assessments that Putin demanded shares or cash from Russia's wealthiest businessmen in exchange for protection from prosecution. Browder has described this as "massive theft from state funds."

A vast patronage network - According to Forbes, Putin has facilitated lucrative contracts and business ownership for loyalists, relatives and childhood friends. In re-

turn, they allegedly funnel kickbacks to him. The structure is often compared to a mafia hierarchy, with Putin as the ultimate boss.

For 20 years, Forbes says it has tried and failed to conclusively trace Putin's wealth, calling it "the most elusive riddle in wealth hunting."

Economist Anders Aslund estimates Putin's hidden fortune to be between \$100 billion and \$160 billion, held through a network of trusted associates, security officials, and family members.

The 2016 Panama Papers showed a web of offshore loans and companies worth around \$2 billion linked not directly to Putin but to his closest friends.

The Guardian reported that the patterns "pointed unmistakably to wealth held by proxy." Some ana-

lysts suggest Putin may not "own" vast amounts in a traditional sense, but he simply controls access to them as long as he holds power.

Despite sweeping Western sanctions since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine, there is little sign that Russia's elite or Putin have been financially weakened. Russia's richest individuals gained \$72 billion in the year to April 2024 fuelled by wartime demand and the takeover of foreign assets at steep discounts, Reuters reported.

The Forbes list of Russia's richest shows 123 billionaires in December 2021, before the war and 125 billionaires by December 2024.

Around 40 per cent of sanctioned oligarchs actually grew richer, according to CEPR researchers.

INDIAN DEAF CRICKET TEAM TO TOUR UAE FOR BILATERAL T20 SERIES; MOHAMMAD IMRAN APPOINTED FITNESS TRAINER

NEW DELHI : The Indian deaf cricket team will tour the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a three-match bilateral T20 series against the UAE deaf cricket team from December 11 to 13, 2025. The opening T20 is scheduled for December 11, followed by the remaining two matches on December 12 and 13.

For this tour, Mohammad Imran has been appointed as the fitness trainer of the Indian side. A resident of Dhaneepur in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh, Imran is also associated with the Delhi Premier League (DPL) as a trainer for the South Delhi team. He has previously served as the trainer for the DDCA Under-14 squad as well.

The series aims to strengthen bilateral ties in deaf cricket and provide competitive exposure to both teams ahead of future international assignments.

The Indian deaf cricket team emerged as the winner in the 3rd edition of the Deaf Cricket Asia Cup tournament held in India in 2017, beating Sri Lanka by a big margin of 156 runs in the final.

The next year, India ended up as runners-up in the 2018 Deaf T20 World Cup after losing to Sri Lanka by 36 runs.

A 15-member squad has been announced for the series. The Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) team comprises:

PLAYERS:

Virendra Singh (Captain, Himachal Pradesh), Shariq Majeed Gani (Jammu & Kashmir), R. Yashwanth Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), Santosh Kumar Mahapatra (Odisha), Ashwin Kaliyaperumal (WK, Tamil Nadu), Rahul Waghamshie (Gujarat), Ehjas Pattappill (Kerala), Samiullah Khan Ansar Khan Pathan (WK, Maharashtra), Pranil More (Maharashtra), Viraj Koltte (Maharashtra), Jigar Thakkar (Gujarat), Vaibhav Paranjpe (Madhya Pradesh), Deepak Kumar (Uttar Pradesh), and Faheemuddin (Delhi).

SUPPORT STAFF:

Mukesh Kumar (Manager), Ashish Bajpai (Assistant Manager), Dev Dutt (Head Coach), Santosh Kumar Rai (Mentor), Mohammad Imran (Fitness Trainer), and Sharad Mudgal (Interpreter, ISL).



WPL 2026: Looking forward to teaming up with Meg Lanning at UP Warriorz, say Shikha Pandey, Kiran Navgire

MUMBAI : Indian stars Shikha Pandey and Kiran Navgire are looking forward to teaming up with former Australia captain Meg Lanning at the UP Warriorz and learn from the legend when they play in the upcoming season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026.

The WPL Auction conducted recently brought emotional highs and fresh beginnings for players like Shikha Pandey and Kiran Navgire, who are either joining new teams or returning to familiar ones.

Speaking on JioHotstar, UP Warriorz' newest signing, Shikha Pandey, and returning power-hitter Kiran Navgire shared their reactions to the auction, reflecting on anxious moments, franchise transitions, and the excitement of teaming up with world-class leaders ahead of the new season.

Shikha opened up about the anxious moments during the WPL 2026 Auction, saying there was a bit of anxiety. "There was definitely a bit of anxiety, but I reminded myself that whatever is meant to happen, will happen. I trusted the hard work I've put in over the past three seasons. I'm really happy to now be part of the UP Warriorz family," said Shikha, who moved from the Delhi Capitals to a

Men's Junior World Cup: Confident India ready for Belgium challenge in quarterfinals

CHENNAI : The Indian junior men's hockey team will face traditional rivals Belgium in the quarterfinals of the prestigious FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025 to be played at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, on Friday.

The PR Sreejesh-coached India side has been mercurial in the round-robin stage, notching up significant victories, albeit against sides that are not traditionally strong in hockey. They beat Chile 7-0, Oman 17-0, and Switzerland 5-0. The team's goalkeepers have hardly been tested against these sides, while the team's attack has had a golden run, scoring a total of 29 goals -- the highest by any team in the tournament so far.

But against Belgium, they will be tested. The team came into the quarterfinals after finishing second in pool D, behind Spain. They beat Namibia 12-1 in their first match, lost to Spain 0-2, and beat Egypt 10-0.

In the 2021 Junior World Cup in Odisha, India beat Belgium in a 1-0 close encounter, and in the 2016 Junior World Cup in Lucknow, they beat Belgium 2-1. Though the two junior sides haven't played each other much in recent times, both nations are powerhouses in hockey with strong domestic structure and U-



21 programme - making the contest a feisty one.

Speaking about the match, Sreejesh said, "We are looking forward to a good contest. Belgium is a strong side, and our campaign truly starts now. The big wins in the round robin stage were needed to set the right momentum for the tournament and shake off any nerves of a big tournament. I feel the players are ready for the challenge."

India Colts skipper Rohit too emphasised the team being upbeat.

"For some of us, this is the second Junior World Cup, but for many in the team, they are playing this prestigious tournament for the first time, and naturally, there would be some nerves. But I think the way we have played the first three matches has given us confidence, and we know our potential. We will give it our all against Belgium," Rohit said.

India will play the quarterfinals in Chennai on December 5.

Earlier, the Indian junior men's hockey team eased its way into the quarterfinals of the Men's Junior World Cup after its unbeaten run in the round-robin league stage. On Tuesday, the team convincingly beat Switzerland 5-0 at the Madurai International Hockey Stadium.

Ashes 2nd Test: Root ends century-drought in Australia as England reach 325/9 despite Starc's 6-71

BRISBANE : Joe Root finally struck his maiden Test hundred in Australia while Mitchell Starc bagged another six-wicket haul as England and Australia shared the honours on the opening day of the second Test of the Ashes series in the Day/Night encounter at the Gabba in Brisbane on Thursday.

Root, who survived a difficult chace on the third ball he faced as Steve Smith failed to latch onto what could have been a stunning catch at second slip, was batting on 135 not out along with Jofra Archer, on 32, as England, on electing to bat first, reached 325/9 at stumps after another engrossing day of cricket in the five-Test Ashes series. The 34-year-old right-handed batter Root, who has faced a lot of music on not scoring a hundred Down Under so far, finally removed the anomaly from the pages of his illustrious career.

He reached the 40th Test century of his career, reaching the mark off 181 balls (11x4) as he anchored the England innings with a majestic batting effort, rescuing the visitors from a precarious 5/2 in the morning with both Ben Duckett and Ollie Pope getting out for zeroes, falling to Starc, Australia's best bowler in the series so far.

After the hosts decided to give skipper Pat Cummins more time to recover and surprised many by dropping spinner Nathan Lyon for a five-pronged pace attack, Starc, who got Duckett edging to Marnus Labuschagne at first slip with a ball that nipped away a bit for a first-ball duck -- his 26th victim in the first over of a Test-- and then rattled the stumps to send Pope to the dressing room for a three-ball



zero.

In the process, Starc went past Wasim Akram to take his wicket tally to 416, becoming the best left-arm pacer in the history of the game.

Root, who anchored the innings, joined forces with opener Zak Crawley and took England to 122 when Crawley edged behind to Alex Carey off Michael Nesar.

Crawley, who reached his fifty off 68 balls, and Root shared a 117-run partnership for the third wicket.

The seasoned batter blew hot and cold, continuing to strike a balance between caution and aggression, as he collected the majority of his boundaries from straight drives when the ball was over-pitched. He continued play-

ing his characteristic glides, largely from under his nose, but invariably to a fine gully for no run.

Harry Brook (31) and skipper Ben Stokes added crucial runs with Root, but could not build on the start, especially Brook, and England were soon down to 219/5 and looking set to implore again, especially after their skipper was run out during a horrible mix-up with Root. Jamie Smith was out for zero while Will Jacks could manage only 19 off 31 balls. Gus Atkinson (4) and Brydon Carse fell for single-digit scores to Starc as the pacer completed his six-wicket haul as England slumped to 264/. England lost five wickets for 54 runs in this spell amidst another Starc-inspired collapse.

But Root continued to hold fort. He reached his hundred off 181 balls, studded with 11 fours. He found a willing partner in Jofra Archer (32 not out) as they added 61 runs for the unbeaten 10th wicket partnership in just 7.2 overs.

Though the Aussies would be happy that they have claimed nine England wickets and can hope to continue to fight back on the second day, the opening day of the Pink-ball Test belonged to Root, who finally broke the mental barrier and scored his first hundred on Australian soil. He helped England reach a strong total and helped them dream of levelling the series following their embarrassing two-day capitulation in the first match.

Brief scores:

England 325/9 in 74 overs (Joe Root 135 not out, Zak Crawley 76, Jofra Archer 32 not out; Mitchell Starc 6-71) against Australia.

Jharkhand Registers Fifth Consecutive Victory in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

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RANCHI: Jharkhand continued their remarkable run in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, securing their fifth straight win with an impressive seven-wicket triumph over Uttarakhand at Narendra Modi Stadium Ground A in Ahmedabad on Thursday. The clinical performance further strengthened Jharkhand's position in the ongoing domestic T20 championship, with both their bowlers and batters delivering with authority.

Batting first, Uttarakhand posted a competitive total of 150 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs. Despite early pressure, the side found stability through opener Kunal Chandela, who played a composed innings of 55 off 42 balls, striking the ball cleanly and rotating the strike with maturity. Avneesh Sudha complemented him well, contributing a valuable 32 runs in the middle order. However, the Jharkhand attack maintained consistent discipline, denying Uttarakhand any chance of acceleration in the death overs.

For Jharkhand, left-arm spinner Anukul Roy emerged as the standout performer with the ball. His incisive spell of 3 for 20 broke crucial partnerships and restricted scoring opportunities throughout the middle overs. Fast bowler Sushant Mishra added further pressure by claiming 2 wickets for 28 runs, ensuring Uttarakhand never gained full momentum.

Chasing a target of 151, Jharkhand displayed remarkable composure and intent, overhauling the score in just 16.1 overs with seven wickets in hand.



Opener Virat Singh anchored the innings with an unbeaten 43*, showcasing elegant strokeplay and a calm approach during the chase. Utkarsh contributed a fluent 41, while Kushagra chipped in with an attacking 31 that helped maintain a brisk scoring rate. Skipper Ishan Kishan added 21 runs at the top, setting the platform for a smooth pursuit. Anukul Roy capped off his all-round brilliance with an unbeaten 16*, guiding the team home comfortably.

For Uttarakhand, Avneesh Sudha managed to pick up two wickets, but the bowling unit struggled to contain Jharkhand's confident batting lineup. Recognising his match-defining dual contribution, Anukul Roy was deservedly named Player of the Match for his all-round excellence. With yet another dominant performance, Jharkhand has firmly established itself as a formidable contender in the tournament, displaying balance, depth, and confidence across departments.

KIUG 2025: Overcoming personal tragedies, Nikita Toppo inspires KIIT to first-ever women's hockey gold



JAIPUR : Having endured many setbacks and personal tragedies, Nikita Toppo has continued to soldier on as she captained the women's hockey team of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) to a gold medal in the Kheho India University Games (KIUG) 2025, being held in Rajasthan.

The 22-year-old Nikita lost both her parents when she was just five, and one of her elder

brothers died in a fatal accident when she was on her way to the U-23 Five-Nations Cup in Ireland three years ago. A year later, she suffered a career-threatening injury, and soon after, her only remaining brother met with an accident and suffered a skull injury from which he hasn't completely recovered yet.

But instead of getting bogged down by the series of setbacks, Nikita has made hockey her solace and was instrumental in helping KIIT win the women's team gold at the Khelo India University Games Rajasthan 2025 here in what was their first-ever appearance in KIUG.

"Before this, we would not clear our zone as there are many good University teams in Odisha. But from last year, my coach and I were working on building a strong team by getting good players to take admission in our University, and once we came here, we were determined to win the title here," Nikita told SAI Media soon after her team defeated.

Kalikesh Singh Deo to begin first full four-year term as NRAI chief

MOHALI : Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo began his first full four-year term as National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) President after being elected unopposed during its general body meeting here on Thursday. The results of the NRAI office-bearers' elections were officially declared on Thursday. The elections were conducted under the aegis of Justice Nirmaljit Kaur (Retd), who was the Returning Officer (RO).

Sharing his first reactions, Deo stated, "Indian shooting has currently seen its most successful phase in history over the last couple of years, both in terms of success and popularity, and that increases our responsibilities manifold. I wholeheartedly thank the entire General Body for restoring faith in my team and me.

"We promise to leave no stone unturned to accelerate this growth momentum even further and to maximise the potential that our extremely talented shooting athletes possess. With the flag paramount in our thoughts, let us all work together to make India number one in the world in our beloved sport."

Pawan Singh, one of India's most respected shooting administrators and technical experts, has also been elected unopposed as new secretary general.

"My focus will be on using technology to find and nurture promising athletes from every corner of India. We also



want to train coaches and shooters for coaching so that they have an alternate career when they retire and can earn from the sport they have invested their life in," Singh said.

The elections also put in place a new Executive Committee and a new Governing Body, the highest decision-making body of the National Federation.

In the two electoral contests that took place, Amit Sanghi from Telangana was elected as the Senior Vice President of the Governing Body, while Kanwar Sultan Singh and Sushma Singh were elected Vice-Presidents in the 15-member Executive Committee (EC).

The four sportspeople in the Executive Committee will be Olympic bronze medalist Gagan Narang, Kunti Malik, Zorawar Singh Sandhu, and Elavenil Valarivan, respectively.

Deo first became involved in sports governance in 2017, when he was elected as senior vice-president of NRAI. Following Raninder Singh's 12-year term as NRAI President, which was limited by the organisation's constitution and national sports code provisions, Deo assumed responsibility for the NRAI's day-to-day operations as the senior-most office-bearer.

On April 6, 2023, he formally took charge as acting president. He was elected president of the NRAI on September 21, 2024, during a general body meeting in New Delhi, defeating challenger V.K. Dhall by a vote of 36-21. Deo, who had been NRAI senior vice president since 2017, assumed office for a one-year term, which ended in 2025.