

Mamata inaugurates Bagala Maa temple in Kalighat on Makar Sankranti

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the newly constructed Bagla Maa temple in Kalighat on Wednesday afternoon, coinciding with the festival of Makar Sankranti. She arrived at the temple premises in the afternoon, accompanied by Abhishek Banerjee's mother Lata Banerjee and popular singer Imon Chakraborty. A special puja was organized at the temple, and during the rituals, the Chief Minister rang the ceremonial Kasar-Ghanta (temple bell). Makar Sankranti, one of the 13 major Bengali festivals of the year, is celebrated with religious fervor across the state. Millions of devotees take holy dips at Gangasagar, while in Birbhum, the Joydeb Mela begins on this day. The Tusu festival is also observed during this period, creating a festive atmosphere across West Bengal. Against this backdrop, Mamata Banerjee participated in the inauguration ceremony of the Bagla Maa temple in Kalighat, offering prayers and blessings to devotees present.

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Over nine lakh devotees take holy dip in Magh Mela

MI News Service, Prayagraj : MI News Service, Prayagraj : More than nine lakh devotees took a dip in the Ganga and at the Sangam here on Wednesday morn-

9 The Mamata Banerjee government has made elaborate arrangements for the mela... Giving the status of a national mela to the Gangasagar mela is up to the Union government as well as on the people. People have seen all kinds of arrangements made here. Such a huge gathering is not organised anywhere else in India...

Sujit Bose
West Bengal fire
Brigade minister

ing as part of Makar Sankranti festivities, official sources confirmed. While many parts of the country are celebrating the harvest festival on Wednesday, Uttar Pradesh will celebrate Makar

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A sadhu whirls his flowing jata after taking a Holy dip in the River Ganga at sunrise, on the occasion of Makar Sankranti at the Gangasagar Mela, Sagar Island, on Wednesday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Pongal a global festival, cherished by all world over: PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Pongal, which gave the message of maintaining harmonious balance with nature, has emerged as a global festival, cherished by Tamilians world over. Participating in Pongal celebrations at the residence of Union Minister L. Murugan, the Prime

minister said this festival celebrates the hard work of farmers and expresses gratitude to the land and the Sun. "The festival of Pongal reminds us that gratitude should go beyond mere words and become an integral part of our daily lives. When the Earth provides us with so much, it is our responsibility to cherish and protect

it," PM Modi said at the celebrations that had Union Ministers, bureaucrats, and people from a cross-section of society in attendance.

The Prime minister said that around the world, the Tamil community and those who cherish Tamil culture celebrate Pongal with great enthusiasm, and he

was proud to be among them. PM Modi said Tamil culture was one of the oldest living civilisations in the world and embodied centuries of wisdom and tradition that draw lessons from history to guide the way toward the future. "Inspired by this legacy, today's India draws

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Mamata's interim Budget triggers expectations before poll

MI News Service, Kolkata : With barely three months to go for the much anticipated West Bengal Assembly polls, the spotlight in the state has now shifted to the next month's interim budget, widely viewed as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's last major opportunity to woo voters before the model code of conduct kicks in. Going by convention, the state budget is presented within a week of the Union Budget.

With Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to table the Union Budget for 2026-27 on February 1, the state government is expected to convene its own budget session in the first week of February and place a 'vote on account'. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay has confirmed that preparations for the budget session are already underway, signalling that the state government is entering a crucial pre-election phase where fiscal announcements often double up as political messaging. "The process for the budget session has started. The House is likely to meet in the first week of February," he said

The interim budget will outline proposed expenditures and flagship announcements, with the understanding that full implementation would follow only if the incumbent government returns to power. In 2021, ahead of the last Assembly polls, the Trinamool Congress government used the interim budget to significantly enhance allocations for 'Lakshmir Bhandar', now one of the state's most popular social welfare schemes.

The monthly assistance under the scheme was raised from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000, a promise that was later fulfilled after the party returned to power for a third consecutive term. Political observers say precedent has sharpened speculation this time around over whether the government will again sweeten existing welfare schemes or announce fresh benefits targeting women, the rural poor and marginalised groups, constituencies that form the backbone of the party's electoral strategy. "The budget before elections is never just about

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Lakhs take Holy dip at Gangasagar on Makar Sankranti

MI News Service, Ganga Sagar: Lakhs of pilgrims gathered at Gangasagar on West Bengal's Sagar Island on Wednesday morning to take a holy dip at the confluence of the Hooghly River and the Bay of Bengal on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.

Lakhs gather for holy dip

Despite the winter chill, devotees entered the waters at sunrise and later offered prayers at the Kapil Muni Ashram in South 24 Parganas district, where the annual Gangasagar Mela 2026 was underway. Officials said the auspicious shahi snan was scheduled to begin at 1.19 pm and continue for the next 24 hours, with authorities expecting a further surge in footfall.

Pilgrims brave cold at sunrise

In view of the large gathering of pilgrims from different parts of the country, the West Bengal government had made elaborate arrangements to ensure safety, sanitation, and smooth movement across the mela area, located about 100 kilometres from Kolkata. Security had been strengthened across Sagar Island as well as at major railway stations and bus terminals in Kolkata.

For the first time, advanced water rescue drones had been deployed for continuous surveillance along the shoreline. These drones were stationed near key bathing ghats and around the Kapil Muni Ashram to assist in emergencies and were capable of carrying loads of up to 100 kilograms.

Indian Navy rescues drowning pilgrim

During the holy dip, a pilgrim identified as Sudipta was rescued after he was seen floundering in deep waters. An Indian Navy diving team deployed for search and rescue operations rushed to the spot in a Gemini boat, brought him safely to shore, and handed him over to the police control room before resuming their vigil. Rescue drones deployed along shoreline

To ensure improved facilities for pilgrims and local residents during the Gangasagar Mela

es, ensuring complete solid and liquid waste management. A total of 627 community sanitation

ter supply and drainage-related works had been completed. Nearly 580 kilometres of roads, includ-

Glimpses of Gangasagar Mela on Makar Sankranti on Wednesday



PIC: Prabir Bhattacharya

2026, the Panchayat and Rural Development Department of South 24 Parganas undertook extensive infrastructure and sanitation initiatives along the Gangasagar route. Officials said projects worth nearly ₹675 crore had been implemented across several blocks, including Thakurpukur-Maheshala, Bishnupur-I, Falta, Diamond Harbour I and II, Magrahat-I, Kulpi, Kakdwip, Namkhana, and Sagar.

State allocates funds for sanitation
An amount of ₹1.5 crore had been allocated exclusively for sanitation at the mela. As part of waste management efforts, 1,033 villages along the route had been declared ODF Plus model villages.

complexes had been constructed for pilgrims and local residents, while 545 e-carts had been deployed for waste collection and disposal.

Security and surveillance intensified statewide

Officials said 96 solid waste management units, five plastic waste processing units, and seven temporary waste segregation centres had been set up at the mela site. The entire Gangasagar Mela had been declared plastic-free, with single-use plastic completely banned. A faecal sludge treatment plant had also been operational at Kakdwip.

Using funds from the 15th Finance Commission, drinking wa-

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10,000 workers engaged in waste management operations

More than 10,000 workers had been engaged in solid, liquid, faecal, and plastic waste management operations, while around 1,500 sanitation workers had been deployed daily based on requirement. Officials said strict monitoring, emergency preparedness, and environmental safeguards had been maintained throughout the mela period to ensure a safe and orderly pilgrimage.

Sea of Faith at Gangasagar as Makar Snan Draws Over 85 Lakh Pilgrims from Across India

Suman Ganguly, Ganga Sagar: Around 85 lakh pilgrims from various states had arrived at the Gangasagar Mela grounds by 3 p.m. on Wednesday to take the holy dip at the confluence of the Ganga and the Bay of Bengal and offer prayers at the Kapil Muni Temple, said state Minister for Power and Housing Aroop Biswas.

The minister stated that with the commencement of the holy bath for the 2026 Gangasagar Mela, the auspicious timing for the Shahi Snan (royal bath) began at 1:19 p.m. on 14 January and will continue for 24 hours. As a result, devotees from across the country have been thronging the fairground in large numbers since

early morning.

"On Makar Sankranti, a massive influx of pilgrims has been witnessed at the Sagar Sangam. The Shahi Snan is being conducted under tight security arrangements and will continue till tomorrow," Biswas said.

Amid the huge congregation, two pilgrims reportedly died after falling ill at the fairground. One of the deceased was identified as Mithu Mandal (51), a resident of Assam. Five other critically ill pilgrims were airlifted from the mela area and shifted to hospitals in Kolkata for advanced treatment.

Alongside the ritual bath, long queues of devotees were seen at the Kapil Muni Ashram to offer

puja. The temple premises were packed to capacity, leaving virtually no space to move. To manage the swelling crowd, several thousand police personnel and volunteers have been deployed across the mela area.

From the early hours of Wednesday, lakhs of pilgrims gathered along the Gangasagar coast to earn religious merit on the auspicious occasion of Poush Sankranti. Braving biting cold conditions, devotees from different parts of the country arrived in waves to take the sacred dip at the confluence.

This year, the administration has introduced unprecedented technological measures to ensure pilgrim safety and effective crowd

management. For the first time at the Gangasagar Mela, advanced water drones, also known as rescue drones, have been deployed by the NDRF and state disaster management teams. These high-tech drones are being used for continuous surveillance along the sea beach and to assist in swift rescue operations during emergencies.

According to official sources, the drones have been specifically positioned to monitor the Kapil Muni Ashram and the main bathing ghats. Notably, each rescue drone is capable of carrying up to 100 kg, enabling quick evacuation of pilgrims in distress and their safe transfer to secure locations.

The famous adage, "All pilgrimages many times, Gangasagar once," seemed to resonate strongly as devotees took the holy dip with deep faith. Security across the mela grounds has been further strengthened with extensive use of drones and CCTV cameras. Civil Defence personnel, disaster response teams, and the Navy are maintaining continuous water patrols to prevent any untoward incidents at the bathing ghats.

A special control room has been set up to regulate crowd movement and trace missing persons swiftly. From aerial surveillance to watery patrolling, the entire mela area has been placed under a multi-layered security cover to maintain order and discipline.

Gangasagar is considered the second-largest Hindu congregation in India. According to Hindu belief, the spiritual merit gained by visiting all major pilgrimages can be attained by visiting Gangasagar just once. The occasion of Makar Sankranti holds special astrological significance, marking the Sun's transition into the Capricorn sign—a period regarded as highly auspicious for ritual bathing and religious observances.

Nipah virus attacks 2, Centre and State steps up jointly to prevent outbreak

MI News Service, Kalyani: The Nipah virus has sparked panic across West Bengal amid fears of its spread in the state. Two nurses suspected to be infected with Nipah are currently undergoing treatment in hospital. Even as investigations continue into how the virus entered Bengal, another nurse suspected of Nipah infection was admitted to Kolkata's Belegata ID Hospital late on Tuesday night. She has been placed in an isolation ward, and contact tracing tests are currently underway.

Considering the seriousness of the situation, the Centre and the state government have jointly stepped up strict surveillance. Specific protocols have been put in place to tackle the infection, including sample collection, contact tracing, isolation, and bed preparedness.

Sources in AIIMS Kalyani said that a good number of people those came closer to 2 nurses, are under process of examination in AIIMS K but none so far was reported Nipah virus positive.

Ranjit Kumar Das, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health of Nadia district, said on Wednesday that the family members of the house in Krishnaganj, Nadia, where two persons suspected of being infected with the Nipah virus had stayed during a visit, have been kept under observation.

"Beyond this, I do not have any further information. However, those suspected of being infected are not residents of Nadia; they had come from outside," he added.

A team of specialist doctors and central health departments has already visited the private hospital in Barasat. Samples of at least 14 people who came into contactors from both the with the infected nurse have been sent to AIIMS for testing. In addition, samples have also been collected from several individuals at Katwa and Burdwan Medical College and Hospital.

Across the border from Ghogragachi village in Krishnaganj lies Chuadanga in Bangladesh, with Kushtia located a short distance away. These areas have been witnessing a rise in Nipah cases for some time. According to sources, infrared camera footage has even captured bats feeding on date palm sap in the region, raising concerns that the infection may have spread to Bengal from there.

According to doctors, the nurse infected with Nipah at the Barasat private hospital had visited the border village of Ghogragachi on December 15 last month to attend a family wedding. It is suspected that she consumed raw date palm sap during her visit, which may have led to the infection.

Drones Beneath the Waves for Gangasagar Safety

MI News Service, Ganga Sagar: In a major boost to safety and disaster preparedness, the South 24 Parganas district administration is set to deploy advanced water drones for underwater rescue operations during the Gangasagar Mela, coinciding with the holy dip at the confluence of the Ganga and the Bay of Bengal. A mock drill and test run were conducted today near the confluence.

District Magistrate Arvind Kumar Meena said the move has been taken in view of the expected massive turnout of pilgrims this year. "A huge congregation is anticipated, with devotees taking the holy dip at four to five ghats. To effectively handle any disaster or emergency situation, water drones will be deployed for rescue operations," he said. The water drone can tow up to 1,000 kg (one tonne), enabling it to assist multiple survivors simultaneously or pull life rafts during emergencies. Officials noted that similar technology has proved effective in countries like Australia, where water drones are used to detect sharks and ensure swimmer safety. For the first time, such technology will be used extensively at the Gangasagar Mela for rescue



purposes.

India's Indian Rescue Academy has also introduced a water drone named ITUS, which can carry loads up to 100 kg and perform rescue operations even in strong currents. Similar underwater drone technology is being explored by the Odisha Fire Services Department to locate missing persons in high-risk areas such as the Puri sea beach. Meena described the Gangasagar drone as "highly powerful and technologically advanced," capable of operating in adverse riverine and sea conditions.

According to administration sources, the Gangasagar Mela will be held from January 10 to 17, 2026, centred around the Kapil Muni Ashram in South 24 Parganas. This year's mela could be the largest ever, with more than 1.5 crore pilgrims expected, said Mahant Sanjay Das, successor of

chief priest Swami Gyandas Maharaj. The absence of the Kumbh Mela this year is likely to lead to a surge in pilgrim footfall at Gangasagar.

To prevent accidents and ensure real-time information flow, stringent surveillance measures have been implemented. With support from ISRO, the administration has installed GPS-based navigation and monitoring systems. Complete monitoring is being conducted from the Sagar Mega Control Room through live video feeds, ensuring vessels and barges do not lose direction in dense fog.

Enhanced security arrangements include 1,200 CCTV cameras from Lot No. 8 to the mela grounds, 20 aerial drones for surveillance, and 21 operational jetties, including 10 permanent ones at Lot No. 8 and Namkhana. The river fleet comprises 13 barges, 45 vessels, and 100 wooden launches. Nabanna has deployed around 2,500 buses to ferry pilgrims from major transport hubs in Kolkata directly to the mela site. Officials said all arrangements have been finalised to ensure a safe, smooth, and incident-free Gangasagar Mela.



In a humanitarian initiative, South 24 Parganas Press Club organised a medical camp at the Gangasagar Mela.

Opening Ceremony of JIS Samman Sports 2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Opening Ceremony of JIS Samman Sports and Games 2026 was successfully organized on 8th January 2026 at the JIS Campus with great enthusiasm and sportsman spirit. The event marked the commencement of a major inter-collegiate sports festival under the JIS Group of Institutions.

The ceremony was graced by several eminent dignitaries. The Chief Guest, Gautam Sarkar, legendary footballer, inspired the students with his motivational address emphasizing discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. The occasion was further dignified by the presence of Samar Pal, former CAB President, whose association added prestige to the event. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director of JIS Group, also honored the program and encouraged students to actively participate in sports for holistic development.

The opening address of the ceremony was delivered by Dr. Partha Sarkar, Principal, JIS College of Engineering. In his address, he warmly welcomed all dignitaries, principals of group colleges, faculty members, student partici-



pants and press media. He highlighted the importance of sports in shaping leadership qualities, discipline, and teamwork among students, and emphasized the role of JIS Samman Sports 2026 in fostering unity and healthy competition among the institutions of the JIS Group.

The event was conducted under the esteemed leadership of Dr. Avijit Sengupta, Chairman, JIS Samman 2026, and U. S. Mukherjee, Chairman, JIS Samman Sports 2026. The program was efficiently convened by Dr. Partha Sarkar, Convener, JIS Samman Sports 2026 and Principal, JIS College of

Engineering, whose guidance ensured the smooth execution of the ceremony.

The opening ceremony was further graced by the presence of the Principals of 18 different colleges under the JIS Group, reflecting unity and collaboration among the institutions. A total of 18 colleges are participating in JIS Samman Sports and Games 2026, with around 450 student participants. The responsibility of hosting this prestigious event has been undertaken by JIS College of Engineering, an institution accredited by NAAC 'A' Grade, recognized by NIRF, and accredited by NBA,

reflecting excellence in academics as well as extracurricular activities.

The ceremony included the touch relay, flag hoisting, parade, Orth taking, inaugural addresses, motivational speeches by the dignitaries, and a formal declaration of the games open. The event concluded with a pledge emphasizing fair play, discipline, and sportsmanship.

As part of JIS Samman Sports 2026, indoor sports events are also scheduled. A Carrom Tournament will be held on 9th January 2026, followed by a Chess Tournament on 10th January 2026. Furthermore, other outdoor and team sports events will be conducted at Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology & Sports Complex and GNCC, Campus from 12th January to 22nd January 2026, providing students with opportunities to showcase strategic and analytical skills.

The opening ceremony successfully set an energetic and inspiring tone for JIS Samman Sports 2026, fostering unity, healthy competition, and holistic development among students of the JIS Group.

People Gather in Rivers, Ponds and Reservoirs for Makar Snan

MI News Service, Kharagpur: The On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, people gathered for royal bath in the rivers, ponds and reservoirs present in Paschim Medinipur and Jhargram district. To attain salvation, devotees took a dip of faith in the rivers, ponds and reservoirs in the harsh cold. Many rivers and reservoirs including Kansawati, Swarnarekha, Shilavati of Paschim Medinipur district and Dulang and Swarnarekha present in Jhargram district. A huge crowd of devotees was seen at the ghats of rivers, ponds and reservoirs. Since morning, devotees kept flocking to the Ghats for Makar Snan with the wish of earning good deeds. On this occasion, fairs were also organized at various places in both the districts. In the riverside fair, various items including bamboo brooms, cane pots, household items made of iron were seen being sold. Long queues of devotees were also seen at Gandhi Ghat of Kansawati river near Medinipur city since early morning. On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, a fair was also organized in the area adjacent to the Jagannath temple of the city. Strict security arrangements were made in Paschim Medinipur and Jhargram districts on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.



Calcutta Public English School Celebrates 10th Annual Sports Day with Grandeur

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 10th Annual Sports Day and Cultural Programme of Calcutta Public English School was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The programme was formally inaugurated with the hoisting of the national flag by the Director of the school, Asghar Ali Khan. This was followed by the flag salute and a message of peace and well-being delivered by the Principal, Nushabah, inspiring students and guardians alike.

A special highlight of the event was the vibrant participation of students and the enthusiastic presence of parents, which was clearly reflected in the programme visuals and performances. On the first day, Shauban Ali from Adams University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was further enriched by the esteemed



presence of Milan Das, Head In-Charge of Sports, former Labour Commissioner, and former officer of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation; renowned dance guru Sakthi Singha; and Jati, Secretary, whose presence added prestige and colour to the celebrations.

Students mesmerized the audience with a disciplined March Past and captivating cultural dance performances, earning loud applause and appreciation. A special attraction was the karate performance, presented by students trained up to Black Belt level under the guidance of M. A. Ali, Director of World Meet (UK & Thailand), whose dedication to martial arts training at the school was widely praised. The impressive card display performance by the students and teachers left the audience spellbound.

On the second day of the Sports Meet, the event was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests including Naseem Akhtar, former Indian footballer; Khawaja Ahmed Hussein, noted writer and poet; and the Ward Councillor of Ward No. 8, along with representatives from the

municipal Swachh initiative.

Addressing the gathering, Director Asghar Ali Khan highlighted the school's progressive vision, stating that Karate and AI classes were introduced in 2025, and announced the launch of Coding and Robotics classes in 2026 to prepare students for future challenges.

The programme was successfully coordinated under the leadership of Sports In-Charge Mohammad Shafi Allah and Cultural In-Charge Talat Firdous Marang, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the parents, students, teachers, and guests for their cooperation and for promoting the true spirit of sportsmanship and peace.

With a vote of thanks, the 10th Annual Sports Day concluded on a high note, leaving behind cherished memories.

Emphasising Human-AI Collaboration as Core of Enterprise Transformation: CII



(L-R): Shiv Siddhant Narayan Kaul, Managing Director, Nicco Engineering Services Ltd; Deepak Pargaonkar, Head of AI and Agentforce, Salesforce India; Pankaj Vyas, CEO & Managing Director, Siemens Technology & Services Pvt Ltd; Shashwat Goenka, Chairman, CII Eastern Region and Vice Chairman, RPSG Group; and John Kuruvilla, Regional Director, CII Eastern Region

MI News Service, Kolkata: CII on Wednesday highlighted the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in Indian enterprises at "AI: The New Engine of Enterprise", a precursor to the India AI Impact Summit organised by CII Eastern Region in Kolkata. Industry leaders emphasised that the future of enterprise growth will be driven by collaboration between human and AI, reshaping productivity, decision-making, and business outcomes.

Pankaj Vyas, CEO & Managing Director, Siemens Technology & Services Pvt Ltd, said the world has entered the age of the Intelligence Revolution, with

AI evolving from prediction-based models to agentic systems capable of autonomous action. He stressed that enterprises with robust data strategies, reliable infrastructure, and adaptive human-AI governance frameworks will be best positioned to succeed.

Highlighting the economic potential of AI, Shashwat Goenka, Chairman, CII Eastern Region and Vice Chairman, RPSG Group, noted that study suggested that AI could add USD 500 to 600 billion to India's GDP by 2035 through productivity gains and USD 17 to 26 trillion globally over the next decade. He underlined that India can capture 10 to 15 per cent of this value as both a user and creator of AI-driven products, platforms, and services, with reskilling and digital fluency critical for success.

Deepak Pargaonkar, Head of AI and Agentforce, Salesforce India, emphasised that Agentic AI can autonomously manage end-to-end business processes, enabling outcome-driven execution and value creation.

Shiv Siddhant Narayan Kaul, Managing Director, Nicco Engineering Services Ltd, emphasised that structured data collection, organizing data, and data mining are essential for transforming raw information into actionable intelligence, driving the ongoing intelligence revolution.

The discussions concluded that India's enterprise transformation will depend on bold AI adoption, strategic reskilling, and stronger collaboration between industry and academia to build AI-driven products, platforms, and services.



(L) On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, Mohanto Sanjay Das distributes holy offerings (prasad) to devotees outside the Kapil Muni Ashram at the Gangasagar Mela, Sagar Island, on Wednesday.(R) Swami Sanjay Das along with priests offer prayers on the occasion of Makar Sankranti at the Kapil Muni Temple at the Gangasagar Mela on Wednesday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

HC urges immediate release of MNREGA wages

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has emphasized the urgent need for workers to receive pending payments under the 100-day MNREGA scheme. Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul remarked, "The court's primary objective is to ensure that the poor receive their money as quickly as possible." The court noted that those working under MNREGA are largely economically disadvantaged, and securing their wages is a key priority. Advocate Kalyan Bandopadhyay, appearing for the state, said, "Regardless of any complaints by the Centre, the money must be released immediately." On the other hand, the Deputy Solicitor General representing the Centre highlighted allegations of corruption, saying the guilty must be punished and the state was found responsible, which led to the Centre taking over certain powers. Lawyer Ashok Chakraborty questioned the purpose of the ongoing litigation, while Chief Justice Paul clarified that related contempt and other matters would be heard together. Advocate Bikash Bhattacharya urged, "The money has been pending since August; at least ensure workers receive their wages without further delay." The court confirmed, "We all want the money to reach the workers' hands."

Over nine lakh devotees take dip in Magh Mela

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Sankranti on Thursday. The second major bathing festival of the ongoing Magh Mela, Makar Sankranti, is scheduled for Thursday. On the occasion of Ekadashi, a large number of devotees arrived at the Sangam Ghat very early in the morning Prayagraj to take a holy dip during the ongoing Magh Mela. Drone visuals from the Mela show thousands of devotees at the Sangam Ghat, braving the cold and taking the dip. The second sacred bathing ritual (snan) of Magh Mela will be held on Makar Sankranti, on January 15 in Prayagraj. After the successful Paus Purnima snan, in which over 31 lakh devotees took a holy dip, the Mela administration is preparing for the upcoming Makar Sankranti Snan. The administration has implemented high-security measures, with UP ATS mobile patrol squads monitoring the Magh Mela area. Informing on the security arrangements, SP Magh Mela Neeraj Pandey said around 10,000 police personnel have been deployed and strict surveillance has been maintained to ensure "a safe saanam." "Keeping Makar Sankranti in view, the police have made complete arrangements. Around 10,000 police personnel are deployed. 22 PAC, 6 RAF, NDRF, ATS, and civil police personnel are deployed in large numbers. The river police are also continuously patrolling. Surveillance is being conducted through drone cameras and CCTV cameras... Full preparations are in place, and everyone is being ensured a safe 'snaan', the SP said.

Abhishek shares 15-year State development report with Ranjit Mallick

MI News Service, Kolkata: All India Trinamool Congress General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee met veteran Bengali film actor Ranjit Mallick during a courtesy visit in Kolkata on Wednesday. During the meeting, Abhishek handed over the West Bengal government's 15-year development report card along with a letter from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The interaction highlighted the party's ongoing engagement with prominent cultural figures in the state, aiming to share achievements and future plans. Sources said Ab-



hishek Banerjee discussed the government's initiatives across

sectors such as education, health, infrastructure, and social welfare, emphasizing the progress made over the last 15 years. The Trinamool Congress has kicked off the promotion of its "Unnayoner Panchali" campaign, aimed at showcasing the West Bengal government's 15-year record under Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The initiative seeks to present the government's achievements across sectors including health, education, infrastructure, and social welfare to the public and prominent citizens. The campaign

has already reached distinguished personalities at both state and district levels, with copies of the "Panchali" being distributed to highlight key accomplishments and ongoing projects. Abhishek's engagement is expected to boost visibility of the initiative and ensure the message reaches both urban and rural populations throughout West Bengal. This campaign continues the party's efforts to highlight governance and development achievements while preparing for electoral outreach in the coming months.



State Minister Aroop Biswas, along with State Ministers Sujit Bose and Pulkoy Roy addresses a press conference at the Gangasagar Mela, Sagar Island, on Wednesday.

KMC Gives 15 Days to Comply with Fire Safety Norms

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has taken a strict stance again on fire safety and structural compliance in rooftop restaurants across the city. Notices are being issued to establishments that fail to adhere to government-prescribed SOPs, with warnings that licenses could be revoked if violations are not rectified within 15 days. KMC sources said that while some rooftops hold fire licenses, they fail to keep 50% of the terrace area open as mandated. Others

operate without licenses or have not renewed them, even if fire safety equipment is installed. In some cases, structural compliance work has only just begun. Recently, joint inspections by KMC, fire services, and police covered 83 rooftop restaurants and bars, uncovering multiple lapses. Seventeen restaurants have already received notices, and more are expected. Officials check fire licenses, trade licenses, mutations, terrace access, emergency staircases, and other safety parameters,

compiling reports for higher authorities. The crackdown follows a tragic fire in April at a Park Street hotel that killed 14 people, including children. Ahead of Durga Puja, KMC issued interim permits with written commitments to implement safety rules, but many restaurants failed to comply within the stipulated three months. A KMC building department official warned, "If establishments do not meet requirements within 15 days of receiving notices, their licenses may be cancelled."

Kunal hits out at Centre over Nipah handling, cites COVID failures

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid reports of Nipah virus cases in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress has mounted a strong political counterattack against the Centre, with senior party leader Kunal Ghosh accusing the BJP-led Union government of hypocrisy and past mismanagement during health crises. According to official information, two Nipah virus cases have been confirmed in the state, while two more are suspected. The cases came to light earlier this week, prompting the state health department to intensify surveillance and containment measures. Union Health Minister J P Nadda spoke to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after the first case was reported and informed her that a central expert team would be sent to review the situation. However, Union Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar said the West Bengal government should seek greater cooperation from the Centre and involve central virology experts to prevent further loss of life. Responding sharply,

Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the state does not need to be "lectured" by the Centre on handling public health emergencies. He alleged that the BJP government had failed the country during the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore had no moral authority to advise others. Ghosh recalled that, during the COVID outbreak, decisions taken by the Modi government had worsened the crisis nationwide. He pointed to the sudden nationwide lockdown, imposed without adequate planning, which left millions of migrant workers stranded and distressed. He also accused the Centre of ignoring repeated warnings during the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections, when polling was conducted in multiple phases despite a surge in COVID cases. "The Trinamool Congress repeatedly requested fewer election phases to control the spread of the virus, but the Centre and the Election Commission forced extended polling, leading to a spike in infections," Ghosh said.

HC defers order on Suvendu's Nabanna dharna, suggests alternate venue

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday deferred its order on a plea by Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, who seeks permission to stage a sit-in protest outside Nabanna over alleged obstruction during Enforcement Directorate (ED) searches at the residence of I-PAC head Pratik Jain and the firm's offices. Justice Suvra Ghosh said permission could be granted at either the Nabanna bus stand or Mandiratala bus stand, but not in front of the state secretariat. Adhikari was asked to choose a location and inform the court, after which a written order will be issued on Thursday. Adhikari plans the dharna on January 16 with 15-16 BJP MLAs. His counsel, Bilwadal Bhattacharya, argued that police cannot deny permission for a small, peaceful protest when large rallies had recently been allowed for the ruling party. He added that prohibitory orders may regulate but cannot ban protests.

Abhishek to hold health outreach program in Nandigram

MI News Service, Kolkata: Abhishek Banerjee, who had led a march from Chandipur to Nandigram on June 1, 2023, as part of the Nabo Jowar Yatra, is returning to the constituency with another public outreach program. During his ongoing campaign strategy meetings, he announced that he will conduct a health outreach program across Nandigram's 1 and 2 blocks. The program will be inaugurated on Thursday morning by members of families of martyrs from Nandigram. Abhishek will visit both camps around noon, interacting with attendees and addressing their concerns. In his own Lok Sabha constituency of Diamond Harbour, the Trinamool

Congress (TMC) national general secretary has been conducting large-scale health initiatives. Since January 5, two TMC representatives have been deployed to cover the two Nandigram blocks. Ahead of the upcoming assembly polls, TMC is adopting a focused outreach strategy in Nandigram, with block-level core committees managing organizational work. Through the health camps, the party aims to maintain direct engagement with residents. Abhishek had recently mentioned receiving multiple requests from Nandigram residents to organize such programs, prompting the initiative. The BJP, however, has criticized the event as a political stunt.



Actor and Trinamool Congress MP Dev appeared at a hearing for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Mamata's interim Budget triggers expectations before poll

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numbers. It is also about signalling priorities and reassuring core voters," a senior political observer said. The budget session will follow the completion of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with hearings scheduled to conclude on January 31 before the publication of the final Voters list on February 14 as per schedule. . . There is particular interest over whether New Delhi will announce steps to clear the state's long-pending dues, an issue the TMC has consistently foregrounded in its confrontations with the Centre. Senior TMC leaders said the contours of the state's Vote On Account would also depend on what fiscal space remains after the Union Budget, especially in terms of central transfers and borrowing limits. "The state's fiscal planning will naturally factor in what the Centre announces or does not announce for Bengal," a senior TMC leader and MLA said. As campaigning gears up and parties fine-tune their narratives, the interim budget is expected to serve as more than a routine fiscal exercise. For the ruling TMC, it could be a statement of intent before seeking a renewed mandate; for the opposition, a document to scrutinise for "pre-poll inducements".

Mamata inaugurates Bagala Maa temple in Kalighat on Makar Sankranti



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee offers puja at the Bagala Maa Temple at Kalighat in south Kolkata on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the newly constructed Bagla Maa temple in Kalighat on Wednesday afternoon, coinciding with the festival of Makar Sankranti. She arrived at the temple premises in the afternoon, accompanied by Abhishek Banerjee's mother Lata Banerjee and popular singer Imon Chakraborty. A special puja was organized at the temple, and during the rituals, the Chief Minister rang the ceremonial Kasar-Ghanta (temple bell). Makar Sankranti, one of the 13 major Bengali festivals of the year, is celebrated with religious fervor across the state. Millions of devotees take holy dips at Gangasagar, while in Birbhum, the Joydeb Mela begins on this day. The Tusu festival is also observed during this period, creating a festive atmosphere across West Bengal. Against this backdrop, Mamata Banerjee participated in the inauguration ceremony of the Bagla Maa temple in Kalighat, offering prayers and blessings to devotees present. She extended her greetings to the people of Bengal on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.

In December, the Chief Minister had laid the foundation stone for the Durga Angan temple in New Town. She also announced the foundation-laying ceremony of a grand Mahakal temple in Siliguri, stating that the land had been prepared and the ceremony would take place in the second week of January. Due to slight delays, the event has been rescheduled to the third week of January. Following the construction of the Jagannath temple in Digha, the Durga Angan temple was also planned, with work expected to be completed within the next two years.

This week, Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to visit North Bengal for a two-day trip. On January 16, she will lay the foundation stone of the Mahakal temple in Siliguri, followed by a program in Jalpaiguri on January 17. Last October, North Bengal was hit by natural disasters, and the Chief Minister had personally visited multiple affected areas to support the victims. During that visit, she had performed puja at the Mahakal temple in Darjeeling and announced the construction of the state's largest Mahakal temple in Siliguri.



Firefighters battle a blaze at several furniture shops on B.B. Ganguly Street in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Pongal a global festival, cherished by all world over: PM Modi

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strength from its cultural roots as it moves forward. On this auspicious occasion of Pongal, we feel the spirit of trust and unity that is propelling India ahead is deeply connected to its culture and holds great respect for its land," the Prime minister said. PM Modi also said the festival of Pongal stressed the importance of maintaining a harmonious balance between nature, family, and society. "Maintaining soil health, conserving water, and using resources wisely for future generations are essential. Initiatives like Mission LIFE, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and Amrit Sarovar embody this very spirit and

encourage us to uphold these values," the Prime minister said. In a letter in Tamil and English, he said that Pongal is also about expressing gratitude to all those who enrich our lives with their hard work. "Dear fellow citizens, Vanakkam! I extend my heartfelt greetings to you and your family on the joyous occasion of Pongal. This special festival reminds us of the close relationship between human labour and the rhythms of nature," PM Modi said in his letter. The Prime minister noted that this festival is deeply connected with agriculture, the hardworking farmers, rural life and the dignity of work.

NAME CHANGE
I. Aamir Nadeem, on behalf of my minor son **Afyam Nadeem** (Old Name) residing at 283/4/1, Beliliou Road, P.S.- Howrah, Dist.-Howrah-711101 have changed his name and he shall henceforth be known as **Afyam Nadeem** (New Name) as declared before the I.Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Howrah vide affidavit No. 33, dt. 13.01.2026. **Afyam Nadeem** (Old Name) and **Afyam Nadeem** (New Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I. Golam Rasul Mondal, S/o Late Golam Akbar Mondal, residing at Vill + P.O. : Bargharha, PS : Swarupnagar, DIST: North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that in my secondary examination documents, my name is recorded as Golam Rosul, s/o Late Akbar Ali. As per the affidavit dated 29th August, 2025, becore the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat, I affirm that Golam Rosul, s/o Late Akbar Ali & Golam Rasul Mondal, s/o Late Golam Akbar Mondal, are considered to be the same person.

Name Change
I, Shankhya Rani Sain, Wife of No. 2978248Y Ram Ex NK (TS) Name Late Madan Mohan Sain Resident of Vill.- Rasukhinda, P.O.- Sahajpurhatala, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713424 have change my Name & Date of birth from Shankhya Rani Sain & 20 Jun 1965 to Shankhya Sain & 03 May 1965 vide Affidavit dated 14.01.26 before the Court of Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Riya Samanta Bagai, W/o.- Chanchal Bagai, R/o.- Vill.-Ichhabatagram, P.O.- Palisgarh, P.S.-Mongolkote, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713147, WB, declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in Monteswar Gram Panchayat Civil Docs, as Riya Bagai in place of Riya Samanta Bagai, vide Affidavit No. 5878, dt. 02.12.2025, before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Purba Burdwan. That, Riya Samanta Bagai & Riya Baga both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dipika Basak Das, wife of Sonjoy Basak, residing at B-15/101/B-2, Ward No-12, Kalyani, Nadia, WB-741235, do hereby declare that due to a clerical mistake my name was wrongly recorded as "Dipika Basak" in my daughter, Samraggi Basak's Birth Certificate issued by Kalyani Municipality bearing Certificate No. B/2025/1950575 (Old Reg. No. KM-B/07143-2009, Date of Registration 06-10-2009) and also "Dipika Basak (Das)" in my Voter I. Card, instead of Dipika Basak Das. My correct and full name is "Dipika Basak Das", as recorded in my Aadhar Card No. 2589 8272 7241. Therefore, "Dipika Basak (Das)", "Dipika Basak" and "Dipika Basak Das" refer to the same and identical person. This declaration is made on the basis of an affidavit sworn before the Court of the Ld. A.C.J.M-II (1st Class), Kalyani, Nadia, on 13 January 2026.

Name Change
I, Afhab Uddin Shah S/o.- Nur islam Shah Residing at Vill-Nazra, P.O.-Nazra, P.S.-Usthi, Dist-South 24 Parganas, Pin-743375. declare that my & my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my Madhyamik pass certificate as Afubuddin Shah S/o Md Nur islam Shah. that my & my Father's actual name recorded in my Aadhaar, Voter, & Pan card as Afhab Uddin Shah S/o.- Nur islam Shah. I have vide an affidavit before the Ld.1st class Judicial Magistrate at Diamond Harbour 24pgs(S) Date:18.12.2025. ThatAfhab Uddin Shah S/o.- Nur islam Shah and Afubuddin Shah S/o Md Nur islam Shah both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Hena Parvin (Aadhaar No. 480431688141) D/o Md. Sagir residing at H.No.20 B.L. No. 21 Baraipara, Po-R.L. Lane, P.S.-Bhatpara, Dist-North 24 Pgs. Declare that my deceased mother's actual Name is Nuresha Khatun as mentioned in her Death Certificate but in my birth Certificate issued by Kalyani Municipality my mother's Name has been recorded wrongly as Nuresha Bibi. That Nuresha Khatun and Nuresha Bibi both are same and one identical person vide affidavit dated 13.01.26 before Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Barrackpore.

Name Change
I, SOURINDRA CHAKRABORTY (S/o Late Amarendra Nath Chakraborty), Resident of F105, Ganga Green Complex, 19 G.T. Road, P.O.: Uttarpara, Dist.: Hooghly, Pin- 712232 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SOURINDRA CHAKRABARTY to SOURINDRA CHAKRABORTY and henceforth I shall be known as SOURINDRA CHAKRABORTY in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 08AC406742 sworn before the Notary Public at SERAMPORE on 14/01/2026. SOURINDRA CHAKRABARTY and SOURINDRA CHAKRABORTY both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nouroze Begam w/o Bulbul Ali Khan r/o Vill Jamidar Mahalla ward no 4 PO Panchberia PS Kharagpur Town Dist Paschim Medinipur Pin 721305 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Nouroze Begam & Nouroze Begum is same, one and identical person i.e. myself vide affidavit No 315 dated 07.01.2026 in the court of Ld. J. M. 1st class Kharagpur.

Name Change
I, Bulbul Ali Khan s/o Hazi Sajjad Ali Khan r/o Vill Jamidar Mahalla ward no 4 PO Panchberia PS Kharagpur Town Dist Paschim Medinipur Pin 721305 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Hazi Sajjad Ali Khan & Hazi Sajjad Ali Khan is same, one and identical person i.e. my father vide affidavit No 316 dated 07.01.2026 in the court of Ld. J. M. 1st class Kharagpur.

Name Change
I, Dr. (Smt.) Kanchan Gurtu, W/o.- Dr. Jainath Gurtu, R/o.- Flaty Park, 9, 3rd Floor, Flat No.-6, Sunny Park, Kol-19. Previously stayed at Flat No.-4A, 36/2B Garchia Road, Kol-19. declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Passport as Kanchan Lata Gurtu in place of Kanchan Gurtu, vide Affidavit No. 2749, dt. 08.01.2026, declared before the First Class Magistrate at Alipore, that, Dr. (Smt.) Kanchan Gurtu & Dr. (Smt.) Kanchan Lata Gurtu both are one and the same person.

NAME CHANGE
I. PAPPU KUMAR DEY (OLD NAME) S/O UDAY KUMAR DEY, Vill - Uttar Mathurapur Colony (Present Uttar Mathurapur), P.O.-Kholapota, P.S.-Matia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-743428. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PAPPU DEY (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public, Affidavit No.-12793 Basirhat Court on 23.12.2025. PAPPU DEY (New name) and PAPPU KUMAR DEY (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Azizul Mondal (Old Name) S/o Haji Yakub Ali Mondal Residing at Ulsi, Hanskhali, Nadia Pin- 741502, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Azizul Hoque Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 14-01-2026. Azizul Mondal (Old Name) and Azizul Hoque Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kajal Kumar Pahari (Old Name) S/o Ram Chandra Pahari Residing at Uttar Dumdum, North Dumdum (M), District-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700049, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kajal Pahari (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 14-01-2026. Kajal Kumar Pahari (Old Name) and Kajal Pahari (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Madhuri Bibi Sk (Old Name) W/o Sk Muktaajul Residing at Vill - Kasbagola, P.O.- Kasbagola, P.S.- Eggra, District-East Medinipur, Pin- 721447, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Madhuri Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Madhuri Bibi Sk (Old Name) and Madhuri Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sipad Saha (Old Name) S/o Late Rustam Ali Saha Residing at Vill - Ratanpur, P.O.- Digha New Township, P.S.-ghiga, District-East Medinipur, Pin-721463, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sipat Ali Saha (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Sipad Saha (Old Name) and Sipat Ali Saha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Indrajit Das Chowdhury (Old Name) S/o Late Upendra Chowdhury Residing at Vill- Natunpally, P.O.- Subhasgram, P.s- Sonarpur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743426, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Indrajit Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Indrajit Das Chowdhury (Old Name) and Indrajit Chowdhury (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mostanur Ali Sardar (Old Name) S/o Surati Ali Sardar Residing at Vill - Uttar Ghoshalati, P.O.- Ghoshalati, P.s-Hasnabad, District-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743426, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mostaanur Ali Sardar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Mostanur Ali Sardar (Old Name) and Mostaanur Ali Sardar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Taskura Bibi (Old Name) W/o Hafizul Islam Residing at Vill- Jashaikati, P.O.- Jashaikati, P.s- Baduria, District-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743401, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Taskura Khatun (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Taskura Bibi (Old Name) and Taskura Khatun (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Hai Siddik (Old Name) S/o Moktar Mahla Residing at Vill - Indali, P.O.- Haroa, P.s- Haroa, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743425, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Abdul Hai Siddik Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 14-01-2026. Abdul Hai Siddik (Old Name) and Abdul Hai Siddik Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aditi Datta W/o. Subhankar Saha, D/o. Mihir Kumar Datta R/o. 427, Madhabatala, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712101, W.B. declared that I, Aditi Datta and Aditi Saha W/o. Subhankar Saha, D/o. Mihir Kumar Datta both are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit No. 4125, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court, on 02/07/2024.

Name Change
I, Sajjal Bapari S/o. Haripada Bepari R/o. Majherchar, Ward No. 7, Kalyani, Nadia, WB., do hereby declare that in my son's Birth Certificate (Being No. B/2023/208723, dt. 17/01/2023, D.O.B. 09/01/2023), where my son's name has been recorded as Shreyan Bapari instead of his actual & correct name is Adrik Bapari. My son Adrik Bapari & Shreyan Bapari S/o. Sajjal Bapari is the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 52, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Kalyani, Nadia, Court on 13/01/2026.

Name Change
I, Shabana (Old Name) W/O Md Rizwan Akbar Shaikh, Residing At 21/B, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Po Kamarhati, Ps Khardah, North 24 Parganas Wb 700058 India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shaikh Shabana Khatoun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026. I Declare That Shabana (Old Name) And Shaikh Shabana Khatoun (New Name) Refer To One And The Same Person.

Name Change
I, Utpal Mandal (Old Name), Son Of Sukumar Mandal, Residing At 652, Baishnab Ghata Patuli, Garia, South 24 Parganas-700084, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Utpal Mandal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026. Utpal Mandal And Utpal Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Eyad Ali Mullick (old name) S/O Rahamat Ali Mullick, residing at VILL-KANTILIA, P.O.- NIBRA, PIN-711409, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Yead Ali Mullick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Yead Ali Mullick (new name) and Eyad Ali Mullick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kajal Biswas (Old Name), Wife Of Anup Biswas, Residing At Vill-Panchpota, Po-Panchpota, Ps-Gaighata, Bongaon, North 24 Parganas- 742373, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kazi Biswas (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026. Kajal Biswas And Kazi Biswas Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sabir Ali (old name), son of Sk Sahadat Ali, residing at 22 Old Ballygunge 2nd Lane, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Sabir Ali (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata on 30/12/2025. Sabir Ali and Sk Sabir Ali both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahadat Ali (old name), son of Barsed Ali Layek, residing at 22 Old Ballygunge 2nd Lane, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Sahadat Ali (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 13/01/2026. Sahadat Ali and Sk Sahadat Ali both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ramasare & Ramashree (old names) S/O Late Jungdhas, residing at H No-398, Ward No-16, Azad Nagar, Pathakheida Betul, Madhya Pradesh-460449, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ramashray (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Ramashray (new name) and Ramasare & Ramashree (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prakash (old name) son of Late Bhagwati Shastry, residing at H No-2223, HIG Housing Colony, Near Bus Stand Bantard, Dhanbad, Jharkhand-826001, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sri Prakash (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Sri Prakash (new name) and Prakash (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahafuja Begum (old name) wife of Sk Md Jamal Uddin, residing at Vill-Panchpara, P.O.- Radhdadasi, Sankrail, Howrah - 711317, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mahafuja Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Sk Mahafuja Begum (new name) and Mahafuja Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Jamal Uddin (old name) son of Golam Mortaza, residing at Vill-Panchpara, P.O.- Radhdadasi, Sankrail, Howrah- 711317, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Md Jamal Uddin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Sk Md Jamal Uddin (new name) and Md Jamal Uddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabindra Payra (Old Name) Son Of Narayan Payra, Residing At Vill- Uttar Arbana, P.O.- Monkapur, P.S.- Dantan, Dist- Paschim Medinipur, Pin-721435, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rabindranath Payra (New Name) As Declared Before The 1st. Class Judicial Magistrate At Dantan Vide Affidavit No. 4570 Dated 21/11/2025. Rabindra Payra (Old Name) And Rabindranath Payra (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I. EKBAL HOSSAIN (Old Name), S/O - RAJJAK SARDAR, R/o: Vill., Swarupnagar, P.O.- Hakimpur, P.S.-Swarupnagar, North 24 Parganas, Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as EKBAL HOSSAIN SARDAR (New Name) vide Affidavit No. - 880/B/C-/26 sworn before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court dt. 13-01-26. EKBAL HOSSAIN (Old Name) and EKBAL HOSSAIN SARDAR (New Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, RAYHAN BISWAS, S/o- NAZRUL ISLAM, Vill., + P.O. Polta, P.S.-Baduria, Dist.- N. 24 Parganas, PIN No.-743427. That my actual name is RAYHAN BISWAS, S/o- NAZRUL ISLAM which has been written in my EPIC Card, Aadhaar Card, PAN Card. That my father's name has been wrongly written as NAZRUL BISWAS in place of NAZRUL ISLAM in the Admit Card (MP) and all the Educational Documents and Birth Certificate issued by Baduria B.P.H.G. vide Reg. No. B/294/97 dt. 10.02.1997. That my father NAZRUL BISWAS and NAZRUL ISLAM is the same one and identical person vide Affidavit no.32 307 Dt. 22.12.2025 sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat court.

BMW shows massive growth momentum in India

MI News Service, Kolkata: The BMW sold 18,001 cars in calendar year 2025, achieving high growth of +14% year-on-year (YoY). BMW delivered 17,271 units and MINI 730 units. BMW Motorrad delivered 5,841 motorcycles. Hardeep Singh Brar, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, “2025 has been a record- breaking year for BMW Group India with highest-ever sales till date.” BMW Group India undertook an aggressive product offensive in 2025, launching 20 new products across the BMW, MINI, and BMW Motorrad brands.

BMW continues to be the most preferred luxury EV brand in 2025 as well. Long Wheelbase models in the BMW range continued to perform well and noted growth of +162% YoY with sales of 8,608 units. BMW Group India SAVs recorded growth of +22% YoY at 10,748 units. MINI India delivered 730 units in 2025, registering a growth of +3% YoY. BMW Motorrad delivered 5,841 motorcycles in 2025. Through its innovative 'BMW Smart Finance' solutions, BMW India Financial Services delivers a compelling value proposition and complete peace of mind to customers.

Name Change
I, Nargis Parvin (old name) W/O Jakir Ahamed, residing at Mudia Hat, P S SASAN, MUDIA, MUDIAHAT, NORTH 24 PGS, PIN-700128, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nargis Parvin Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Nargis Parvin Bibi (new name) and Nargis Parvin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, BHIM VERMA (old name) S/O JAINARAIN VERMA, residing at 3/6 A CHAKRABERIA ROAD (NORTH), BHOWANIPUR, KOLKATA- 700020, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as BHIM SINGH VERMA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. BHIM SINGH VERMA (new name) and BHIM VERMA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Smt. Parulbala Ghosh (D.O.B-01.01.1961, Voter ID WB/40/280/71316), Wife of Late Madhab Ghosh (Voter ID No. WB/40/280/71018, D.O.B-01.01.1956, Death Year 2019), aged about 65 years, presently residing at 20/B/3, Shrish Chandra Chowdhury Lane, Tala, Kolkata, West Bengal 700002 along with myEldor Daughter Maya Dhara (DOB- 16.11.1977, Aadhaar No. 26685081 9299). That my permanent residence is in Ghosh Hat, Char Ghosh Hat,Katwa, Burdwan, West Bengal, Pin Code - 713 130.That my son Narayan Kumar Ghosh (D.O.B - 13.02.1978) died in theyear of 1999.That I am an Indian National by birth.

Name Change
I, Raihan Ali Beg (old name) son of Matyar Rahaman, residing at Vill-Cheragram, P.O.- Cheragram, P.S.-Gurap, Hooghly, Pin- 712303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rayhan Ali Beg (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. Rayhan Ali Beg (new name) and Raihan Ali Beg (old name) both are same and one identical person.

1K yrs of invasion at SOMNATH: Jihadis still active in BHARAT, says Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said forces that had opposed the post-Independence restoration of the Somnath temple were still active and must be defeated, a remark seen as a veiled attack on Jawaharlal Nehru.

Modi reminded Indians about 1,000 years since Mahmud of Ghazni's invasion of Somnath Temple. Modi sought to underscore his Hindu revivalist narrative. He said that while such forces had earlier used “swords”, they now operated through “conspiracies” aimed at dividing the country.

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I, Anindita Dutta Poddar (Old Name), Wife Of Biplob Poddar, Residing At Teshoria Sarada Park, Po- Sonarpur, South 24parganas- 700150, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anindita Poddar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/01/2025. Anindita Dutta Poddar And Anindita Poddar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rahul Yadav & Rahul Yadav (Old Name), Son Of Late Lakshman Yadav, Residing At 69, Rbc Road, Naihati (M),North 24 Parganas - 743165,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rahul Yadav (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026.Rahul Yadav & Rahul Yadav And Rahul Yadav Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mousumi Mandal (Old Name), Wife Of Utpal Mondal, Residing At 652, Baishnab Ghata Patuli, Garia, South 24 Parganas- 700084, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mousumi Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026. Mousumi Mandal And Mousumi Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Durgarani Mandal (Old Name), Wife Of Sukumar Mandal, Residing At Damra, Birbhum - 731216, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Durgarani Mandal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2026. Durgarani Mandal And Durgarani Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Rails Reach Jayrambati: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates New Line, Flags Off Train

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Jan.26 : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 15-kilometre new railway line between Maynapur – Barogopinathpur – Jayrambati, which forms a part of the Tarakeswar–Bishnupur New Rail Line Project. On the occasion, the Prime Minister will also flag off a new train service between Maynapur & Jayrambati, marking a significant milestone in rail connectivity for the region.

The inauguration of the Maynapur-Jayrambati new line will bring substantial benefits to local residents and commuters, particularly in Bankura district and surrounding rural areas. As a result, passenger services between Bankura – Bishnupur – Maynapur will be extended upto Jayrambati. The new rail link will enable faster and more convenient travel, while significantly improving access to educational institutions, healthcare facilities and essential public services. The project will also strengthen pilgrimage connectivity to Jayrambati, the birthplace of Holy Mother Sarada Devi, and nearby



Kamarpukur, the birthplace of Sri Ramakrishna, thereby giving a major boost to religious tourism. Improved rail connectivity is expected to open up new opportunities for local trade, employment and livelihoods, contributing to overall regional development.

In addition, the flagging off of the new Maynapur-Jayrambati train service will provide direct rail connectivity to residents of Bankura district, making travel to Jayrambati and Kamarpukur easier, more affordable and time-efficient for daily commuters as well as devotees. The new service is also expected to support the local economy by encouraging tourism and facilitating smoother movement

of people across the region.

Inaugural special train 08095 Jayrambati – Bankura MEMU special will leave Jayrambati at 15:00 hrs. on 18.01.2026 to reach Bankura at 17:35 hrs. The train will stop at Borogopinathpur, Maynapur, Gokulnagar Joypur, Birsamunda Halt, Bishnupur, Ramsagar, Ondagram and Bheduasol station.

The launch of this new railway line and train service highlights Indian Railways' focus on inclusive development, improved connectivity and passenger-friendly services, contributing to overall socio-economic progress in the rural areas of West Bengal.

Building the Future of Rail Travel: 101 Amrit Stations Under Redevelopment in West Bengal

MI News Service, New Delhi, 14 Jan.26 : Indian Railways continues to advance passenger-centric and future-ready railway infrastructure across the country. In West Bengal, this transformation is being carried out in a structured and comprehensive manner under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, the largest railway station redevelopment programme of the world undertaken.

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme covers more than 1,300 stations nationwide. In West Bengal, 101 stations have been identified for redevelopment with an overall investment of approximately ₹3,600 crore. The scheme aims to provide modern amenities, improved circulation, enhanced accessibility and upgraded station aesthetics, while integrating local culture and heritage. The focus remains on delivering uniform, high-quality infrastructure across metropolitan areas, district headquarters, industrial towns, pilgrimage centres and strategically important border regions.

101 Amrit Bharat Stations in West Bengal

The stations being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in West Bengal include:

Adra, Alipurduar, Aluabari Rd, Ambika kalna, Anara, Andal, Andul, Asansol, Azimganj, Bagnan, Bally, Balurghat, Bandel, Bangaon, Bankura, Barabhum, Barasat, Bardhaman, Barrackpore, Belda, Berhampore court, Bethuadahari, Bhaluka Road, Binnaguri, Bishnupur, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Burnpur, Canning, Chandan nagar, Chandpara, Chandrakona Road, Dalgaon, Dalkhola, Dankuni, Dhulian Ganga, Dhupguri, Digha, Dinhat, Dum Dum, Falakata, Garbeta, Gede, Haldia, Haldibari, Harishchandrapur, Hasimara, Hijli, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, Jangipur Road, Jhalida, Jhargram, Joychandi Pahar, Kaliyaganj, Kalyani, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Kamakhayaguri, Katwa, Khagrahat Road, Kharagpur, Kolkata, Krishnanagar City, Kumedpur, Madhukunda, Madhyamgram, Malda court, Malda Town, Mecheda, Medinipur (Midnapore), Nabadwip Dham, Naihati, New Alipurduar, New Cooch Behar, New Farakka, New Jalpaiguri, New Mal, Ondagram, Panagarh, Pandabeswar, Panskura, Purulia, Rampurhat, Ranaghat, Sainthia, Salboni, Samsi, Santragachi, Seal-dah, Shalimar, Shantipur, Sheoraphuli, Siliguri, Sitarampur, Siuri, Sonarpur, Suisa,

Equipped With Ample Luggage Space, WellDesigned Births, Ultra Modern & SpaciousToilets, First Vande Bharat Sleeper Train to beflagged off Soon

• Offers Business Class Comfort at Affordable Rates forPassengers Besides Punctuality, Safety & Reliability
• Clean, Hygienic, Health-Friendly, Fatigue Free Journey alongwith Local Cuisine (included in Fare) to Make Vande BharatSleeper Travel Experience a Memorable One
• Divyangjan-Friendly Spaces, Modular Pantries, DisinfectantTechnology to Add to Safe, Efficient and World ClassOvernight Travel Experience
• Indigenous Kavach Automatic Train Protection System,Advanced Fire Safety Mechanisms, and CCTV Surveillanceto Make Our Journey Safer
• Enhanced Facilities for Train Staff and Loco Pilots

MI News Service, New Delhi, 14 Jan.26 : Indian Railways is preparing to add another important milestone to its journey of modernisation. Withthe introduction of the sleeper version of the Vande Bharat Express, long-distance train travel in India is set to become faster, safer and more comfortable for common passengers. Designed to meet thechanging expectations of today's travellers, the Vande Bharat Sleeper aims to make overnightjourneys a pleasant experience rather than just a means of reaching a destination. Modern technology,improved safety features and passenger-friendly facilities have been brought together to offerpremium comfort at affordable fares.

The first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train will operate between Guwahati in Assam



and Howrah in WestBengal, marking a transformative step in long-distance overnight rail travel in the country. The complete cycle of trials, testing and certification of the train has been successfully concluded. In themonth of January, the first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train is set to be flagged off on this route soon.

Thisimportant corridor connects Eastern and North-Eastern India and is used daily by thousands ofpassengers, including students, workers, traders and families. The new service is expected tosignificantly improve connectivity between the two regions and change the way people experienceovernight rail travel. With faster speeds and modern design, the Vande Bharat Sleeper will reducetravel time while offering a smooth and comfortable journey. For passengers travelling longdistances, this means better rest, improved safety and a more reliable travel option. The introduction of the Vande Bharat Sleeper on this route reflects Indian Railways' continued focuson modern, passenger-centric services. It marks a step towards a future where train travel combinespeed, comfort and safety, making railways a preferred choice for long-distance journeys across thecountry.

Passenger Comfort and World-Class Amenities

Designed specifically for long-distance journeys, the Vande Bharat Sleeper places passenger comfort at the core of its design. The train comprises 16 modern coaches with a total capacity of 823passengers, offering a seamless blend of speed, space and comfort. Its advanced aerodynamic design reduces air resistance, ensuring a stable and smooth ride even athigh speeds. Capable of operating at speeds of up to 180 kmph, the train significantly cuts travel timewhile delivering a quiet and premium travel experience.Ergonomically designed sleeping berths provide better body support, making overnight journeysmore restful. Automatic doors with vestibules between coaches ensure safe and convenient movementwithin the train. An advanced suspension system further enhances ride quality by minimizing jerksand vibrations, ensuring a calm and fatigue-free journey. Vande Bharat Sleeper trains also offer ample and well-planned luggage space, with overhead racksand under-berth storage for smaller bags, and dedicated areas near coach entrances for largersuitcases, ensuring uncluttered and comfortable interiors. Designed for long-distance travel, the trainfeatures ergonomic sleeper berths, USB charging ports and enhanced security systems. Provisions forDivyangjan-friendly spaces, modular pantries and advanced fire safety systems further add topassenger convenience, delivering a safe, efficient and modern overnight travel experience.

CM Gupta inaugurates 81 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in Delhi on Makar Sankranti

New Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday inaugurated 81 new Ayushman Arogya Mandirs across the national Capital on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.

Speaking to reporters, Gupta said that with the addition of these new centres, healthcare access for Delhi's residents would significantly improve.

"We have inaugurated 81 new Arogya Mandirs today on Makar Sankranti. Before this, 238 Arogya Mandirs were already functioning. With these additions, we are providing more comfortable and accessible healthcare facilities to the people of Delhi," she said.

The Chief Minister explained that Ayushman Arogya Mandirs function as primary healthcare centres and play a crucial role in strengthening the city's health infrastructure.

"These centres work like primary hospitals. They will reduce the burden on major hospitals and help address key health issues faced by the people of the national Capital. Citizens will be able to avail themselves of essential medical facilities closer to their homes," she added.

Gupta further stated that the Delhi government has set an ambitious target of inaugurating 1,100 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs across the city and is actively working to achieve this goal in the



coming months. BJP MLA Satish Upadhyay said, "Today, the way these Arogya Mandirs are being constructed is remarkable, and 81 Arogya Mandirs will be dedicated to Delhi. This is the eighth Arogya Mandir in our Bhim Nagar and Malviya Nagar constituency, and two more Arogya Mandirs are yet to be built."

On Tuesday, Delhi Health Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh had said that the initiative will significantly strengthen accessible and preventive healthcare services for residents.

With this expansion, total centres will rise to 319 across the national Capital, he added.

"With this addition, Delhi is steadily progressing toward the establishment of more than 1,100 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, as envisioned under the national Capital's long-term primary healthcare road map," he said.

"At present, 238 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are operational. Following tomorrow's inauguration, the total number of functioning centres will rise to 319 across Delhi," Minister Singh added.

"These centres represent a major step in the Delhi government's mission to provide free, accessible, and dignified primary healthcare close to every household. The initiative is being implemented under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, in line with the national vision of 'Healthcare for All,'" the Minister said. He added that each Ayushman Arogya Mandir will offer free doctor consultations, essential medicines, and diagnostic tests, along with screening for diabetes, hypertension, cancer,

maternal and child healthcare, immunisation support, growth monitoring, lifestyle counselling, mental health services, and preventive health programmes such as yoga and nutrition guidance.

"These neighbourhood-level facilities will significantly reduce pressure on major hospitals, ensuring timely care for women, senior citizens, and low-income families without long travel or queues."

"Parallel to the expansion of Arogya Mandirs, Delhi continues to strengthen coverage under both the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and the Ayushman Bharat-Vaya Vandana Yojana (AB-VVY). As on 13 January 2026, a total of 6,91,530 health cards (combined PM-JAY + VVY) have been issued in Delhi, including 2,65,895 VVY cards," Minister Singh said.

The Health Minister had said that to ensure seamless access to secondary and tertiary care, Delhi now has 189 empanelled hospitals, comprising 138 private hospitals, 41 Delhi government hospitals, and 10 Central government hospitals.

"These empanelled institutions provide cashless treatment, ensuring that financially vulnerable families can receive lifesaving care without cost barriers," he added.

RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital Kolkata Achieves Clinical Milestone: Successful Modified Radical Mastectomy for Breast Cancer Patient

Kolkata: RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital Kolkata, through its RG Institute of Advanced Breast Care, has successfully performed a Modified Radical Mastectomy with Axillary Lymph Node Clearance (up to Level III) on a 68-year-old woman diagnosed with carcinoma of the right breast. Led by Dr. Tapti Sen, Senior Consultant - Breast Surgery, the procedure reinforces the hospital's expertise in advanced breast cancer care, delivering precision oncology with rapid recovery.

The patient presented with a painless swelling in the right breast for 1 year, lesion gradually increasing in size. Clinical evaluation and imaging revealed a firm, irregular 3.3 x 3 cm lesion in the lower quadrants, not involving skin or deeper structures. Mammogram and TRU cut biopsy from RT Breast confirmed the diagnosis Carcinoma Rt Breast. Whole Body PET CT Scan reported locoregional disease, no distant Mets. Patient was taken up for surgery - Rt Breast Modified Radical mastectomy with axillary Lymph Node Clearance after IHC done. Before surgery complete preop work up and anesthetic clearance was taken. Medical oncologist's opinion was taken before surgery; Patient & patient's relative were explained in detail regarding course of treatment and precaution to be taken after surgery to avoid complication like lymph edema or wound infection. Patient was discharged with drain in situ after 48 Hours of surgery. Patient is doing well. The multidisciplinary team, including medical oncology review, supports integrated care for superior long-term outcomes.

Commenting on the procedure, Dr. Tapti Sen, Consultant - Breast Surgery at RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital Kolkata, said: "Modified radical mastectomy continues to be an important treatment option for breast cancer patients with lymph



node involvement. Timely diagnosis, appropriate surgical intervention, and structured postoperative care are key to achieving positive outcomes and improving patient quality of life." About RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospitals:

RG Hospitals is a leading healthcare provider in India, renowned for its expertise in urology, nephrology, minimally invasive surgery, gynaecology, and critical care. Established in 1986 with a single lithotripsy clinic, the group has expanded to a network of 17 advanced centers across the country, delivering world-class medical care to diverse communities. With over 40 years of clinical excellence, RG Hospitals has successfully performed more than 750,000 procedures, combining cutting-edge technology with compassionate patient care. The hospital offers comprehensive treatment options in renal sciences, robotic surgery, endourology, and kidney transplantation, supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure and specialized multidisciplinary teams.

Increase taxes on fruit juices, sugary drinks, alcohol to reduce diabetes and cancers: WHO

New Delhi : Increasing taxes on fruit juices, sugary drinks, and alcohol is essential to curb the rising non-communicable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancers, and injuries, especially in children and young adults, said the World Health Organization (WHO).

In two new global reports, the WHO flagged concerns that sugary drinks and alcoholic beverages are getting cheaper, due to consistently low tax rates in most countries.

While more than 100 countries tax sugary drinks like sodas, other high-sugar products, such as 100 per cent fruit juices, sweetened milk drinks, and ready-to-drink coffees and teas, escape taxation. The median tax for these accounts for only about 2 per cent of the price of a common sugary soda.

Besides, only a few countries are adjusting taxes for inflation, allowing the health-harming products to become steadily more affordable.

Being cheap for consumption, the harmful products are generating billions of dollars in profit. On the other hand, health systems across the globe are facing mounting financial pressure from preventable noncommunicable diseases and injuries, the WHO said, while calling on governments to significantly strengthen taxes on sugary drinks and alcoholic beverages.

"Health taxes are one of the strongest tools we have for promoting health and preventing disease," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-

"By increasing taxes on products like tobacco, sugary drinks, and alcohol, governments can reduce harmful consumption and unlock funds for vital health services," he added. In a separate report, the WHO stated that alcohol has become more affordable or remained unchanged in price in most countries since 2022, despite clear health risks. At least 167 countries levy taxes on alcoholic beverages, while 12 ban alcohol entirely.

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Researchers find clues about dementia's behavior changes

MICHIGAN [US] : When most people think of dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease, they often think of memory loss first.

However, dementia alters a person's behaviour, whether it leads them to become agitated or worried, melancholy, nervous, or apathetic, or even changes their entire personality.

Over time, these behavioural changes can cause as much disruption in their life as losing their capacity to think and remember effectively.

Now, a team of University of Michigan researchers reports new clues about what might be happening in the brains of people experiencing even the earliest signs of dementia-related behavior changes.

Using two types of advanced medical imaging to study the brains of 128 people in the early stages of dementia, they show links between one of the brain's most crucial communication networks, a protein called tau, and the level of behavioral symptoms a person has.

This goes beyond the role of tau that scientists have already known about in people with more advanced dementia: causing tangled nerve fibers in brain regions involved in thinking and memory. The new study suggests

that tau disrupts the integrity of the brain's salience network. This highway of connections between specific brain regions is key to our ability to understand and decide how to react to things that are happening around us. It also helps us process our own thoughts and emotions. The researchers showed that the more a person's salience network had been disrupted in the presence of tau, the more behavioral changes that person would experience. They report their findings in Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

While the one-time imaging of these 128 research volunteers can't show cause and effect, the strong association between tau, salience network disruption and behavior change is intriguing, the team says.

They call for further study of the potential connection in other populations, and for research to evaluate change over time to explore what might be going on within the pathways of connected brain cells that make up the salience network, and explore how it relates to tau buildup and behavioral changes over the course of years.

They also hope to test whether they could slow behavioral change in people with early-stage dementia by

targeting the salience network with mild electrical current or magnetic fields applied from outside the skull and guided by precise imaging.

The researchers, from the Research Program on Cognition and Neuromodulation Based Interventions (RP-CNBI), are led by Alexandru D. Iordan, Ph.D. and program leader Benjamin M. Hampstead, Ph.D. Both are faculty in the U-M Medical School's Department of Psychiatry.

Iordan, a neuroscientist who is lead author of the new study, says, "What we see is that the presence tau pathology relates to behavioral symptoms not in a direct relationship, but rather through dysfunction of a specific network in the brain -- the salience network. The more affected this network is, the more severe the behavioral symptoms." He adds, "This is the first study that links the biomarker status of an individual with the dysfunction of this network, and behavioral symptoms, in people on the Alzheimer's disease spectrum." The team used functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, to study each volunteer's brain and trace three different networks that each connect far-flung areas of the brain. They used a measure called the network segregation index.

Injection turns sleeping tumour immune cells into cancer fighters: Study

Washington DC [US] : The Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) researchers have developed a way to reprogram immune cells already inside tumours into cancer-killing machines.

A drug injected directly into the tumour is absorbed by macrophages, prompting them to recognise and attack cancer cells while activating nearby immune defences.

This eliminates the need for lab-based cell extraction and modification. In animal models, the strategy significantly slowed tumour growth and sparked strong anticancer immune responses.

KAIST (President Kwang Hyung Lee) announced that a research team led by Professor Ji-Ho Park from the Department of Bio and Brain Engineering has developed a new treatment approach.

When a drug is injected directly into a tumour, macrophages already present in the body absorb the drug and begin producing CAR (a cancer-recognising device) proteins. This process

converts them into anticancer immune cells known as "CAR-macrophages."

Why Solid Tumours Are So Hard to Treat

Solid tumours, including gastric, lung, and liver cancers, form dense structures that block immune cells from entering or functioning effectively because of this physical and biological barrier, many existing immune cell therapies struggle to work well against these types of cancers.

CAR-macrophages have emerged as a promising next-generation immunotherapy. Unlike some immune cells, macrophages can directly engulf and destroy cancer cells. They also stimulate nearby immune cells, helping to amplify the body's overall anticancer response.

Despite their potential, current CAR-macrophage therapies rely on extracting immune cells from a patient's blood, growing them in the lab, and genetically modifying them before reinfusion. This process is slow, expensive, and difficult to scale, which limits its practicality for many patients.

Reprogramming Immune Cells



Directly Inside the Body To bypass these challenges, the KAIST team focused on "tumour-associated macrophages" that naturally gather around tumours. The researchers developed a method to reprogram these cells directly inside the body rather than modifying them outside it.

Their approach uses lipid nanoparticles -- engineered to be

easily taken up by macrophages - loaded with both mRNA that carries cancer-recognition instructions and an immune-activating compound.

As described by the researchers, this method creates CAR-macrophages by "directly converting the body's own macrophages into anticancer cell therapies inside the body."

Strong Tumour Suppression in Animal Studies

When the treatment was injected into tumours, macrophages quickly absorbed the nanoparticles and began producing proteins that identify cancer cells.

At the same time, immune signalling was activated. The resulting "enhanced CAR-macrophages" showed much stronger cancer-killing ability and stimulated surrounding immune cells, leading to a powerful anticancer response.

In animal models of melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer), tumour growth was significantly reduced. The researchers also found evidence that the immune response could extend beyond the treated tumour, suggesting the potential for broader, body-wide immune protection.

A New Direction for Cancer Immunotherapy

Professor Ji-Ho Park said, "This study presents a new concept of immune cell therapy that generates anticancer immune cells directly inside the patient's

Extra 5 minutes of sleep, 2 minutes of brisk walking can add 1 year to your life: Study



New Delhi : Just five more minutes of sleep, and two minutes of moderate exercise like brisk walking or climbing stairs can add a year to your life, according to a study on Wednesday.

Adding half a serving of vegetables per day more could also lead to an extra year of life for people with the worst existing sleep, physical activity, and dietary habits, revealed the study that followed 60,000 people for eight long years.

The study, published in The Lancet journal eClinicalMedicine, suggested that seven to eight hours of sleep per day, more than 40 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day, and a healthy diet were associated with over nine years of additional lifespan and years spent in good health.

"The combined relationship of sleep, physical activity, and diet is larger than the sum of the individual behaviours. For example, for people with the unhealthiest sleep, physical activity and dietary habits to achieve one additional year of lifespan through sleep alone would require five times the amount of additional sleep per day (25 minutes) than if physical activity and diet also improved a small amount," said the international group of researchers from the UK, Australia, Chile, and Brazil.

In a separate study, published in the journal The Lancet, researchers from Norway, Spain, and Australia showed that adding just 5 minutes of extra walking to the daily routine can cut down the risk of death in the majority of adults by 10 per cent.

It will also help the least active adults to reduce their risk of death by around 6 per cent.

Further, the study based on data from more than 135,000 adults found that reducing sedentary time by 30 minutes per day was associated with an estimated 27 per cent reduction in all deaths?if adopted by the majority of adults (who spend 10 hours being sedentary per day).

Around 3 per cent of all deaths?can be reduced if adopted by the most sedentary adults (who spend 12 hours being sedentary per day on average).

"These estimates provide important evidence on the wide range of public health impacts associated with even small positive changes in physical activity and inactivity," said corresponding author Prof Ulf Ekelund, from the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Oslo.

The researchers cautioned that the findings should not be used as personalised advice; rather, they highlighted the potential benefits for the population as a whole.

US labels Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan as 'terrorists'

MI News Service, Washington: The United States has designated Muslim Brotherhood organisations in Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan as "terrorist" groups, as Washington intensifies its crackdown on Israel's rivals across the world.

The decision on Tuesday came weeks after President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing his administration to start the process of black-listing the groups.



Trump administration's decision.

Washington's designations make it illegal to provide material support to the groups. They also impose economic sanctions to choke the groups' revenue streams. The FTO label carries the added penalty of banning the groups' members from entering the US.

Established in 1928 by Egyptian Muslim scholar Hassan al-Banna, the Muslim Brotherhood has offshoots and branches across

the Middle East, including political parties and social organisations.

cluding it of links to what the Jordanian government called a sabotage plot. The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood won the country's only democratically held presidential election in 2012. But President Mohamed Morsi was overthrown a year later in a military coup and died in jail in 2019.

Cairo has outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood and launched a sweeping crackdown against the group's leaders and members since 2013, driving the organisation underground and into exile. On Tuesday, Egypt's Foreign Ministry welcomed the US designation of the Egyptian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood as global "terrorists" and called it a "pivotal step".

Muslim Brotherhood-inspired organisations in the Middle East have been vocal critics of Israel's genocidal war in Gaza within their

higher alert amid fe
previously scheduled
meeting to discuss devel-
opments related to Iran.

In the US and other countries in the West, right-wing activists have for years tried to demonise Muslim immigrant communities and Israel's critics with accusations of links to the Muslim Brotherhood. Some of Trump's hawkish allies in Congress have been calling for blacklisting the group for years.

After Trump issued his decree to designate the Muslim Brotherhood's branches in Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan as "terrorist" organisations, the Republican governors of Texas and Florida moved to crack down on the leading Muslim civil rights group in the US. Both states designated the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) along with the Muslim Brotherhood as "terrorist" groups. CAIR, which denies links to the Muslim Brotherhood, has sued them in response.

...s of Iran escalation

past 24 hours, including the deployment of the Iron Dome interceptor system. Citing officials, broadcasters said Israel assesses that Iran is unlikely to attack Israel unless the United States carries out a large-scale strike on Iranian territory.

Iran accuses US, Israel of sending ISIS members to carry out attacks



Abdolrahim Mousavi, chief of staff of Iran's armed forces, said the move came in the wake of what he described as Washington and Tel Aviv's failure in a recent "12-day war" against Iran, the semi-official Tasnim News Agency reported.

Mousavi said the ISIS members, whom he described as "mercenaries," were sent into the country

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No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Raja Das/ Sajal Kumar Das/ D C Neagi Road, North Ghoshpara P.O. Ghoshpara, P.S. Bally Near Bally Halt Station West Bengal Howrah - 711227 LBCAL00005386165/ LBCAL00006395728/ LBCAL00005386164	"Bhawani North View", Flat/Unit No. 2f, 2nd Floor, Block B, Municipal Holding No. 698, 699, 700 And 483, Block H/J, Near Jyanga (dakshinmhat), Mahamaya Club, 16 Feet Wide Road Road, Police Station Rajarhat, Ward No. 20 (old No. 11), C.S. Dag No. 1103, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 1175, C.S. Khatian No. 706, R.S. Khatian No. 1225, L.R. Khatian No. 12167, 12169, 12170, J.L. No. 4, R.S. No. 188, Touzi No. 169, Mouza Hatiora, Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality Now Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700157, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area Ofstimation An Area of 1231 Sq. Ft. (super Built Up Area) Be The Same A Little More Or Less Together With One Allotted Open Car Parking Space Measuring 120 Sq. Ft. (Super Built Up Area) On The Ground Floor Together With Undivided, Importable Proportionate Share Of Land.	28/10/2025 Rs. 41,23,521.00/-	02/06/2025
2.	Saurav Banik/ Junia Banik/ E/ F 29, Jyanga Dakshin Mat P.O. Jyanga, P.S. Bagmati, Rajarhat Gopalpur M. District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700059/ LBCAL00005300868	Flat No. 3B, 3rd Floor, South Eastern Side, Municipal Holding No. 144 (old) 189 (New), Jugupara Road, Dag No. 2310, Khatian No. 623 (ka, Gha, Ga), Khatian No. 625, L.R. Dag Nos. 6040, 6307 And 6310, L.R. Khatian No. 6719, J.L. No. 20, R.S. No. 154, Touzi No. 161 And 3083, Mouza Satgachi, South Dum North Dum Municipality, Office of The Sub- Registrar At Cossipore, Dum Dum, North 24 Praganas, Pin 700028, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area Ofstimation An Area Of 620 Sq. Ft. Of Super Built Up Area Alongwith Proportionate Undivided Importable Variable Interest In The Building Slaying In The Premises.	28/10/2025 Rs. 15,99,778/-	22/07/2025
3.	Tuhin Sarkar/ Nayan Sarkar/1 Odegarbar Satalyjit Roy Road Rabindra Sarani, Ward 23, Siliguri M Corp Siliguri, District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri - 734006/ TBGSIG00006891082	E/p No. 53, C.S. Plot No. 12397(P), Khatian No. 153, J.L. No. 88, Mouza Siliguri, P.S. Siliguri, Sub Registration Office Siliguri, District Darjeeling, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area Of Piece Or Parcel Of Land Measuring 2 Kath 8 Chh. More Or Less Of Homestead Land.	17/11/2025 Rs. 9,73,331/-	09/07/2025
4.	Sumit Debnath/ Suranjana Debnath/ Niva Park, Phase 4, Flat No. ZB4, 3rd Floor Brahmapur West Bengal Kolkata - 700096/ LBCAL00006804905/ LBCAL00001966251	"Panchali Enclave" Flat No. 5, 1st Floor, C.S. Dag No. 217, R.S. Dag No. 217/679, C.S. Khatian No. 6, R.S. Khatian No. 642, J.L. No. 60, Touzi No. 14, Mouza Paschim Nischindapur, Pargana Magura, Police Station and D.S.R. Office Sonarpur, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, Ward No. 34, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700154, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area 720 Square Feet More or Less Together With Proportionate Undivided Share of Land Underneath And All Common Facilities Amenities Attached to Said Building Premises.	24/11/2025 Rs. 11,80,075.14/-	13/09/2025
5.	Rohit Sharma/ Satish Kumar Sharma/ A 38A, A Block, Kiran Gardam Uttan Nagar, Gali No. 15, South West Delhi Near Hanuman Mandir, West Delhi Delhi- 110059/ TBICAL00006837243	"Dharitri Titanium", Flat No. K2, 3rd Floor, Block 1st, Holding No. 17, Methopara Road, C.S. Dag No. 1266, Khatian No. 903, R.S. and L.R. Dag No. 1268, Khatian No. 904, R.S./L.R. Dag No. 1262, 1263 and 1265, R.S./L.R. Khatian No. 25, J.L. No. 25, Re. Sa. No. 132 And 139, Touzi No. 146, Mouza Doharia, Village Methopara, P.S. Barasat, Madhyamgram Municipality, A.D.S.R.O. Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 891 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area More Or Less With Garage Along With All The Proportionate Undivided Invisible Share In The Land Comprised In The Plinth Of The Flat	24/11/2025 Rs. 35,23,095/-	13/09/2025
6.	Anand Mishra/ Jyoti Mishra/ Mig 103, Phase-1 Arund Mandir Gorakhpur District- Gorakhpur Uttar Pradesh Gorakhpur - 273001/ TBICAL00006564052	"Dharitri Titanium", Flat No. E3, 4th Floor, Block No. 1, Holding No. 17, Methopara Road, C.S. Dag No. 1266, Khatian No. 903, R.S./L.R. Dag No. 1268, Khatian No. 904, R.S./L.R. Dag No. 1262, 1263, 1265, R.S./L.R. Khatian No. 25, Re. Sa. No. 132 & 139, J.L. No. 45, Touzi No. 146, Mouza Doharia, Village Methopara, P.S. Barasat, Madhyamgram Municipality, A.D.S.R.O. Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 1016 Sq Ft Super Built Up Area More or Less Along With One Car Parking Space At Ground Floor, Block 1, Area About 135 Sq Ft Super Built Up Area (Position Will Be Allotted As Per Developer Choice)	25/11/2025 Rs. 31,72,950/-	13/10/2025
7.	Bishnu Pada Tewary/ Jhuma Rani Tewary/ 15/2/5, Thakurpukur Road (Kikhta Opposite Indian Oil Petrol Pump), Flat/Unit No. 24, District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700128/ LBCAL00004775202/ LBCAL00004775200	Holding No. 15/2/5, Thakurpukur Road, R.S. Dag No. 242, 243, Revisional Settlement Khatian No. 150 & 65, L.R. Khatian No. 133, 111, 228, 339, 145 And 698, J.L. No. 72, Touzi No. 146, Hal No. 17, Ward No. 20, Mouza Katra Gram, Pargana Anwarpur, P.S., Municipality Barasat And A.D.S.R. Of Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 2 Kath 8 Chatak 9 Sq. Ft.	25/11/2025 Rs. 32,29,280/-	08/10/2025
8.	Anusri Pal/ Pratima Pal/ H/3/3, Sinagar Main Road, Ma Kali Builders, P.O. Panchsayar, P.S. Sonarpur, Garia, Rajpur Sonarpur (M), District South 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700094/ LBCAL00006335030	"Arjvay Sonar Kella", Flat No. 1E, 1st Floor Block "5", Khasmallickpur, Mouza Dihimedanmalla, J.L. No. 34, R.S./L.R. Dag Nos. 330, 332, 333, 334, 334/889, 335 & 336, Khatian No. 1722, Police Station & Sub Registry Baruiapur, Hariharpur Gram Panchayat, District 24 Parganas South, Kolkata 700145, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of Super Built Up Area 854 Sq. Ft. Together With One Covered Car Parking Space On The Ground Floor Of Block 5.	27/11/2025 Rs. 26,48,577.99/-	14/10/2025
9.	Anusri Pal/ Pratima Pal/ H/3/3, Sinagar Main Road, Ma Kali Builders P.O. Panchsayar, P.S. Sonarpur, Garia Rajpur Sonarpur (M), District South 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700094/ LBCAL00006000880	Flat On 2nd Floor, South- East- North Side, Municipal Holding No. 304, Dhalua, Mouza Dhalua, P.O. Panchpota, P.S. Formerly Sonarpur Now Narendrapur, R.S. Dag No. 128, L.R. Dag No. 134, R.S. Khatian No. 114, L.R. Khatian No. 731, J.L. No. 43, R.S. No. 235, Touzi No. 109, Ward No. 2, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, Sub Registry Office Formerly Sonarpur Now Garia, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700152, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 450 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided And Undemarcated Proportionate Share of Land.	27/11/2025 Rs. 6,71,852/-	14/10/2025
10.	Belief Meddagar/ Ram Chandra Ghara Mortagor/ Represented By Proprietor Ram Chandra Ghara Chakkamina, Jilam Plaza East Midnapore West Bengal Tamuk - 721636/ 090305500962	R.S. & L.R. Dag No 277, J.L. No 284, L.R. Settlement Khatian No 219, Mouza Chak Kamina, Ward No 18, Naikuri Municipality, Thana & A.D.S.R.O. Tamuk, B.L. & L.R.O. Tamuk 1, District East Midnapore, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 4.213 Decimal	28/11/2025 Rs. 33,09,055.43/-	28/09/2025
11.	Karni Garments/ Pooja Devi Ojha Garment/ Laxmi Narayan Ojha, Pooja Devi Ojhamortagor/ Represented By Proprietor Laxmi Narayan Ojha 174, Chittaranjan Avenue, 6th West Bengal, Kolkata- 700077/ 267505500017	Flat No. 304, Third Floor, R.S. Plot No. 1020, R.S. Khatian No. 529, L.R. Plot No. 1712, Mouza Kotrung, J.L. No. 8, A.D.S.R.O. Serampore, Uttarpara-kotrung Municipality, Municipal Holding No. 14, Radha Gobinda Nagar Road, P.O. Hindmotor, P.S. Uttarpara, District Hooghly, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area Of Covered Area Of 562 Sq Ft & Super Built Up Area Of 674 Sq Ft A Little More Or Less Together With Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land	28/11/2025 Rs. 19,51,484/-	02/07/2025
12.	Debashis Majhi/ Tanu Majhi/ C/o Sonar Majhi 223/B Ganguly Bag, Kolkata - 700011, 301, Tiya Bagan West Bengal Kolkata - 700047/ LBCAL00005501879/ LBCAL00005501886	"Prithi Apartment", Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor (Top Floor), North-west Side, K.M.C. Premises No. 16/H/1, Raipur Mondal Para Road (Having Mailing Address 223/1, C/O Sonar Majhi, Plot No. 301, P.O. 058(B), L.R. Dag Nos. 22 & 223B, Mouza Raipur, J.L. No. 33, Ward No. 99, P.S. Patuli (Now Netaji Nagar), Jurisdiction- South 24 Paraganas, Kolkata- 700047, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of 450 Sq. Ft. Super Built-up Area More Or Less Along With Interest In The Land.	28/11/2025 Rs. 9,50,644.56/-	08/10/2025
13.	Nilay Ranjan Bagchi/ Debapriya Sen Majumder/ 206, Lake Town, BI-B, See Krishna Apartment Near Bank of Baroda District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700069/ LBCAL00006052560/ TBICAL00006246737	Flat No. 2, First Floor, Premises No. P-212, Block B, Lake Town, Holding No. 786, Police Station Lake Town, South Dumdum Municipality, Ward No. 30, A.D.S.R. Cossipore Dumdum At Present A.D.S.R Bidhannagar (Salt Lake City), Sub Registration District Office Bidhan Nagar(Salt Lake City), District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700089, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area Of 700 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Along With Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land, Common Areas And Common Facilities.	28/11/2025 Rs. 28,24,612.50/-	04/10/2025
14.	Alok Kundu/ Munni Bhowmik/ Dabagram Industrial Estate, Satellite Town Ship Bhaktinagar West Bengal Siliguri - 734005/ LBSGIG00006024051/ LBSGIG00006082726	Plot No. 19b/1, Under The West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd, Part of Dabagram Industrial Estate, Sheet No. 18, J.L. No. 2, P.S. Bhakti Nagar (out Post Njp), Under Fulbari Gram Panchayat-1, P.O. Satellite Town Ship, Mouza Dabagram, District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of Area About 10 Katha.	26/11/2025 Rs. 66,44,614.62/-	11/03/2025
15.	Amab Samajdar/ Banani Samajdar/ Arka Samajdar/ Bachchudroba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram Ward No 6 West Midnapore West Bengal Lmdpore - 721507/ TBMD00006090011	Rivi: Dag No 298, Hal Dag No. 379, Revisional Khatian No. 148, Hal Settlement Khatian No. 1288, J.L. No. 394, Touzi No. 859, Mouza Bachchudroba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram, Ward No 6, B.L. and L.R.O. Jhargram, District Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 6 Decimals	26/11/2025 Rs. 19,57,789/-	03/10/2025
16.	Arka Samajdar/ Banani Samajdar/ Amab Samajdar/bachchudroba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram West Midnapore Ward No. 6 West Bengal Jhargram - 721507/ TBMD00006548118	Rivi: Dag No 298, Hal Dag No. 379, Revisional Khatian No. 148, Hal Settlement Khatian No. 1288, J.L. No. 394, Touzi No. 859, Mouza Bachchudroba, P.O. and P.S. Jhargram, Ward No 6, B.L. and L.R.O. Jhargram, District Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area Of 6 Decimals	26/11/2025 Rs. 15,86,021/-	03/10/2025
17.	Santosh Pandit/ Renu Ram/ Debagram Jilpaiguri, Siliguri Municipal Corporation District Jalpaiguri West Bengal Siliguri - 734008/ LBSGIG00005080350/ LBSGIG00006881079	Apartment Named-" Coronation Valley", Flat No 101, 1st Floor In Block- C, R S Plot Nos. 32/70, 32/71, 59/228 And 59/323, Corresponding To L.R Plot Nos. 273, 274, 275, 276, And 277. Recorded In R S Khatian No 466/3, Corresponding To L.R Khatian Nos. 523/730, and 731. Situated Within Mouza Dabagram, Jil No 2, Under Debagram-I Gram Panchayat Area, Pargana Baikunthapur, R S Sheet No. 2, Corresponding To L.R Sheet No. 2, Police Station Bhaktinagar, Registry Office And District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of 970 Sq Feet(super Built Up Area)	26/11/2025 Rs. 19,56,713/-	03/10/2025
18.	Raj Laxmi Oil Mill/ Shyama Gupta, Parveen Kumar Gupta Co Applicant/ Shyama Gupta, Parveen Kumar Gupta Mortagor/ Represented By Partners Parveen Kumar Gupta & Shyama Gupta Holding No A/17, Ward No 36, P N Malia Road Paschim Bardhaman West Bengal Raniganj - 713347/ 192805001212	L.R. Plot No 567, R.S. Plot No. 347/5329, R.S. Khatian No. 3041, L.R. Khatian No 15247, J.L. No. 24, Mouza Raniganj Municipality, Holding No. 139/1 (old), Holding No A/17 (New), P.N. Malia Road, Ward No 36, Asansol Municipal Corporation, P.S. Raniganj, Chowki & Sub-Division Asansol, District Paschim Burdwan, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of Land Measuring 5 Katha Together With Two Storied Blding Measuring 3600 Sq Ft In Ground Floor & 1034 Sq Ft In First Floor & Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land (as Per Gift Deed No I-1121 Of 2004) / Land Measuring 5 Katha Together With Three Storied Building Measuring 2374 Sq Ft On Ground Floor, 1064 Sq Ft On First Floor & 640 Sq Ft On Second Floor (as Per Deed Of Reconveyance No I-1071 Of 2024)	02/12/2025 Rs. 1,75,14,962.64/-	18/09/2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: January 15, 2026
Place: Kolkata

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

INDIA OPEN 2026: PV SINDHU CRASHES OUT AFTER LOSS TO VIETNAM'S NGUYEN

NEW DELHI : India's ace shuttler and two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu endured a shock early exit at the India Open 2026, suffering a three-game defeat to Vietnam's T.L. Nguyen in the Round of 32 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on Wednesday.

Sindhu started the contest on a positive note and showed her experience in the opening game, saving crucial points and edging past Nguyen 22-20 in a closely fought opener. The Indian relied on her strong defence and net play to seal the first game despite stiff resistance from the Vietnamese shuttler.

However, Nguyen turned the tables in the second game with an aggressive approach. She dominated the rallies, targeted Sindhu's backcourt effectively, and forced a series of unforced errors from the Indian to level the match with a commanding 21-12 win.

The decider saw Nguyen maintain her momentum as Sindhu struggled to regain control. The Vietnamese player kept the pressure on with sharp returns and consistent attacking play, gradually building a lead. Sindhu attempted a comeback, but Nguyen remained composed and closed out the match 21-15, sealing one of the biggest upsets of the tournament.

The defeat marks an early end to Sindhu's campaign at her home tournament, while Nguyen advanced with a confidence-boosting victory.

This first-round defeat marks a new low for the Indian star. This is Sindhu's earliest exit from the India Open since 2023. In last year's edition of the Super 750 tournament, she had reached the quarter-finals on home soil but failed to continue the momentum in the semi-finals.

Sindhu had a strong start to the 2026 season, reaching the semifinals of the Super 1000 Kuala Lumpur event in Malaysia. However, she lost to world number two Wang Zhiyi in a close encounter. Sindhu went down 16-21, 15-21 to the Chinese shuttler, missing an opportunity to avenge her loss to Wang, who had beaten her in last year's Malaysia Open final.



2nd ODI: With unbeaten 131, Daryl Mitchell guides NZ to 6-wicket victory

Thanks to Daryl Mitchell's unbeaten 131 off 117 balls, coupled with Will Young's 87, New Zealand defeated India by seven wickets to level the three-match ODI series 1-1. Mitchell and Young put together a 162-run stand for the third wicket, which came in just 152 balls, which propelled New Zealand towards the target of 285. Thanks to Mitchell scoring his eighth ODI century, New Zealand managed to complete their highest successful chase in India in ODIs. The result means that India's eight-match winning streak against New Zealand in ODIs ends.

Earlier, Wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul struck a magnificent unbeaten 112 off 92 balls as India posted 284/7 in the second ODI against New Zealand at the

Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot on Wednesday.

As to bat first by New Zealand skipper Michael Bracewell, India's openers overcame a testing new-ball spell from Kyle Jamieson to reach 57 for no loss at the end of the first Power-play. While Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli couldn't do much, Shubman Gill kept the scoreboard moving by raising a 47-ball half-century.

But Jamieson's dismissal of Gill led to India slipping from 99/1 to 118/4 on a two-paced pitch. Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja rebuilt via a cautious 73-run stand for the fifth wicket before the former shifted gears to up the tempo and register his eighth ODI hundred, laced with 11 fours and a six. His heroics ensured India posted a competitive total at a venue where



all four previous ODIs have been won by sides batting first.

New Zealand's decision to bowl first paid early dividends as Jamieson swung the new ball well to deliver consecutive maidens before Gill and Rohit hit 11 boundaries between themselves in the first 12 overs. But Rohit fell for 24 when he sliced a cross-seam delivery from Kristian Clarke to deep cover.

Gill looked more fluent than his opening game knock in Vadodara and reached his 18th ODI fifty in 47 balls. But Jamieson returned to remove him, as Gill was unable to keep the pull down and was caught by mid-on for 56. It sparked a collapse that saw India lose Shreyas Iyer (chipped to mid-off) and Kohli (chopped on to his stumps) off Clarke.

Rahul then steadied the innings with his beautiful drives, slices, and pulls, though he lost out on support from Ravindra Jadeja when Michael Bracewell's sharp caught-and-bowled ended his stay at 27.

With the pitch slowing down and boundaries hard to come by, Rahul farmed the strike and accelerated after the second drinks break - reaching his fifty

through a lucky edge off Jamieson for four and even reverse-swept Bracewell for another boundary.

Nitish Kumar Reddy added 20 before pulling to mid-wicket off Zak Foulkes, while debutant spinner Jayden Lennox claimed his first international wicket by having Harshit Rana hole out to long-on. But Rahul continued to hit boundaries at will and got his century by thumping a full toss from Jamieson over long-on for six, before collecting two boundaries from Foulkes lifted India past 280, leaving New Zealand with a stiff chase under lights.

BRIEF SCORES:

India 284/7 in 50 overs (KL Rahul 112 not out, Shubman Gill 56; Kristian Clarke 3-56, Michael Bracewell 1-34) against New Zealand

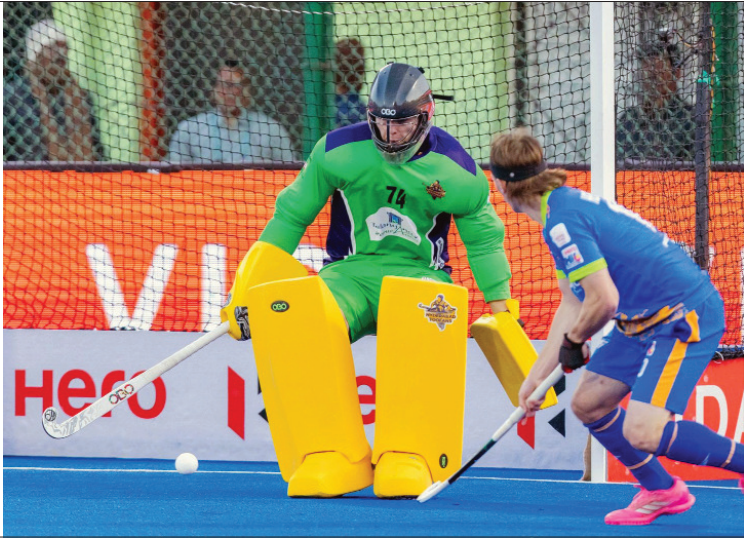
Vedanta Kalinga Lancers Register Fourth Straight Win to Go Top of Men's Hero HIL Table

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RANCHI : Vedanta Kalinga Lancers continued their impressive unbeaten run in the Men's Hero Hockey India League 2025-26, edging past Hyderabad Toofans 1-0 to climb to the top of the points table at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf Hockey Stadium on Wednesday.

The closely contested encounter was decided by a solitary goal from Alexander Hendrickx, whose successful penalty-corner conversion in the third quarter proved to be the difference between the two sides. The win marked the Lancers' fourth successive victory of the season, underlining their growing dominance in the league.

The opening quarter saw both teams engage in a cautious battle for control, with little separating them in terms of circle entries. Hyderabad Toofans enjoyed marginally greater possession, but it was the Lancers who created the clearer scoring opportunity. Liam Henderson came close to breaking the deadlock, only to be denied by Hyderabad goalkeeper Jean-Paul Danneberg, ensuring the teams remained level at the first break.



The tempo increased in the second quarter as both sides pressed forward with greater intent. Hyderabad Toofans dominated possession and registered a significantly higher number of circle entries, putting the Lancers' defence under sustained pressure. However, the best chance of the half again fell to Vedanta Kalinga Lancers, with Henderson's

struck first when Alexander Hendrickx converted a penalty corner in the 40th minute, registering his fifth goal of the season and handing his side a crucial lead.

Following the breakthrough, the Lancers adopted a disciplined approach, focusing on ball retention and defensive solidity through the remainder of the third quarter. Their structured backline effectively absorbed pressure while limiting Hyderabad's scoring opportunities.

In the final quarter, Vedanta Kalinga Lancers showcased resilience and tactical maturity, defending deep while exploiting counter-attacking chances. Despite Hyderabad Toofans enjoying the majority of possession, they failed to register a single shot on target in the final fifteen minutes. The Lancers, meanwhile, created more meaningful chances, earning additional penalty corners and controlling the closing stages of the match.

The narrow but decisive victory propelled Vedanta Kalinga Lancers to the top of the standings, reinforcing their credentials as strong title contenders in the ongoing Men's Hero Hockey India League season.

KOHLI DETHRONES ROHIT TO RECLAIM TOP SPOT IN ODI RANKINGS

DUBAI : India batter Virat Kohli regained the No. 1 position, dethroning his teammate Rohit Sharma, who slipped to the No. 3 spot in the latest men's rankings, following India's four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the first ODI.

Kohli's score of 93 off 91 balls helped the hosts complete the chase, bringing him closer to India legend Sachin Tendulkar and moving him into second place on the all-time men's international run-scoring list. He has been in excellent form since the 50-over series in Australia, scoring 74 not out, 135, 102, 65 not out, and 93 in his last five matches.

The 37-year-old batting stalwart has returned to the top of the batting charts for the first time since July 2021, after his performance helped India chase down New Zealand's 300-run target in Vadodara.

Kohli first reached the top ranking in October 2013, marking his 11th stint at the top. To date, he has held the position for a total of 825 days, making it the 10th longest overall and the longest for any Indian.

New Zealand all-rounder Daryl



Mitchell moved up in the ODI rankings after scoring a powerful 84 off 71 in the first ODI, achieving his highest rating with only one point behind Kohli.

The Black Caps player has been in impressive form, having held the No.1 spot, with three half-centuries in his last five ODIs and a century against the West Indies.

Mitchell's teammate Devon Conway moved up three spots to reach 29th position as he maintains his run-scoring at the top.

In the ODI bowlers ranking

update, Mohammed Siraj's excellent performance helped him ascend five spots to reach 15th place, tying with Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz.

Pacer Kyle Jamieson also benefited after achieving his career-best bowling performance, taking four wickets against India. This performance moved him up 27 spots to share the 69th position with India bowler Arshdeep Singh.

Several Australian players improved their positions in the latest Test rankings after the conclusion of the Ashes series, with Travis Head climbing seven spots to reach third place after becoming the top scorer in the high-profile Test series against England, where he scored 629 runs with an average of 62.90, including three centuries.

Other Test gainers include Jacob Bethell, who advanced 25 spots to share the 52nd position with Tom Blundell, thanks to his impressive maiden Test century in the final Ashes Test, and Michael Neser, who moved up seven spots to 47th following a strong performance in Sydney.

Beau Webster experienced a rise

in rankings across all three departments following an outstanding all-round performance in the Ashes finale. His batting ranking improved six places to 58th, his bowling ranking jumped 29 places to 80th-alongside Justin Greaves-and he climbed 22 places to 26th in the all-rounder rankings, where Simon Harmer is also listed.

Wanindu Hasaranga's performance in the series-drawing T20I against Pakistan helped him move up three spots to second place in the latest T20I bowler rankings.

Pakistan pacer Salman Mirza also made a leap, climbing 16 spots to 19th after taking three wickets in the first T20I against Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, Sahibzada Farhan's key contributions with the bat elevated him to fifth position, an increase of one spot, and captain Salman Agha advanced 13 spots to reach 41st.

In the all-rounders list, Saim Ayub dropped one position, allowing Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza to reclaim the top spot in the latest rankings update.

Jordan Smith wins inaugural 'One Point Slam' ahead of Australian Open

MELBOURNE : Amateur tennis player Jordan Smith produced a fairytale run at Melbourne Park, stunning reigning Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner and a host of top professionals to clinch the inaugural '1 Point Slam' exhibition event, held four days ahead of the start of the 2026 Australian Open.

The unique mixed-gender exhibition, hosted inside Rod Laver Arena, has a prize pool of AUD 1 million and brings together leading professionals and amateurs in a novel format where a single point decides matches. With professionals limited to just one serve, the event delivered high drama and unpredictable outcomes.

Despite the presence of some of the biggest names in world tennis, including Carlos Alcaraz, Coco Gauff, and Iga Swiatek, none of the established stars managed to lift the trophy. Instead, it was Sydney native Smith, who captured the spotlight, defeating five professional players during his remarkable run to the title.

Smith's breakthrough moment came when he eliminated World No. 2 Jannik Sinner. The two-time Australian Open champion's serve clipped the net, allowing Smith to advance to the next round. He followed it up with another composed performance to knock out US Open finalist Amanda Anisimova before edging past Spain's Pedro Martinez in a tense semifinal rally.

In the final, Smith faced Chinese Taipei's Joanna Garland, ranked 117 in the WTA standings. Garland had enjoyed an impressive run herself, having earlier beaten former Grand Slam finalists Alexander Zverev and Nick Kyrgios, as well as Olympic silver medallist Donna Vekic. However, the decisive point went Smith's way after Garland's forehand sailed long following a deep return from the baseline.

The victory was met with loud celebrations from the crowd, as Smith was crowned the '1 Point Slam' champion and walked away with the lucrative prize.

The Australian Open draw ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, with the main draw action set to begin on Sunday at Melbourne Park. Jannik Sinner is one of the favourites to win the men's singles title in the year's first Grand Slam.



India Open 2026: Prannoy, Srikanth pack off youngsters to reach Round 2; Malvika Bansod also advances

NEW DELHI : Former champion Kidambi Srikanth and the experienced H.S. Prannoy turned the tables on their younger opponents to advance to the men's singles second round while 16-year-old Tanvi Sharma displayed her potential with a gutsy performance against second seed Wang Zhi Yi of China in the women's singles first round at the India Open 2026 in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old Srikanth found his way back after an indifferent opening game to defeat compatriot Tharun M 15-21, 21-6, 21-19 while 33-year-old Prannoy defeated last edition runners-up Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong 22-20, 21-18 in the men's singles opening round of the BWF World Tour Super 750 event, being organised by the Badminton Association of India, at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Malvika Bansod was the only other Indian to advance to the second round on Wednesday after the left-handed shuttler defeated Pai Yu Po of Chinese

Taipei 21-18, 21-19 in the women's singles first round.

World junior championships silver medallist Tanvi Sharma had her chances against second seed Wang but could not convert the game point in the opening game and then ran out of steam in the decider to go down 20-22, 21-18, 21-13 in an hour and nine minutes.

SINDHU KNOCKED OUT

Former World Champion PV Sindhu was also knocked out of the competition after she went down 20-22, 21-12, 21-15 against Thuy Linh Nguyen of Vietnam in an opening round clash in the first session on Wednesday.

But the day belonged to Prannoy and Srikanth, the two experienced campaigners who are looking to make a comeback on the BWF World Tour after a difficult 2025. Prannoy, who had struggled with fitness for the most part of 2025, had gotten an entry in the India Open 2026 after the withdrawal of World No. 3 Anders Antonsen of Denmark and made the most of his lucky



break to beat Lee.

The World No. 38 relied on his quick smashes and ability to stay in the rally long enough to frustrate the opponent as he saved two game points in the opening game and then packed enough punch in his down the line smashes to win in straight games-setting up a second round clash against former world cham-

pion and eighth seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore, who defeated China's Wang Zheng Xing of China 23-21, 19-21, 21-14.

"Winning a round always feels nice, and especially getting to play a Super 750 itself is something big for me. Today, when I got on the court, the one thing I was telling myself was that even if it goes his way, I shouldn't be

really worried about it. I should be enjoying what I'm doing, and I think probably that helped really a lot," Prannoy said after the match.

Srikanth, who last played a Super 750 event in Singapore in May 2025, struggled with his rhythm initially against Tharun, losing the opening game. But he dominated the second game to force a decider, where his experience made the difference between winning and losing.

The former World No. 1 trailed his younger compatriot for most of the decider, and it felt like curtains for his India Open challenge as Tharun took a 19-17 lead. However, Srikanth controlled the net brilliantly and made his opponent work hard for every point, forcing an error, to clinch four straight points and the match in 53 minutes.

"It was a tough game and could have gone either way as one or two points here, and there would have made a big difference," said Srikanth, who will now face BWF World Tour Finals

winner Christo Popov of France in the second round.

Earlier, Tanvi showed why she is touted to be the future star of Indian badminton as she took the fight to Wang in her first BWF Super 750 event. The 16-year-old, whose entry in the tournament was only confirmed on the eve of the event, had a game point against Wang in the opening game but hit the down-the-line smash wide to lose that game.

She then used her late flicks and neck deception to good effect to bag the second game and force a decider. However, the Indian looked tired in the decider and was unable to match the speed of her opponent in long rallies, ultimately losing.

Important results:

Men's singles: 2-Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Tha) bt Koki Watanabe (Jpn) 21-19, 23-25, 21-10; 5-Christo Popov (Fra) bt Wang Tzu Wei (Tpe) 13-21, 21-18, 21-19; K Srikanth bt Tharun M 15-21, 21-6, 21-19; 3-Jonatan Christie (Ina) bt Jia Heng Jason Teh (Sin) 21-

16, 21-10; 8-Loh Kean Yew (Sin) bt Wang Zheng Xing (Chn) 23-21, 19-21, 21-14; HS Prannoy bt Lee Cheuk Yiu (HKG) 22-20, 21-18

Women's singles: 2-Wang Zhi Yi (Chn) bt Tanvi Sharma 22-20, 18-21, 21-13; Thuy Linh Nguyen (Vie) bt PV Sindhu 20-22, 21-12, 21-15; 1-AN Se Young (Kor) bt Nozomi Okuhara (Jpn) 21-17, 21-9; Malvika Bansod bt Pai Yu Po (Tpe) 21-18, 21-19; 5-Han Yue (Chn) bt Sung Shuo Yun (Tpe) 18-21, 21-13, 21-17

Women's doubles: Nanako Hara/Riko Kiyose (Jpn) bt Rutuparna Panda/Swetaparna Panda 21-8, 21-18; Ha Na Baek/So Hee Lee (Kor) bt Gayatri Rawat/Mansa Rawat 21-5, 21-8

Mixed Doubles: Pakkapol Teeratrakul/Sapsiree Teerattanachai (Tha) bt Dhruv Kapila/Tanisha Crasto 21-15, 21-14; Marvin Geidel/Thuc Phuong Nguyen (Ger) bt Rohan Kapoor/Ruthviksha Shivani Gadde 21-19, 21-14; Tjuichi Shimogami/Sayaka Hobara (Jpn) bt Ashith Surya/Amrutha Pramuthesh 21-15, 21-7