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People of Bengal Are Not Living at the Mercy of Modi-Shah: Abhishek Banerjee

MI News Service, Kharagpur: From a massive public meeting held at the Medinipur College-Collegiate School ground in Medinipur city, Trinamool Congress All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee delivered a strong message to party workers, calling for a sweeping victory in the 2026 Assembly elections. He asserted that the Trinamool Congress must win all 15 Assembly seats in the district and secure a 4-0 result in Jhargram, stating that it was the responsibility of party workers to politically defeat the BJP.

At the rally, Banerjee also unveiled the Trinamool Congress's new slogan for the 2026 elections — "Joto Koro Hamla, Jitbe Bangla" (No matter how much you attack, Bengal will win). Addressing the gathering, he remarked, "If there had truly been no change, leaders like Sukur Ali and CPM's Tapan Ghosh would not now be speaking for the BJP."

Referring to past incidents



of political violence, Banerjee cited Benachapada, Chhota Angaria, and Sabang, alleging atrocities against grassroots workers. "We stopped the culture of sending white clothes home," he said, adding that one of the biggest achievements of the Trinamool government was restoring peace in Junglemahal, where bodies once lay on the roads. He stressed that the Jodaphool symbol must be strengthened everywhere and

warned that CPM extremists would be taught a lesson.

Invoking Bengal's revolutionary history, Banerjee said the people of Bengal had driven out the British and that the soil of the state was soaked in the blood of freedom fighters. "This time too, Rabindra Sangeet will be played," he said, warning BJP leaders that they would be held accountable for their actions.

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Adhikari, Banerjee referred to him as a "traitor," recalling that a leader had joined the BJP at the same Medinipur ground in 2020 to avoid jail. He alleged discrimination in voter list revisions, claiming that crores of names were excluded in Uttar Pradesh and lakhs in Gujarat, while Bengalis were being branded as Bangladeshis. He reiterated that there would be no NRC in Bengal under Mamata Banerjee and no genuine voter would be excluded.

Alleging a conspiracy to snatch voting rights through SIR, Banerjee claimed 83 people had died by suicide and that BLOs were protesting. He urged people to resist any illegal activity at polling booths and declared, "The people of Bengal are not living at the mercy of Modi-Shah."

Addressing women voters, he concluded, "As long as there is love and support, no one can shut down your Lakshmi Bhandar."

West Bengal invites industry to use state data centres for AI development

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government is preparing a proposal to allow private companies to use its data centres for building and training artificial intelligence (AI) models, Shubhanjan Das, Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Electronics, said on Friday.

Addressing the 10th edition of TechMeet organised by Assocham, Das said the state's data centre in Siliguri has a high computational capacity, while the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is also setting up a new data centre that is expected to become operational later this year.

"We are open to ideas where private players and companies can use our data centres for AI model building and training. Such collaborations will be most welcome in the near future," he said.

Das highlighted the progress of the Bengal Silicon Valley project, spread across nearly 250



acres, which is expected to generate employment for around 7,500 people and attract investments of about Rs 30,000 crore. So far, 41 companies have been allotted land at the site, and development work is underway. He also assured continued state support to improve the ease of doing business.

"In data centre infrastructure, India ranks third in Asia, and within the country, West Bengal currently ranks sixth with 11 private data centres," Das said.

STPI Director, Kolkata, Manjit Nayak said the organisation is

focusing on developing various technology segments and has established around 24 Centres for Entrepreneurship across India. "We have supported more than 2,000 startups through initiatives including funding assistance," he added.

During the event, the IT Secretary presented the STPI Export Excellence Awards to companies from across West Bengal.

Bhaarat Dave, Acting Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, said the state's upcoming Global Capability Centre (GCC) policy aims to position West Bengal as a next-generation technology hub. He said the UK is keen to collaborate with India in innovation, future skills, and secure digital frameworks.

Sushil Mohta, Chairman, World Trade Center, Salt Lake, said West Bengal is emerging as a promising destination for GCCs, supported by strong academic institutions, skilled talent, and improving infrastructure.

Lighting Minds with Vivekananda's Ideals



MI News Service, Ambari: A Movement for Better and Right Ideals (AMBAR), a social welfare organization, marked its 9th year with a meaningful social and educational programme held at the Ambari Gadadhar Primary School ground. The programme was organized under the leadership of Secretary Mithu Ray and Assistant Secre-

tary Sujan Dey. The event was graced by the presence of eminent homeopathic physician Dr. Sriraghupati Sarengi; renowned educationist, Assistant Headmaster of Ambari Dhaniram High School, and the only Indian internationally acclaimed biochemist medical scientist, Dr. Ashutosh Dutta; Ambari Gram Panchayat Pradhan Shri Anno

Chandra Ray; Acharya of Gita-

mrityapriyasi Pathshala Shri Rana Chatterjee; former Headmaster of Barabari Narnath High School and poet Shri Nripendra Sutradhar; noted social worker Ranjit Das; and eminent singer Pradip Sarkar, among others. The speakers, led by Dr. Ashutosh Dutta, spoke at length on the life, philosophy, and ideals of Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing their relevance in shaping character, values, and social responsibility among today's youth.

As part of its social outreach, the organization distributed educational materials to 80 students from the local area. The programme concluded on a warm note with sweets being distributed to all present, marking the end of a successful and inspiring event.



Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma presented the Best Officer Performance Award at Lal Bazaar, in Kolkata on Friday.

Winter Clothing Distribution by Jangipara Police Station

Nurul Islam Khan: Recently, a humanitarian program to stand by the needy during the winter was organized by the Jangipara Police Station under the Hooghly Rural Police District. On this day, a winter clothing (blanket) distribution program was organized in the Rajbalhat Suparigan area under the management of Jangipara Police Station and in collaboration with Meritorium for Social Welfare.

The Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Chanditala subdivision was present at this event, further enhancing the importance and significance of the program with his presence. On this day, blankets were distributed among approximately 70 destitute and elderly people from various villages under the jurisdiction of Jangipara Police Station.



Many poor and helpless people in the area benefited from this initiative by the police during this biting cold weather. Local residents welcomed this humanitarian step by the police,

expressed their satisfaction, and urged for the continuation of such socially oriented programs in the future. Officer-in-Charge Nazir Uddin Ali was also present.

Abhishek Assures Support to Family of Deceased BLO



Deceased East Jadavpur BLO Ashok Das

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee personally intervened following the tragic death of BLO Ashok Das in East Jadavpur, offering support and reassurance to the bereaved family. Ashok Das, who served as the BLO for the 110th polling station at F.P. School, Chitkalikapur, was found dead at his residence on Thursday. Authorities recovered a suicide note citing extreme stress related to his duties under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in West Bengal.

Reacting swiftly, Abhishek Banerjee dispatched local party leaders to Ashok Das's home in Mukundapur, East Jadavpur, to check on his family and ensure that they received immediate assistance. He assured the family that the party would stand by them during this difficult time and monitor the investigation closely.

Ashok Das, a resident of Ahulanganar, Mukundapur, also worked as an assistant teacher at Baharu High School in South 24 Parganas. His wife, Sudipta Das, has filed a complaint against an unidentified person, alleging abetment to suicide, citing the immense pressure Ashok faced due to SIR responsibilities. The East Jadavpur police have registered a case under Section 108 of the Indian Penal Code and are investigating both the circumstances of the death and the alleged abetment.

Police recovered a suicide note from the scene, which reportedly mentioned that Ashok could no longer bear the SIR-related stress, his health was deteriorating, and he wished to leave for his parents. The police are also tracing all relevant leads, including statements from family members and neighbours.

Abhishek Banerjee's prompt involvement highlights the TMC leadership's emphasis on supporting grassroots workers and their families, particularly during crises. The party has pledged to remain in close contact with Ashok Das's family as the investigation unfolds, ensuring that justice and support are provided.

A Promise in Rhythm and Grace

MI News Service, Kolkata: Organised by the Centre for Excellence in Cultural Pursuits, Malashree, the fifth edition of its flagship endeavour Angikaar was held at the Yogesh Mime Academy, paying tribute to the legendary Odissi maestro Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra. The programme featured captivating solo Odissi performances by Moumita Dutta, Neetika Maitra, Indrajit Sarkar, Vandita Venkatesh, Amrita Sarkar, Pre-rana Basu, Dipshikha Maity and Soumita Hazra. The evening was further enriched by evocative musical accompaniment, with Pandit Swapan Bhattacharya on tabla and Pandit Sandeep Banerjee on sitar, adding depth and dimension to the cultural presentation. The entire programme was gracefully conducted by eminent dancer and trainer Dr. Arpita Venkatesh along with Sampita Chatterjee.



This year's Gangasagar Mela was eco-friendly and plastic-free. Minister Aroop Biswas was present during the cleaning and sanitation (Clean and Green Gangasagar) of the fairgrounds after the conclusion of the Gangasagar Mela. He was accompanied by Ministers Bankim Hazra, Pulak Roy, Snehasish Chakraborty, Sujit Bose, Becharan Manna, and Member of Parliament Bapi Halder. After the fair, Minister Aroop Biswas stated, "The Gangasagar Mela was inaugurated with the slogan 'Purification every time, the pledge of Gangasagar,' and this has been properly upheld. I extend my thanks on behalf of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to all the 300 beach guards who worked day and night (24x7) to keep the fair clean and tidy." PIC: Prabir Bhattacharya

Gangasagar Beaches Cleaned After Mela to Ensure 'Environment-Friendly Fair'

MI News Service, Gangasagar: Soon after the conclusion of the Gangasagar Mela, the South 24-Parganas district administration on Friday launched an extensive cleanliness drive across all beaches in the mela zone. Nearly 3,000 sanitation workers were deployed to clean six major seafront stretches, restoring the coastline to pristine condition within a day. State ministers Aroop Biswas, Bankim Hazra, Becharan Manna, Sujit Bose, Snehasish Chakraborty, and Pulak Roy, along with district magistrate Arvind Kumar Meena, personally participated in the post-mela cleanliness campaign and interacted with sanitation workers and beach guards.

Praising the effort, Power and Housing Minister Aroop Biswas described the Gangasagar Mela as one of the most environment-friendly fairs not only in India but globally. "To my knowledge, there is no other mela where such a massive gathering leaves almost no trace behind. People come, take the holy dip, and leave, while our 3,000 beach guards and sanitation workers immediately collect any waste left behind. They deserve our salute," Biswas said. He added that while the work of sanitation staff often goes unnoticed, their contribution in keeping the sea beaches clean was beyond praise.

Referring to the massive turnout, Biswas said nearly 1.3 crore pilgrims visited Gangasagar this year. "Managing a gathering of this scale is possible only under the leadership of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. She instructed us to ensure that pilgrims from different states and countries face no inconvenience, and every department followed that instruction in letter and spirit," he said. Biswas also reiterated the demand for national fair status for the Gangasagar Mela, noting

that public recognition already gives it that stature. Agriculture Marketing Minister Becharan Manna highlighted the state government's commitment to the 'Mission Nirmal Bangla' initiative, aimed at keeping West Bengal clean and plastic-free. "This year's mela was 'super clean.' Solid waste management worked round the clock, with proper segregation and recycling," Manna said. He added that self-help group women transformed discarded items into decorative and utility products, generating sales of around Rs 50 lakh.

Manna further announced that two permanent solid waste management units and a faecal sludge management system would be set up before the next mela. Fire and Disaster Management Minister Sujit Bose said, "Each year, arrangements improve. Today marks the end of the mela, but our efforts will continue."

Director, IIT Kharagpur Invited for Republic Day 'At Home' Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur is to share that an official invitation for the prestigious Republic Day 'At Home' Reception - 2026, to be held at the Cultural Centre, Rashtrapati Bhavan on 26 January 2026, has been extended to Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Director, IIT Kharagpur, by the Hon'ble President of India, Droupadi Murmu. The invitation was delivered today by India Post, as part of the nationwide dissemination of invitations to distinguished guests from various walks of public life. Officers and staff of India Post, Medinipur Division, personally handed over the invitation to Prof. Chakraborty at IIT Kharagpur, marking the occasion with due dignity and respect. The Republic Day 'At Home' reception is a highly esteemed national event, hosted annually by the President of India, bringing together eminent personalities who have made notable con-



tributions to the nation. Expressing her sentiments on the occasion, Prof. Suman Chakraborty stated that receiving the invitation has been a matter of immense pride and happiness, reflecting the collective commitment of IIT Kharagpur to excellence in education, research, and national progress.

EKAM 2026 Concludes at Adamas University with Grandeur

MI News Service, Kolkata: EKAM 2026 at Adamas University concluded on a high note, marking the successful culmination of a vibrant, multi-day celebration that brought together sports, culture, creativity, and community. Hosted at Adamas Knowledge City, Barasat, the finale reaffirmed the University's commitment to holistic education and student-led excellence, celebrating talent well beyond the classroom.

The concluding day commenced with a ceremonial rally from the AKC Main Gate to the New Playground behind AU 5, with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, staff, and guests. The presence of the Adamas Howrah Warriors added energy and inspiration, reinforcing the values of teamwork, discipline, and



L - R : Prof Suranjan Das, VC, Adamas University & Prof. Samit Ray, Chancellor, Adamas University

only athletic achievement but also dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Spread over several days, EKAM 2026 featured a thoughtfully curated programme blending tradition with contemporary expression. Founder's Day set the

tone with an inaugural ceremony and lamp lighting, followed by music, dance, reels competitions, a dance drama, and a fashion show—each reflecting creativity, confidence, and collaboration.

Speaking on the occasion, Samit Ray, Chancellor, Adamas University, said, "EKAM represents the spirit of Adamas University—where education is lived through collaboration, creativity, and character building."

Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, added that EKAM plays a vital role in nurturing leadership, inclusivity, and a sense of shared purpose among students.

As EKAM 2026 concluded, it left behind pride, unity, and renewed energy as the University looks ahead to inspire once again.

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PM Modi to visit Bengal on Jan 17-18, address rallies amidst SIR, ED-IPAC row

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the agency of attempting to steal the TMC's election strategy at the BJP's behest. "The PM will arrive in Malda on Saturday afternoon. He will first attend a government programme and then address a public rally at a nearby ground. On Sunday, he will again come to Bengal, this time to Singur in Hooghly, where he will attend a government programme followed by a public rally," a senior state BJP leader said. The BJP leader, however, could not confirm whether the PM would have a night halt in Kolkata.

The visit comes against the backdrop of a bitter dispute over the SIR process, with the ruling TMC accusing the BJP and the Election Commission of harassing ordinary citizens through the revision exercise, claiming voters would respond to this "harassment" at the ballot box. The BJP, however, has defended the exercise, arguing that SIR is necessary to weed out illegal immigrants and "Rohingyas" from the electoral rolls, and has alleged that the TMC's opposition stems from fears of losing a sizable "illegal" vote bank. On January 18, the PM will visit Singur in Hooghly district, where he will inaugurate, lay foundation stones and flag off development projects worth around Rs 830 crore. Politically, Singur occupies a singular place in Bengal's contemporary history. Nearly two decades after it became the epicentre of the industry-versus-land agitation that reshaped the state's power map, the area is again at the centre of a high-stakes narrative ahead of the polls. The BJP has promised to "bring Tata back to Singur" if voted to power, projecting the exit of the Nano car project as a missed economic opportunity and a symbol of industrial stagnation under the TMC. The ruling party, which rose to prominence riding the Singur and Nandigram anti-land acquisition movements to end 34 years of Left Front rule in 2011, has dismissed the pitch as politically driven nostalgia that ignores history and Supreme Court verdicts ordering the return of land to unwilling farmers.

Mamata Blames BJP, EC Over SIR, Aadhaar Rejection in Bengal

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lighting that school certificates, previously accepted as proof of birth, are now being rejected, while Aadhaar is not being considered. Banerjee alleged that in Malda, notices were sent to nearly 90 lakh people of a specific community, while tribal names were excluded in several districts. She questioned why names of prominent figures like Amartya Sen, Lakshmiratan Shukla, Jai Goswami, and Deb were omitted, and noted that even domicile certificates, recognized nationwide, are being ignored in West Bengal. The Chief Minister said, "We have long accepted school certificates as proof of birth. Suddenly, it is being declared that they are no longer valid. Even after the Supreme Court's directive, Aadhaar cards are not being accepted. All this is being done to put people in distress." "Certificates that are valid nationwide are being ignored only in Bengal," she said. Mamata claimed that in Malda, notices have been sent to nearly 90 lakh people of a specific community, and she alleged that in several districts, the names of tribal individuals have been omitted. Banerjee directly accused the BJP and the Election Commission of attempting to create communal tension under the guise of SIR.

Beldanga Killing: Mamata Slams BJP, Abhishek Calls Jharkhand CM

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tension gripped Beldanga in Murshidabad district on Friday after the alleged killing of a migrant worker from West Bengal in Jharkhand sparked widespread protests. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressed the issue while speaking to reporters at Dum Dum airport before departing for North Bengal. Terming the anger of the protesters as "understandable," she said the sentiments of the minority community in Beldanga could not be ignored, particularly as the demonstrations took place on a Friday, a day of religious importance. "Friday is a holy day, just like sacred days in other religions. People gather for Friday prayers, and if a few try to provoke unrest for political gains, emotions are bound to run high," Banerjee said. She added that she was personally disturbed by the incident and by repeated reports of harassment of migrant workers from Bengal in other states.

Launching a strong attack on the BJP, the Chief Minister accused the party of attempting to engineer unrest in West Bengal. She alleged that migrant workers were being targeted primarily in BJP-ruled states and claimed the party was resorting to divisive politics as it lacked popular support in Bengal. Banerjee also raised concerns over alleged selective deletion of names from electoral rolls, stating that minority, Matua, Rajbanshi and tribal communities



were being targeted. She said booth-level officers were under extreme pressure due to frequently changing instructions.

Reassuring migrant workers and their families, Banerjee said the state government had already initiated an investigation and registered a case in connection with the death. "We are standing by the affected family. I appeal to everyone to remain calm, maintain peace and trust the judicial process. Justice will be delivered," she said, urging people not to be misled by provocations.

The protests erupted following the death of Alaudin Sheikh, a migrant worker from Sujapur Talpara under Beldanga police station limits. He had been working as a hawker in Jharkhand for the past five years.

His family alleged that he was killed after being labelled a Bangladeshi. His body was reportedly found hanging, and the news spread rapidly, triggering outrage among residents.

Trinamool Congress national general secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee also reacted strongly to the incident. He spoke to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren over the phone, demanding a thorough police investigation and stringent punishment for those responsible. Soren assured that police had already launched a probe and said strict action would be taken against the guilty, with no lapses in the investigation.

Abhishek Banerjee also expressed deep concern over the incident, stating that the safety of migrant workers from Bengal must be ensured. During his conversation with Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Banerjee demanded a fair investigation and the strictest possible punishment for those involved in the killing.

Hemant Soren reportedly assured Banerjee that Jharkhand Police had already initiated an investigation and that no lapses would be tolerated. He further stated that all those found guilty would face appropriate legal consequences. The incident has once again raised concerns over the safety of migrant workers from Bengal working in other states.

Inter-College Sports Championship Kicks Off in North Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The three-day North Kolkata Inter-College District Sports and Games Championship 2025-2026 began at the Scottish Church College Ground, promoting sports culture and nurturing young athletic talent. Organised by the Directorate of Education and the Higher Education Department of West Bengal, the event was inaugurated by footballer Bidesh Bose, encouraging students to excel in both sports and academics. Twenty-five colleges are participating, with opening-day events including track races, long jump, high jump, and shot put. The next two days, January 17-18, will feature football and kho-kho championships, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship among college athletes.

Massive Fire Breaks Out at Sofa Manufacturing Unit on Topsia Road

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city witnessed another major fire on Friday afternoon when a devastating blaze broke out at a sofa manufacturing factory on Topsia Road. Thick black smoke engulfed the area, prompting panic among locals, while at least 11 fire engines rushed to the spot. Fortunately, no casualties have been reported. The fire erupted in a factory storing and manufacturing sofas and furniture, where highly flammable materials such as foam, fabric, and wooden furniture caused the flames to spread rapidly. Visuals from the scene showed dense smoke and flames emerging from the building. The incident occurred around noon, with locals attempting to control the fire initially. However, the blaze quickly grew out of control, and the fire department received the first call around 3:10 pm, dispatching multiple fire tenders to the congested area.

Officials said narrow lanes and densely populated surroundings made it difficult to contain the fire. Firefighters are working on a war footing to prevent the blaze from spreading, and nearby buildings have been evacuated as a precaution. Workers inside the factory managed to escape safely, and some furniture was removed before the fire intensified. The cause of the fire is still unknown, and authorities plan a detailed investigation once the blaze is fully under control.

ISKCON Mayapur Warns Pilgrims of Online Booking Scam

MI News Service, Kolkata: With the festive season underway, the number of pilgrims visiting ISKCON Mayapur has surged, prompting the temple authorities to issue a warning about a serious online accommodation scam. Several devotees and tourists from India and abroad have already fallen victim, suffering financial losses. An FIR has been filed, and the case is now under investigation by the cybercrime division.

According to ISKCON sources, scammers have created multiple fake websites and WhatsApp-based booking channels, claiming to offer rooms in popular Mayapur accommodations such as Prabhupad Village, Isodyan, GadaBhavan, Krishna Bhavan, and GeetaBhavan. Radhraman Das, Vice-President of ISKCON Kolkata, said these websites appear highly professional and credible.



Bidhannagar Mayor Krishna Chakraborty along with actress Subhashree Ganguly attended the Bengal Culture and Nature Festival in Kolkata on Friday.

State Issues Strict Nipah Virus Guidelines Amid Rising Cases

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal, including Kolkata, is witnessing a rise in Nipah virus cases, prompting the state government to issue comprehensive guidelines for patient care and preventive measures. The state health department, under the leadership of a five-member medical team, has prepared these guidelines for individuals and healthcare workers involved in treating patients infected with the Nipah virus or showing symptoms.

According to the guidelines, anyone who comes into contact with a Nipah-infected patient's blood, bodily fluids, saliva, or respiratory droplets is considered high-risk and must

undergo mandatory 21-day home quarantine. During this period, such individuals must be medically monitored twice daily, and any appearance of symptoms requires immediate hospitalization in an isolation ward. The guidelines also emphasize that even indirect contact, such as handling the patient's clothes or personal belongings, places individuals under strict observation for 21 days. Symptomatic persons, regardless of prior quarantine, must be admitted to a hospital without delay to prevent further spread of the virus.

For individuals without symptoms, the guidelines recommend preventive measures, including taking

a special antiviral medication as a precaution. Healthcare personnel are advised to follow strict protocols while treating patients, ensuring both their safety and that of the general public. The state government has stressed the importance of early detection, quarantine, and isolation to control the virus's spread effectively. Citizens are urged to remain vigilant and adhere to safety measures to curb further infections. With the rising concern over Nipah virus transmission in the state, these guidelines aim to protect both healthcare workers and the public, ensuring timely medical intervention and minimizing the risk of a wider outbreak.

Woman Found Dead at Rented Home in Narkeldanga, Murder Suspected

MI News Service, Kolkata: A 22-year-old woman, Pushpa Kumari, was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her rented residence at Narkeldanga, east Kolkata, prompting police to register a murder case and launch an investigation. Local residents said a young man was seen leaving the house in a hurry earlier in the day. When Pushpa did not respond to repeated calls, neighbours entered her room and found her unconscious on the bed. She was rushed to NRS Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared her dead on arrival. Pushpa lived with her family in a small rented room for about two years. Her father, Raj Narayan, works in Sealadah and was away at the time. Neighbours said there was no response from inside the room from the afternoon onward, prompting them to check. Preliminary post-mortem

findings suggest foul play, with injury marks around her neck indicating possible strangulation. The room has been sealed for forensic examination. Based on preliminary investigation, a murder case has been registered. Police sources further stated that, for the time being, suspicion is primarily directed towards family members. Police said a young man, reportedly Pushpa's brother, had visited the house that afternoon and has been missing since the incident. Investigators are recording statements from family members and neighbours to determine whether the killing resulted from a family dispute or other motives. Authorities are seeking leads to locate the missing man, which may prove crucial. Further details are expected after forensic analysis and the complete post-mortem report.

Mamata lays foundation of Mahakal Mahatirtha

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she offered prayers at the historic Mahakal Mandir located at the Observatory Hill in Darjeeling. She said she had decided to construct a grand Mahakal temple in Siliguri. The new temple will be built on nearly 18 acres of land in the Matigara area, opposite the City Centre Mall. "The state government has provided the land free of cost. The project also includes a Convention centre and will house a grand Shiva idol of 108 feet in height, the largest in the world, and will be placed on a base also of 108 feet", the Chief minister said adding that a Board of Trustee has already been formed to oversee the construction and management of the temple. She said the Mahakal Temple will be among the largest Hindu shrines in the country and is expected to become a major landmark near Siliguri. "It will be one of the biggest temples in the country. Once completed, it will open a new avenue for religious tourism in Siliguri and provide a significant boost to the local economy and surrounding areas," Mamata Banerjee said.

The West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HIDCO) will oversee the execution of the project in coordination with the district administration and the state public works department (PWD), so that the temple could be completed in two years time, the Chief minister said. She said the state government has allocated Rs 344.2 crore to construct the proposed Mahakal Mahatirtha temple, the highest such allocation for a temple complex in the state. Earlier, the Rs 250 crore Jagannath temple complex in Digha was inaugurated by Mamata Banerjee on April 30 last year. The foundation stone of 'Durga Angan'—a Durga temple complex in New Town, pegged at Rs 262 crore—was also laid by the Mamata Banerjee on December 29 last year. The land earmarked for the temple was previously remained as barren. The Siliguri Municipal Corporation has now cleared large quantities of waste from the site.

Start-up India now a revolution, as youth focussed on solving real problems : PM Modi

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stream, Prime minister Modi observed, lauding India's startup founders for their "impressive" confidence and ambitions. "Those risk-taking ideas that were earlier considered fringe, have now become fashion," he said, adding that the country's youth does not want to work in comfort zones. He also said India's youth and entrepreneurs are focused on solving real problems, and the Startup India mission has now become some sort of a revolution. The Startup India momentum is accelerating, with unicorns launching IPOs and creating jobs, he said. Indian youth is focused on solving real problems, and the Startup India mission has become a revolution, according to the Prime Minister. Who also said nearly fifty per cent of the country's start-ups currently have either one woman director or partner whose risk taking decisions have now become fashion," he said, adding that the country's youth do never want to work within any comfort zones and are ready to take up challenges.



On her way to North Bengal, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee arrived at Kolkata airport along with MP Kalyan Banerjee. She first spoke with Bidhannagar Police Commissioner Mukesh Kumar and Director General of Police Rajeev Kumar, following which she interacted with the media. The Chief Minister then departed for North Bengal, on Friday.

Abhishek Targets BJP and CPM in Fiery Address at Purba Medinipur Rally

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress (TMC) National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee launched a sharp and wide-ranging attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the CPI(M) while addressing a public meeting in Purba Medinipur. The rally followed his visit to Nandigram a day earlier, where he had inaugurated the party's Sebaashray welfare initiative.

Recalling the period before 2011, Banerjee said it was the people of this district who had first stood up against the alleged oppression by CPI(M) cadres. He mentioned areas such as Garbeta, Salboni, Keshpur, Chandrakona, Ghatol and Sabang, stating that residents of these regions had come forward in protest against leaders like Susanta Ghosh. According to Banerjee, the people of Medinipur played a crucial role in resisting what he described as years of political intimidation and violence.

Launching a sharp attack on the BJP from the stage, Banerjee alleged that it was on the soil of Medinipur that a "traitor" had joined the BJP to avoid going to jail. Taking a dig at the party's organisational structure in the district, he said the BJP model in West Medinipur consisted of former CPI(M) strongmen at the grassroots level and

"traitors" at the top. He claimed that individuals who once created fear among thousands of people during the Left Front rule were now occupying leadership positions in the BJP.

Banerjee further alleged that over the past nearly 25 years, workers of both the Congress and the Trinamool Congress had faced repeated and brutal attacks in the district. He accused political opponents of resorting to extreme violence, including poisoning ponds, locking people inside their homes, and setting houses on fire. Such incidents, he said, were part of Medinipur's painful political history. Emphasising the district's legacy of resistance, Banerjee said there was no need to remind the people of Medinipur of their own history. He pointed out that the very college ground where the meeting was being held had once been a centre of the freedom movement. From that ground, students like Dinesh Gupta and Pradyut Kumar had stepped forward and sacrificed their lives for India's independence, he noted.

Addressing party workers and supporters, Banerjee alleged that families from Kanthi and South 24 Parganas were being wrongly identified as Bangladeshi nationals and pushed across the border.



Thick black smoke engulfing the area behind Science City was captured from the Maa Flyover as a major fire broke out at a sofa and furniture manufacturing factory in the Topsia area on Friday afternoon.

Mukul Roy to Retain MLA Status as SC Stays Cal HC Order

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior Trinamool Congress leader Mukul Roy will continue as a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly after the Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Calcutta High Court order that had invalidated his MLA status. The interim relief was granted on humanitarian grounds, considering Roy's serious health condition. The Supreme Court

was hearing a plea filed by Roy's son, Subhranshu Roy, challenging the High Court's decision. A Bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joy-malya Bagchi observed that Roy is critically ill and undergoing hospital treatment. The Bench noted that the benefits associated with being an MLA could be necessary for hospital expenses and related needs.

Name Change
I, Abusalam Gazi (old name) S/O Anarali Gazi, residing at Vill- Rajipur, P.O.- Hasnabad, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743426, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abusalam Gazi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/01/2026. Md Abusalam Gazi (new name) and Abusalam Gazi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sajahan (Old Name) S/o Mohammad Hasan Ali Residing at FL-2, 204, Durgur Kuthir Station Road, P.O.- Dankuni, P.S.-Dankuni, District- Hooghly, Pin - 712311, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Md Sajahan Ali (New Name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 16-01-2026. Md Sajahan (Old Name) and Md Sajahan Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PROVAS MCHANDRA MALIK (old name) S/O DULAL CHANDRA MALIK, residing at SAHABAZAR,PS-DHANI-AKHALI, HOOGHLY- 712402, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRAVAS CHANDRA MALIK (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/01/2026. PRAVAS CHANDRA MALIK (new name) and PROVAS MCHANDRA MALIK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SAFDARI KHANAM, resident of B-56 Iron Gate Road, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024, declare that my father's correct name is MIRZA MUJHTABA HOSSAIN. In some of his documents his name has been erroneously mentioned as ALIM : ALIM SAHAB : ALIM KHANAM. His name may please be read as MIRZA MUJHTABA HOSSAIN. In all his relevant documents, as per Affidavit sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Howrah, on 08-01-2026 Affidavit No. 299. ALIM : ALIM SAHAB : ALIM KHANAM & MIRZA MUJHTABA HOSSAIN, is same, one and identical person.

Name Change
I, Fatema Gazi Bibi (old name) W/O Md Abusalam Gazi, residing at Vill- Rajipur, P.O.- Hasnabad, P.S.-Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743426, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Fatema Bibi Gazi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/01/2026. Fatema Bibi Gazi (new name) and Fatema Gazi Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rubi Khatoon (Old Name) D/o Golam Mostafa Residing at 85Z/1D, Topsia Road, Po+Ps - Tiljala, District- Kolkata, Pin- 700139, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Rubi Khanam (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 16-01-2026. Rubi Khatoon (Old Name) and Rubi Khanam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sabir (Old Name) S/o Md Mustaqueem Residing at Habipur Road, Near Holy Convent School, Moazzamchak, P.o- Habibpur, Ps-Habibpur, Bhagalpur, Bihar- 813113, India, Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Sabir Mustaqueem (New Name) as declared before The Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 16-1-2026. Mohammad Sabir (Old Name) and Mohammad Sabir Mustaqueem (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Adil Rahat S/O firoz rahat (my & my father old name), residing at G-318 Mehr Manzil P.O - Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, India, I have changed my & my father name and we shall henceforth be known as Md Adil S/O Md Sakil (my & my father new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Howrah, vide an affidavit No 299 dated 08/01/2026. Md Adil and Adil Rahat both are same and one identical person (my son). Md Sakil and Firoz Rahat both are same and one identical person (my father).

NAME CHANGE
I, SANJAY KUMAR, Son of Late Shankar Lal Goyal, residing of 116, Sukanta Sarani, P.O- Bhadrakali, P.S- Uttarpara, Dist- Hoogly, Pin - 712232, W.B shall henceforth known as Sanjay Kumar Goyal as declared before the 1'st Class Judicial Magistrate at Serampore, Hoogly Court vide Affidavit No.14106 Dated: 27-11-2025 Sanjay Kumar and Sanjay Kumar Goyal both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ravindra Kumar Keshwani (old name) S/O Nandlal Keshwani, residing at 13, Block-C, Bangur Avenue, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rabindra Keshwani (new name), as declared before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Rabindra Keshwani (new name) and Ravindra Kumar Keshwani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Satyajit Bar (Old Name) S/o Bhim Charan Bar Residing at White Meadows, Block 10 Flat 6E, 1529, Dwarir Road, Rajpur, Rajpur Sonarpur (M), District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700151, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Satyajit Burman (New Name) as declared before The Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit no 80/2026 Dated 16-01-2026. Satyajit Bar (Old Name) and Satyajit Burman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pankaj Ganeriwala (Old Name), Son Of Vinod Ganeriwala, Residing At Kalpataru Apartment, 5th Floor, Ac 92, Vip Road, Ps-Baguiati, Po-Krisnapur, Bidhannagar- 700101, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Pankaj Ganeriwala (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/01/2026. Pankaj Ganeriwala And Pankaj Ganeriwala Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kishore Malik (old name) S/o. Late Basanta Malik, I/o. Daipukur, Anandnagar, Singur, Hooghly-712409, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kishore Malik to Kishor Malik (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Kishor Malik in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 471 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Chandernagore, Hooghly Court on 16/01/2026. I, Kishore Malik & Kishor Malik S/o. Late Basanta Malik both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Abdur Rouf Molla (old name) S/O Mohammad Sabder Ali, residing at Vill.- Padmapukur, P.O.-Andharmanik, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abdur Rouf Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Md Abdur Rouf Molla (new name) and Mohammad Abdur Rouf Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Kundu (Old Name) S/o Shyamsundar Kundu Residing at 83/2 Becharam Chatterjee Road, Behala S.O, Behala, District- Kolkata, Pin-700034, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ashok Kumar Kundu (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit no 73/2026 Dated 16-01-2026. Ashok Kundu (Old Name) and Ashok Kumar Kundu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradeep Agarwal (old name) S/O Devraj Agarwal, residing at 12 Dover Park, Maruti Sadan, Flat-4A, 4th FL, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradeep Kumar Agarwal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Pradeep Kumar Agarwal (new name) and Pradeep Agarwal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Manjurahaman Nayia, S/o.- Latif Nayia, R/o.- Vill.- Machhpukur, P.O.- Brindakhali, P.S.- Baruijur, Dist. 24 Pgs. (S)-743387, Gubayad Nayia (Son's-Old Name), declare that have changed my Son's name & shall henceforth be known as Jubayed Nayia (New Name), vide Affidavit No.9184, did. 14.11.2025, in the Court of the LD, 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate at Baruijur, Kol-144. That Gubayad Nayia (Son's-Old Name) & Jubayed Nayia (Son's-New Name) both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, MAHJABEEN BANO wife of MD. PARVEZ KAMAL, declare that my minor daughter said name Afshen Parvez (daughter old name), residing at 35/B,PULIN KHATIKAT ROAD, TANGRA, KOLKATA-7000015, West Bengal, India, I have changed my daughter name and she shall henceforth be known as Afshen Firdous (daughter new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Afshen Firdous and Afshen Parvez both are same and one identical person (my daughter).

Name Change
I, Kamla Prasad Tripathy, Kamla Prasad Tripathi (Old Name) S/o Late Baburam Residing at 157E, Sri Arabinda Sarani District- Kolkata, Pin-700006, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kamala Prasad Tripathi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 17-12-2025. Kamla Prasad Tripathy, Kamla Prasad Tripathi (Old Name) and Kamala Prasad Tripathi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Maqsood Alam (old name) S/O Raish, residing at 59/1, G.J. Khan Road, Tiljala, Kolkata- 700031, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Maksud Alam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Maksud Alam (new name) and Md Maqsood Alam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD. BODRUDDOZA S/o Late HARUNAR RASHID residing at Vill & P.O.- Murgram, PS.- Keatligram, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman do hereby declare that my daughter's (BILKISH BEGAM) birth certificate (Regd. No. WB-BR-2020/1011/11887, Dt. - 17.06.2003) her name has been wrongly recorded as BILKIS BEGAM /BILKIT BEGAM D/o MD. BODRUDDOZA. On 17-12-2025 vide an affidavit (No. 3388) before First Class (JM) Katwa I affirm that BILKISH BEGAM, D/o MD. BODRUDDOZA and BILKIS BEGAM/BILKIT BEGAM D/o MD. BODRUDDOZA is the same and single, identical person.

Name Change
I, SOUMEN KUMAR SREEMANY (old name) S/O LATE SATYA NARAYAN SREEMANY, residing at 113 AELITE 3 BIDHAN SISHU SARANI, KANKURGACHI, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700054, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SOUMEN SREEMANY (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. SOUMEN SREEMANY (new name) and SOUMEN KUMAR SREEMANY (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdur Rouf, Mahammad Abdur Rouf (Old Name) S/o Abu Bakkar Residing at Khajutti, Bagnan, Vtc+Po - Khajutti, District- Howrah, Pin- 711303, West Bengal, India, Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abdur Rouf (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 74/2026 Dated 16-01-2026. Abdur Rouf, Mahammad Abdur Rouf (Old Name) and Md Abdur Rouf (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Muzibor Rahaman Mollah & Muzibhar Rahaman Mollah (old names) S/O Sattar Mollah, residing at Tehatta Budul Para New Bridge, VTC Tehatta, P.O.- Tehatta, Dist- Howrah, Pin- 711322, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mujiyar Mollah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. Mujiyar Mollah (new name) and Muzibor Rahaman Mollah & Muzibhar Rahaman Mollah (old names) all are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
Ashrin Khatun and Asrin Khatun and Asrin Bibi, W/o Abdul Rajak R/o Village Jhumarbad Debipur Dist.- Deoghar Jharkhand Pin-814112 is the same and one identical person, Vide Affidavit No-40 AA 816167 Date- 15/12/2025 at Asansol Court

Name Change
I, SANJEEB BHAGAT (old name) S/O KRISHNATH BHAGAT, residing at 22/1/1, FLAT-5, 2ND FLOOR, ARABINDA NAGAR, JOKA, NEAR SAROJ GUPTA CANCER CENTER, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, PIN-700014, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SANJIB BHAGAT (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. SANJIB BHAGAT (new name) and SANJEEB BHAGAT (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Apurba Kumar Kundu (Old Name) S/o Late Kanai Lal Kundu Residing at 43 Kantapukur 3rd Bye Lane, Ward No-43, Bantra Sadar, District - Howrah, Pin - 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Apurba Kundu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 75/2026 Dated 16-01-2026. Apurba Kumar Kundu (Old Name) and Apurba Kundu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Syed Akbar Ali @ Akbar Ali S/o Anwar Ali residing at Vill-42, Mofidul Islam Lane, P.S. Beniapukur, Kolkata-700014 declare that in my Aadhar Card and Voter ID Card my name has been mentioned and written as Akbar Ali instead of my actual & Correct Name Syed Akbar Ali as mentioned in my School document and documents of my 3 daughters named Rabab Akbar, Arvin Akbar and Arshi Akbar. That Akbar Ali and Syed Akbar Ali both are same and one identical person , i.e., myself vide affidavit No. 21918 dated 29.12.2025 before the Ld Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class Alipore.

NAME CHANGE
Abdul Rajjak and Abdul Rajak S/o Late Chatu Miya R/o Village Jhumarbad Debipur Dist Deoghar Jharkhand Pin-814112 is The Same and one identical person Vide Affidavit No-40 AA 814754 Date-15/12/2025 at Asansol Court

Name Change
I, JAYPATI DEVI (old name) W/O KRISHNATH BHAGAT, residing at 56, VIVEKANAND A PARK, HARIDIEVPUR, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700082, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JAIPATI DEVI (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. JAIPATI DEVI (new name) and JAYPATI DEVI (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chandni Kumari (Old Name) W/o Rajesh Kumar Residing at A-Block, 2C, Twin Tower, Rajarhat Main Road, Gopalpur (M), Po- Hatiara, Ps-Baguiati, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700157, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Chandni (New Name) as declared before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Calcutta vide affidavit no 9476 Dated 14-01-2026. Chandni Kumari (Old Name) and Chandni (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) PRODIP KUMAR GHOSH S/O MRIGENDRA BIHUSON GHOSH Residing at, Vill- Kadbeltala Radhikanagar, Post- Cossimbazar Raj, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742102, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from PRODIP KUMAR GHOSH TO PRADIP KUMAR GHOSH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) PRADIP KUMAR GHOSH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026. PRADIP KUMAR GHOSH and PRODIP KUMAR GHOSH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
In my birth certificate (Regn. No.-611 dt. 29.02.1996) issued by Dhanyakuria B.P.H.C my name has been recorded as FEROZ ALI S/O KASEM ALI. On 22-12-2025 vide an affidavit before Basirhat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court (No. 23291/25) I affirm that FEROZ ALI MONDAL S/o KASEM ALI MONDAL and FEROZ ALI S/o KASEM ALI is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PRAMITA MAITY CHAKRABORTY (old name) W/O SABYASACHI CHAKRABORTY, residing at BINAYAK ENCLAVE, BL-U, FL-202, 59 KC GHOSH ROAD, P.S.- BARANAGAR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL, PIN-700050, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRAMITA MAITY (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. PRAMITA MAITY (new name) and PRAMITA MAITY CHAKRABORTY (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashish Mishra (Old Name) S/o Raajesh Mishra Residing at Jyangra Gobinda Nibas Math Para, Rajarhat, Gopalpur, Po.- Jyanager, Ps- Baguiati, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700059, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ashis Mishra (New Name) as declared before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Calcutta vide affidavit no 8008 Dated 09-01-2026. Ashish Mishra (Old Name) and Ashis Mishra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Samim (Old Name) Son Of Sekh Osman Ali, Residing At Vill-Rani Gachhi, P.O.- Shanksahar P.S.-Bhangar, Dist- 24 Parganas South, Pin-743502, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Samim (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Baruijur On 13/01/2026. Sekh Samim (Old Name) And Sk Samim (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, P K Das (Old Name), S/o.- Mani Bhusan Das, R/o.- Vill.- Miyapur, P.O.- Miyapur, VTC:-Jarur, P.S.-Raghunathganj, Dist.- Murshidabad-742235, WB, declare that my name have change & shall henceforth be known as Pranab Kumar Das (New Name) vide Affidavit No. 4246, did. 14.01.2026, before the LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore. That, P K Das (Old Name) & Pranab Kumar Das (New Name) both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, SURANDAR KUMAR GUPTA (old name) S/O LATE BINDESWAR, residing at P3, SASHIBHUSAN DEY STREET, P.O.-BOWBAZAR, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700012, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SURENDRA KUMAR GUPTA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. SURENDRA KUMAR GUPTA (new name) and SURANDAR KUMAR GUPTA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anjali Arjan Nanwani (old name) wife of Arjan Shyam Das Nanwani, residing at Flat-1A, 64.26, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Kolkata- 700041, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anjali A Nanwani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/01/2026. Anjali A Nanwani (new name) and Anjali Arjan Nanwani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Akram Ali (Old Name) Son Of Sk Ayamad Ali, Residing At 102, Khetra Mohan Banerjee Lane, P.S.- Shipburi, Dist- Howrah, Pin- 711102, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Akram Ali (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/01/2026. Sekh Akram Ali (Old Name) And Sk Akram Ali (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rayhan Mondal, S/o. Abdul Ohab, R/o. Vill.-Mirajpur, P.O. Kulingram, P.S.- Jamalpur, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman- 713166, WB, declare that my Father's actual name has been wrongly recorded in my Passport & No.-M02200077 as Ajijul Mondal in place of Abdul Ohab, vide Affidavit No. 3028, did. 15.01.2026, in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman. That, Abdul Ohab & Ajijul Mondal both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, AMIR KUMAR BHOWMIK (old name), S/O NEPAL BHOWMIK residing at JAICIR CHILAKHANA, P.O.- CHARJANI, P.S.- TUEANGAN, COOCH BEIHAR- 736159 West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and i shall henceforth be known as AMIR BHOWMIK (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/01/2026. AMIR BHOWMIK (new name) and AMIR KUMAR BHOWMIK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shrvan Kumar (Old Name) S/o Shybra Bihari Singh Residing at 27, Gobra Gorasthan Road, P.o- Gobinda Khatok Road, P.s- Topsia, District- Kolkata, Pin- 700046, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Shrvan Singh (New Name) as declared before The Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 16-01-2026. Shrvan Kumar (Old Name) and Shrvan Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMED FAWAZUDDIN, S/O of Mohammed Farhaduddin, residing on the 3rd floor of "Zedd Apartment" at Premises No.7, Taltala Lane, Kolkata-700014, certify that my name is recorded as "Mohammed Fawazuddin" in my birth certificate bearing No. 20005156041/B/C/2020 issued by Barasat Municipality, while in some other documents, it is recorded as "Md. Fawazuddin". Mohammed Fawazuddin and Md. Fawazuddin is the same and identical person and known by both the names in the locale. Sworn by Affidavit before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kolkata, on 16th January, 2026.

PM to visit West Bengal on 17-18 January

• PM to dedicate and lay foundation stone for various rail and road projects worth over ₹3,250 crore in Malda on 17th January
• PM to flag off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati (Kamakhya)
• Fully air-conditioned Vande Bharat Sleeper Train to offer a modern, comfortable and affordable long-distance travel experience
• PM to inaugurate, lay the foundation stone and flag off various development projects worth more than ₹830 crore at Singur, Hooghly
• PM to lay the foundation stone of the Extended Port Gate System at Balagarh, boosting inland water transport and regional connectivity
• PM to flag off 7 Amrit Bharat trains, boosting rail connectivity of West Bengal with other States
MI News Service, New Delhi, 16 Jan.26 : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit West Bengal on 17-18 January, 2026.



On 17th January, at around 12:45 PM, Prime Minister will visit Malda and flag off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati (Kamakhya) at Malda Town Railway Station. Thereafter, at around 1:45 PM, Prime Minister will dedicate to the Nation and lay the foundation stone of multiple rail and road infrastructure projects worth more than ₹3,250 crore in a public function at Malda.

On 18th January, at around 3 PM, Prime Minister will inaugurate, lay the foundation stone and flag off various development projects worth around ₹830 crore at Singur in Hooghly district.

PM in Malda
Prime Minister will visit Malda and dedicate to the nation, and lay the foundation stone of multiple rail and road infrastructure projects worth ₹3,250 crore, aimed at strengthening connectivity and accelerating development in West Bengal and the North-Eastern region.

Prime Minister will visit Malda Town Railway Station, where he will flag off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati (Ka-

makhya). He will also virtually flag off the Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Train. Developed to meet the growing transportation needs of modern India, the fully air-conditioned Vande Bharat Sleeper train is set to offer passengers an airline-like travel experience at economical fares. It will make long-distance journeys faster, safer, and more convenient. By significantly reducing travel time by around 2.5 hours on the Howrah-Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Route, the train will also give a major boost to religious travel and tourism.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of four major railway projects in West Bengal, including the new rail line between Balurghat and Hili, next-generation freight maintenance facilities at New Jalpaiguri, upgradation of the Siliguri Loco Shed, and modernization of Vande Bharat train maintenance facilities in Jalpaiguri district. These projects will strengthen passenger and freight operations, improve logistics efficiency in North Bengal, and generate employment opportunities in the region.

Prime Minister will dedicate to the Nation the electrification of rail lines between New Coochbehar-Bamanhat and New Coochbehar-Boxirhat, enabling faster, cleaner and more energy-efficient train operations.

Prime Minister will further virtually flag off 4 New Amrit Bharat Express trains - New Jalpaiguri- Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express; New Jalpaiguri- Tiruchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express; Alipurduar - SMVT Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express; Alipurduar - Mumbai (Panvel) Amrit Bharat Express. This will enhance affordable and reliable long-distance rail connec-

tivity. These services will support the mobility needs of common citizens, students, migrant workers and traders, while strengthening inter-state economic and social linkages.

Prime Minister will also flag off two new train services equipped with LHB coaches - Radhikapur - SMVT Bengaluru Express; Balurghat - SMVT Bengaluru Express. These trains will provide the region's youth, students, and IT professionals with direct, safe, and comfortable travel connectivity to major IT and employment hubs such as Bengaluru.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the rehabilitation and four-laning of the Dhupguri-Falakata section of National Highway-31D, a key road project that will improve regional road connectivity and facilitate smoother movement of passengers and goods in North Bengal.

These projects will play a vital role in building modern infrastructure creation and improved connectivity, strengthening the Eastern and North-Eastern regions as key growth engines of the Nation.

PM in Hooghly
Prime Minister will inaugurate, lay the foundation stone of and flag off various development projects worth more than ₹830 crore at Singur, Hooghly.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of the Extended Port Gate System at Balagarh, including an Inland Water Transport (IWT) terminal and a Road Over Bridge

Spanning an area of approximately 900 acres, Balagarh is being developed as a modern cargo handling terminal with an envisaged capacity of about 2.7 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The project includes the construction of two dedicated cargo handling jetties,

one for containerised cargo and one for dry bulk cargo.

The Balagarh project aims to significantly improve cargo evacuation efficiency by diverting heavy cargo movement away from congested urban corridors. This will enhance road safety, reduce vehicular congestion and pollution in Kolkata city, and contribute to an improved quality of life for residents. Improved multimodal connectivity and logistics efficiency will also provide cost-effective market access to regional industries, MSMEs, and agricultural producers. The project is expected to generate substantial direct and indirect employment, benefiting local communities through job creation in logistics, terminal operations, transport services, maintenance, and allied activities.

Prime Minister will also launch a state-of-the-art Electric Catamaran in Kolkata. This is one of the 6 Electric Catamarans indigenously built for inland water transport by Cochin Shipyard Ltd. The 50-passenger hybrid electric aluminium catamaran, equipped with advanced electric propulsion systems and lithium-titanate battery technology, is capable of operating in fully electric zero-emission mode as well as in hybrid mode for extended endurance. The vessel will support urban river mobility, ecotourism and last-mile passenger connectivity along the Hooghly River.

Prime Minister will also inaugurate the Jayrambati-Barogopinathpur-Maynapur new rail line. This line is an important part of the Tarkeshwar-Bishnupur new rail line project. Along with the new rail line, a new train service between Maynapur and Jayrambati, with a halt at Barogopinathpur, will also be flagged off. It will provide direct rail connectivity to the residents of Bankura district, making travel more affordable and convenient for daily commuters, students and pilgrims.

Prime Minister will flag off three Amrit Bharat Express trains : Kolkata (Howrah) - Anand Vihar Terminal Amrit Bharat Express; Kolkata (Sealdah) - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express; Kolkata (Santragachi) - Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express.

Safety First: Howrah Division Strengthens Track Maintenance Practices



MI News Service, Kolkata, 16 Jan.26 : A Technical Seminar on "Do's & Don'ts of Track Maintenance" was organized on 15 January 2026 at the Kamarkundu (KQU) PWI Office by the Engineering Department, Howrah Division, based on the HQ-prescribed booklet circulated among staff.

The seminar focused on reinforcing essential practices, critical do's and don'ts, and safety precau-

tions for open line track maintenance, with emphasis on track safety, passenger safety, and personal safety. Interactive discussions reflected the staff's keen commitment to safe and systematic train operations. Similar seminars are planned at other locations across the division.

Safety is the First Priority of Howrah Division - Safe Track, Safe Train, Safe Passenger.

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

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Prathistha Tamang/ Tshering Tamang/ Batasio Ghom/ H C Road Jorebunglows Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri - 734102/ TBJP00006321735	New L.R. Khatian No. 1244 (Old 1173), Plot No. 198 (Old 142), J.L. No. 13, Mouza Jorebunglow, Khasmahal, Municipal Holding No. 62/1/B, Cart Road Situated At Karma Garage Location, Above Hill Cart Road, Batasia, P.O. Ghoom, P.S. Jorebunglow, Municipality Ward No. 2, District And District Sub-Registry Office Darjeeling, Siliguri, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 400 Sq. Ft. Built Up Area. North: By The Boc Building of Smt. S. Pradhan Shanti: By Common Stair Case or Step And The Land of Shri T. Ghising East: By The Common Foot Path And The Compound of Primari School West: By The Boc Building of G. Ghosh/ Date of Physical 15/01/2026	April 20,2023 Rs. 27,68,872.00/-	Siliguri/ Darjeeling

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: Siliguri/ 17, 2026
Place: Siliguri & Darjeeling

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

WORLD BANK approves \$286 million loan to BENGAL

MI News Service, Kolkata: The World Bank has approved financing for a program to improve the quality of life and life expectancy in West Bengal through wider, more equitable access to quality healthcare. The West Bengal Health System Reform Program Operation, with a USD 286 million loan, will support the delivery of personalised healthcare services across the state for people aged 30 and above through digital tracking of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension and diabetes. It will also bring a patient-centric care approach to the state's health systems, improve health outcome measurement, and enhance healthcare facilities' resilience to extreme weather events.

The Program will also support strengthening gender-based violence (GBV) services, including targeted interventions for boys, married adolescents, and healthcare providers.

In the five districts of Purulia, Birbhum, Murshidabad, Maldah and Uttar Dinajpur, the Program will improve access to quality healthcare services and reduce inequities in maternal and adolescent health.

The World Bank said West Bengal has made sustained health gains in the past two decades with infant mortality rates declining from 32 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2010-2012 to 19 in 2018-2020. The total fertility rate was 1.64 births per woman in 2019, among the lowest in the country.

As a result, life expectancy in West Bengal is 72 years, which is higher than the national average. However, in spite of these gains and high literacy rates among adolescent girls (at 89 per cent), West Bengal has the second-highest rate of adolescent pregnancies in India at 16 per cent, which also drives the maternal mortality ratio at 103 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2018-2020.

The districts of Purulia, Birbhum, Murshidabad, Maldah and Uttar Dinajpur face critical challenges in reproductive, maternal, and adolescent care. "This Program will help West Bengal deliver more equitable and higher-quality health services, with measurable results for women, adolescents, and people living with non-communicable diseases," said Paul Procee, the World Bank's Acting Country Director for India. "By linking financing to verified outcomes and strengthening governance and climate resilience, the operation addresses both service gaps and systemic constraints that have held back health gains for vulnerable communities.

This will have a direct impact on the ability to seek good jobs." "Strengthening the continuum of care at the primary level through measures like control of hypertension and diabetes is central to bending the NCD curve," said Rahul Pandey and Meghna Sharma, the Task Team Leaders of the program.

"The program's focus on quality-of-care interventions and mechanisms to respond to gender-based violence are vital to improving health outcomes and trust in the healthcare system." The USD 286 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a final maturity of 16.5 years, including a three-year grace period.

DEFENCE SECTOR: India to ease rules to boost foreign investment

MI News Service, New Delhi: India plans to make it much easier for foreign firms to invest in defence companies, two government sources with knowledge of the matter said - a move that would align with efforts to boost domestic manufacturing after last year's conflict with Pakistan.

The cap on foreign direct investment in defence firms with existing licences under the so-called automatic route, where government approval is not required, is set to be raised to 74% from 49%, the sources said.

Presently, foreign investors can only own 74% of an Indian defence business under the automatic route when the companies are seeking new licences.

The government is also in discussions about dropping a condition that stipulates foreign investment beyond 74% is only allowed if it "results in access to modern technology" - wording that has been criticised by experts as vague and ambiguous.

The planned easing of these rules, which has not been previously reported, is aimed at encouraging companies from defence partner nations to take majority stakes in Indian ventures, said the sources who were not authorised to speak to media and declined to be identified.

The reforms could be enacted in the next couple of months, they added.

Another condition set to be dropped is a requirement for fully export-oriented defence manufacturers to set up domestic maintenance and support facilities, the sources said.

"This condition compelled companies to first set up a base for maintenance activities, which can now be outsourced by the export-oriented units, making it easier for them to attract foreign investment," said Amit Cowshish, a former defence ministry official.

Foreign defence firms that currently have operations in India through joint ventures or strategic partnerships include France's Airbus, Lockheed Martin of the U.S. and Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems. India also has extensive defence ties with Russia.

That said, foreign equity inflows into India's defence sector have been muted, accounting for \$26.5 million of total foreign inflows of \$765 billion in the 25 years through September 2025, according to government data.

India has sought to bolster funding for the defence sector following a short but deadly conflict with arch-rival Pakistan last May in which drones and fighter jets took centre stage.

The defence ministry is asking for a 20% increase in spending in the budget for fiscal 2026/27 over the \$75.36 billion allotted for the current year. Last year, the government also said it aimed to nearly double domestic production of defence equipment to \$33.25 billion and boost defence exports to \$5.5 billion by 2029.

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INAUGURAL RUN OF MALDA TOWN-KAMAKHYA & KAMAKHYA-HOWRAH VANDE BHARAT SPECIAL

REVISED NOTIFICATION

A new train service between Howrah & Kamakhya viz. 25756/27575 Kamakhya-Howrah-Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will be introduced. An inaugural special train viz. 02075 Malda Town-Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Inaugural Special and 02076 Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Inaugural Special will start from Malda Town & Kamakhya respectively on 17.01.2026 which was notified earlier, the timings of these Inaugural Special trains have been revised as under :

02075 Malda Town-Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Inaugural Special			
Station	Arr.	Dep.	Day
MALDA TOWN	↓	12.45	
ALUABARI ROAD	14.45	14.50	
NEW JALPAIGURI	15.35	15.45	
JALPAIGURI ROAD	16.20	16.25	17.01.2026
NEW COOCHBEHAR	17.35	17.40	(Saturday)
NEW ALIPURDUAR	17.55	18.00	
NEW BONGAIGAON	19.30	19.35	
RANGIYA	21.00	21.05	
KAMAKHYA	22.45	-	

02076 Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Inaugural Special			
Station	Arr.	Dep.	Day
KAMAKHYA	↓	12.45	
RANGIYA	13.20	13.25	
NEW BONGAIGAON	14.40	14.45	
NEW ALIPURDUAR	16.05	16.10	
NEW COOCHBEHAR	16.25	16.30	
JALPAIGURI ROAD	17.42	17.47	17.01.2026
NEW JALPAIGURI	18.25	18.30	(Saturday)
ALUABARI ROAD	19.10	19.15	
MALDA TOWN	22.15	22.25	
NEW FARAKKA JN.	23.00	23.05	
AZIMGANJ	23.52	23.54	
KATWA JN.	00.36	00.41	
NABADWIP DHAM	01.05	01.07	18.01.2026
BANDEL JN.	01.50	01.52	(Sunday)
HOWRAH	03.25	-	

Composition : 16 coach Vande Bharat Sleeper Rake. Regular services of the above trains will be notified later. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager

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e-Auction

The Executive Officer, Pingla Panchayat Samiti, invites online application for selling of 142 Nos. of Standing trees by auction.

Auction Sale Notice No. 02/Pingla/2025-26

NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER NO.

Description	Important Date
Last Date Online Application	27.01.2026 up to 04:00 P.M.
Auction Start Date & Time	29.01.2026 at 02:00 P.M.
Auction End Date & Time	29.01.2026 at 04:00 P.M

Details of the Auction notice is available in website <https://eauction.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Officer, Pingla Panchayat Samiti

WINSOME HOLDINGS & INVESTMENTS LIMITED

CIN : L19129WB1976PLC030723

28/1, SHAKEESPEARE SARANI, KOLKATA-700017

Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended 31st December 2025

See Regulation 47(1) (b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015) (Rs. in Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2025 (Un-audited)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2025 (Un-audited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2024 (Audited)
Total Revenue from Operation	1.45	6.02	5.50
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(3.53)	(14.16)	(2.78)
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(3.53)	(14.16)	(2.78)
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(3.55)	(14.22)	(2.70)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / Loss for the period (after tax)	(3.02)	(12.09)	(2.44)
Equity Share Capital	110	110	110
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in Balance Sheet of the Previous Year	-	-	-
Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised) Basic & Diluted (Rs.)	(0.32)	(1.29)	(0.25)

Key Standalone Financial Information is given below (Rs. in Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2025 (Un-audited)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2025 (Un-audited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2024 (Audited)
Total Revenue from Operation	1.17	4.68	3.71
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	(3.33)	(10.87)	(1.48)
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(3.33)	(10.87)	(1.48)
Net Profit/(+)/Loss(-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	(3.35)	(10.93)	(1.47)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / Loss for the period (after tax)	(3.35)	(10.93)	(1.56)

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Other Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.cse-india.com) and also available on the Company website (www.winsomesholdings.com).
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Sd/- Ramawatar Lohia Director DIN: 00486838

Date : 16.01.2026 Place: Kolkata

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice / Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Borrower Iwan Infotech Private Limited & (Guarantor) & Mortgagee Abhishek Mullick & Chandrima Gupta/ Represented By Directors Abhishek Mullick & Chandrima Gupta En-35, Walzen Building 7th Sector 5, Saltlake Citywest BengalKolkata-700091/7770533013	Flat No. 2602, 25th Floor, Tower No. 03, Uniworld City Complex, Heights, Plot No. AA-III/BLK-1 (Part) & AA-III/BLK-2/1 (Part), Action Area 9, New Town, Mouza Patharghata, Gram Panchayet Patharghata, Rajarhat, District 24 Parganas (N), West Bengal (Admeasuring an area of Containing By Adm. Measurement 4597 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area In The Building Adjoining to The Said Flat Measuring 1547 Sq. Ft. More or Less Together With 2 Covered Parking Space No 975 & 976 In The Basement and Proportionate, Undivided Impartible Share In The Land/ Date of Symbolic : 13/01/2026	22/09/2025 Rs. 1,34,61,224.08/-	Kolkata & North 24 Parganas

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

Date: January 17, 2026 Place: Kolkata & North 24 Parganas

Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

আমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

শ্রী প্রশান্ত কুমার ঘোষ, পিতা - শ্রী দিলীপ কুমার ঘোষ, সাং- ব্লক বি ১৬, ফ্লাট ১, কালিদি হাউসিং স্টেট, পোঃ- লেকটাইন, থানা- লেকটাইন, জেলা - উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা, পিন নং- ৭০০০০৯। বিপত ইংরেজী ১৩/০১/২০২৬ তারিখকে এ. আর. এ. ১ কেলকাটা অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1571 নং আমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী সঞ্জিতা সরকার, স্বামী - দিল্লিমান সরকার, সাং ১০/১ শ্রীতলা মাতা লেন বরদাহার, পোঃ- নবপাড়া, থানা- বরদাহার, জেলা- উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা, পিন নং- ৭০০১০০ ফর্মতপ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তারনামা নিযুক্ত করেন নিয়ম তপস্বী সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে আমি ডি.এস.আর. ১ খণ্ডী অফিসে ১৬/০১/২০২৬ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১৩৭৪/২০২৬ নং দলিল মূলে শ্রী সুমন রায়, পিতা- রমেশ রায়, সাং- মহানল বেঙ্গলপাড়া, পোঃ- মহানল থানা- পশুপাড়া, জেলা- হাঙ্গলী, পিন নং- ৭১১১৪৮। মহানলকে সার্বিক বিক্রয় কোলাচা দলিল মূলে সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করি। তদুপাধি- জেলা হাঙ্গলী, থানা পাতুয়া, মৌজা মহানল বেঙ্গলপাড়া, জে. এ. নং ১১৯, ব্লক, এল. আর. ৩০৮ খতিয়ান সার্বিক তথ্য তার ১৭২০ নং পান্ডা শালি জরি ১ আনাম ৩০ (ত্রিশ) শতক। এছাড়া সরকারকে অবগত করা যাচ্ছে যে শ্রী সুমন রায়, পিতা- রমেশ রায়, উক্ত খতিয়া জরি নিজ নামে নাম পতন করিবরা জন্য আবেদন করিয়াছেন। ইহাতে কারার ও কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার ইহার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন অন্যথা নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য হইবে।

ইতি-সদিতা সরকার (আমোক্তার)

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমায় মক্কেল রঞ্জিত দত্ত, রাকক দত্ত। শামুলী দাস নিযুক্ত আমোক্তার সর্গার দাস মহশয়ের নিকট ইংরেজী ৪১৪৩২০২০, ৪১১২০১১ (ADSR) প্রেরণের (রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত) আমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে আমি ডি.এস.আর. ১ খণ্ডী অফিসে ১৬/০১/২০২৬ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১৩৭৪/২০২৬ নং দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী সঞ্জিতা সরকার, স্বামী - দিল্লিমান সরকার, সাং ১০/১ শ্রীতলা মাতা লেন বরদাহার, পোঃ- নবপাড়া, থানা- বরদাহার, জেলা- উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা, পিন নং- ৭০০১০০ ফর্মতপ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তারনামা নিযুক্ত করেন নিয়ম তপস্বী সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে আমি ডি.এস.আর. ১ খণ্ডী অফিসে ১৬/০১/২০২৬ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১৩৭৪/২০২৬ নং দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী সঞ্জিতা সরকার, স্বামী - দিল্লিমান সরকার, সাং ১০/১ শ্রীতলা মাতা লেন বরদাহার, পোঃ- নবপাড়া, থানা- বরদাহার, জেলা- উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা, পিন নং- ৭০০১০০ ফর্মতপ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তারনামা নিযুক্ত করেন নিয়ম তপস্বী সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে আমি ডি.এস.আর. ১ খণ্ডী অফিসে ১৬/০১/২০২৬ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১৩৭৪/২০২৬ নং দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী সঞ্জিতা সরকার, স্বামী - দিল্লিমান সরকার, সাং ১০/১ শ্রীতলা মাতা লেন বরদাহার, পোঃ- নবপাড়া, থানা- বরদাহার, জেলা- উত্তর ২৪ পরগনা, পিন নং- ৭০০১০০ ফর্মতপ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তারনামা নিযুক্ত করেন নিয়ম তপস্বী সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে আমি ডি.এস.আর. ১ খণ্ডী অফিসে ১৬/০১/২০২৬ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১৩৭৪/২০২৬ নং দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী সঞ্জিতা সরকার, স্বামী - 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Can You Spot Reduce Belly Fat ?

If your goal is to get rid of excess belly fat, don't expect to be able to lose that fat just by doing targeted ab workouts.

Despite what you may have read online, there's no way to target fat loss in a specific area. When you exercise, your body relies on the extra fat stored all over your body as a source of energy. Even if you're doing plenty of core exercises, your body will still pull from all its fat reserves for energy, not just from any belly fat.

The best way to lose and keep off belly fat is by losing weight gradually through diet, sleep, and exercise choices you can maintain. All exercise will help you burn excess fat around your body and gain muscle mass. With enough consistency, that will include tummy fat. Luckily, as you gain more muscle mass, your body burns more energy, even when you're at rest.

Belly Fat Exercises

There are many exercises out there, but not all are created equal when it comes to getting rid of belly fat. But scientists and doctors agree that adding physical activity to your daily routine is a great way to burn off unwanted belly fat. Here are some exercises for belly fat that you can try to help you slim down your



Aerobic or cardio exercise

To burn off visceral fat, your first step is to include at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise or cardio into your daily routine. Studies show that aerobic exercises for belly fat help reduce belly fat and liver fat.

Some great cardio of aerobic exercises for belly fat include:

- Walking, especially at a quick pace
- Running
- Biking
- Rowing
- Swimming

Cycling

Group fitness classes

When choosing a cardio activity, make sure it's something that you enjoy doing. This way, you're more motivated and will look forward to your exercise routine.

HIIT or interval training

High-intensity interval training (HIIT) and interval training are exercise routines that use short bursts of intense exercise mixed with lower-intensity moves and rest periods. Research shows that HIIT exercises for belly fat help control weight and improve your overall physical condition.

These routines don't take a lot of time but still get your heart pumping and work your entire

body. Each routine has a selection of activities that include the following movements:

- Pushing
- Pulling
- Squatting
- Deadlifting
- Carrying weights

Typically, an HIIT routine uses 30 seconds of intense activity followed by 30 seconds of rest right, before moving on to the next activity. The sequence can be repeated a few times to get the maximum benefit.

Some HIIT exercises that people of all fitness levels and ages can try are:

- Jumping jacks
- Burpees

Pushups

Jump squats

High knees

To get started, choose a handful of HIIT exercises for belly fat. Perform one activity for 30 seconds, then rest for 30 seconds. Do the next activity, and then rest. When you finish all the activities, you can repeat the cycle a few more times.

Weight and resistance training

Weight training is also an important part of burning off belly fat. Since muscles burn off more calories than fat does when the body is at rest, having more muscle tone can help you burn off more fat. Researchers

have also found that resistance training, which includes weight training, can increase lean weight while decreasing fat, and it can boost metabolism at the same time.

Some weight training exercises for belly fat to include in your routine are:

- Bicep curls
- Lunges
- Squats
- Tricep kickbacks

With these exercises, you can do 12 repetitions with lighter weights (5-8 pounds). Another option is to use heavier weights with fewer repetitions and rest time between sets.

Fashion Forward Tech: Ai+ Smartphone introduces NovaWatch, a smartwatch series for the Connected Generation

New Delhi : Ai+ today introduced NovaWatch, its smartwatch lineup that expands the brand's connected device portfolio across safety, everyday health, and personal style. Launching in Q1 2026, NovaWatch reflects Ai+'s belief that wearable technology should combine practical utility with fashion-forward design.

The Ai+ NovaWatch lineup includes Active, Wearbuds, Kids Geo fencing watch, and for the first time in the industry, Rotating camera LTE watch, each designed around a specific use case. Together, the range covers everyday health tracking, family safety, and style-led personal expression, reflecting Ai+'s focus on wearables that fit naturally into different lives and age groups. Active is designed for everyday users who want dependable health tracking in a clean, accessible form. It focuses on essential wellness metrics, with a design that feels familiar and easy to use from the first day, and a form factor that is again a first in the industry.

Wearbuds is a flagship, first-of-its-kind smartwatch combining a smartwatch with built-in Bluetooth earphones, bringing audio and timekeeping into a single wearable. Designed to be worn through the day, it blends fashion-forward design with



Speaking on the announcement, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxQuantum Shift Technologies, said, "Wearables are becoming part of everyday life, but many products still feel designed around technology rather than people. With NovaWatch, we focused on how these devices are actually worn and used across different aspects of life, from health and safety to personal style. Fashion-forward design matters because wearables are visible and personal. NovaWatch is built to feel natural on the wrist and relevant in daily routines. With this lineup, we're inviting users to add a plus to comfort and performance in their everyday life."

everyday convenience, removing the need to carry multiple devices. Kids Geo Fencing 4G watch is built with family safety at its core, offering simple connectivity that helps parents stay in touch with their children. It provides reassurance without introducing the complexity or exposure of a smartphone. The Rotatcam 4G is aimed at users who see wearables as an extension of personal style. Its rotating camera adds a playful, creator-led dimension to the smartwatch experience, pairing bold design with social and visual utility.

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Should I limit how often my child eats nuts because they contain fat

Sydney : (The Conversation) When I mention kids and nuts in the same sentence, some parents react like I've dropped the F-bomb, thanks to the association of nuts with two other F-words: fat and fear.

Parents sometimes avoid nuts due to claims they cause unwanted weight gain or trigger life-threatening allergies.

But nuts are good for kids - and avoiding them can do more harm than good.

The fats in nuts are healthy fats

Decades of exposure to the diet industry's relentless low-fat marketing have led parents to believe that all fats are bad. But this isn't the case.

Nuts are packed with fats, but it's the healthy type: unsaturated fat. It supports heart and digestive health, and reduces inflammation.

Nuts provide essential nutrients children need for healthy growth, including the omega-3 fatty acids younger kids need for brain, nerve and vision development. They are also one of the richest sources of dietary polyphenols or antioxidants, which have a range of potential health benefits, including cancer prevention.

Nuts contain fibre, protein and good fats, which take longer to digest, satisfying kids' hunger and making them feel fuller for longer. In fact, up to 20 per cent of the energy in nuts isn't absorbed, but still provides feelings of fullness.

The high fibre content also helps kids' with regular and easier bowel movements.

This means nuts actually help manage kids' weight, with research showing eating more nuts is linked to a lower risk of being overweight.

What about the allergy risk?

Nut allergies are becoming more common and understandably can cause parents great concern.

But research shows consuming nuts in appropriate forms from a young age can actually reduce the chance of having a nut allergy, including among those at high risk (such as when a family member has an allergy).

Nuts are a powerhouse of nutrition, but getting kids to eat them can be a challenge. All nut varieties offer health benefits, so include a mixture to keep things interesting. Choose raw or dry-roasted, unsalted options to avoid added oil and salt creeping into kids' diets. If they reject them the first time, try again. Research shows kids need eight to ten exposures before they willingly eat new foods. So offer them regularly, encourage tasting and don't pressure them to eat.

To help incorporate more nuts into children's snacks and meals, start with milder, more familiar varieties such as cashews, almonds, or peanuts. These tend to have a softer texture and sweeter flavour, making them more appealing to younger palates. More robust or bitter varieties - such as walnuts, pecans or Brazil nuts - can be introduced gradually, mixed into other foods or baked into recipes to balance their stronger taste and firmer texture.



Another study found regularly feeding peanuts from infancy reduced the rate of peanut allergies in adolescence by 71 per cent.

To reduce the risk of allergies, introduce nuts as early as possible to your child's diet - ideally between four and six months - in the form of 100 per cent nut spreads to prevent choking.

Start by smearing a small amount of 100 per cent smooth peanut butter on the inside of the lip and monitor for 30 minutes. If there's no reaction, double the quantity (¼ teaspoon) and monitor for another 30 minutes. You can then repeat this process increasing to ½ teaspoon.

If this goes well, you can include 100 per cent nut butters in your child's diet, increasing the amount offered weekly.

If you have a family history of allergies, introduce nuts in consultation with your GP. If your child does have a reaction, mild to moderate reactions can be treated using non-sedating antihistamines. If the child has any symptoms of anaphylaxis, call an ambulance immediately and treat them with an EpiPen if one is available.

What should you do?

Allowing kids to enjoy nuts - nature's treats - helps keep unhealthy processed foods out of their diets.

There's no need to limit them because kids are extreme-

Does physical activity alleviate pain in cancer survivors?



WASHINGTON DC : People who have had cancer commonly experience prolonged pain, but a new study suggests that being physically active may help to minimize its severity.

Wiley published the study in the American Cancer Society's peer-reviewed publication, CANCER.

Although physical activity has been demonstrated to alleviate a variety of pains, its impact on cancer-related discomfort is unknown.

To investigate, a team led by senior author Erika Rees-Punia, PhD, MPH, of the American Cancer Society, and first author Christopher T.V. Swain, PhD, of the University of Melbourne, in Australia, analyzed information about 51,439 adults without a history of cancer and 10,651 adults with a past cancer diagnosis.

Participants were asked, "How would you rate your pain on average," with responses ranging from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain imaginable). Participants were also asked about their usual physical activity.

US guidelines recommend 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) to 300 minutes (5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity, or 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes)

to 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.

Based on participants' responses, the investigators found that, for individuals who had cancer in the past as well as for those without a history of cancer, more physical activity was linked with lower pain intensity.

The extent of the association was similar for both groups of individuals, indicating that exercise may reduce cancer-related pain just as it does for other types of pain that have been studied in the past.

Among participants with a past cancer diagnosis, those exceeding physical activity guidelines were 16 per cent less likely to report moderate-to-severe pain compared to those who failed to meet physical activity guidelines.

Also, compared with people who remained inactive, those who were consistently active or became active in older adulthood reported less pain.

"It may feel counterintuitive to some, but physical activity is an effective, non-pharmacologic option for reducing many types of pain. As our study suggests, this may include pain associated with cancer and its treatments," said Dr. Rees-Punia.

Police arrest suspect for desecrating temple in Hyderabad

MI News Service, Hyderabad: A day after the Mysamma temple at the Puranapul Darwaza area of Hyderabad was desecrated, the city police said that the suspect involved in the incident was arrested on Thursday, January 15.

The arrest comes after communal violence broke out late at night of January 14 after the temple flexi was found damaged. In a statement regarding the arrest, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Rajendranagar, said, "The suspect involved in the case registered at Kamatipura Police Station, regarding the incident at Puranapol Darwaza Mysamma temple, has been apprehended by the police."

The DCP said that the incident involved the damaging of a flexi banner and a plaster of Paris (POP) idol in the temple veranda. "The suspect was appre-



hended within 24 hours of the incident. Police are currently investigating the case and interrogating the suspect to collect further evidence," he concluded.

A communal clash jolted the city's Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb on Wednesday night, January 14, after a tattered flexi board and a damaged deity idol were allegedly found inside the Mysamma Temple at Hyderabad's Puranapul Darwaza area.

The incident enraged many, and Hindutva group members turned up in the dozens. Videos of an angry mob stomping and wrecking the graves with sticks, chanting "Jai Shri Ram" slogans, as well as damaging a religious flag, in the presence of police personnel, emerged on social media.

After being alerted, the Kamatipura Police reached the spot and tried to diffuse the situation. But things only escalated from

there, as the mob swelled to nearly 300 people. They hurled stones at the officers and set vehicles on fire. A civilian motorcycle was set ablaze, and the windshield of an incoming truck was broken, bringing the traffic to an abrupt halt at the busy intersection on the banks of the Musi river.

At least four police officers and a resident were reportedly injured in the stone pelting. Police responded with a lathi charge to disperse the crowd, even as tension continued to rise.

Additional force was called in. Senior police officers, including Additional Commissioner of Police, South Range (Law & Order), Tafseer Iqbal, Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCP) from Charninar, Golconda and Rajendra Nagar, Task Force and traffic police, reached the site and finally brought the situation under control.

Pro-Iran rallies taken out in Kashmir, slogans raised against US, Israel

MI News Service, Srinagar: Amid the deadly protests challenging Iran's theocracy and threats by the US to intervene militarily in the country, peaceful demonstrations were taken out at several places in Kashmir in support of the Islamic Republic after the congregational prayers on Friday, January 16, officials said.

Several Shia-dominated areas in Srinagar, Pulwama and Budgam witnessed the demonstrations as the agitators raised slogans in favour of Iran and against the US and Israel, they said. The demonstrations remained peaceful, the officials said.

On Thursday, activists claimed that the bloody crackdown by the authorities in Iran has killed at least 2,637 people, a week after shutting Iran off from the world following nationwide protests challenging the country's theocracy.

In Srinagar, rallies were taken out near the Nehru Park in Hassanabad and the Gund Hassi Bhat localities of the city to express solidarity with Iran and its Supreme Leader, Syed Ali Khamenei. The protesters voiced their support and condemned what they termed "external pressure" and "interference" against Iran.



Carrying placards and banners, the agitators raised slogans in favour of Iran and its leadership, and against the US and Israel. Similar protests were witnessed at the Main Chowk in Budgam in central Kashmir and the Gangoo area in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Speaking to reporters in Pulwama, a Shia leader said the US and Israel, along with their allies, were "committing atrocities" against Muslims across the world, and innocent people in Iran. We came together to protest against the atrocities of America and Israel," he said. The people of Kashmir want to tell the US and Israel that "we are alive and Muslims across the world are always ready to support their Muslim brothers".

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Fri-

day called upon the people of Iran to stand united to defeat the "ploys" of the US and Israel, and also appealed to the leadership in the Islamic Republic to address the grievances of the protesters there.

"The US has a habit of saying that they want to establish democracy in other countries by taking out leaderships there...which is totally wrong. Basically, the US always wants to intervene because it eyes their resources like fuel, etc.," she said. "However, the biggest atrocities are being committed against the people in Gaza, but the US does not intervene there. I am happy that people came out on the roads in J&K, especially in Kashmir, in support of Iran," she said, referring to demonstrations in many parts of Kashmir after the Friday prayers.

Referring to Iran's relationship with India, the PDP president said demonstrations in support of the Islamic Republic should have taken place across the country as in the old times. "Kashmir also has a close relation with Iran, but since the BJP government came, the whole system in the country has changed, and people are now afraid to protest," she claimed.

Prime Minister Modi To Flag Off India's First Vande Bharat Sleeper Train

MI News Service, Kolkata, 16 Jan.26 : Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will flag off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper train connecting Howrah and Guwahati (Kamakhya) from Malda Town station tomorrow, January 17, 2026. On the same occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister will also flag off the return service through Guwahati (Kamakhya) and Howrah through video conferencing. The launch of this path-breaking service marks a historic milestone in the upgradation of long-distance overnight rail travel in the country and reflects Indian Railways' commitment to introducing modern, efficient and passenger-friendly train services.

During the programme, the Hon'ble Prime Minister will also flag off multiple new train services aimed at enhancing long-distance and inter-regional connectivity. These include the Alipurduar-SMVT Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express, New Jalpaiguri-Tiruchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express, Alipurduar-Mumbai (Panvel) Amrit Bharat Express, New Jalpaiguri-Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express, Balurghat-SMVT Bengaluru Express and Radhikapur-SMVT Bengaluru Express, significantly strengthening rail links between eastern and southern as well as western parts of the country.

In addition to the launch of new train services, the Hon'ble Prime Minister will lay the foundation stones for several key railway infrastructure projects. These include the new rail line between Balurghat and Hili, establishment of next-generation freight maintenance facilities at New Jalpaiguri, upgradation of the Loco Shed at Siliguri and enhancement of maintenance facilities for Vande Bharat trains at New Jalpaiguri. The Hon'ble Prime Minister will also dedicate to the Nation the electrification of the New



Coochbehar-Bamanhat and New Coochbehar-Boxirhat rail sections, a major step towards accelerating infrastructure growth and uplifting the socio-economic condition of the region.

The Vande Bharat Sleeper train offers a superior overnight travel experience with ergonomically designed berths, ample luggage space, modern toilets and divyangan-friendly facilities. It ensures a clean and hygienic journey with local cuisine included in the fare, supported by modular pantries and advanced disinfectant technology. Equipped with the indigenous Kavach system, advanced fire safety features and CCTV surveillance, the train sets new benchmarks in safe, efficient and world-class overnight rail travel, reflecting Indian Railways' commitment to modern, passenger-centric services.

With the launch of India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper train and the inauguration of multiple new services and infrastructure projects, Indian Railways takes a decisive leap towards redefining long-distance travel and strengthening national connectivity. This landmark initiative not only ushers in a new era of safe, comfortable and world-class overnight rail journeys but also reinforces the Government's unwavering commitment to modern infrastructure, inclusive growth and a future-ready railway network for the nation.

Shab-e-Meraj Observed at Margram 'Masjidul Ghausil Azam' Pak

MI News Service, Kolkata, 16 Jan.26 : Friday night, 16 January 2026—corresponding to the 27th of Rajab, 1447 Hijri in the Islamic calendar—the holy night of Shab-e-Meraj Pak is being observed with great reverence and grandeur at 'Masjidul Ghausil Azam Pak', located at the Margram Quaderia Khanqah.

Exactly two years ago on this very night of Shab-e-Meraj, the mosque—associated with the blessed name of Ghausul Azam Dastagir Hazrat Abdul Quadir Jilani (A.S.)—was inaugurated by His 23rd lineal descendant and, at the same time, the 36th descendant of Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (S.A.W.), the present Sajjadanashin Huzur Pak of the Silsila-e-Quaderia Razaqia Mustarshidia, Hazrat Syed Shah Yasooob Ali Al-Quaderi Al-Baghdadi, Adamallahu Fuyuzahum. Under His guidance and in His august presence, this special occasion is being observed.

It may be recalled that on 4 August 2015, the foundation stone of this mosque was laid by the then Sajjadanashin of this Silsila, 'Boro Huzur Pak' Hazrat



Syed Shah Rashid Ali Al-Quaderi Al-Baghdadi (A.S.). The dome of this mosque has been constructed in the likeness of the dome of the Masjid Pak adjoining the Mazaar Sharif of Hazrat Abdu Quadir Jilani (A.S.) in Baghdad, Iraq. During the tenure of 'Boro Huzur Pak', the Margram Quaderia Khanqah Sharif was inaugurated on 3 November 2001, and it soon became the spiritual centre of guidance and the heart of the Quaderia Sufi order for a vast surrounding region.

This evening, after the Maghrib prayer, a Milad Mahfil was held, followed by the Isha prayer and a Waz Mahfil. Several renowned Islamic scholars delivered sermons highlighting the true events of

Meraj Sharif and the exalted status of Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W.) Pak. They also elaborated, in the light of the Qur'an and Hadith, on the purity and significance of the Ahl-e-Bait Pak of the Prophet (S.A.W.), explaining that the Sufism propagated by them represents the true path of peace and welfare in Islam.

Countless devotees, irrespective of caste and religion, gathered from various districts of West Bengal to participate in the programme. On behalf of the Margram Quaderia Khanqah, arrangements were made for accommodation through camps, as well as for food and drinking water. The local police and civil administration extended full cooperation.

Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui honored



Nurul Islam Khan: Pirzada Alhaj Sawban Siddiqui was honored at the annual Milad-un-Nabi program of Mahitosh Nandi Mahavidyalaya in Jangipara. Many dignitaries were present, including the renowned Maulana Dr. Rafiqul Islam.

11 Palestinians killed despite ceasefire agreement entering Phase 2

MI News Service, Gaza: Israel continued to attack Gaza, killing at least 11 Palestinians and wounding several others on Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16, even as the ceasefire agreement with Hamas entered the second phase. The United States on Thursday announced Phase 2 of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas. This phase will focus on demilitarisation, technocratic governance and the reconstruction of Gaza. On Thursday, Israeli air strikes targeted areas like the central city of Deir el-Balah, killing 10. On Friday, as it continued its drone strikes, Israel killed a 62-year-old Palestinian woman in al-Mawasi in southern Gaza. Data by the Gaza Health Ministry showed that Friday's attack took the tally of Palestinians killed since the initiation of the US-brokered ceasefire in October 2025 to 452. Al Jazeera reported. Representatives of Hamas and other Palestinian factions were in Cairo, Egypt, for a discussion on the ceasefire agreement.

UN chief condemns Israeli authorities' unlawful entry into UN property in occupied East Jerusalem

MI News Service, United Nations: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday strongly condemned the Israeli authorities' unlawful entry into a UN property in occupied East Jerusalem on Jan. 12 and the order of its temporary closure, Farhan Haq, deputy spokesperson for the UN chief, said in a statement.

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Jerusalem Health Centre, which serves hundreds of Palestine refugee patients every day, is, for most of them, their only possibility of having access to primary healthcare, the statement said.

The statement said the action fol-

lows the seizure by the Israeli authorities of the UNRWA Sheikh Jarrah compound and the adoption and amendment by the Israeli parliament of the Law to Cease UNRWA Operations in the Territory of the State of Israel. The secretary-general expressed his grave concerns to the Israeli prime minister and has brought those actions to the attention of the president of the UN General Assembly and the president of the Security Council.

The secretary-general is also deeply concerned that UNRWA has been informed that utility providers will soon cease supplying electricity and water services to multiple

UNRWA facilities in occupied East Jerusalem, the statement added.

"These measures are a violation of the inviolability of United Nations premises, and an obstacle to the implementation of the clear mandate of the General Assembly for UNRWA's continued operations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem," the statement said.

The secretary-general urged the Israeli government to immediately take steps to return and restore the UNRWA Sheikh Jarrah compound and the UNRWA Jerusalem Health Centre, and to ensure that essential utilities to UNRWA premises are maintained.

Netanyahu said to have asked Trump to hold off on striking Iran

MI News Service, Tel Aviv : Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked US President Donald Trump to delay potential plans for an American strike on Iran, the New York Times reported Thursday, citing a senior US official. It said Netanyahu had requested that Trump "postpone any plans" for a military attack.

The White House later confirmed that the two leaders had spoken by phone, but did not give details of the conversation. Trump had threatened to strike Iran over its mass killings of protesters in anti-regime demonstra-



tions that began two-and-a-half weeks ago. Iran has threatened to retaliate against Israel if attacked by the US. According to the network, Israeli officials believe the protests are being suppressed and have declined dramatically, and there is a dispute within Israel's top leadership regarding the approach toward Iran.

Russia condemns interference, incitement, threats of force against Iran: Envoy

MI News Service United Nations: Russian UN ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Thursday that his country condemns all forms of external interference, incitement to violence, and threats of use of force against Iran. At a Security Council meeting on the situation in Iran, Nebenzia called on the United States to put an end to its escalatory actions.

He noted that "the extremely dangerous and irresponsible rhetoric" in recent days by the U.S. leadership has gone as far as openly calling for the takeover of state institutions of Iran and threats to



assist the protesters.. Russia demands that the United States and its like-minded partners refrain from further reckless steps, including those involving nuclear facilities, and rather focus on providing solid assurances against further confrontation and resume joint efforts to find potential solutions, said the ambassador.

Mossad chief Barnea in US to discuss Iran, plans to meet with Witkoff – report

MI News Service, Washington: Mossad director David Barnea has arrived in the US for consultations about Iran's deadly crackdown on protests and a potential American military response, the Axios news site reports. The spy chief is expected to meet with White House envoy Steve Witkoff in Miami, the report says, adding that the latter is managing direct communications between the US and Iran. It is unclear whether Barnea will meet with US President Donald Trump, who is expected to be at his Mar-a-Lago golf club in Florida, over the weekend, the report says. Israel is reported to have asked Trump to delay any military action against Iran, as the Jewish state is expected to come under fire in retaliation for any major US action there.

S. Korea's Ex- President Yoon sentenced to 5 years in prison on arrest obstruction charges

MI News Service, Seoul: South Korea's former impeached President Yoon Suk-yeol was sentenced to five years in prison on arrest obstruction charges, live footage showed Friday. The criminal division of the Seoul Central District Court in charge of Yoon's obstruction of justice case handed down the prison sentence to Yoon for abusing the presidential security service to hinder the anti-corruption agency from executing its arrest warrant in January 2025.

The Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials (CIO) was once thwarted in its attempt to arrest Yoon as the presidential security service formed human shields and bus blockades to prevent investigators from entering the presidential residence. The team of Cho Eun-suk, an inde-



pendent counsel who led investigations into Yoon's insurrection and other charges, demanded a 10-year prison term for Yoon.

The court stressed that severe punishment was necessary, considering the need to restore the rule of law damaged by Yoon's crime, but it noted that the fact that he was a first-time offender with no criminal record was considered a favorable factor.

The sentencing, which was broadcast live, was Yoon's first verdict coming from his botched martial law bid.

The first-instance sentencing for Yoon's insurrection charges was scheduled for Feb. 19. The special counsel sought a death penalty for Yoon on the charges. The emergency martial law was declared by Yoon on the night of Dec. 3 in 2024, but it was revoked hours later by the National Assembly.

The constitutional court upheld a motion to impeach Yoon last April, officially removing him from office. The ousted leader was indicted under detention last January as a suspected ringleader of the insurrection, becoming the first sitting president to be arrested and indicted.

Why a US-Israel-sponsored "Regime Change" in Iran will never happen

By Syed Zubair Ahmed

For decades, Washington and Tel Aviv have nurtured the idea—sometimes openly, sometimes quietly—of engineering a "regime change" in Iran. Sanctions, covert operations, cyber warfare, information campaigns, and the nurturing of exile groups have all been tried in different forms. Yet, despite enormous pressure, the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to stand, adapt, and assert itself as a regional power. The reasons for this are structural, historical, ideological, and civilizational. Iran is not a fragile state waiting to collapse; it is a deeply rooted nation with capacities that make externally sponsored regime change not just unlikely, but fundamentally impossible.

Unlike many states targeted for regime change, Iran has not outsourced its security to foreign powers. Its armed forces—including the regular army (Artesh) and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)—are not ceremonial institutions. They are experienced in asymmetrical warfare, regional conflicts, and strategic deterrence. The IRGC is not merely a military



organization; it is a socio-political institution embedded in Iranian society. Millions of Iranians have direct or indirect ties to it—through veterans, families, economic networks, or ideological affiliation. This embeddedness makes the IRGC fundamentally different from the praetorian guards of fragile states. One cannot dismantle such an institution from outside without triggering nationwide resistance. In fact, external pressure often strengthens internal cohesion, reinforcing the very forces that regime-change advocates hope to weaken.

While much attention is paid to

nuclear issues, Iran's real deterrent lies in its missile capabilities. Precision-guided missiles, drone warfare, and layered air defense systems have altered the strategic balance in West Asia. Iran has demonstrated that it can strike with accuracy and restraint, sending clear messages without escalating into total war. This capability acts as a powerful deterrent against direct military intervention. Regime change requires either occupation or decisive military defeat—neither of which is feasible against a country that can impose unacceptable costs on its adversaries. At its core, Iran is a country built on ideology, not personality cults..

From Iraq to Lebanon, from the Persian Gulf to Central Asia, Iran has cultivated alliances, influence, and partnerships. This regional footprint is not an accident; it is a strategic necessity born out of historical invasions and encirclement. Any attempt at regime change in Tehran would destabilize the entire region, triggering conflicts far beyond Iran's borders. This reality acts as a brake even on the most hawkish plan-

ners in the US and Israel.

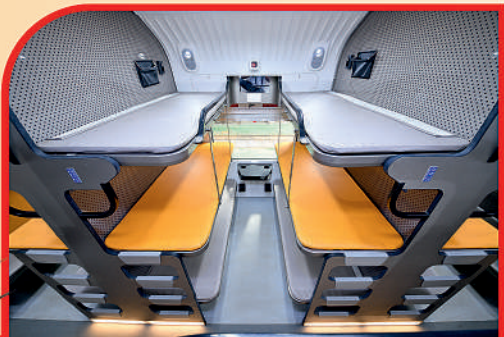
The 1979 revolution was not merely a change of regime; it was a civilizational choice. By forcing Reza Shah Pahlavi into exile, Iranians rejected monarchy, foreign tutelage, and elite rule imposed from above. Attempts to revive monarchical nostalgia from abroad misunderstand this historical rupture. The Iranian people did not overthrow a king to accept another externally sponsored order. Any regime imposed through foreign intervention would lack legitimacy from day one.

The idea of a US-Israel-sponsored regime change in Iran is not a serious strategic option; it is a political fantasy recycled for domestic consumption and psychological pressure. Iran's military strength, ideological foundation, popular legitimacy, regional influence, and civilizational depth form a firewall against external engineering. History teaches us that nations like Iran do not fall from outside pressure—they transform, slowly and internally. Those who ignore this reality are not planning policy; they are indulging in illusion.



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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

📅 17th January 2026 | 📍 Malda Town Station | ⌚ 11:00 AM

In the august presence of

Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose
Governor, West Bengal

Mamata Banerjee
Chief Minister, West Bengal

Nitin Jairam Gadkari
Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & information Technology

Shantanu Thakur
Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and waterways

Dr. Sukanta Majumdar
Union Minister of State for Education and Development of North Eastern Region

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Member of Parliament

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