

# Abhishek Banerjee Pens Poem on SIR

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had recently spoken about her new book at a public meeting in Singur, where she also recited a poem on Bengal's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. Addressing the gathering, she said that she had written 26 poems in three days, which would be published as a book titled Sir, or SIR in English. The announcement drew attention as the Chief Minister used poetry to express her views on the controversial voter list revision exercise. Following her remarks, Trinamool Congress national general secretary and party strategist Abhishek Banerjee has also taken up the pen on the same issue. Abhishek wrote a poem focusing on the SIR process in West Bengal and posted it on social media on Monday. Titled "Ami Aswitar Kori" (I Refuse), the poem reflects strong opposition to the Centre and expresses anger against what he describes as failures within the state system.



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## Supreme Court not to allow anyone to create impediment on SIR exercise in West Bengal

**MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata**: After last Wednesday's historic showdown, when West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the first time appeared in the Supreme Court and voiced her grievances against the Election Commission in a rather high-pitched, emotive speech, urging the top court with folded hands to "save democracy", the Apex Court on Monday heard the Election Commission's reply to the Chief Minister's petition challenging the usefulness of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. Amid Mamata Banerjee's apprehension of "mass exclusion" of voters in the SIR in the state, the Supreme Court on Monday said it would not allow anyone to create an impediment in the exercise. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalay Bagchi and N V Anjaria said it would issue whatever orders or clarifications are required in the matter. "We will not allow anyone to create any impediment in the SIR exercise. It must be clear to the states



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the CJI Surya Kant said

The Mamata Banerjee government faced some queries from the Judges today as another PIL was filed by Sanatan Sagsad seeking protection to EC officials who claim they are being "made to fear for their lives whilst discharging their democratic obligation." Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had requested the top court to hear that petition on Monday, along with Mamata Banerjee's plea, as the Central government is also a party to it.

He also mentioned the past affidavits filed by the Election Commission through which it had

informed the Supreme Court that its officials conducting the SIR of electoral rolls in West Bengal are facing serious threats to their safety, forcing some to withdraw from duty after violent incidents at hearing venues. In the most recent January 28 affidavit, the Election Commission had urged the court to allow hearings to be shifted to safer locations instead of Panchayat Bhawans, citing multiple incidents of vandalism and physical attacks on election officials across the state. They apprised the court about violent attacks at SIR hearing venues at Itahar, Farakka and Chakukia in West Bengal.

While the top court heard the poll body's rebuttal to Mamata Banerjee's claims over mass disenfranchisement in the state of West Bengal from SIR today, it also heard these claims by the Election Commission, which might lead to some queries for the state government. At the same time, the Election Commission will also have to satisfy the court that 1.4 crore citizens who face deletion will not be unfairly excluded from the SIR voter list.

Mamata Banerjee had also said that Bengal was being "targeted" by the Election Commission and SIR was meant to "bulldoze" the people of Bengal.

Meanwhile, in accordance with the Supreme Court's order to West Bengal government to provide a list of Group B officers

that it could spare for the SIR process, the state government on Sunday informed the court as well as the ECI that it was ready to make available a total of 8506 Group B officers of the state and its instrumentalities to assist the ongoing SIR process.

However, during today's hearing the Top Court made it clear that the responsibilities assigned to be assigned to the micro-observers or state government officials shall be to only assist the EROs/AEROS in the decision making process. In other words, the final decision will be taken by the EROs only. Since the process of scrutinising the documents submitted by the affected persons in response to the notices served on them, it is likely to take more time and as suggested on behalf of some petitioners, we direct that at least one week more time beyond 14 Feb will be granted to the EROs/AEROS for completing the scrutiny of documents and taking an appropriate decision. On behalf of petitioners a reference has been made to certain documents to suggest the micro-observers are the final authority. This aspect has been clarified by ECI that micro-observers as well as the government official/s will be taken on board for assisting the EROs from tomorrow onwards. It shall only be assisting the prescribed statutory authority for the purpose of final decision.

## Tension grips Manipur after militants set ablaze several houses



Security personnel deployed after suspected militants allegedly torched several houses, in Utkhrul district of Manipur.

MI News Service, Imphal :

After a gap of barely two

days violence broke out in strife-torn Manipur once again when armed militants allegedly torched several houses in Utkhrul district. Violence broke out in the district amid simmering tensions when a Tangkhul Naga community member was "assaulted" by a group of people, officials said on Monday. Two tribal groups engaged in intense stone pelting at Litan village in the district on Sunday evening, prompting the administration to clamp prohibitory orders in the area. But around midnight on

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Day before yesterday, Vungzgin Valte, a BJP MLA from Churachandpur rang me up. He congratulated me and said he would assist in restoring peace. Later, his son called me and asked for medical assistance for Valte

**Y Khemchand Singh**  
Manipur Chief Minister

Monday, several houses of Tangkhul Naga community

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## Huge surge in demand for domicile certificate at KMC amid SIR

**MI News Service, Kolkata** : In an unprecedented spike linked to the Election Commission's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has received more than 18,600 applications for domicile certificates in the past one-and-a-half months before the coming polls

According to official sources here on Monday, cumulative figures available till February 6 show that 18,605 applications were submitted, far exceeding the usual monthly average of fewer than 200 requests. Sources in the civic body quoting officials and Trinamool Congress councillors said the demand for resident certificates has "shot up sharply" by many times since the SIR process began, as the document has emerged as a key proof of residence for voters whose names were either flagged or left out during the verification exercise.

Of the total applications received, 18,482 have already been forwarded to the Kolkata Police for field verifications, the police said. The Civic body has opened dedicated counters at its headquarters and all Borough offices following instructions from West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee to meet the increased demand and to ensure that residents should not face any difficulty in securing required documentations during the revision process. A member of the KMC Mayor-in-Council said the large volume of applications over such a short period, have taken

## Opposition to move resolution to remove LS Speaker Birla from office



MI News Service, New Delhi

The Opposition on Monday decided to move a resolution to remove Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla from office for disallowing Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi from speaking in the House on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address. Sources said the resolution is being moved under Article 94-C of the Constitution. The notice is being given for moving a resolution against the Speaker for his removal, for disallowing the LoP from speaking in the House on the motion of thanks and for

The TMC also attended the meeting besides other parties, including the left, DMK, SP, RJD, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (sp) and RSP, for making unsubstantiated charges against women MPs of the Congress.

Opposition MPs, in this case, largely the Congress legislature party is mooting an idea of bringing a resolution against the Lok Sabha Speaker, for being "unfair" to the opposition. While the decision to move the resolution is not yet concrete, with Congress yet to consult allies and fellow travellers on the issue, Speaker Om Birla is in good company when it comes to his fellow Speakers against whom resolutions have been moved by the opposition in the past.

Meanwhile, Congress' women MPs in the Lok Sabha wrote to Speaker Om Birla on Monday, claiming that under pressure from the ruling party to defend

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## Bomb scare at 10 Delhi schools

**MI News Service, New Delhi** : At least 10 schools in the national capital received bomb threat emails on Monday, triggering massive secu-

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rity movement before declaring them as 'hoax', like recent previous occasions, the Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said. According to the DFS, emergency calls were received from multiple educational institutions across different parts of the city in the morning hours after they received threat e-mails, following which fire tenders



Students stand outside DTA Tamil School after it received a bomb threat, in New Delhi. More than a dozen schools across the national capital received bomb threat emails.

and bomb disposal teams were rushed to the locations. "A total of 10 schools received bomb threats today. Fire service teams immediately reached the premises for thorough checking," a DFS official said. The schools were immediately evacuated as a precautionary measure and bomb detection and disposal squads, along with dog squads carried out extensive searches, but nothing was found in any school premises. The threatening email carried disturbing and provocative content, claiming, 'Delhi will become Khalistan. Punjab is Khalistan. In memory of Afzal Guru'. The email also alleged that a blast would take place inside Parliament on February 13 at 1.11 pm, prompting heightened security alerts and coordination among multiple agencies. "A total of ten schools have reported receiving bomb

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### Refugee colony recognition ahead of polls sparks political debate

MI News Service, Kolkata: With the Assembly elections drawing closer, the West Bengal government's decision to recognize is a fresh set of refugee colonies across the state has set off an intense political debate, with sections of the opposition questioning the timing of the move and alleging electoral considerations behind the administrative exercise.

According to the sources to Nabanna, the state cabinet, chaired by CM Mamata Banerjee, has approved the recognition of 12 additional refugee colonies located on both government and private land in multiple districts. The decision follows a detailed scrutiny process undertaken by the land and land Revenue Department, based on applications submitted from various districts seeking legal recognition and residential status for long-settled refugee families. Officials said the department examined land records, residency documents and other statutory requirements before placing the proposal before the cabinet. Following cabinet clearance, the state administration has initiated the final procedural steps to formally recognize the colonies and facilitate the issuance of residence certificates to eligible residents. Sources confirmed that the newly approved list includes Birnagar Colony, Chashipara Colony, New Forward colony (part 2B) and Mansa Colony in North 24 parganas; several refugee colonies spread across different wards under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation; and Kamra Colony, Anandamayi Park Refugee Colony, Ramakrishna Pali Refugee Phase-II Colony and Sunkanta Sarani Refugee colony in South 24 parganas. Senior officials in the Land and Land Revenue Department maintained that the matter had been under consideration for a prolonged period and was delayed due to legal complexities, ownership issues and administrative and humanitarian step to regularized the status of families, who have lived in these colonies for decades," a department sources said, rejecting suggestions of political motivation. However, political observes have linked the move to the electoral significance of refugee-populate areas, many of which are traditionally perceived as opposition strongholds. With refugee votes expected to play a crucial role in several constituencies, critics argue that the timing of the decision has added a political dimension to what the government describes as a routine administrative process. The ruling Trinamool Congress, while defending the decision, has insisted that the recognition of refugee colonies is rooted in governance, social justice and long-standing demands of displaced families, and not in electoral calculations. As the election season approaches, the decision has emerged as a key talking point in state politics, highlighting once again how administrative actions and political narratives intersect in the run-up to the Assembly polls.

### Elder abuse suspected after man found with 65% burns

MI News Service, Howrah: A chilling incident in central Howrah has sparked shock and suspicion after a 61-year-old man was found severely burnt, emerging from his home screaming for help, as neighbours alleged a history of domestic abuse and questioned the conduct of his family members.

The injured man, identified as Nikhil Ranjan Basu (61), a retired railway ticket examiner, was found in a critical condition on Sunday afternoon at a residence on Madhusudan Basu Lane. Witnesses said Basu stumbled out of his house shouting "save me, save me," with nearly 65 per cent of his body burnt, sending panic through the locality. Locals rushed to his aid and initially took him to the Railway Orthopaedic Hospital at Howrah Maidan, from where he was referred to BR Singh Hospital in Sealdah due to the severity of his injuries. Hospital sources said he remains under treatment and his condition is serious. According to neighbours, Basu lived in the house with his wife Sumita Basu and their only son Anilava Ranjan Basu, who is currently unemployed. Residents of the area alleged that the elderly man was frequently subjected to physical abuse by his wife and son over financial disputes. Several neighbours claimed that loud arguments and sounds of beating\* were heard from inside the house since Sunday morning. The incident reportedly occurred around 1 pm.



Syed Ruhul Amin, President of Jatiya Unnayan Party, held a press meet at Kolkata Press Club on Monday.

### Humayun's Daughter's Father-in-Law's Property Worth Rs 10 Crore Seized; Suspended MLA Fumes

MI News Service,

Murshidabad: Police in Lalgaon police station of Murshidabad have initiated the process of confiscating the property of Humayun Kabir's daughter's in-laws. His daughter's father-in-law, Shariful Islam, is allegedly involved in drug trafficking! Based on this accusation, the process of confiscating their property worth over 10 crore rupees began today, Monday. This has sparked a major controversy. In response, suspended MLA and chairman of the Janta Unnayan Party, Humayun Kabir, advised Shariful Islam to remain calm and accused the police of engaging in vindictive politics. He claims that after forming a new political party on December 22nd, this false case was initiated by the police to deliberately "humiliate" his family, his daughter's father-in-law, his daughter, and his son-in-law. Humayun has also threatened to take the matter to court.

It is learned that last year, in 2025, police arrested a man named Ziaur Rahman, a relative of Humayun Kabir's daughter's father-in-law, Shariful Islam, from a location just 500 meters away from Shariful Islam's house. Approximately 500 grams of narcotics were recovered from the arrested man, with an estimated value of around one crore rupees. Following this incident, the police of Lalgaon police station launched an investigation and discovered that Humayun Kabir's daughter's father-in-law, Shariful Islam, was also involved in the illegal drug trafficking. The list reportedly includes multiple plots of land, as well



that he has amassed properties worth several crores of rupees through this illegal drug trade.

Following this, on January 1st, the police filed an application with the appropriate authorities to include Shariful in a drug trafficking case and to confiscate properties acquired with illicit funds. According to police sources, after receiving the order from the authorities, the process of confiscating the properties of Humayun Kabir's daughter's father-in-law began on Monday. Accordingly, several properties and lands registered in Shariful Islam's name in Nalhara and other areas of Lalgaon in Murshidabad were first identified. The district police administration then began the process of freezing these assets.

According to sources, more than 17 properties belonging to Humayun Kabir's daughter's father-in-law, worth over 10 crore rupees, may be confiscated for his alleged involvement in drug trafficking. The list reportedly includes multiple plots of land, as well

as houses and offices. Police sources also indicate that even a property leased to a bank is being confiscated.

Humayun Kabir, chairman of the Janta Unnayan Party, said, "The person named Ziaur Rahman, after whose arrest the police initiated this case, has no connection with my daughter's father-in-law. That person is a distant relative of my daughter's father-in-law. After I formed a new political party on December 22nd, this false case was deliberately initiated by the police to 'humiliate' my family, my daughter's father-in-law, my daughter, and my son-in-law."

The suspended MLA further claimed that his daughter's father-in-law owns multiple businesses, including a brick kiln, a function hall, and a land buying and selling business. He earns crores of rupees and even pays income tax. He also possesses all the relevant documents. Humayun Kabir stated that he will take legal action against the police for the way they have tarnished his reputation.

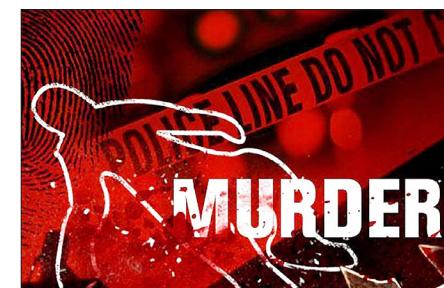
### Friend 'Murdered' by Another During Music Event

#### Family Seethes with Anger, Demands Punishment

MI News Service, Shantipur: Friendship is built on trust and faith! But now, a friend is accused of murdering his friend. This incident has caused a great sensation in the Phulia Jyotipalli area of Shantipur police station in Nadia district. The deceased young man has been identified as Krishna Das, approximately 36 years old. The reason for the murder is still unclear. An investigation into the incident has begun. The arrested suspect is being interrogated repeatedly to ascertain the motive behind the killing. However, police initially suspect that the incident stemmed from some old enmity.

According to police sources, the accused has been identified as Bijan Biswas, a resident of Phulia Mahishpukur area under Shantipur police station. Local sources say that Krishna and Bijan both worked together, playing musical instruments at weddings and other social events. They were friends. The family claims that on Saturday, Krishna went out to play music as usual. It is alleged that at that time, his friend Bijan Biswas called Krishna aside. Following this, he was allegedly attacked indiscriminately with a sharp weapon.

Police claim there were multiple injury marks on his body. Immediately after the incident, he was taken to the Phulia Block Primary Health Center in a completely bloodied condition. When his condition deteriorated



there, Krishna was transferred to Ranaghat Sub-divisional Hospital in a critical condition. Later, he was admitted to Kalyani Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital. Krishna Das died there on Sunday night after prolonged treatment. Following this, the police arrested the accused, Bijan Das.

This incident has cast a pall of grief over Krishna Das's family and the entire area. According to family sources, Krishna's family consists of his parents, one son, and two daughters. His eldest daughter is appearing for her secondary school examinations this year.

The family has demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits. On Monday, the police sent the body for a post-mortem examination. Investigators claim that the matter will become clear once the report is received.

### 'National Development Party' launches new political party

Nurul Islam Khan:

A new political party was launched in the state on Monday at the Kolkata Press Club, ahead of the upcoming assembly elections. The new political party is named the National Development Party. Just before the 2026 assembly elections, Humayun Kabir, a former Trinamool leader, has formed the Janta Unnayan Party with a focus on the Babri Masjid construction issue. Political analysts have expressed the view that more new parties will emerge before the elections. Peerzad Syed Ruhul Saheb, the supremo of the voluntary organization AIMA, has launched this party keeping several issues in mind. He has spoken about the farmers, emphasizing development work. He has highlighted their rights and fair wages. He stressed the need for industry and commerce in the state. He also raised his voice in support of workers' wages. He expressed his commitment to education and youth empowerment. He also stated that his party will prioritize good health for the public. Above all, his manifesto



to mentions a corruption-free administration. In short, his party will participate in the upcoming elections. The political situation in the state is very challenging, and the Muslim vote is crucial. The role of this new party in the welfare of the common people is highly significant. It remains to be seen how well this party will fulfill this important responsibility.

### 'Do not betray us' Minister Chandranath Sinha utter regretful words ahead of the elections

MI News Service, Bolpur:

The assembly elections in West Bengal are just two months away. The election campaign has already begun, and preparations are in full swing at the organizational level. The Chief Minister herself has compiled a report on the government's achievements over the years, creating a "chronicle of development" for campaigning across the state. Public representatives are using this document to campaign in their respective areas. During one such campaign, the state minister and MLA from Bolpur, Chandranath Sinha, expressed his regrets. He said, "If you want to defeat me in the election, tell me in advance that you will defeat me this time. There's no harm in that. If you think you will defeat the party as well, then do that too. Do it openly, don't do it secretly. Don't betray us."

On Monday, an event was held in Ward No. 21, organized by the Bolpur Town



Minister and Bolpur MLA Chandranath Sinha

Chandranath Sinha said in a tone of genuine regret, "We lost in our own wards. Both I and Kesto-da (Anubrata Mondal). Then we have to face criticism at our meetings in Kolkata. Everyone mocks us, saying we can't even win in our own wards. When we say we want to work for you, we are told, 'First, win in your own ward.' It hurts us. So I'm telling you, if you don't like us, tell us, and we will accept defeat in the election, but please don't defeat us without saying anything."

Although the overall results in Bolpur were good in the last assembly and parliamentary elections, it was observed that the Trinamool Congress defeated the opposition in the wards by margins of 20, 25, or 50 votes. The minister himself was defeated in his own ward. Chandranath Sinha believes that sabotage was behind such results. And that is probably why the word 'betrayal' was heard from him.

### Son Arrested After Donating Deceased Mother's Eyes; Allegations of 'Selling, Not Donating' Spark Turmoil

MI News Service, Kotwali:

Controversy has erupted over the donation of a deceased mother's eyes. The son is accused of selling the corneas. Five members of the family, including the son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, have been arrested on this charge. The incident has caused a sensation in the Kotwali police station area of Nadia district. The arrested man claims he has all the necessary documents from the medical college and that he is being framed. Meanwhile, environmental activists have also criticized the police for their alleged overzealousness, claiming that instead of raising awareness among the public, the police have arrested a social worker. The entire incident is being investigated by the police.

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sources, Rabeya Bibi, a resident of Senpur Shyamnagar neighborhood under Krishnanagar Kotwali police station, died on Sunday due to old age. Immediately after her

death, members of a voluntary organization, along with a doctor, arrived at her home and took the deceased's corneas. The incident caused widespread unrest in the area.

Amir Chand stated, "We have all the documents for the eye donation. Despite this, we are being framed." Environmental activists have also spoken out on this matter.

Furthermore, a complaint was filed at the Kotwali police station against the family, accusing them of stealing the corneas. Based on this complaint, the elderly woman's son, two daughters, and a daughter-in-law were arrested, causing a great stir. However, the arrested

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## EC Allows Domicile Certificate for SIR

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Under pressure from the Trinamool Congress, the Election Commission has been compelled to revise its rules in the final phase of hearings related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. As per the revised decision, domicile certificates or permanent residence certificates will now be considered valid documents in addition to the 11 documents earlier prescribed by the Commission. The decision was formally communicated by the Election Commission to the State Election Office recently.

However, the Commission has laid down strict conditions regarding the acceptance of domicile certificates. It has clarified that only certificates bearing the signatures of the District Magistrate, Additional District Magistrate, or Sub-Divisional Magistrate will be accepted as valid documents. Any domicile certificate signed by officials other than these authorities will not be considered admissible for the SIR process. The inclusion of domicile certificates is being seen as a significant development amid the ongoing controversy surrounding the voter list revision exercise.

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## Governor Honours Outstanding NCC Cadets in Kolkata

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Governor of West Bengal, Dr C V Ananda Bose, on Monday felicitated outstanding National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets of the NCC Directorate, West Bengal and Sikkim, at a special ceremony held at Lok Bhavan in Kolkata. The event was organised to recognise the achievements and dedication of cadets, including members of the Republic Day Contingent 2026.

The ceremony was attended by Major General Amar Singh Chahal, Sena Medal, Additional Director General of the NCC Directorate, West Bengal and Sikkim, along with senior officers, dignitaries and NCC cadets.

During the programme, the Governor presented the prestigious Governor's Medals to 55 ex-



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ceptional cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force wings for their excellence in training, leadership and community service. Trophies and banners were also awarded to the Best Army, Navy and Air Force NCC Units, as well as the Best Group, for overall performance. The Governor also congratulated the NCC contingent from West Bengal and Sikkim for its impressive performance at the Republic Day Parade and Republic Day Camp 2026.

Cadet Sergeant Priti Sharma was named the Best Air Force Cadet (Senior Wing) among 17 NCC Directorates across the country. Addressing the gathering, Dr Bose highlighted the NCC's role in shaping disciplined, responsible and patriotic youth committed to nation-building.

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human suffering.

In the poem, Abhishek Banerjee portrays the SIR exercise as a "burning document" for Bengal, echoing the Trinamool Congress's stand on the issue. One of the most striking lines reads, "150 is not a number, it is the scream of people set on fire by the state." Through poetic imagery, he highlights alleged deaths linked to the SIR process in the state and claims that the death toll has crossed 150. The poem seeks to convey anguish, protest, and political dissent through verse. The poster carrying the poem is designed in striking red and white colours. It features the image of a pen, a blood-red background, and Abhishek Banerjee's signature at the bottom, together conveying a strong and unambiguous political message. According to sections of the political community, the timing of the poem is significant, coming amid the ongoing controversy over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list.



On the 33rd birth anniversary of Abhaya, the Abhaya Mancha organised a rally demanding justice for the brutal rape and murder victim in the RG Kar case and raising voices against the increasing violence against women, at Drona Crossing, in Kolkata on Monday.

## EC Sets Feb 15 Deadline for Police Transfers

## Tension grips Manipur after militants set ablaze several houses

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members were set on fire at Litan Sareikhong, allegedly by Kuki militants. A few houses of those belonging to the Kuki community were also torched in a nearby area, the officials said. Tangkhul is the largest Naga tribe in Manipur, while Litan Sareikhong is a Kuki village. "The damages are being ascertained, and the situation remains tense," a senior district official said. Video footages doing the rounds show that armed men were setting fire to houses and some vehicles in the village. Wearing camouflage, the militants were also seen firing from sophisticated weapons in the air. Soon after the incident, additional security personnel have been deployed at Mahadev, Lambui, Shangkai and in other areas leading to Litan to maintain law and order and prevent movement of suspicious persons, the official said. On Sunday evening, security forces fired tear gas shells to disperse the two tribal groups that clashed at Litan Sareikhong village, he said. A notification issued by the Utkhrul District Magistrate said there was apprehension of breach of peace and tranquillity at the village, due to tension between members of the Tangkhul Naga and Kuki

communities. DM Asish Das

## Awake Brain Surgery with Speech Expert Saves Patient's Voice

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A rare example of awake brain surgery involving a speech-language pathologist has been successfully carried out in India, highlighting the growing importance of multidisciplinary care in complex neurological procedures. The patient, a 27-year-old man, was rushed to hospital after suffering a sudden seizure. Subsequent brain scans revealed a lesion located in a critical region responsible for speech, memory, voice, swallowing, movement, and singing, making the surgery extremely high-risk. Neurologist Dr Deep Das led the diagnosis and neurological evaluation, following which the medical team opted for awake brain surgery to minimise damage to vital brain functions. The procedure was performed by neurosurgeon Dr Rathijit Mitra at CMRI Hospital, Kolkata, with anaesthesia support provided by Dr Shailesh Kumar. A key role during the surgery was played by speech-language pathologist Samir Kushali, who assessed the patient's speech, memory, and swallowing before the operation and monitored these functions in real time during surgery. The patient remained conscious and was asked to speak, form sentences, and sing, enabling surgeons to adjust their approach instantly if any risk to speech or communication was detected.

The schools that received

## AG Explains CM's Security Arrangement in Assembly Before HC

**MI News Service, Kolkata:**

The posts of the Chief Minister and the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly are constitutional positions, and therefore the entry of the Chief Minister into the Assembly with security personnel does not amount to contempt of court, the West Bengal government told the Calcutta High Court on Monday. The submission was made by Advocate General Kishore Dutta during the hearing of a petition filed by Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari seeking permission to enter the Assembly premises with central security forces. He argued that despite clear instructions from the Speaker, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee continues to enter the Assembly with her security personnel. He questioned why similar permission was not being granted to the Leader of the Opposition and other MLAs, alleging contempt of court as the Chief Minister is also an elected legislator.

Adhikari's counsel argued that the state had failed to explain why an exception was being made for the Chief Minister and sought issuance of a rule against the authorities. Responding to queries from the bench, Advocate General Dutta maintained that the matter falls under the Speaker's discretion and added that multiple court rulings support the existing position.

## Bomb scare at 10 Delhi schools

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Bal Bharati School in Rohini, an official of the Delhi Fire Services said. As a precautionary measure, the school premises were evacuated and students, staff members were moved to safe locations. Senior police officers said cyber teams have also been pressed into service to trace the origin of the email, while security arrangements across sensitive locations in the capital have been reviewed. No suspicious object has been recovered so far from any of the school premises, officials said, adding that searches were , however continued for several hours since the morning before declaring the call as hoax.

## Two Students Killed in Late-Night Bike Crash

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A late-night outing for tea turned tragic as two medical students lost their lives in a road accident in the Thakurpur area of south Kolkata. The incident occurred when the motorcycle they were riding lost control, collided with another bike ahead, and the riders were subsequently run over by a speeding truck from behind.

According to police sources, the accident took place at around 3:30 am on Sunday at the junction of James Long Sarani and Purba Para Road. The deceased have been identified as Anand Priyadarshi (23) and Mohammad Fayaz Zaman (23), both third-year students of Joka ESI Medical College and Hospital. Priyadarshi was riding the motorcycle, while Fayaz Zaman was seated on the pillion. Priyadarshi was originally from Patna and had been living in a rented

flat in the Panchanantala area of Tollygunge. He had recently purchased a 400cc roadster motorcycle. Fayaz Zaman Malik was a resident of Bhangar. Police confirmed that both students were wearing helmets at the time of the accident. However, the impact of the truck reportedly dislodged their helmets, resulting in severe head injuries that proved fatal.

Investigations revealed that six medical students had stepped out from their hostel late at night on three motorcycles while taking a break from studies. They were heading towards Behala to have tea. CCTV footage reviewed by the police showed that the motorcycle in front of Priyadarshi's bike suddenly slowed down and attempted to take a right turn. Unable to stop in time, Priyadarshi's motorcycle rammed into it, causing both riders to fall onto the road.

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## Opposition to move resolution to remove LS Speaker Birla from office

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the "non-appearance" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he made grave allegations against them. They also urged the Speaker to act as an impartial custodian of the Lower House. Their letter to the Speaker comes days after Birla stated in the House that he had "concrete information" that many Congress members might move towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's seat and carry out "some unexpected act" as a result of which he had requested him not to come to the House to reply to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address.

## Huge surge in demand for domicile certificate at KMC amid SIR

officials by surprise, while describing the trend as "unprecedented" compared to the routine demand pattern. Applications received by the civic body are routed through the city's Collector offices and verified through the police check ups before a WBCS officer who grants the final approval for issuance of certificates.

## Name Change

I, Khabir Ali (old name) S/o. Noor Alam Sekh, R/o. Panchpara, Panchpara, Hooghly-712149, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Khabir Ali to Sekh Khabir Ali (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sekh Khabir Ali in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 5442 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 09/02/2026. I, Sekh Khabir Ali & Khabir Ali S/o. S/o. Noor Alam Sekh both are the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Izaz Hossain Molla S/o Aktar Hossain Molla residing at Vill-Bankra, P.O-Bankra PS-Domjur, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711403, WB. That in my voter card No. N0CS2537272 recorded as Izaz Hossain Molla, but actual name is Izaz Hossain Molla, vide an affidavit before the Ld. Executive magistrate at Howrah 29/01/2026. That Izaz Hossain Molla and Izaz Hossain Molla, both are the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Atiar Rahaman Khan S/o - Ayub Ali Khan Vill-Hokaldanga, P.O.- Nalua, P.S.-Mathurapur, Dist-South 24 Pgs, Pin-743354, State - West Bengal. In my passport no. N9926185 my mother's Name has been recorded as Rasida Bibi but in my mother Aadhar & voter card my mother's name is Rasida Khan declare vide an affidavit No.15326 before the Ld. Judicial magistrate at Alipore, South 24 Pgs. Date-28-01-2026. That Rasida bibi and Rasida Khan both are the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Ratika Rohatgi, daughter of Sundar Mohan Rohatgi, residing at 11, Jadul Mullick Road, Malapara, Beadon Street, Kolkata-700006, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Sundar Mohan Rohatgi and Sundar Mohan is the same and one identical person, indicating my father only via affidavit in the Court of Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta dated 5th February 2026.

## NAME CHANGE

I, NAJRUL MALLICK, S/o- IYAKUB MALLICK, P/o-Vill. + P.O- Taraganra, P.S- Baduria, Dist- North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare RAHIMA KHATUN is my daughter, in her Birth-Certificate (vide Reg. No. D-694/2000 of 31-07-2000 issued Baduria Municipality) as NAZRUL ISLAM MALLICK In place of NAJRU MALLICK. That NAJRU MALLICK and NAZRUL ISLAM MALLICK is the same and identical person vide affidavit no. 27960/25 dt. 25-11-2015 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat Court.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Jyuel Sk, S/o - Laltu Sekh, R/o-Vill. - Kalinagar Kahstaluk, P.O.-K.M.Para P.S.- Raninagar, Dist- Mursidabad, WB that my original name has been wrongly recorded in Aadhar Card as Gaim (G.M) Sk. (nick-name), vide Affidavit No. 1084, dt. 17/01/26, in the Court of Ld. J.M.J.M Addl (1st Class) at Lalbagh, Mursidabad. That, Jyuel Sk @ Gaim (G.M) Sk. i.e. myself, both are same identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Nelima Rani Sen, spouse of No. 1495988 Rank Ex Hy Nb Sub Name Late Samir Kumar Sen resident of Vill.-Rainagar, P.O.- Raina, Dist- Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin-713421 have change my Name from Nelima Rani Sen to Nilima Sen vide Affidavit dated 05/02/2026 before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Ankush Golder, S/o- Dilip Golder, Residing at Baduria Ward No. 3, Baduria, Baduria Municipality, P.O. & P.S.- Baduria, Dist- 24 PGS (N). In my Voter Card, Pan Card & Ratn Card my name has been wrongly recorded as Ankush Golder. So now I shall henceforth be known as Ankush Golder as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat Court vide Affidavit No. 32834 dated 24/12/2026. Ankush Golder & Ankush Golder both are same and identical person.

## Name Change

I, Sabina Parween D/o Late Aham Khan W/o Late Shaukat Khan residing at Masjid Bari Lane, Battala Masjid, Ansals, P.O.-Ansals. P.S-Ansals South, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713301 declare that I have changed my name to SABINA PARWEEN (New Name) and shall henceforth be known as SABINA PARWEEN in all purpose. That SABINA and SABINA PARWEEN both are same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit dated 29.01.26 before 1st Class Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate at Ansals Court.

**Change of Name**  
I, PUSTI ANITA D/o M.M. Pusti & W/o FIROZ KHAN, residing at Bhawanipur, P.O.-Kharagpur P.S.-Kharagpur(T), Dist- - Paschim Medinipur, PIN - 721301, W.B. shall henceforth be known as **AYSHA KHAN** W/o FIROZ KHAN & D/o M.M. Pusti as declared in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur vide affidavit no.1178 dated 27/01/2026. **PUSTI ANITA D/o M.M. Pusti & W/o FIROZ KHAN** and **AYSHA KHAN** W/o FIROZ KHAN & D/o M.M. Pusti both are same and identical person.

## Name Change

I, Farha Naaz Khatoon D/o Md. Sahabuddin, residing at J-119/B, Ram Nagar Lane, P.S-Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 declare that in my Birth Certificate being Reg no. 737 dated 27-08-1999 my name has been inadvertently recorded as **FARHA NAZ** in place of my actual and correct name **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card. That **FARHA NAZ** and **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 783999 dated 3.12.2025 before Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipur.

## Name Change

I, Surojit Sinha son of Late Laxmi Sinha, residing at 16L, Manohar Pukur Road, P.O.- Kalighat, P.S.-Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700026, WB, declare that my father name mentioned in my father Voter Card being no. WB/23/149/057397, and also my father death Certificate(KMC) being Reg. No. HG011/2013/001044 (old Reg No. 1074) dated 17/01/2013 as Lakh Singh but my father actual name is Laxmi Sinha which is mentioned in his Aadhaar Card being No. 5853 5640 9945. That the Laxmi Sinha and Lakh Singh both are the same person's name (my father), as declared Before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, South 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit No. 3871, dated 03/02/2026.

## Name Change

I, Kazi Isama Khatun(Old Name), Wife Of Md Mahboob,Residing At Vill- Moyna, Po Jaugram,Ps Jaugram,Purba Bardhaman-713166, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Isama Begum Khatun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Purba Bardhaman, Vide An Affidavit No-247, Dated-09/01/2026. Kazi Isama Khatun And Isama Begum Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Name Change

I, Anjali Ajit Dutta (Old Name) W/o Ajit Kumar Dutta Residing at 34, Rowland Road, Flat - 3A, P/o - Elgin Road, Ps - Ballygunge, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700020 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anjali A Dutta (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09-02-2026. Anjali Ajit Dutta (Old Name) and Anjali A Dutta (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Kartick Chandra Paul (Old Name) S/o Late Krishnapada Paul Residing at Vill - Sripur, Po - Habra, P.s - Habra, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743263, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kartick Paul (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09-02-2026. Kartick Chandra Paul (Old Name) and Kartick Paul (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Zainuddin Mansuri(Old Name), Son Of Salim Miya,Residing At Vill-Brahmanasthan, Po-Bhikhampur,Ps-Bhaghrampar, Sivan, Pin-841408, Bihar,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Zainuddin Mansuri( New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/02/2026. Zainuddin Mansuri And Jainuddin Mansuri Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Name Change

I, Sanjira Kayal (Old Name) W/o Md Aman Kayal Residing At Eksbara, Bally, Jagachha, P/o - Chammal, Ps - Liliup, District - Howrah, Pin - 711114, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjira Sardar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09-02-2026. Sanjira Kayal (Old Name) and Sanjira Sardar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Amitava Manna (Old Name) son of Shiba Prasad Manna, residing at K-1 Base para, Bansdroni, Garia, South 24 Parganas , West Bengal , 700054, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amitava Manna (New Name) vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kalyani on 09/02/2026. Amitava Manna And Amitava Manna both are the same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Zubeda Khatoon & Zubeda Khatoon (old names) wife of Kiamuddin, residing at 6/B, Convent Lane, P.O.- Tangra, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zubeda Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/02/2026. Zubeda Khatoon (new name) and Zubeda Khatoon & Zubeda Khatoon (old names) all are same and one identical person.

## Name Change

I, Zakir Hossain Gazi, Jakir Hossain Gazi (Old Name) S/o Tahir Ali Residing at Vill - Paschim Para, P/o+Ps - Basirhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743441, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Jakir Hossain (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09-02-2026. Zakir Hossain Gazi, Jakir Hossain Gazi (Old Name) and Md Jakir Hossain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Esharab Kayal, S/o, Lt. Eslam Kayal, R/o- Vill. & P.O- Tehtata, P/o- Rajebari, Dist- Howrah-711322 that my & father's actual name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhar Card & 2002 Voter List as Md Eslam Kayal, S/o, Lt. Asfar@Abdul Chhattar Kayal, vide Affidavit No. J/2973, dtd. 22.01.2026, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Howrah. That, Esharab Kayal @Md Eslam S/o, Lt. Eslam Kayal@Koyal Eslam both are same person, i.e. myself & father.

## Name Change

I, Onkar Singh, S/o- Vill. Jagannath & Lt. Kamala Singh of 1C/ 1B Motijhil Lane, P.S.-Entally, P.O.- Tangra, Kol-15, vide Affidavit No. 4077, Dt. 04-02-26, in 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Sealdhur Court I declare that my correct name is Onkar Singh and corrected date of birth is 12.12.1956. That Onkar Singh, born on 12.12.1956 and Onkar Nath Singh recorded as 02.05.1956 in my PAN & Aadhar 8 Voter Card is same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, GAZI SUPRA KHATUN (Old Name), D/o- NECHAR ALI GAZI, R/o-Vill- Bara Bakra, P.S- Swarupnagar, Dist- North 24 Pgs, PIN- 743427. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUFIYA BEGUM (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat Court affidavit no. 1319 dt. 14-1-26. GAZI SUPRA KHATUN (Old Name) and SUFIYA BEGUM (New Name) both are same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit dated 29.01.26 before 1st Class Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate at Asansol Court.

## Name Change

I, PUSTI ANITA D/o M.M. Pusti & W/o FIROZ KHAN, residing at Bhawanipur, P.O.-Kharagpur P.S.-Kharagpur(T), Dist- - Paschim Medinipur, PIN - 721301, W.B. shall henceforth be known as **AYSHA KHAN** W/o FIROZ KHAN & D/o M.M. Pusti as declared in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur vide affidavit no.1178 dated 27/01/2026. **PUSTI ANITA D/o M.M. Pusti & W/o FIROZ KHAN** and **AYSHA KHAN** W/o FIROZ KHAN & D/o M.M. Pusti both are same and identical person.

## Name Change

I, Farha Naaz Khatoon D/o Md. Sahabuddin, residing at J-119/B, Ram Nagar Lane, P.S-Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 declare that in my Birth Certificate being Reg no. 737 dated 27-08-1999 my name has been inadvertently recorded as **FARHA NAZ** in place of my actual and correct name **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card. That **FARHA NAZ** and **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 783999 dated 3.12.2025 before Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipur.

## Name Change

I, MOHAMMAD SOHEL GAZI (Old Name) S/o- MD GOLAM GAZI R/o-Vill. Patilachara P.O- Paschim Madhampur P.S.- Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Pgs., PIN- 743429. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD SOHEL GAZI (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/02/2026. Habibun Nasreen (old name) and MOHAMMAD SOHEL GAZI (Old Name) both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 1661 dt. 27-01-2026 Basirhat Court. MOHAMMAD SOHEL GAZI (Old Name) and MD SOHEL GAZI (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

## NAME CHANGE

I, Farha Naaz Khatoon D/o Md. Sahabuddin, residing at J-119/B, Ram Nagar Lane, P.S-Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024 declare that in my Birth Certificate being Reg no. 737 dated 27-08-1999 my name has been inadvertently recorded as **FARHA NAZ** in place of my actual and correct name **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card. That **FARHA NAZ** and **FARHA NAZ KHAUTOON** both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 783999 dated 3.12.2025 before Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipur.

## Babri Masjid Construction to Begin in Beldanga, Says Humayun Kabir

## MI News Service, Murshidabad:

The long-controversial proposal to construct a 'Babri Masjid' in Beldanga, Murshidabad, is set to move from symbolism to brick and mortar with Janata Unnayan Party founder and former Trinamool Congress MLA Humayun Kabir announcing that construction will finally begin next Wednesday.

Kabir made the announcement through a social media post on Monday morning, framing the move in the language of faith, constitutional values and judicial respect. "May peace, justice and faith prevail. Alhamdulillah! The construction work of the holy Babri Masjid will begin on February 11. We await a new dawn with respect for the Constitution and the judiciary of India. Everyone's prayers and cooperation are desirable," Kabir wrote, sharing architectural designs of the proposed mosque alongside the message. The announcement has once again placed Beldanga at the centre of a politically sensitive debate.

The foundation stone of the mosque was laid on December 6 last year in the presence of a massive gathering, reportedly running into lakhs. Humayun Kabir himself led that programme, which immediately triggered sharp reactions across the political spectrum and intensified scrutiny from the administration. Sources close to Kabir claim that several crore rupees have already been mobilised

through donations for the project and that construction will be completed using these funds. The move comes against the backdrop of Kabir's dramatic political break with the Trinamool Congress. On December 4, he was suspended from the party for six years, following which he floated his own outfit—the Janata Unnayan Party—and announced plans to contest the 2026 Assembly elections. Humayun Kabir has since declared an electoral alliance with Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM, signalling a clear bid to consolidate minority votes. His supporters argue that the Babri Masjid issue carries deep emotional resonance among the minority community in the state and believe the project could emerge as a powerful political mobilising point ahead of the elections. With construction now imminent, the administration has stepped up vigilance in and around Beldanga to prevent any law-and-order fallout. Security agencies are closely monitoring developments, given the sensitivity of the issue and its potential to polarise. Trinamool Congress leaders, however, have sought to downplay the political impact of Kabir's move. Apurba Sarkar, president of the Berhampur-Murshidabad organisational district of the Trinamool Congress and MLA from Kandi, said the ruling party would not be drawn into the controversy. "We have no role in the construction of the Babri Masjid.

## Name Change

I, Manasi Maity ( Old Name),W/o Ananda Maity, Residing At Vill & Po : Paramanandapur, Ps : Moyna, Dist - East Medinipur,Pin - 721464, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manasi Gantait Maity ( New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/02/2026. Manasi Maity And Manasi Gantait Maity Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Kuheli Majumdar (old name) daughter of Ramendra Mohan Roy, residing at P-81 Senhati Colony, Behala, Kolkata- 700034, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kuheli Majumdar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/02/2026. Kuheli Majumdar (new name) and Kuheli Majumdar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

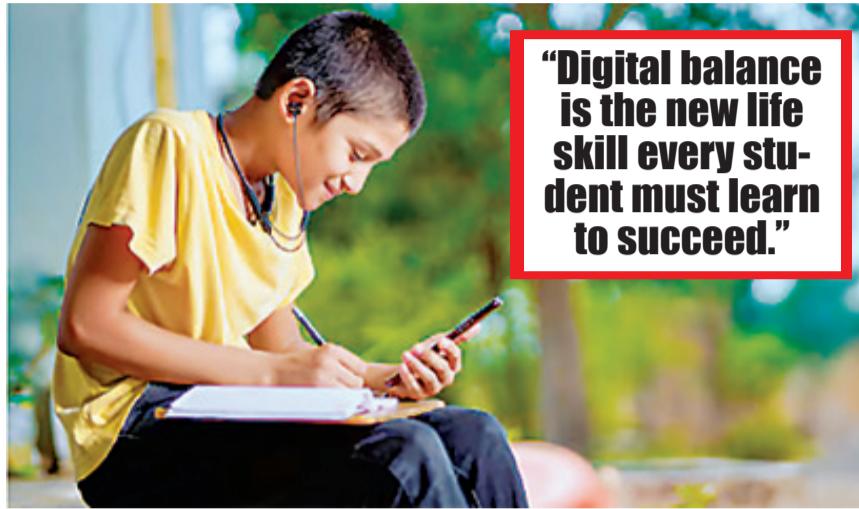
I MADHU GARG daughter of TIRLOKCHAND GOYAL, wife of ANIL KUMAR GARG RESIDING AT 14, k .L. Burman road, Salkia , Howrah- 711106 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MADHUBALA GARG as declared before the LD. Executive Magistrate at Howrah court, Howrah / West Bengal affidavit no 1280/08 dated 23/03/08 MADHU GARG and MADHUBALA GARG both are same and identical person.

## Name Change

I, Tafajul Hossain Middya (old name) son of Akramul Haque Midya, residing at Vill- Kaliapal, S/o - T. Burman road, Salkia , Howrah- 711106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tafajul Hossain Middya (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/02/2026. Tafajul Hossain Middya (new name) and Tafajul Hossain Middya (old name) both are same



# Mobile Addiction in Students: A Guide for Parents & Teachers



**"Digital balance is the new life skill every student must learn to succeed."**

**Mobile Addiction in Students is emerging as one of the most alarming issues of the current digital age. As smartphones assist students in learning, communication, and exploration, their overuse is posing challenges to mental well-being, concentration, and interpersonal relationships. Most students spend hours gaming or scrolling through social media, neglecting studies and sleep. This blog is meant to educate parents and teachers on the reasons, impacts, and evidence-based means to prevent mobile addiction among students — and lead them to a healthy, balanced coexistence with technology.**

Mobile addiction in students refers to excessive and uncontrollable phone usage that interferes with their daily lives, studies, and social life. Contrary to casual use, addiction manifests in signs of dependence, including:

Prolonged time spent on social media,

playing games, or watching streams. Irritability when mobile usage is restricted.

Ignoring studies, sleep, and family time.

Constant need to check notifications, even during classes. It's important to differentiate between healthy educational use

and problematic behaviour that hampers overall growth.

The effects of mobile addiction in students can be far-reaching and concerning:

## 1. Physical Health Issues

Ocular fatigue, cephalgia, and poor posture.

Interference with normal sleep cycles when used at night.

## 2. Mental & Emotional Health

Mood swings, increased anxiety and irritability.

Low self-esteem induced by social media.

## 3. Academic Decline

The impact of mobile phone use on learning among students is the decline in levels of concentration, poor retention of memory, and fewer classroom participations.

## 4. Social Skills

Too much mobile phone dependence reduces face-to-face interactions and results in isolation and frayed relationships.

There are multiple causes of mobile addiction in students:

Easy Accessibility: Inexpensive smartphones and economical internet plans.

Peer Pressure: Social media updates FOMO.

Online Gaming & Entertainment: High usage of addictive apps and games.

Academic Dependency: Online classes and assignments using mobiles tend to go beyond monitored usage.

Lack of Alternatives: No interests or extracurricular activities.

Parents play an important role in managing mobile addiction among students. Using parental control for mobile use can help set healthy boundaries and guide children toward balanced screen habits. Here's what they can do to help:

1. Boundaries: Establish boundaries at home for a daily limit of screen time.

2. Promote Hobbies: Involve your child

in organized sports and the arts.

3. Be Role Models: Parents should reduce their mobile device usage as well.

4. Digital Detox: Create family hours when no one uses the phone.

5. Open Communication: Rather than scolding, communicate the ill effects openly.

The teacher role in mobile addiction is to balance discipline with guidance — helping students understand responsible phone use rather than enforcing strict bans.

Make classrooms interactive so that students don't seek constant entertainment outside. Highlight the effects of mobile addiction in students through awareness sessions. Assign projects encouraging real-world exploration over online-only research.

Work with parents to monitor behavioural changes and performance dips.

The collaboration between home and school ensures that students learn self-control gradually.

Installing parental control apps is just the first step. To truly reduce the overuse of mobile phones, parents should:

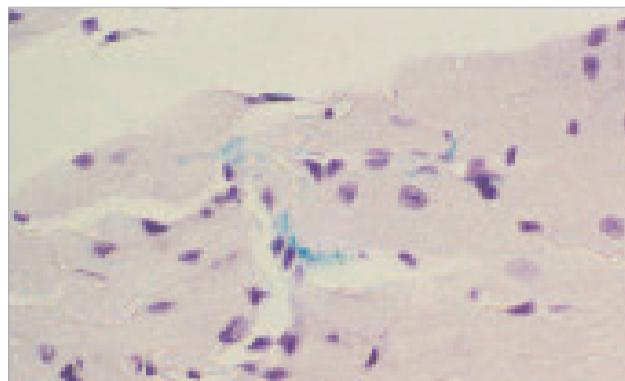
Use digital tools along with regular help.

Don't be too strict, or people will rebel.

Talk about healthy mobile habits with these apps. Slowly let kids learn to control themselves by giving them fewer rules.

Mobile addiction in students is not just a trend but a growing concern. Parents and teachers can together shape responsible habits by promoting awareness, balance, and guided use of technology. Combating mobile addiction among students needs to be a balanced approach. Teachers and parents need to join hands, not by prohibiting phones, but by educating them on how to use them responsibly. There is no intention to get rid of mobiles from a student's life, but to ensure they develop healthier habits and concentrate more on growth.

## Heart rhythm disorder traces to bacterium lurking in gums: Study



**Tokyo [Japan] :** New research shows that the gum disease bacterium *P. gingivalis* can slip into the bloodstream and infiltrate the heart. There, it quietly drives scar tissue buildup -- distorting the heart's architecture, disrupting electrical signals, and raising the risk of atrial fibrillation (AFib).

Clinicians have long noticed that people with periodontitis, a common form of gum disease, seem more prone to cardiovascular problems.

One recent meta-analysis has linked it to a 30% higher risk of developing AFib, a potentially serious heart rhythm disorder that can lead to stroke, heart failure, and other life-threatening complications.

Globally, AFib cases nearly doubled in under a decade, rising from 33.5 million in 2010 to roughly 60 million by 2019. Now, scientific curiosity is mounting in how gum disease might be contributing to that surge.

Researchers have discovered DNA from harmful oral bacteria in heart muscle, valves, and even fatty arterial plaques.

Among them, *P. gingivalis* has drawn particular scrutiny for its suspected role in a growing list of systemic diseases, including Alzheimer's, diabetes, and certain cancers.

It has previously been detected in the brain, liver, and placenta. But how it manages to take hold in the heart has been unclear.

This study, published in Circulation, provides the first clear evidence that *P. gingivalis* in the gums can worm its way into the left atrium in both animal models and humans, pointing to a potential microbial pathway linking periodontitis to AFib.

"The causal relationship between periodontitis and atrial fibrillation is still unknown, but the spread of periodontal bacteria through the bloodstream may connect these conditions," said study first author Shunsuke Miyachi, assistant professor at HU's Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences.

"Among various periodontal bacteria, *P. gingivalis* is highly pathogenic to periodontitis and some systemic diseases outside the oral cavity. In this study, we have addressed these two key questions: Does *P. gingivalis* translocate to the left atrium from the periodontitis lesion? And if so, does it induce the progression of atrial fibrillation and AFib?" added Miyachi.

To simulate how *P. gingivalis* might escape the mouth and create problems elsewhere, researchers created a mouse model using the bacterium's aggressive W83 strain.

They divided 13-week-old male mice into two groups: one had the strain introduced into the tooth pulp, the other remained uninfected.

Each was further split into subgroups and observed for either 12 or 18 weeks to track the cardiovascular risks of prolonged exposure.

Intracardiac stimulation -- a diagnostic technique for arrhythmia -- revealed no difference in AFib risk between infected and uninfected mice at 12 weeks.

But by week 18, tests showed that mice exposed to the bacterium were six times more likely to develop abnormal heart rhythms, with a 30% AFib inducibility rate compared to just 5% in the control group.

To see if their model accurately replicated periodontitis, the researchers examined jaw lesions and found its telltale signs.

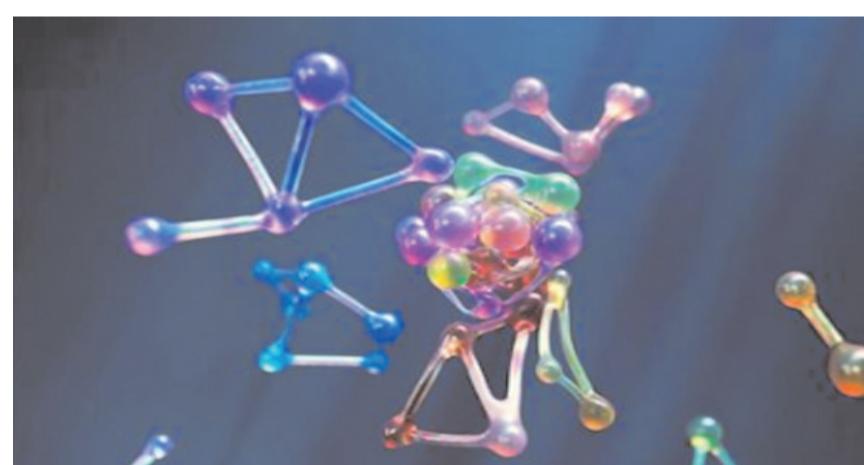
They detected tooth pulp decay and microabscesses caused by *P. gingivalis*. But the damage did not stop there. They also spotted the bacterium in the heart's left atrium, where infected tissue had turned stiff and fibrous.

Using loop-mediated isothermal amplification to detect specific genetic signatures, the team confirmed that the *P. gingivalis* strain they had introduced was present in the heart.

In contrast, the uninfected mice had healthy teeth and no trace of the bacterium in heart tissue samples.

Twelve weeks after infection, mice exposed to *P. gingivalis* already showed more heart scarring than their uninfected counterparts.

# AI-designed DNA controls genes in healthy mammalian cells for first time : Study



**Washington DC [US] :** A recent study marks the first reported instance of generative AI designing synthetic molecules that can successfully control gene expression in healthy mammalian cells.

As a proof-of-concept, the authors of the study asked the AI to design synthetic fragments which activate a gene coding for a fluorescent protein in some cells while leaving gene expression patterns unaltered.

They created the fragments from scratch and dropped them into mouse blood cells, where the sequence fused with the genome at random locations.

The experiments worked exactly as predicted and paved the way for new strategies to give instructions to a cell and guide how they develop and behave with unprecedented accuracy.

The model can be told to create synthetic fragments of DNA with custom criteria, for example: 'switch this gene on in stem cells which will turn into red-blood-cells but not platelets.'

The model then predicts which combination of DNA letters (A, T, C, G) are needed for the gene expression patterns required in specific types of cells.

Researchers can then chemically synthesise the roughly 250-letter DNA fragments and add them to a virus for delivery into cells.

"The potential applications are vast. It's like writing software but for biology, giving us new ways of giving instructions to a cell and guiding how they develop and behave with unprecedented accuracy," says Dr.

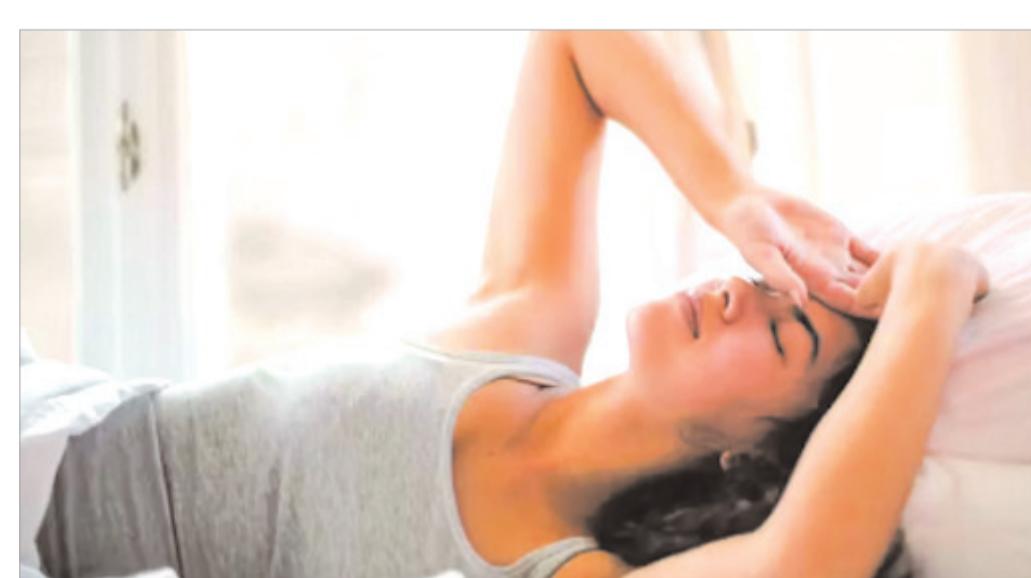
Robert Fromel, first author of the study who carried out the work at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) in Barcelona.

The study could lead to new ways for gene-therapy developers to boost or dampen the activity of genes only in the cells or tissues that need adjusting. It also paves the way for new strategies to fine-tune a

patient's genes and make treatments more effective and reduce side effects.

The work marks an important milestone in the field of generative biology. To date, advances in the field have largely benefited protein design, helping scientists create entirely new enzymes and antibodies faster than ever before. However, many human diseases stem from faulty gene expression that is cell-type specific, for which there might never be a perfect protein drug candidate. AI-generated enhancers can help engineer ultra-selective switches that nature has not yet invented. They can be designed to have exactly the on/off patterns required in specific types of cells, a level of fine-tuning which is crucial for creating therapies that avoid unintended effects in healthy cells. However, the development of AI models requires lots of high-quality data, which has been historically lacking for enhancers. "To create a language model for biology, you have to understand the language cells speak. We set out to decipher these grammar rules for enhancers so that we can create entirely new words and sentences," explains Dr. Lars Velten, corresponding author of the study.

# What is grounding could it improve my sleep? Here's science behind this TikTok trend



**Rockhampton (Australia) :** (The Conversation) Have you ever felt an unexpected sense of calm while walking barefoot on grass? Or noticed your stress begin to fade as you stood ankle deep in the ocean? If so, you may have unknowingly "grounded" yourself to the earth.

Grounding, also known as earthing, is the practice of making direct physical contact with the Earth's surface. Our ancestors embraced this trend without knowing it. But with the invention of indoor homes, footpaths, roads, and even shoes, we have become less physically connected with the earth.

Grounding has been suggested to have a number of benefits, such as improving mood, and reducing stress and pain. But overall, there's limited conclusive evidence on the benefits of grounding.

Somewhat ironically, the concept of grounding in 2025 is heavily influenced by technology, rather than getting out into nature. Consumers are being hit with social media reels promoting a range of technologies that ground us, and improve our health. Among the most common promises of improved sleep

with the use of a grounding sheet or mat. But is this just another TikTok trend, or could these products really help us get a better night's sleep?

**Bringing the outdoors in**  
The human body is conductive, which means it can exchange electricity with Earth and artificial sources, such as electronic devices or objects. (Sometimes, this exchange can result in an electric or static shock.)

Proponents of grounding claim the practice reconnects "the conductive human body to the Earth's natural and subtle surface electric charge".

They credit this process with physiological and psychological benefits (but again, the evidence is limited).

Grounding technologies can vary in type (for example, under-desk foot mats, mattress toppers and bed sheets) but all are designed to provide a path for electric charges to flow between your body and the earth.

The bottom prong you see in your three-prong wall socket is a "ground" or "earth" terminal. It provides a direct connection to earth via your building's wiring, diverting excess or unsafe voltage into the ground. This protects you and your devices from potential

electrical faults. Grounding technology uses this terminal as a pathway for the proposed electrical exchange between you and earth, while in the comfort of your home.

Could grounding improve your sleep?

The research in this area is still emerging.

A 2025 study from Korea recruited 60 participants, gave

half of them a grounding mat, and gave the other half a visually identical mat that didn't have grounding technology. The researchers used a "double-blind" protocol, meaning neither the participants nor the researchers knew which participants were given grounding mats.

All participants wore sleep trackers and were asked to use their mat (that is, sit or lie on it)

for six hours per day. The researchers found that after 31 days, participants in the grounding mat group slept longer on average (as measured by their sleep trackers) than those in the control group.

The researchers also used questionnaires to collect measures of insomnia, sleep quality, daytime sleepiness, and stress. After 31 days, participants in both

groups improved on all measures.

There were no differences between the grounded and ungrounded groups for sleep quality, daytime sleepiness, and stress. And while grounded participants showed significantly lower insomnia severity after the intervention, this difference was also present at the start of the study. So it's unclear if grounding had a tangible impact on sleep.

In another double-blind study, published in 2022, researchers in Taiwan examined the effectiveness of using grounding mats to improve sleep among patients with Alzheimer's disease. The findings indicated that spending 30 minutes on a grounding mat five times per week resulted in improved sleep quality.

While previous research has suggested using grounding technologies may lead to improvements in mood, no differences were seen in measures of anxiety and depression in this study.

Grounding for gains?

Grounding technology has also been touted as having other benefits, such as reducing pain and inflammation.

A 2019 study found participants who slept on a grounding mat after intense exercise felt less sleep, regulate circadian rhythms, and improve mood.

inflammation in their blood compared to those who were ungrounded.

Grounding after a workout may help you feel better and recover faster, but it's still unclear whether and how grounding affects long-term training results or fitness gains.

Add to cart?

So should you cash in on your favourite influencer's discount code and grab a grounding mat?

At the risk of spouting a common cliche of cautious scientists, our answer is that we don't know yet.

What we do know is the existing research, albeit emerging, has shown no evidence grounding technology can negatively affect your sleep or recovery after exercise. So if you love your grounding mat or grounding sheet, or want to see if grounding works for you, feel free to give it a go.

Keep in mind, grounding products can retail for anywhere from around A\$30 to \$300 or more. On the other hand, grounding on the grass in the great outdoors is free. While there's limited evidence that grounding outdoors can improve sleep, spending time in outdoor light may itself benefit sleep, regulate circadian rhythms, and improve mood.



## T20 WC: Zimbabwe register dominant eight-wicket win against Oman in campaign opener

**COLOMBO :** Zimbabwe began their T20 World Cup 2026 campaign in emphatic fashion, registering a dominant eight-wicket victory over Oman as they chased down a modest target of 103 in just 13.3 overs in the eighth match of the tournament at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground (SSC) in Colombo on Monday.

Coming in to chase an easy target, Zimbabwe were off to a strong start as both openers struck the ball fluently, with the team scoring at a run rate of over 10 runs per over in the first three overs.

Oman finally got their breakthrough in the fourth over when SufyanMehmood dismissed TadiwanasheMarumani, who was looking in excellent touch and scored 21 runs off just 11 balls, including five boundaries.

Sufyan provided another wicket to Oman in the same over when he sent Dion Myers back to the pavilion for a duck.



After the back-to-back wickets,

Zimbabwe wicket-keeper batter Brendan Taylor forged a match-winning partnership with opener Brian Bennett, who rotated the

strike well.

The duo followed a boundary-

less approach at the start and took

singles and doubles as they gradually increased pressure on the

opposition.

Brian missed out on a well-deserved half-century as he remained unbeaten on 48. He hammered seven fours during his fine innings. Taylor scored 31 runs off 30 balls, including three boundaries, before retiring hurt at the end of the 13th over.

Captain SikandarRaza hit the winning runs as Zimbabwe chased down the total in just 13.3 overs. For Oman, Sufyan was the only bowler to pick up wickets, finishing with figures of 3 for 12 in three overs.

Earlier, the fast bowling trio of Blessing Muzarabani, Richard Ngarava and Brad Evans picked up three wickets each as Zimbabwe bowled out Oman for 103 runs in 19.5 overs after choosing to bowl first.

Oman were off to a disastrous start as Muzarabani clean bowled skipper Jatinder Singh (5) with a good-length delivery on the first ball of the second over. Oman's

experienced batter HammadMirza followed suit as he was dismissed in the next over by Richard Ngarava.

As pressure mounted on the batting side, Muzarabani returned for his second over and sent AamirKaleem and Karan Sonavale back to the pavilion in the same over. As Oman headed towards an early collapse, wicket-keeper batter VinayakShukla and SufyanMehmood showed some resistance. The duo forged a 42-run partnership, the team's highest of the innings, which helped Oman cross the 100-run mark.

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## T20 WC: Netherlands opener O'Dowd shrugs off dropped catch backlash, targets win over Namibia

**NEW DELHI :** Netherlands opener Max O'Dowd said he has moved on from the catch he dropped of

Faheem Ashraf that proved to be costly in his side's narrow three-wicket defeat to Pakistan in the Men's T20 World Cup opener, adding that Indian fans were more upset about the miss than the Dutch public.

At the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground in Colombo, O'Dowd put down Pakistan's seam-bowling all-rounder Ashraf in the penultimate over of the match. It proved to be very costly as Ashraf went on to hit an unbeaten 29 off 11 balls to seal victory for the 2009 champions.

Soon after, comments section on social media accounts of O'Dowd were swarmed by Indian fans making distasteful remarks.

"Well, I mean, it's obviously disappointing to drop a catch. Just the first couple of hours after the game, I was disappointed as you would be. But to be honest, I think most Indian people were more angry than the Dutch public."

"I understand they want Pakistan to lose and my dropped catch obviously didn't help. But like I said, catches are a part of the game. They get caught, and get dropped and I've trained taking that catch a thousand times and I just happened to drop it that time. So, hopefully, the next time I do catch it," O'Dowd told IANS in an exclusive conversation on the eve of their Group A clash against Namibia, to be played at the ArunJaitley Stadium on Tuesday.

The Netherlands now return to a venue where several squad members played during the 2023 ODI World Cup. "A big clash. Obviously, a chance for us to get back to our best. I think after a disappointing result in the end against Pakistan, it'll be nice to get a win here into Delhi. Obviously, we were here in 2023 (during ODI World Cup). So, guys are quite familiar with the ground, which is high scoring. So, an exciting opportunity tomorrow," said O'Dowd.

The Dutch posted 147 against Pakistan but suffered an almighty meltdown from 105/4, after being promised to post 160-ish. With Pakistan's spinners tightening the screws, Netherlands lost their last seven wickets for 42 runs.

"We spoke about it as a batting group. I mean, we had a good start, obviously, and actually set ourselves up really nicely through

the middle and then just probably took some wrong options at the wrong time and just lost wickets in clumps. I think that slowed down the progress," said O'Dowd.

Despite the batting collapse, the opener praised his team's bowling performance in defending the total, with the Netherlands reducing Pakistan from 98/2 to 114/7 before Ashraf's late heroics came into the picture.

"But then, to be honest, that's probably the best I've seen us bowl through the middle period. If you ask any fan at the halfway stage, you'd say that game's done. I don't think many teams in the world are clawing back from that position in the way we did.

"Obviously, disappointing the way it ended. But we've had our discussions. We've moved on. It's obviously a different service here in Delhi. So, we're looking forward to that," he added.

With Group A also having USA and defending champions India, O'Dowd stated about the importance of securing a victory against Namibia, to get their campaign back on track. "It's going to be extremely important. We've seen loads of close calls already so far this tournament.

"Obviously, Pakistan still have to play Namibia, USA and India and then for ourselves, we've got big games coming up and then obviously finishing against India in Ahmedabad, which is going to be extremely tough. But we've got two games to come here against Namibia, then USA and hopefully set us up for a big one at the end," he said.

Asked about associate nations like themselves, USA and Nepal pushing higher-ranked teams close in the tournament's opening matches, O'Dowd signed off by saying the performances came as no surprise to those closely following global cricket.

"Well, to be honest, like for me, it's not that big of a shock. I've seen it for a long time now. I think for the average cricket fan, it doesn't really pay much attention. They might see it as a shock.

"But for guys who really know what's going on around the world, they understand that the associates aren't just there to hang around and play some average cricket. I think in T20 cricket, it could have gone either way and that shows the associates are getting much stronger and they're bridging that gap."

## International Olympic Academy hold meeting with IOA, lauds reactivation of the National Olympic Academy of India

**NEW DELHI :** A delegation from the International Olympic Academy (IOA), led by DrMakisAsimakopoulos, Director, and Ms Alexandra Karaiskou, Head of NOAS/NOCs Relations, held an official meeting with the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) P. T. Usha, at the headquarters of the Indian Olympic Association here on Monday.

The International Olympic Academy congratulated the IOA on the reactivation of the National Olympic Academy of India, recognising this decision as an important institutional step towards strengthening the Olympic Movement in India through education, values-based leadership and long-term capacity-building.

IOA reactivated the National Olympic Academy (NOA) on January 9. NOA serves as India's main hub for Olympic education, research, and dialogue. In addition to its academic and institutional functions, the NOA will collaborate directly with athletes to support their educational requirements, personal growth, leadership development, and comprehension of the Olympic movement, all alongside their athletic careers.

The delegation also welcomed the appointment of Olympians PT Usha as Chairperson and GaganNarang as Director of the National Olympic Academy of India, highlighting the importance of athlete leadership in advancing credible, inclusive and athlete-centred Olympic education initiatives.

"The meeting, held in the presence of Raghuramlyer, Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Olympic Association, reaffirmed the shared commitment of both institutions to strengthening Olympic Education in India and to further integrating the Indian National Olympic Academy within the global Olympic education framework," as per IOA release.

"Discussions in the meeting focused on the development of structured Olympic Education programmes with clearly defined outcomes, educator capacity-building, youth engagement and international knowledge exchange. Particular emphasis was placed on the role of the National Olympic Academy as the central intellectual and educational institution of Olympism in India, supporting



ingood governance, ethical leadership and sustainable sport development in line with the long-term priorities of the Olympic Movement," it added.

IOA chief PT Usha, underlined the importance of education in promoting integrity, inclusion and sustainability in sport, and reaffirmed the Indian Olympic Association's commitment to strengthening governance, safeguarding athletes' welfare and developing future leaders of Indian sport through the National Olympic Academy, in close cooperation with the International Olympic Academy.

Both institutions reiterated their shared responsibility to safeguard Olympic values, including ethics, fair play, respect, inclusion and integrity, as essential to the credibility and trust of sport.

Athlete welfare education, covering mental health, safeguarding, anti-doping and transition beyond competitive careers, was identified as a priority area, alongside the meaningful involvement of athletes in educational programmes and

governance processes.

Youth engagement and leadership development were recognised as key pillars for ensuring the long-term relevance and sustainability of the Olympic Movement in India.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of preserving and documenting India's Olympic history and sporting heritage, while ensuring diversity and representation across regions, genders and sporting disciplines.

The International Olympic Academy reaffirmed its readiness to support the Indian National Olympic Academy through institutional exchanges, joint programmes and participation in international sessions.

"Both organisations agreed on the importance of a clear long-term strategic framework, supported by sustainable funding models, transparent governance and measurable outcomes, to ensure the continued development and impact of the National Olympic Academy of India," it further said in a release.

**T20 WC: PAKISTAN VS USA HEAD-TO-HEAD AND RECENT FORM ANALYSIS**

**COLOMBO :** Pakistan and the USA will face each other on Tuesday at the Sinhalese Sports Club in the 12th match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. The two teams are placed in Group A alongside India, Namibia and the Netherlands, and this will be their second match of the tournament.

While Pakistan played the curtain raiser against the Netherlands on Saturday and beat them by three wickets in a close encounter, the USA suffered a 29-run defeat against defending champions India in the third match on the opening day of the tournament.

Head-to-Head record in T20Is

Matches Played - 1

USA Won - 1

Pakistan Won - 0

The last time Pakistan competed against the United States, it marked one of the biggest upsets in T20 World Cup history. During the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, Pakistan suffered a surprise loss to the tournament's co-hosts, the USA, in a group-stage match at Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas.

Recent form guide (Last five T20Is) -

Pakistan: W, W, W, W, L

USA: L, W, W, L, W

Pakistan have won four of their last five T20Is, while the USA has secured three wins in their previous five matches. The Men in Green's latest victory was against the Netherlands in the ongoing marquee event, and they are riding high on confidence, having defeated Australia in a three-game home T20I series before the World Cup.

Meanwhile, the USA are seeking their first win of the season and hope to repeat their successful performance against Pakistan from their last meeting.



## Ranji Trophy: KL Rahul's ton guides Karnataka to semis against Mumbai

**MUMBAI :** India's star batter KL Rahul struck a superb 24th first-class century to guide Karnataka to a memorable four-wicket victory over 42-time champions Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy 2025-26 quarter-final at the SharadPawar Cricket Academy, BKC, on Monday.

Chasing a mammoth target of 325 runs in the fourth innings against Mumbai's experienced bowling attack, Karnataka were off to a poor start as opener MayankAgarwal was dismissed in the second over by captainShardul Thakur.

DevduttPadikkal, coming in at number three, continued his good form and forged an 84-run partnership with KL Rahul, who looked in great touch from the start.

Padikkal was eventually sent back to the pavilion in the 20th over by TanushKotiyal, but his partner Rahul continued to rotate the strike. He was supported by Karun Nair, who scored 23 runs before getting out in the 31st over.

After losing Karun, Rahul and a young batter SmaranRavichandran put pressure on the former champions with a match-winning partnership of 147 runs.

Rahul completed his century in 147 balls as Karnataka were cruising at 265 for three when

## Asian Rifle/Pistol C'ship: Manu misses gold in shoot-off, Esha wins bronze in 25m Pistol



fact five shots in the sixth series

saw her take a two-point lead.

Manu and Esha took advantage of Nguyen's one-shot seventh series to close the gap.

Esha, who was leading with a score of 30 at the end of the eighth series, missed all her shots in the ninth series to eventually be content with the bronze medal. In the last series, Manu hit three shots, while Nguyen hit two shots to end the final on 35 shots to take the final to a shoot-off.

In the first shoot-off, both shooters hit two shots each, and in the following shoot-off, Manu missed three shots to miss out on the gold medal.

The third Indian in the final,

Rhythm Sangwan, finished in fourth place.

In the junior finals, NaamyaKapoor survived a shoot-off to clinch the gold. The youngest Indian to win a World Championship medal hit 29 shots, the same as RihadatulAsyifa of Indonesia.

The young shooter held her nerve in the shoot-off, hitting three shots while Asyifa missed all her shots. Anjali Bhagwat won bronze with a score of 24. Parisha Gupta, who qualified for the finals in the top spot, finished in fifth place with a score of 14.

The Indian teams also secured gold in both the senior and junior categories.

teams will then travel to Hobart's Bellerive Oval for the second and third ODIs, scheduled for February 27 and March 1, respectively.

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