

KMC Plans Major Overhaul to Fast-Track Approval of Minor Building Deviations

Homeowners constructing their dream homes may soon no longer have to endure prolonged delays for revised building plan approvals arising from minor deviations. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is preparing to introduce a new system that will allow the Director General (DG) of the Buildings Department to approve such cases directly. This would eliminate the need for every application to be placed before the Mayor and the Mayor-in-Council (MMIC), a process that currently takes months. Mayor Firhad Hakim has already instructed the legal department to examine the necessary amendments to make this change possible. Kolkata continues to grapple with numerous instances of illegal construction. However, officials emphasise that many citizens diligently follow all municipal regulations. **PG 3**



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Uneasy calm prevails in Bangladesh amid Awami League's protest call

MI News Service, Dhaka / New Delhi : An uneasy calm prevails in tension ridden Bangladesh for the second day on Wednesday as heavily armed security forces continued to maintain a strict round the clock vigil across major cities amid the Awami League's call for nationwide demonstrations to protest the death sentence to its chief and former Prime minister Sheikh Hasina and ex Home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal. The usual flow of traffic on a working day was very thin today like yesterday and daily activities in Dhaka and other major urban centres also showed no signs of returning to normalcy. Though there was no report of any incident of major violence from anywhere in the country for the second consecutive day today, armed police, Rapid Action Battalion personnel and paramilitary forces continued intensive patrols around major government buildings, party offices and key intersections in the capital city and elsewhere in the country in view of Awami League's call for a three-day nationwide demonstrations, protests and resistance from Tuesday. Incidentally, Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal on Monday sentenced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to death for crimes against humanity over her government's violent crackdown on student-led protests last year. The 78-year-old deposed politician is on trial in absentia for allegedly being the "mastermind and principal architect" behind last year's suppression of mass demonstrations, in which some 1,400 people were killed. Bangladesh's special tribunal also sentenced former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death for crimes against humanity and supporting Shekh Hasina.

RSS chief to visit Manipur for first time since 2023 ethnic violence



MI News Service, Imphal : Ending all speculations in different circles, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will arrive in Manipur on November 20 for the first time since ethnic violence broke out two years ago, a top functionary of the organisation said on Wednesday. During his three-day stay, Bhagwat will interact with citizens, entrepreneurs, and representatives of the tribal community, RSS, Manipur State General Secretary Tarunkumar Sharma informed today. "Our Sarsangchalak's visit to the state is in connection with the centenary celebrations of the RSS. He is arriving from Guwahati on November 20 and will leave on November 22," he said. As part of the itinerary during Mohan Bhagwat's maiden visit in this tiny North Eastern state

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Mamata slams ECI after death of BLO, alleges 'unbearable SIR pressure'

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday expressed shock over the death of a Booth Level Officer (BLO) in Jalpaiguri's Mal block, alleging that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has imposed "inhuman" pressure on field workers and led to 28 deaths so far. The Chief minister claimed the deceased, an anganwadi worker engaged as a BLO, died by suicide due to the "unbearable pressure" of the revision exercise being undertaken by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

In a strongly worded statement posted on X, Banerjee criticised the Election Commission for what she described as an "unplanned, relentless workload" ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. "Deeply shocked and saddened. Today again, we lost a Booth Level Officer in Mal, Jalpaiguri -- an anganwadi worker who took her own life under the unbearable pressure of the ongoing SIR work," she wrote on X. She said 28 people have already lost their lives since SIR began, some due to fear and uncertainty, others due to stress and overload. "Such precious lives are being lost because of the unplanned, relentless workload imposed by the so-called Election Commission of India. A process that earlier took three years is now being forced into two months on the eve of elections to please political masters, putting inhuman pressure on BLOs," she said. Mamata Banerjee urged the Election Commission to "act with conscience" and suspend the drive immediately,



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warning that more lives may be lost if the current pace of SIR work continues. "I urge the ECI to act with conscience and immediately halt this unplanned drive before more lives", she said. TMC leaders have repeatedly accused the ECI of advancing deadlines and burdening BLOs with excessive field verification tasks in the run-up to the polls. The ruling party has maintained that several workers have collapsed due to long working hours, travel requirements, and pressure to meet deadlines. There was, however, no immediate response from the ECI to the Chief minister's allega-

tions. Opposition parties, however, have dismissed the TMC's accusations, saying the government is attempting to deflect responsibility for poor administrative support to field-level workers.

Meanwhile, a three member high level team from the ECI led by Gyanesh Bharati, Senior Deputy Election Officer of the Commission is currently on a three day visit to West Bengal to oversee the progress of the SIR exercise. Accordingly they have already held meetings with the senior poll officials in Kolkata North, Kolkata South and South 24 Parganas district.

PM Modi inaugurates farming expo in Coimbatore releases Rs18,000 cr support fund

MI News Service, Coimbatore: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the natural farming summit here on Wednesday and released over Rs 18,000 crore monetary support to farmers in the Southernmost state .

Following his arrival, the Prime minister was accorded a rousing reception and he held a roadshow from the airport to the venue of Coimbatore District Small Industries Association grounds, a distance of approximately 2 kilometers and people and party workers lined up on both sides of the road to welcome him. Cultural shows were held and people showered flowers on the Prime minister's motorcade as he waved to the people acknowledging their greetings. This 21st instalment of the PM-KISAN, which was released by the Prime minister, will support 9 crore farmers across the country. Under the programme, each eligible farmer receives Rs 6,000 annually in three equal instalments credited directly into his bank accounts. Ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, the Tamil Nadu BJP launched "#Vanakkam-Modi" hailing him as "a true friend of every farmer."

"The Prime Minister arrived in Coimbatore today amid a power-packed schedule displaying Tamil Nadu's unwa-



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vering supportto him ," BJP Coimbatore South legislator and Mahila Morcha national president Vanathi Srinivasan said in a post on 'X.' "Coimbatore is all set to welcome a new wave of inspiration and development," she added. The prime

minister arrived at the Textile Capital of South India this afternoon from Andhra Pradesh after taking part in the centenary celebrations of late spiritual leader Sri Sathya Sai Baba at Puttaparthi.

"The summit brings together many farmers, researchers, and innovators working in this field. The emphasis on sustainable, eco-friendly, and chemical-free agriculture practices is indeed commendable," the PM said in a post on 'X.' He further said that the event was important as the 21st instalment of PM-Kisan will be released to the "hardworking farmers across the country." The summit also aims to accelerate the shift towards natural and regenerative farming as a viable, climate-smart and economically sustainable model for India's agricultural future. The summit will also focus on creating market linkages for farmer-producer organisations and rural entrepreneurs, while showcasing innovations in organic inputs, agro-processing, eco-friendly packaging, and indigenous technologies," a release said. Over 50,000 farmers, natural farming practitioners, scientists, organic input suppliers, sellers, and stakeholders from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Telangana, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh are participating in the summit.

Nitish Kumar chosen leader of JD(U) legislature party in Bihar

MI News Service, Patna : JD(U) supremo and the outgoing Chief minister Nitish Kumar was unanimously chosen as the leader of its legislature party during a meeting of newly elected MLAs here on Wednesday. State minister Shrawon Kumar told newsmen after the meeting this afternoon that the decision to elect Nitish Kumar as the leader of JD (U) legislature party, was taken ahead of a meeting of NDA constituents, where Kumar is also expected to be chosen as the leader of the alliance in the state. The NDA stormed back to power in Bihar, winning 202 seats in the 243-member assembly, with BJP bagging 89, JD(U) 85, LJP(RV) 19, HAM 5 and RLM 4 seats. With the new Bihar government set to be formed on Thursday, the JD(U) and BJP held their legislature party meetings separately on Wednesday, retaining the status quo among their top leaders. While JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar has been chosen as the leader of the party's legislature wing during a meeting of newly



Janata Dal (United) supremo Nitish Kumar addresses party legislators during a meeting, in Patna.

elected MLAs in Patna, the BJP elected Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha as leaders of its legislature party.

Chaudhary and Sinha will also continue as Deputy Chief ministers, as Nitish Kumar is set to take oath as Bihar chief minister for a record tenth time at Patna's his-

toric Gandhi Maidan on Thursday. Prime minister Narendra Modi , Union Home minister Amit Shah and several other top leasers of the BJP and its allies will take part in the oath taking ceremony along with several Chief ministers of a number of BJP rules states. "I thank the party leadership and all

MLAs who have again given me a chance to lead the party. The BJP has expressed its faith in the JD (U) and the party will try to meet their expectations," Chaudhary told reporters.

Earlier, NDA allies had reportedly engaged in hard bargaining over the last few days, seeking

Mamata pays tribute to former PM Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary



MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee paid sincere tributes to former Prime minister Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary on Wednesday

"Sincere tribute to former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary", the Chief minister said in a post in her X handle .

Political leaders including members of the Gandhi family comprising Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and others citizens paid rich tributes to the leadership quality of Indira Gandhi and her contributions to the nation building on her 108th birth anniversary ,

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who was born on October 19, 1917 To mark the day several events took place across the country today, including memorials at her resting place at Shakti Sthal in New Delhi and the flagging off of the 40th Indira Marathon in Prayagraj. Indira Gandhi was also remembered for her strong leadership during her time as Prime minister, from 1966 to 1977 and again from 1980 until her assassination in 1984.

Satya Sai Baba's teachings showing light to millions in 140 countries: PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the birth centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, in Puttaparthi.

MI News Service, Hyderabad : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid rich tributes to late spiritual guru Sri Satya Sai Baba, saying his teachings and service continue to guide lakhs of followers across the world. In his address at the birth centenary celebrations of Satya Sai Baba, Modi also released a coin and a set of stamps to

commemorate the guru. "Sri Satya Sai Baba's centenary celebration is not just a festival, but a divine boon. Though Sai baba is not among us physically, his love and spirit of service are the guiding forces for crores of people," Modi said. He said that in 140 countries, "lakhs of Satya Sai Baba's devotees

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Seven more Maoists killed in second encounter in Andhra Pradesh

MI News Service, Hyderabad /Raipur : Only a day after six Maoists including their top leader Madvi Hidma, who headed the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) Battalion 1, were gunned down in a fierce encounter with security forces in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitaramaraju district on Tuesday, seven more insurgents were killed in another exchange of fire in the vicinity on Wednesday, police said. Addressing a press confer-



Police personnel with arrested Maoists in a coordinated intelligence-led operation, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. State Police arrested 50 CPI (Maoist) cadres across five districts. The crackdown coincided with an encounter at Mare-dumilli on Wednesday

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ADGP, Intelligence

ence in Vijayawada today, Mahesh Chandra Laddha, ADGP, Intelligence said, three women were among those who died today.

"In continuation with Tuesday's operation, seven more Maoists have been eliminated until now on Wednesday, according to information received from the field," Laddha said, adding that today's operation took place about 7 km away from the initial encounter site on Tuesday. The elimination of as many as 13 heavily armed Maoists within 24 hours has provided the second major blow to Maoist ranks in two neighbouring states of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, Laddha said. . Seven bodies, including those of three women cadres, have so far been recovered from the site, he stated further adding the Greyhounds, the elite anti-Maoist force, are continuing combing operations in the thick forest terrain of the ASR district. A cache of 18 weapons, including five AK-47 rifles, several double barrel guns and hundreds of rounds of cartridges were recovered by the forces from the encounter site, officials said. Among those killed today was Meturi (Metturu) Jog Rao, alias Shankar, identified as an Andhra-Odisha Border Special Zonal Committee (AOBSZC) member, Central Committee member, and in charge of Andhra-Odisha Border (AOB) operations. A native of Srikakulam, Shankar was considered a specialist in technical operations, arms manufacturing and communication systems, officials said. Other slain Maoists include Sita alias Jyothi, a Divisional Committee Member (AOBSZC), and

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Grand Abhishek with Holy Water from 130 Rivers Marks 130th Appearance Year of Swami Pranabananda Maharaj; Region Immersed in Devotion

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: The 8th Annual Festival at the Manmathpur Pranab Mandir in South 24 Parganas was celebrated with great spiritual fervor on the occasion of the 130th auspicious appearance year of Acharya Srimat Swami Pranabananda Ji Maharaj, the revered founder of Bharat Sevashram Sangha.

The highlight of this year's celebration was the extraordinary Mahabhishek performed with holy water collected from 130 sacred rivers and historic ghats across India. Devotees gathered water from major rivers like the Ganga, Yamuna, Narmada, Godavari, as well as from numerous smaller rivers, to offer in this unique ritual. According to organisers, bringing together the sanctified waters of 130 riv-



ers symbolizes the unity, purity, and spiritual harmony of India's ancient heritage.

In the Rabindra Gram Panchayat area, mothers and women-led groups performed the sacred Mahabhishek at four different

centers, offering it to the installed idol of Swami Pranabananda Ji with the spirit of Shiva-consciousness. At each location, devotees prepared 130 varieties of food as part of the Annakat offering. The celebrations

included devotional songs, aarati, and a grand feast for saints.

Saints and monks from various monasteries and missions participated alongside the Bharat Sevashram Sangha. Special arrangements were made to deliver prasad to elderly, sick, and home-bound devotees.

To strengthen spiritual harmony, the ancient Bajrangbali deity of the holy Kali Ghat pilgrimage site was ceremonially re-consecrated on the same occasion, in the presence of officials from the Kalighat Temple Committee.

Over these three days of festivities, thousands of devotees filled Manmathpur and surrounding regions with an atmosphere of devotion, discipline, and deep spiritual bliss.

Chairman leaving no stone unturned in filling SIR forms



MI News Service, Hooghly: Common people are suddenly in a fever over SIR. Everyone is moving from here to there with various documents in hands to fill SIR forms. People are leaving their work to find out whether their names are included in 2002 voter list or not and are busy in search of their names, relatives, parents. Despite instructions of Election Commission, most of BLOs are working sitting in schools and neither taking forms to any houses themselves, nor are they filling them, nor are they going to take the forms back. Most of the BLOs of Hooghly district have given the SIR form in Bengali, due to which people are very worried. On the instructions of Trinamool leader Abhishek Banerjee, TMC leaders, workers and supporters are busy from morning till late night in all party offices to fill SIR form. Like many other municipalities in the district, Rishra Municipality Chairman Vijay Sagar Mishra is also not lagging behind in this work. Along with his ward office, he is also going to other wards to ensure that no voter's name is deleted. He is seen sitting in a "Voter Bachao Camp" filling SIR form. When asked he said, "We are trying to fill the form by setting up camps at different places and also solving other problems of the voters." Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and leader Abhishek Banerjee have also instructed that no voter's name should be removed from the voter list. When you have been voting for years, why and how will anyone remove your name today?

Suman Debnath's death casts shadow over Goachala trek

MI News Service, Barrackpore: Barrackpore plunged into deep sorrow as news broke of the untimely demise of Suman Debnath, a 38-year-old resident of Mahajati Nagar No. 4, Agarpara. Debnath lost his life while trekking in the treacherous terrains of Goachala, Sikkim, underscoring the inherent dangers of high-altitude adventure sports. Suman, known to his friends and neighbors as a passionate trekker and avid traveler, had embarked on the expedition with close companions on Nov 1. However, the group was reduced to three when two friends had to drop out. On the night of Nov 18, tragic news rippled through his home that he had succumbed to severe breathing difficulties during the trek's descent.

Amway India

MI News Service, Siliguri: Amway India has introduced Nutralite Vitamin D plus Boron, a nutritional supplement designed to combat Vitamin D deficiency, which affects about 80-90% of the population. The product, highlighted by Managing Director Rajneesh Chopra, includes Vitamin D3, Boron, Vitamin K2, and a proprietary blend of Licorice and Quercetin to enhance bone density and overall health. The Chief Marketing Officer, Amrita Asrani, noted its three-tier protection system for bone health and antioxidant support.

Bangladeshi couple with child detained near Tehatta border; claim abandoned by tout

MI News Service, Tehatta: Police on Tuesday detained three Bangladeshi nationals, a man, his pregnant wife and their three-year-old child, from the Chhinnamasta temple area near the India-Bangladesh border in Tehatta. Officers said the trio hails from Bagerhat district in Bangladesh and had been wandering in the area, reportedly searching for the local police station.

According to police and local sources, residents spotted the family around noon and, after speaking to them, learned they were from Bangladesh. Suspecting illegal



entry, locals alerted Tehatta police, who brought the three in for questioning.

During interrogation, the man, identified as Ramzan Khan, told police that a tout had promised him a high-paying driver's job in India and took Rs. 20,000 from him. Ramzan said the tout brought them across the border on Sunday night, but

they were unaware of the exact point of entry.

Ramzan further alleged that on Monday night the tout took them to an area near a river, asked them to wait, and disappeared on the pretext of bringing food. Since then, the family has been unable to contact him.

"We don't know the man. He has put us in trouble. We just want to return home," Ramzan reportedly told police.

Tehatta police confirmed that the three have been detained for illegal entry. "They are being questioned. Further action will be taken as per law," an officer said.

3 Years of Pending Allowances: Contai Fisherfolk Body Flags Serious Lapses

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Contai Sub-division Kheti-Fishermen Development Association on Tuesday alleged that allowances for support staff working in fish landing centres have remained unpaid for the last three years. Addressing a press conference at the Kolkata Press Club, association convener Lakshminarayan Jana claimed that repeated appeals to the state government failed to yield any response.

"The cooperative societies of fishermen are on the verge of collapse," Jana said. He urged the government to immediately revive these co-operatives and expedite elections to BENFISH, the apex body under the state fisheries and cooperatives department. According to him, forming a stronger board is essential for ensuring financial stability of the sector.

He further alleged that at several coastal fish landing centres, names of genuine fishermen are not properly recorded, resulting in delays or complete exclusion from key government welfare



schemes.

Jana added that the community faces severe crises in four areas, livelihood, income security, safety at sea and social protection. "Despite several government announcements, implementation remains riddled with irregularities, delays and administrative hurdles," he said.

The association also claimed that although safety equipment such as GPS devices, life buoys, tracking systems and VHF sets are mandatory on fishing vessels, most boats lack these facilities. "Even where subsidies exist, complex paperwork prevents many from accessing the benefits. Those

who do receive them often wait for months," Jana said.

He alleged that large traders and middlemen often influence pricing in coastal markets, depriving fishermen of fair returns. Increased government oversight at ports, wholesale markets and auctions is essential, he added.

Jana stressed that both the Centre and state must adopt a long-term policy for the sector. "Announcements alone are not enough. Benefits must reach the last beneficiary," he said.

The association said it plans statewide and district-level mobilisation in the coming days to highlight the community's grievances.

Ayush Poised to Play Key Role in Cutting Healthcare Out-of-Pocket Costs: West Bengal Health Special Secretary

West Bengal Now Surpasses Germany in Homeopathic Manufacturing Capacity



(L-R) Mr Ajay Singh Parihar, Vice President, Marketing Dabur India Limited; Mr Debarshi Duttagupta, Managing Director, East India Pharmaceuticals; Prof. Manoshi Roychowdhury, Co-Chairperson Techno India Group; Mr Prashant Sharma, Chairman, CII Healthcare Subcommittee & Managing Director Charnock Hospitals; Ms Dhivya Loganathan, IAS Special Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare & DG AYUSH, Government of West Bengal; Mr Sharad Kumar Dwivedi, IAS Secretary Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal; Mr Prithish Chowdhary, Co-Chairman, CII Manufacturing Subcommittee & Deputy Managing Director, Titagarh Rail System; Ms Neha Sharma, President, Baidyanath Ayurved & Director, Goodcare Pharma; Dr Yadu Mooss, Director, Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda; Mr Sudipta Chakraborty, Deputy Director, CII Eastern Region at the CII Ayush Manufacturing Conclave 2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ayush sector in India has witnessed remarkable growth, with its market size expanding from \$3 billion in 2014 to \$24 billion in 2023 registering a CAGR of 17 per cent. Understanding the importance, CII Eastern Region organised the maiden edition of Ayush Manufacturing Conclave 2025, today in Kolkata.

Collaboration between traditional and modern medicine is the need of the hour, said Mr Sharad Kumar Dwivedi, IAS, Secretary, De-

partment of Health & Family Welfare Government of West Bengal in the CII Conclave. He highlighted plans to develop a medicinal plant cluster and establish health and wellness centres in hilly regions and tea gardens, aiming to leverage the state's growing potential in medical value travel.

Strengthening infrastructure and increasing investment in research and development remain central priorities for the state government said Ms Dhivya Loganathan, IAS, Special Sec-

retary, Department of Health & Family Welfare & DG AYUSH, Government of West Bengal. She also outlined that the state currently has three Ayush colleges, four homeopathy colleges and ten Ayush hospitals.

While outlining the state of Kerala's AYUSH sector, Dr Yadu Mooss, Director, Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda, noted a 20 per cent decline in registered Ayurvedic units in the post-Covid period. He further emphasized the rising demand for contract farming in the state and the increasing integration of Ayush with allopathic care in hospitals.

Prof. Manoshi Roychowdhury, Co-Chairperson, Techno India Group highlighted the rising demand for natural, plant-based medicinal products. Meanwhile, Dr Sudipta Narayan Roy, Managing Director, Powell Group emphasized the export potential of Ayush products from West Bengal to Southeast Asian markets, envisioning the state as an Ayush export corridor. He stressed that Brand Bengal - Make in India - Trusted by the World should be the guiding motto for the state's Ayush export initiatives.

The sessions were followed by the recognition of excellence in Ayush sector, and the conclave witnessed the presence of major industry stakeholders.

SIR Murshidabad: Leadership reviews BLA-2 ground efforts

MI News Service, Murshidabad: The performance of Trinamool Congress' BLA 2 cadre in Murshidabad has come under critical scrutiny, with party leadership reportedly describing their work as the weakest in the state despite full appointment coverage in all 4,200 booths. This concern was publicly underscored by Trinamool MLA Humayun Kabir, who questioned the district leadership's ability to mobilize and manage the cadre effectively, criticizing their online posturing instead of substantive field engagement. The district organizing chairman, Niamat Sheikh, acknowledged the challenges, attributing them partly to inadequate understanding among many BLA 2 workers despite training efforts, and expressed ongoing efforts to address these gaps ahead of crucial elections.

While critical reports circulate, some Trinamool BLA leaders, such as Pavitra Chatterjee from Berhampur, reject the negative assess-

ments, asserting intimate knowledge of their local constituencies and confident in their operational effectiveness. The local BJP leadership has seized on the controversy, accusing Trinamool of complacency and overreliance on presumed administrative support while neglecting real grassroots voter engagement, an accusation that heightens the political stakes in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha and forthcoming assembly elections. With Trinamool leading in 14 of Murshidabad's 22 seats, the party leadership has issued firm directives for BLAs to intensify their grassroots outreach and maintain close contact with electorates to secure their political stronghold, reflecting the high-pressure environment and strategic importance of robust booth-level mobilization in the region. This situation underscores a complex intra-party dynamic balancing accountability and public defense while preparing for fiercely contested electoral battles.



Floral Tribute to The Statue of Bharat Ratna Indira Gandhi on her 108th Birth Anniversary at the base of the Statue near Birla Planetarium / ITC Park on Wednesday.

Stomach Cancer: APOLLO provides early detection centre



Dr. Sanjiban Patra, Onco Histopathology, ACC Kolkata, Dr Rajat Khandelwal, Gastroenterologist, ACC, Kolkata, Dr Surinder Singh Bhatia, Director Medical Services, ACC, Kolkata & Dr Supratim Bhattacharya, Surgical Oncology and Robotic Surgeon, ACC, Kolkata at the launch of #SaveMyStomach

tiative, ACCs aims to shift stomach cancer diagnosis from late to early stages, enabling curative treatments and better patient outcomes.

Adding to the urgency, Dr Supratim Bhattacharyya, Surgical Oncolo-

gy and Robotic Surgeon, Apollo Cancer Centre, Kolkata, noted, "Through Apollo Cancer Centres' 'Save My Stomach' campaign, we aim to encourage people to seek timely screening. A simple endoscopy can detect stomach

cancer at a curable stage, when survival rates are significantly higher."

Dr. Sanjiban Patra, Onco Histopathology, Apollo Cancer Centre, Kolkata, said, "In stomach cancer, the turning point truly begins with accurate tissue diagnosis. Even subtle abnormalities in biopsy samples can signal early disease long before symptoms appear."

Highlighting clinical impact, Dr Rajat Khandelwal, Gastroenterologist, Apollo Cancer Centre, Kolkata, said, "Early detection truly changes the trajectory of stomach cancer care, from limited treatment choices to life-saving outcomes."

Speaking about the program launch, Dr Surinder Singh Bhatia, Director Medical Services, Apollo Cancer Centre, Kolkata, said, "Our goal is to ensure that people recognise these symptoms and have timely access to screening before the disease advances."

ECI meeting with Nadia Administration on SIR

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: The team of Election Commission of India (ECI), that sat for a meeting with the Nadia DM Aneesh Dasgupta and other officials at DM Office in Krishnanagar on Wednesday, stressed in completion of 'SIR Digitisation' within November 26, Nadia DM said.

Starting at around 11:00 am., the meeting continued up to 2 pm. In addition to Nadia DM, there were ADMs, 17 EROs (SDOs), 18 BDOs and other a few officials. There were 5 officials from ECI and 2 from State ECI.

The ECI team members talked to the SDOs and BDOs in the said meeting and took the information of status of SIR in Nadia. Side by side, the ECI has given the date-line of Digitisation of SIR Records within November 26, DM said. "Till date, the



16 percent of digitisation is done," he added.

Occasionally, the issue of problems of BLOs during field works were raised and discussed and mitigated, a sources said. The two problems of BLOs those raised in the meeting were the unavailability of voters, and in some cases, the taking photographs of the concerned voters.

Kalyani ERO (SDO) Abhijit

Samanta has a special issue at his jurisdiction. While he raised it, the ECI has advised to arrange for a special hearing camp at a Village.

There is a village known as Char Jatrasiddhi pur in Kalyani sub division. It is under Kanchrapara Gram Panchayat. There are around 1200 voters here. There names were enlisted in Nadia in 2009. Before that their

names were listed in Balagarh in Hooghly. They used to dwell along Bhagirathi river bank. First they were in Hooghly. But with the erosion of river, the river - flow got changed and entered into Nadia. The dwellers also entered Nadia as they used to dwell on sands.

However, once they appealed to Nadia Administration to enlist their names in Voter list in Nadia. Finally, after more than a decade their names were included in the voter list in 2009. But SIR wants names in the list of 2004. So they got into new dilemma. So they appealed the Kalyani SDO Abhijit Samanta to solve the issue.

At this situation, ECI, on Wednesday, advised to arrange for a special hearing camp at Char jatrasiddhi pur village, said SDO Kalyani, Abhijit Samanta.

Startups Poised to Power 'Viksit Bharat', With Sustainability and Innovation at the Core

MI News Service, Kolkata: Startups are emerging as key growth engines for Viksit Bharat, with their future increasingly shaped by sustainability-driven strategies. Their long-term viability will depend on deeper integration of innovation and technology, strong social sustainability practices, and an accelerated transition towards renewable energy, positioning them as pivotal drivers of India's sustainable economic transformation. This direction was reinforced by industry partners at Innovation 2025, organised by CII Eastern Region in Kolkata today, which brought together entrepreneurs, corporates, investors and innovators to discuss pathways for scaling India's startup ecosystem.

At the conference, Mr S Suresh Kumar, IAS, Chairman, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), emphasised the need for stronger government facilitation and greater collaboration between startups and established enterprises. He observed that talent acquisition and retention remain challenges in India's



(L-R) Mr Rohit Sarkar, Co-Chairman, CII Eastern Region Startup Subcommittee & Co-Founder, Distronix, Mr Arnab Basu, Partner, Clients & Industries Leader, PwC India, Mr Harshavardhan Neotia, Past Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group, Mr S Suresh Kumar, IAS, Chairman, Damodar Valley Corporation, Mr Chandra Sekhar Ghosh, Past Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Chairman, Bandhan Group, Mr Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, Chairman & Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, and Mrs Mamata Mondal, Deputy Director, CII Eastern Region, shared insights and knowledge for building and sustaining the startups, during the CII Innovation 2025 in Kolkata.

fragmented market and underscored the importance of further improving the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) to encourage startup integration in government-linked sectors. He noted that DVC itself is increasingly adopting technology with a sharper focus on renewable energy.

Offering an industry outlook, Mr Arnab Basu, Partner and Clients & Industries Leader, PwC India, high-

lighted that the next phase of entrepreneurship will be defined by sustainability. He pointed out that two-thirds of global capital is now flowing toward renewables and stressed that innovation over the next five decades must prioritise cleaner air and water. He added that India's EV value chain is strengthening but requires deeper consolidation as startups shift from incremental to exponential

and global growth.

Speaking on innovation, Mr Harshavardhan Neotia, Past Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group, noted that technology, including AI, should act as a key enabler to enhance efficiency. He added that compelling ideas must be paired with sincerity and sustained commitment.

Sharing his perspective, Mr Chandra Sekhar Ghosh, Past Chairman, CII Eastern Region & Chairman, Bandhan Group, underlined that innovation begins with improving people's lives and must focus on meaningful scale for long-term sustainability.

Highlighting the eastern region's growing strength, Mr Rohit Sarkar, Co-Chairman, CII Eastern Region Startup Subcommittee & Co-Founder, Distronix, emphasised the role of supportive state policies. He stated that Eastern India has over 11,000 DPIIT-recognised startups and noted that CII's platforms serve as effective connectors between startups and industry partners, enabling mentorship and collaboration.

KMC Plans Major Overhaul to Fast-Track Approval of Minor Building Deviations

MI News Service, Kolkata: Home-owners constructing their dream homes may soon no longer have to endure prolonged delays for revised building plan approvals arising from minor deviations. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is preparing to introduce a new system that will allow the Director General (DG) of the Buildings Department to approve such cases directly. This would eliminate the need for every application to be placed before the Mayor and the Mayor-in-Council (MMIC), a process that currently takes months. Mayor Firhad Hakim has already instructed the legal department to examine the necessary amendments to make this change possible.

Kolkata continues to grapple with numerous instances of illegal construction. However, officials emphasise that many citizens diligently follow all municipal regulations. Despite this, small discrepancies often emerge between the approved building plan and the



final construction. For example, a room sanctioned at 100 sqft might end up being 10 sqft larger after completion. In other cases, a balcony may extend by an additional 10-20 sq ft. These minor, often unintentional deviations result in penalties and lengthy scrutiny before a revised plan is approved, keeping applicants waiting for months.

To streamline the process, KMC is planning to empower its engineers and senior officials to conduct faster inspections. Under the proposed system, engineers from the Buildings Department will visit the construction site within days of receiving an application. After verifying the revised plan on the spot, they will prepare a detailed report. The file will then go directly to the

DG, Buildings, who will have the authority to grant approval without escalating the matter to the MMIC.

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As per current municipal law, only the Mayor and the Mayor-in-Council have the authority to approve building plans. To delegate this power, an amendment is required, and the legal department has been asked to examine how feasible it is. If implemented, the change will ease administrative pressure and spare applicants unnecessary harassment. However, penalties for minor deviations will still remain

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time because every case must reach the MMIC before final approval. At a recent MMIC meeting, 130 agenda items were listed—more than 90 of them related solely to minor deviation approvals. Recognising the delays caused by this backlog, the civic body has now decided to shift such cases to the DG's table, aiming to bring faster clearances and smoother governance.

Scottish Church college unveils 'Eso Bangla Shikhi'

MI News Service, Kolkata: Scottish Church College, Kolkata, has launched an online Bengali course titled 'Eso Bangla Shikhi' to promote the language globally. Developed in collaboration with the Bhaktivedanta Research Center, the programme aims to help learners in India and abroad read, write, and speak Bengali with ease. The course was inaugurated on Wednesday in the presence of college principal Dr.Madhumanjari Mandal and other dignitaries. Designed in three levels—Primary, Intermediate, and Advanced—it includes 24 one-hour primary sessions with MCQ assessments and multimedia materials. Organisers say rising global interest, especially among ISKCON devotees, makes this initiative timely and impactful.

RSS chief to visit Manipur for first time since 2023 ethnic violence

From PG 1 since the ethnic violence broke out two years ago, separate interactive sessions will be held with prominent citizens, Janajati (tribal) community representatives, and youth leaders, Sharma said. "On the day of his arrival, he will be meeting with entrepreneurs and eminent individuals at a programme at Konjeng Leikai in Imphal. On November 21, Bhagwat will meet and interact with tribal leaders from the Manipur hills," he said.Asked if the RSS chief will be visiting relief camps, where internally displaced people have been staying for the last two years, he said, "This is not in the schedule as of now. The visit is mostly an internal part of the organisation." More than 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups since May 2023. Incidentally, the Centre has imposed the President's rule in Manipur after the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh in March this year, following which the state assembly, which has a tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation." Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat's visit to Manipur is part of the organisation's centenary celebrations and is viewed as a significant outreach effort in the conflict-affected region. "RSS was not created to oppose or to harm anyone, but to focus on character building and to contribute in making India a global leader", the sources quoting Bhagwat said

BLOs to Get Edit Option on SIR App Commission Adds 'Reverify' Feature

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move aimed at reducing errors and addressing long-standing complaints, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will now be able to correct wrongly uploaded information in the SIR. Following persistent complaints and demands from BLOs, the Election Commission has added an edit option to the BLO mobile application—something the field workers had been urging for months. BLOs claim they were often forced to upload incorrect details under pressure from ruling party Booth Level Agents (BLAs). Several officers had raised these concerns directly with the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). Accepting that many mistakes were made under pressure, the BLOs recently brought the entire issue to

the Commission's notice. According to them, the Commission introduced the edit feature only after hearing their grievances. With the new edit option, BLOs can now correct inaccurate entries directly from home, eliminating the fear of being held accountable for mistakes beyond their control. SwapanMondal of the Polling Personnel Joint Forum said, "Sometimes unintentional mistakes happen; data entry errors are common. Not everyone is equally familiar with online systems. Today we found that the BLO app now has an edit option—called the 'Name Reverify' feature. If any BLO uploaded wrong information under pressure, they can now correct it later. In many cases, ruling party workers were pushing BLOs to upload incorrect entries. This edit fea-

ture will reduce much of that pressure. Attempts were being made to show deceased voters as alive, and BLOs were being forced into it. The Issue had become more serious because once the forms were digitised, any error would directly invite disciplinary action against the BLOs. The Commission had already warned that since the forms bear the BLO's signature, they would be held personally responsible for any discrepancies. This raised concerns among officers across the state, especially as political pressure intensified at the booth level. With the new feature now activated, BLOs hope the risk of punishment for forced or accidental mistakes will reduce, and the accuracy of electoral rolls will improve significantly in the coming revisions.



Students Islamic Organisation of India, West Bengal, holds an Assembly March demanding the restoration of the earlier OBC policy, an inclusive campus, a corruption-free recruitment process, expansion of employment opportunities, a fear-free educational environment, and other reforms, at College Square in Kolkata on Wednesday.

SC Declines to Grant Protective Orders for Protesting RG Kar Docs

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Supreme Court on Wednesday made it clear that it cannot grant protective orders to doctors protesting in Kolkata over the demand for justice for the RG Kar Medical College assault victim. A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma observed that it is neither practical nor within the Court's jurisdiction to monitor the ongoing agitation from Delhi. The judges further stated that issuing protective directions for the protesting doctors would amount to interfering with the domain of the police administration. The Bench remarked orally, "We already have too many matters before us. There is no end to it. Instead, the Calcutta High Court should monitor the protest. That would be simpler. How can we, sitting in Delhi, oversee protests taking place in Kolkata? How can we issue general directions ensuring the

safety of doctors? The police have the authority to summon anyone if necessary." Senior advocate KarunaNundy appeared on behalf of both junior and senior doctors' associations. The Bench directed



her to place the pending petitions before the Calcutta High Court. During the hearing, Nundy submitted that doctors participating in the agitation were being harassed by the police and repeatedly summoned for questioning. She urged the Court to ensure their safety and sought protective or-

ders to prevent such alleged harassment. The Bench, however, refrained from granting any such relief. The Supreme Court's observations indicate that the matter is likely to be transferred to the Calcutta High Court after the winter recess, with further hearings scheduled thereafter.

The case stems from the horrific incident on 9 August last year, when the bloodied body of a young postgraduate trainee doctor was found in a seminar room on the fourth floor of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The incident triggered massive outrage across Kolkata, with allegations that she had been raped and murdered while on duty. The following day, hospital civic volunteer Sanjay Roy was arrested in connection with the crime. On 20 January this year, a Sealdah court convicted Roy as the sole accused and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Unseasonal Warm Spell Returns to Bengal as Temperatures Rise Across the State

MI News Service, Kolkata: After a brief spell of pleasant winter-like conditions, Bengal is now witnessing an unexpected shift as temperatures begin to climb again. The early winter nip that marked the later weeks of Kartik has weakened noticeably with the arrival of Agrayahan, bringing warmer days and milder nights across South Bengal.

According to the Alipore Meteorological Office, a gradual rise in night temperatures is expected throughout the state in the coming days, affecting both North and South Bengal. Weather scientists confirm that the current conditions do not support any rainfall, and the dry spell is likely to persist for now. Officials at the Met Office noted that a low-pressure area that had formed near the Sri Lanka coast is moving in a west-northwest direction. Along

with it, an associated cyclonic circulation is expected to become more prominent within the next 48 hours. However, this system is not strong enough to trigger rainfall in West Bengal. As a result, all districts are likely to experience dry conditions for the rest of the week. Temperature forecasts suggest that both regions of Bengal will see a rise of about 2-3°C in minimum temperatures over the next few days. After this brief increase, temperatures are expected to stabilise and remain steady for the following four days. While winter has not fully set in yet, weather experts believe that the rise in temperatures is typical for this transitional phase, though many residents had hoped the chill would linger. In Kolkata, the weather will remain clear, with no cloud cover expected to disrupt the warm spell.

Satya Sai Baba's teachings showing light to millions in 140 countries: PM Modi

From PG 1 are getting new light, direction and moving forward."Sri Satya Sai Baba placed service at the heart of human life. The spiritual guru's birth centenary became a festival of universal love, peace and service, Modi added. Modi also said that the central value of Indian civilisation was Seva and Service."All our diverse spiritual and philosophical traditions ultimately lead to this one idea, whether one walks the path of Bhakti, knowledge or karma," he added. Touching upon his government's various social security schemes meant for the welfare of poor, he said

they were now being discussed in international forums. Further, stressing on 'local for vocal,' he said it will help the country become 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, actor Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Sri Satya Sai Central Trust Managing Trustee R J Rathnakar and others participated. As part of the celebrations, Modi paid respects and his obeisance to Sathya Sai Baba at his Mahasamadhi here. The PM was also given Vedic blessing by the priests.

Kalyanmoy Gangopadhyay Walks Out of Jail After Nearly 3 Years



MI News Service, Kolkata: After spending almost three years behind bars, former West Bengal Board of Secondary Education president KalyanmoyGangopadhyay has been released from jail. He was granted bail on Wednesday by Justice Tirthankar Ghosh of the Calcutta High Court in connection with the multi-crore teachers' recruitment scam under the School Service Commission (SSC). His release comes months after former Education Minister Partha Chatterjee also secured bail in the same wider investigation.

The High Court permitted Kalyanmoy's release on strict conditions, including that he must fully cooperate with the ongoing investigation and future judicial proceedings. The order marks a major development in the high-profile case that has rocked the state's education system. The controversy dates back to the appointments made from the 2016 panel, which was later scrapped by the Supreme Court after allegations of massive irregularities and corruption surfaced. At that time, KalyanmoyGangopadhyay headed the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and was a key figure in the administrative structure overseeing the re-

cruitment process. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested him in September 2022. According to investigators, he was part of multiple committees linked to the recruitment process and allegedly handed over appointment letters to candidates who were not eligible. The CBI stated that during interrogation he failed to provide satisfactory answers regarding his role, prompting his arrest.

In November 2023, the Calcutta High Court initially granted him bail. However, before he could walk free, the CBI arrested him again in connection with another related case. While he later secured bail in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case linked to the money-laundering aspects of the scam, he continued to remain in judicial custody due to the pending CBI case.

Kalyanmoy's release is expected to draw significant political and public attention, given the scale of the scam and the number of officials implicated. Investigators allege that large numbers of unqualified individuals were appointed to teaching posts in exchange for bribes, depriving legitimate candidates of government jobs. With his bail now granted, the CBI is likely to intensify its questioning, as the court has made cooperation an essential condition for his release. The case continues to unfold as multiple arrests, interrogations and legal challenges surround one of the most controversial recruitment scandals in the state's recent history.

Seven more Maoists killed in second encounter in Andhra Pradesh

From PG 1 five Area Committee Members (ACMs) of the AOBSSZC, according to preliminary information. Incidentally, top Naxalite leader Madvi Hidma who was carrying a reward on Rs one crore on his head, was among the six heavily armed Maoists who were killed during a fierce encounter with security forces in Alluri Sitaramaraju district of Andhra Pradesh, bordering Chhattisgarh, on Tuesday. According to Alluri Sitaramaraju district superintendent of police (SP) Amit Bardar, the encounter continued for more than three hours in the deep forested area of Maredumilli mandal. "Yes at least six Maoists including dreaded Madvi Hidma were killed in that fierce encounter in Alluri district today," SP Bardar said. He said Hidma, a dreaded insurgent who heads the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) Battalion 1 of the Maoists, was carrying a massive reward of Rs one crore on his head. Apart from Hidma, the other killed Maoists were Hidma's wife Rajakka, Chelluri Narayana, Suresh SZCM, and Tech Shankar. According to the Al-

luri Sitarama Raju District Superintendent of Police's office, however, no security personnel were injured in the operation and combing efforts continued throughout the day in the forest region in search of other insurgents. Madvi Hidma, a resident of Sukma district, remained a prominent tribal face for the Maoists in Chhattisgarh. He was said to be the youngest Central Committee member in the outlawed organisation. Hidma was also known for his role in several Maoist attacks, including the 2010 attack in Dantewada that killed 76 CRPF personnel and the 2013 attack in Jhiram Ghati that left 27 people dead. He carried a reward of Rs 1 crore on his head in Chhattisgarh. These two encounters within 24 hours of one another marked the second and third such major exchange of fire in the bordering district within six months. In June 2025, three Maoists identified as Uday, Aruna, and Janu, were killed in a similar operation in the same region. Additional forces have been deployed to the area, and further details are awaited from the police.

Lalbazar Issues Public Alert After Multi-Crore Fraud at Regent Estate Post Office

MI News Service, Kolkata: The disappearance of several crores of rupees from the Regent Estate Post Office has prompted Lalbazar to step in with an urgent public advisory. In a message issued on social media, Kolkata Police warned citizens against placing blind trust in postal agents when making investments. The advisory stated, "Do not rely unquestioningly on post office agents. Exercise caution while investing through them. Maintain regular contact with the post office, and always keep copies of investment-related documents. Before investing, customers must verify the agent's identity card, licence number and registration details." The warning follows the recent arrest of Siddhartha Kanjilal, a postal agent from the Jadavpur area, who has been accused of embezzling around ₹5 crore invested through the Regent Estate Post Office. The investigation is currently being conducted by the Anti-Bank Fraud Section of Lalbazar's Detective Department. Preliminary findings by the police suggest that a local influential figure linked to the post office may be involved in the



scam. According to investigators, it would have been nearly impossible for an ordinary agent to siphon off such a massive sum without support from someone with administrative influence. Sources revealed that Kanjilal allegedly diverted the embezzled funds to online gaming applications and has now been left financially ruined. As a result, Lal-

bazar fears that investors who lost money in the scam may not be able to recover their funds, deepening concerns among victims. Police officials say the scale of the fraud and the alleged involvement of multiple individuals have complicated the investigation, raising questions about accountability within the postal system.

Name Change
I, Kamruddin Khann, Kamruddin Khan (Old Name) S/o Mohammad Mohiuddinn Khan Residing at 24 Nanda Ghosh Road, Haora, Haora Corporation, District - Howrah, Pin - 711101, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Kamruddin Khan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 23/2025 Dated 19-11-2025. Kamruddin Khann, Kamruddin Khan (Old Name) and Md Kamruddin Khan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Srimanta Kumar Mondal, Srimanta Mondal (Old Name) S/o Mahabadi Mandal Residing at Kshirishbari, Barabari Sub, District - East Midnapore, Pin - 721430, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Srimanta Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Kolkata vide affidavit Date 18-11-2025. Srimanta Kumar Mondal, Srimanta Mondal (Old Name) and Srimanta Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Affidavit
I SHAMINA AKHTAR daughter of Sheikh Shamim Akhtar, residing at 418, G.T Road (N), 2nd Golabari, Pin: 711011, West Bengal do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have an International Passport being No.J3821242. My mother actual name is NASIMA BEGUM which is recorded in my Passport being No.J3821242. But my mother name has been wrongly recorded in my Birth Certificate as NASIMA KHATOON instead of NASIMA BEGUM. By an affidavit (no. 12832) before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Sealdah on 19.11.2025 that NASIMA BEGUM and NASIMA KHATOON is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jaynal Ali Mallick, S/O-Liyakat Ali Mallick, residing at 34/B, Haji Mahammad Mahasin Road, Budge Budge, 24pgs (S). That in my passport my father's & my wife's (Serina Bibi) names has been recorded as Liyakat Ali Mollick & Serina Mollick Which are incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class J.M at Alipore dt-18/11/2025 (No. 70442) that Liyakat Ali Mallick & Serina Mollick is same and one identical person. Serina Bibi & Serina Mollick is same and one identical person.

I, Jhomina Bibi, W/o Baharul Sekh@Baharul Sekh, residing at Vill & P.O. Kachutia, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PIN - 713123, do hereby declare that in my daughter Sahina Begam's birth certificate reg. no. 97 dt. 28.04.2010 my name has been recorded as Jhonu Bibi. On 04.11.2025 vide affidavit (no. 2663) before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Jhomina Bibi, W/o Baharul Sekh@Baharul Sekh & Jhonu Bibi is the same & identical person.

I, Jhomina Bibi, W/o Baharul Sekh@Baharul Sekh, residing at Vill & P.O. Kachutia, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PIN - 713123, do hereby declare that in my son Sanju Sekh's birth certificate reg. no. 140 dt. 11.07.2008 my name has been recorded as Momina Bibi. On 04.11.2025 vide affidavit (no. 2661) before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Jhomina Bibi, W/o Baharul Sekh@Baharul Sekh & Momina Bibi is the same & identical person.

I, Jhomina Bibi, W/o Baharul Sekh@Baharul Sekh, residing at Vill & P.O. Kachutia, P.S. Ketugram, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PIN - 713123, do hereby declare that in my son Kitabul Sk's birth certificate reg. no. 191 dt. 08.07.2014 my name has been recorded as Jhurmina Bibi. On 11.11.2025 vide affidavit (no. 2760) before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Jhomina Bibi & Jhurmina Bibi is the same & identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Mohasin Ali (Old Name), S/o Lt. Shaikh Rausan Ali, r/o. Meghnad Sahapalli, P.O.- Rajbati, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, PIN-713104, W.B. have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Sk. Mohasin Ali (New Name), vide Affidavit No-5530, dated. 22.10.2025, before the Notary Public, Purba Bardhaman, Shaikh Mohasin Ali (Old Name) & Sk. Mohasin Ali (New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mala, Wife of No. 14350771 Rank Ex. NK (TS) Name Vivekananda Samanta resident of Vill-Raynagar (P.O.)- Raina, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713424 have change my Name & Date of birth from Mala & 06.Mar.1963 to Mala Samanta & 01.Jan.1959 vide Affidavit dated 14.11.25 before the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Santosh Kumar Ghosal S/O Late Sibram Ghosal, Residing at 58/1, Bi-hari Lal Pal Street, Post Office and Police Station Baranagar, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700036, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my daughter's name is Koyel Ghosal. That my name Santosh Ghosal, which has been wrongly recorded in my daughter's all educational Documents in place of my actual name Santosh Kumar Ghosal. That I Santosh Kumar Ghosal and Santosh Ghosal is the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit (SL No. 201) sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore dated 17/11/2025.

Name Change
I, Jayshree Mazumdar, spouse of Bankim Mazumdar resident of Kamrabad Tararabagan Rajpur Sonarpur (M), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal-700150 have changed my name from Jayshree Mazumdar to Jayasree Mazumdar vide Affidavit, No.-68987 Dated 12-11-2025 at Judicial Magistrate 1st class, Alipore.

Name Change
I, Rajesh Daga (Old name) Son of Late Badri Das Daga, residing at 138, G.T.Road, South Sibpur , P.S.-Sibpur,Dist-Haora, Pin-711102,West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Daga (New Name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated before 19/11/2025. Rajesh Daga (Old name) and Rajesh Kumar Daga (New name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Safi Uddin Molla (Old Name) Son of Amed Hossain Molla, residing at Vill-Asuti, P.O.- Ashuti, P.S.-Kalitala Ashuti, Dist -24 Parganas (South), Pin-700141, West Bengal, India,have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safiuddin Molla (New name) as declared before the Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit no.69257 dated 13/11/2025.Safiuddin Molla (New Name) and Safi Uddin Molla (Old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kakali Bose Barui W/o. Debasish Bahadur Bose, R/O. Teterpar, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, declared that in my Bank Pass Book, S.B.I., Pandua Branch, where my name has been recorded as Kakali Bose instead of my original name Kakali Bose Barui and also my husband's name recorded as Debasish Bose instead of his original name Debasish Bahadur Bose. I, Kakali Bose Barui & Kakali Bose and my husband Debasish Bahadur Bose & Debasish Bose both are the same & one identical person, vide an affidavit no. 10783, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 19/11/2025.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Jasimuddin (old name), S.O. Safiuddin, R/O. Mulgram, Inch-dura, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mohammad Jasimuddin to Mohammad Josimuddin and henceforth I shall be known as Mahammad Josimuddin in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 16 sworn before S.D.E.M., Sadar, Hooghly Court on 18/11/2025. Mohammad Jasimuddin & Mahammad Josimuddin S/O. Safiuddin both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kajal Adak S/o. Late Prankrishna Adak, R/o. Nollbona, Bhatua, Rajhat, Polba, Hooghly-712123, W.B. declared that in my L.R. Porcha (which Dist. Hooghly, P.S. Polba, J.L. No. 31, Mouza Bhatua, L.R. Khatian No. 1240 & Dag No. 537), where my name has been recorded as Shih-sankar Adak instead of my original name Kajal Adak. Kajal Adak & Shih-sankar Adak S/o. Late Prankrishna Adak both are the same & one identical person, vide an affidavit no. 729, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 24/01/2025.

Name Change
I, Prodipita Ghosh Goswami (Old Name) D/o Prodyut Kumar Goswami Residing at 15, Bhairab Mukherjee Lane, Shyam-bazar, P.s - Ultadanga, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700004, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prodipita Goswami (New Name) as declared before Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Sealdah vide affidavit no 12779 Dated 18-11-2025. Prodipita Ghosh Goswami (Old Name) and Prodipita Goswami (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohd Alam, Mohammad Alam (Old Name) S/o Bhrikri Mia. Residing at 9/245, North Bhook Lin, Fesua Bagan, Po - Baidyabati, P.s - Bhadreswar, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712222, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Alam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-11-2025. Mohd Alam, Mohammad Alam (Old Name) and Md Alam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kutubuddin Kaji, Sk Kutubuddin Kaji (Old Name) S/o Late Atiyar Kaji Residing at Vill - Barakanuria, Po - Porabazar, Ps - Dadpur, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712305, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kutubuddin Kaji (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) Hooghly at Chinsurah, vide affidavit no 9887 Dated 15-10-2025. Kutubddin Kaji, Sk Kutubuddin Kaji (Old Name) and Kutubuddin Kaji (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sonam Choudhury Saraf (Old Name) W/o Rajesh Saraf Residing at Merlin Warden Lakeview Apartment, 104 Ultadanga Main Road, Po - Ultadanga, Ps - Manikata, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700067, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sonam Saraf (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-11-2025. Sonam Choudhury Saraf (Old Name) and Sonam Saraf (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nandini De (Old Name) D/o Late Sudip Kumar Sarkar Residing at G. Annada Neogi Lane, P.O - Bagbazar, P.s - Shyam-pukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700003, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nandini Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-11-2025. Nandini De (Old Name) and Nandini Sarkar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarbeswar Datta (Old Name) S/o Late Surendranath Datta Residing at Vill - Baranga, Po - Deopal, P.s - Ram-nagar, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721453, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarbeswar Datta (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-11-2025. Sarbeswar Datta (Old Name) and Sarbeswar Datta (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunil Kumar Bhowmick S/O Hari Krishna Bhowmick , R/O- Simhat, Majar Para, Ward No-8, Nadia, Ps-Haringhata, Ranaghat, West Bengal-741249, Have Changed My Name To Sunil Kumar Bhowmik Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 19/11/2025 At Kolkata. Sunil Kumar Bhowmick Henceforth Be Known As Sunil Kumar Bhowmik For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Suchitra Bhowmick W/O Sunil Kumar Bhowmik, R/O- Simhat, Majar Para, Ward No-8, Nadia, Ps-Haringhata, Ranaghat, West Bengal-741249, Have Changed My Name To Suchitra Bhaumik Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 19/11/2025 At Kolkata. Suchitra Bhowmick Henceforth Be Known As Suchitra Bhaumik For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Santana Shil (old name) wife of Liton Shil, residing at South Habra, P.S.-Habra, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743263, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Santa Shil Das (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Santa Shil Das (new name) and Santana Shil (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jahanara Begum (old name) daughter of Shaikh Mukhtar, residing at 45/H/8, Nazir Lane, P.O.- Khiddir-pore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zah-nara Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Zah-nara Begum (new name) and Jahanara Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Binoy Purkayastha (old name) son of Late Bidyut Jyoti Purkayastha, residing at CA-19, 5, Banasree Co-opt, Pre-52-254, AA-1, P.O.- Newtown, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700156, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binoy Bhuvan Purkayastha (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Binoy Bhuvan Purkayastha (new name) and Binoy Purkayastha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SK ATIYAR RAHAMAN (old name) son of SEKH ASPIYA, residing at VILL-PARHARISHCHAK, PO-HARISHCHIAK, P.S-KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712416, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK ATIAR RAHAMAN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/11/2025. SK ATIAR RAHAMAN (new name) and SK ATIYAR RAHAMAN (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anurup Chatterjee (old name) son of Late Anupam Chatterjee, residing at GC-64, IB MARKET, SALT LAKE, SECTOR-3, BIDHANNAGAR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN- 700106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anurup Chatterjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Anurup Chatterjee (new name) and Anurup Chatterjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Oyendrilla Shammooi (old name) wife of Anurup Chatterjee, residing at GC-64, IB MARKET, SALT LAKE, SECTOR-3, BIDHANNAGAR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN- 700106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Oyendrilla Shamoi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Oyendrilla Sham-moi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Endadul Molla (old name) son of Mamuduli M.S., residing at Vill & P.O.- Bamunia, P.O.- Uttar Kashipur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin-743502, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Emdadul Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Emdadul Molla (new name) and Endadul Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Priyotosh Pal (Old Name), Son Of Nakul Pal, Residing At Pataihat Pal Para, Dainhat(M), Bardhaman-713502, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Priyatosh Pal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/11/2025. Priyotosh Pal (Old Name) And Priyatosh Pal (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abhishek Mitra S/o Late Smarajit Mitra, residing at 23, Kendua Main Road, ground floor, Garia, Sirampur, P.S.-Patuli, Kolkata- 700084, West Bengal, India, have changed my father's name Smarjit Mitra to Smarajit Mitra, and shall henceforth be known as Smarajit Mitra (New Name) vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 18/11/2025. Smarajit Mitra (New name) and Smarjit Mitra (Old name), both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Del Rowson (Old name) Son of Late Sk Rustam, residing at Vill-Ghanashyambati, P.O.-Bhuta, P.S.-Daspur, Dist-West Medinipur, Pin-721211, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Delaraosan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 19/11/2025. Sk Del Rowson (Old name) and Sk Delaraosan (New Name) both are same and identical person.

India's exports fall 11.8% in Oct, imports surge 16.6%



MI News Service, New Delhi: India's exports fell 11.8 per cent to USD 34.38 billion in October, according to government data released.

Imports, on the other hand, rose 16.63 per cent to USD 76.06 billion, pushing the country's trade deficit to USD 41.68 billion for the month.

The surge in imports was largely driven by increased shipments of gold and silver. Gold imports alone jumped to USD 14.72 billion last month, up from USD 4.92 billion in October

last year.

"The country's exports declined to USD 6.3 billion in October as against USD 6.9 billion registered in the year-ago month," Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal told reporters here.

During April-October of this fiscal year, exports grew marginally by 0.63 per cent to USD 254.25 billion, while imports rose 6.37 per cent to USD 451.08 billion, the commerce ministry data showed.

SEBI cautions investors on digital gold platforms

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has cautioned investors against putting money into unregulated "digital gold" or "e-gold" products offered by various online platforms, warning that such investments fall outside its regulatory framework and carry significant risks.

Digital gold is a method of investing in pure 24-carat gold without holding any physical bar or coin. Investors can invest in a fractional amount of gold starting at ₹1 and can either sell their holdings or convert them into physical gold as per their requirements, with round-the-clock access and a digital interface, making it appealing to micro-savers and young investors.

Unlike physical gold, which has to be stored safely, or gold ETFs and mutual fund, which require demat accounts and KYC compliance respectively, these can be invested into using digital platforms such as Google Pay, PhonePe, Paytm and also from retail jewellers like Tanishq, Kalyan Jewellers, PC Jewellers and directly from dedicated platforms such as MMTC-PAMP, SafeGold, etc.

However, digital gold is not regulated by Sebi, like ETFs, nor by the RBI, like sovereign gold bonds. There are also custody risk concerns and investors may not have information on whether the physical gold is properly allocated and audited.

In a statement, the market regulator said it had observed several digital or online platforms promoting digital gold as an alternative to physical gold. However, Sebi clarified that these products are neither notified as securities nor regulated as commodity derivatives and, therefore, fall entirely outside its jurisdiction.

"Such digital gold products may entail significant risks for investors and may expose them to counterparty and operational risks," Sebi said, adding that none of the investor protection mechanisms available under the securities market framework apply to these schemes.

The regulator reminded investors that gold-related investments can be made safely through Sebi-regulated avenues such as ETFs offered by mutual funds, exchange-traded commodity derivative contracts and Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) traded on stock exchanges. Sebi urged investors to use only its registered intermediaries and to remain cautious of entities or platforms that are not under any regulatory oversight.

The capital market regulator's observations come at a time when there is a surge in interest in digital gold purchases amid record prices of the yellow metal. This is evident from NPCI's data on a surge in purchases of digital gold through UPI.

Name Change
I, Malay Roy S/O Satyabrata Roy, R/O-137/127, Diamond Harbour Road, Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700063, Have Changed My Name To Moloy Kumar Roy Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 19/11/2025 At Kolkata. Malay Roy Henceforth Be Known As Moloy Kumar Roy For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Muzaaffar Laskar (Old Name), Son Of Monajad Ali Laskar, Residing At Kusuba Majer Para, Karbala, Po & Ps-Narendrapur, Barpukur-700103, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mozaffar Hosen Laskar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/11/2025. Muzaaffar Laskar And Mozaffar Hosen Laskar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sunita Naskar (Old Name), Wife Of Chunita Naskar, Residing At 11b Bally-gunge Station Road, Gariahat, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sumitra Naskar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/11/2025. Sunita Naskar And Sumitra Naskar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shagufata Naj (old name) wife of Tarique Akhtar, residing at 36/D2, Topsis Road, Bagh E Madina, P.O.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shagufata Naj (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Shagufata Naj (new name) and Shagufata Naj (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Raziz Khatoon (old name) wife of Md Safi, residing at 16, Tiljala Road, P.O.- Gobinda Khatic Road, P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Razia Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/11/2025. Razia Khatoon (new name) and Raziz Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

National Commission For Scheduled Castes Holds Review Meeting With Eastern And South Eastern Railway Management On Reservation And Welfare Issues

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Nov.25 : The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) convened a review meeting today (19.11.2025) with the management of Eastern Railway and South Eastern Railway at Eastern Railway Headquarters, Fairlie Place. The meeting aimed to safeguard the rights and ensure the welfare of Scheduled Caste employees in the organisation. Key issues related to reservation for Scheduled Caste (SC) employees, backlog vacancies, welfare measures, grievance redressal mechanisms, and other employee-related concerns were discussed in detail.



During the session with Eastern Railway, the NCSC delegation—led by Shri Love Kush Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi—held discussions with Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway; Smt. Zarina Firdausi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer and other senior officers of Eastern Railway.

Eastern Railway administration presented a Power Point highlighting the current status of total staff strength, promotions and recruitment in Group 'C' and 'D' categories.

Shri Milind Deouskar, GM/ER, stated that the

ern Railway. Smt. Sonali Dutta, Director, SC/ST Commission, West Bengal, along with other Commission members was also present.

Prior to the official meeting with Eastern Railway management, the NCSC delegation also held discussions with the All India Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Railway Employees Association, Eastern Railway, to gain a comprehensive understanding of their demands and challenges. Several significant issues were raised by the Association and discussed extensively with the Commission.

Eastern Railway administration is strictly adhering to the guidelines of the Railway Board, providing facilities to SC employees diligently and is committed to ensuring that all entitled benefits reach eligible SC candidates.

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Union Minister of Coal & Mines to Inaugurate GSI's International Seminar in Jaipur

● GSI to Organise International Seminar in Jaipur on 20th-21st November 2025 to Mark 175 Years of its Foundation

MI News Service, Kolkata, 19 Nov.25 : The Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines, Government of India, is organising an International Seminar on "Unearthing the Past, Shaping the Future: 175 Years of GSI" on 20th -21st November 2025 at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur as part of its year-long commemoration of 175 years of service to the nation.

The inaugural ceremony will be graced by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal & Mines, in the esteemed presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India and Shri T. Ravikanth, Principal Secretary, Mines & Petroleum, Govt. of Rajasthan.

The seminar will be led by Shri Asit Saha, Director General, GSI & Patron, and Shri Vijay V. Mugal, Additional Director General & HoD, Western Region & Chairman of the Seminar, along with senior officials, eminent geoscientists, and delegates from across India and abroad.

Established in 1851, GSI has played a foundational role in geological mapping, mineral exploration, identification of critical and strategic minerals, geohazard studies, and advancing geoscientific research for national development. The International Seminar will bring together experts from India and abroad to deliberate on emerging challenges, technological advancements, and the future trajectory of geosciences.

The two-day technical programme features 9 plenary lectures, 19 special lectures, and over 300 scientific and poster presentations across 11 thematic areas. Eminent scientists from the British Geological Survey (BGS), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Geoscience Australia, and leading universities such as Lancaster University (UK), University of Michigan (USA), University of Texas (USA), and the Italian National Research Council will be addressing the seminar.

An exhibition showcasing cutting-edge technologies, geospatial tools, and innovative solutions by premier institutions and industries will be held alongside the seminar. The event will also include the signing of MoUs with IIT Bombay and IIT Kharagpur, strengthening collaboration in frontier geoscience research and capacity building.

FTA to make Scotch whisky cheaper in India

MI News Service, New Delhi/London: Import of bulk Scotch will increase in India after signing of Free Trade Agreement with the UK, which will be used by IMFL makers and bottling in India, according to Scotch Whisky Association Chief Executive Mark Kent CMG. The FTA between India and the UK, which is awaiting ratification, will also see a variety of quality Scotch whisky coming into the country, especially from some of the smaller producers from Scotland, Mark Kent told in an interview.

"You will see more bulk whisky coming into India as a result of the free trade agreement, both for bottling in India, and for incorporating into IMFL (India-Made Foreign Liquor)," he said. This is normal, because as the Indian market is growing year-on-year, the increasing demand will see greater quantities being imported, Mark Kent said. He is quite encouraged by the trend of premiumisation happening in India, the world's largest whisky market and is "optimistic"



for the prospects of Scotch whisky here.

India is the world's number one Scotch whisky export market by volume, with 192 million bottles exported in 2024. However, in terms of value it is among the top five. As per the FTA signed in London between the two governments, India is reducing duty on UK whisky and gin from 150 per cent to 75 per cent and further to 40 per cent in the 10th year of the deal. On the FTA, Mark Kent said it marks a "new era in partnership between our industries," he said. "We are looking forward now to building on that framework, which has been set by the two governments to work on the industry collaboration," he said. This will help in bringing down the price as cus-

toms tariff has come down on bulk whiskey, which is 79 per cent of all whiskey that Scotland exports to India. This "means that there will be cheaper and more competitive imports for Indian manufacturers to incorporate into IMFL. So overall, it's a very good basis for a new era of partnership between our two industries," he said.

On the competition faced by Scotch whisky in the Indian premium side of spirits by Bourbon and Japanese Whisky, which are gaining traction, Mark Kent said, "We welcome that". According to Mark Kent, Scotch is a "long acquaintance of Indian consumers". Earlier this year, India also reduced import duty on Bourbon to 100 per cent from 150 per cent. "We are a small part of the Indian market, so somewhere around 2.5-3 per cent of the market at the premium end, we welcome that. There is a greater choice for consumers, whether that be more Scotch whiskey coming in or other types of whiskey," he said.

Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist train is being operated on two exclusive circuits "Garvi Gujarat" and "Padharo Rajasthan" in Jan 2026

MI News Service, 19 Nov 2025, New Delhi: To promote heritage, pilgrimage and cultural tourism in India, Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist train is being operated on two exclusive circuits "Garvi Gujarat" and "Padharo Rajasthan" in January 2026. These tours will start from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station.

From royal palaces to spiritual shores, the "Garvi Gujarat" tour has it all. Spanning over a period of 10 days, this tour will cover a host of places like Vadodara, the cul-

tural capital; Champaner - Pavagadh Archaeological Park, the timeless UNESCO treasure; Statue of Unity, the pride of the nation; Somnath, the eternal Jyotirlinga; Diu, the island of serenity; Dwarka, the kingdom of Lord Krishna; Ahmedabad, the vibrant heart of Gujarat; Modhura, the Sun Temple splendour; Patan, the land of Rani Ki Vav and finally Vadnagar, the ancient town of heritage and harmony.

Step into the royal heart of India with "Padharo Rajasthan" tour. Discover the pink elegance of Jaipur, the golden glow of Jaisalmer, and the blue brilliance of Jodhpur. Explore magnificent forts, grand palaces, and desert landscapes while immersing yourself in Rajasthan's regal culture, vibrant traditions, and timeless charm, all in the unmatched comfort of the Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train.

Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train has a host of amazing features that include two fine din-



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Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train to cover "Garvi Gujarat" and "Padharo Rajasthan" will be operated from January 2026 onwards.
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ing restaurants, a modern flameless kitchen, shower cubicles in coaches, sensor-based washroom functions, foot massager etc. The fully air-conditioned train provides three types of accommodation viz. 1st AC, 2nd AC and 3rd AC. The train has enhanced security features of CCTV cameras in common areas and unarmed Security Guards for each coach.

Garvi Gujarat has been launched at a special price of Rs. 95,805/- per person for 1AC and Rs. 88,230/- for 2 AC and Rs. 69,085/- for 3 AC Class. Padharo Rajasthan is priced at Rs. 67,900/- per person for

1AC, Rs. 59,180/- for 2AC and Rs.52,480/- for 3 AC tier. Package price is inclusive of train journey in respective AC classes, accommodation in 3 star hotels, all meals (VEG ONLY), all transfer & sight-seeing in AC vehicles, accidental travel insurance and services of IRCTC Tour Manager etc.

For more details one can visit IRCTC website: <https://www.irctctourism.com/bharatgaurav> and book the package online, on first

come first serve basis.

For more information, one can contact on Mobile no. 8595931047 (Monika), 8287930484 (Subhasree), 8287930032 (Abhishek), 8287930299 (Prafulla) and 8882826357 (Praneet).

Rs 415 Cr dubious fund: Al Falah chairperson had 'incentives to flee', says ED

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has told a court that Al Falah Group chairperson Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui had "incentives" to flee the country, noting that his close family members live in the Gulf and that he obtained at least Rs 415 crore in funds "dishonestly" collected from students enrolled in institutions run by his trust.

Siddiqui was taken into custody by the agency on Tuesday night following extensive searches across premises linked to the Al Falah University group in Faridabad.

The university is a key focus of the ongoing probe into the November 10 Red Fort area blast that killed 15 people and injured several others.

He was produced early Wednesday at the residence of Additional Sessions Judge Sheetal Chaudhary Pradhan (Saket court), where the ED sought 14 days' remand for custodial interrogation. The court eventually

granted 13 days' ED custody until December 1.

According to the agency, the university and its controlling trust, acting under Siddiqui's direction, generated proceeds of crime worth Rs 415.10 crore by inducing students and parents to pay money based on "false accreditation and recognition claims."

The ED said Siddiqui's arrest was necessary because of concerns that he might abscond and refuse to cooperate.

"Accused has significant financial resources and influence and has a history of serious economic offences. His close family members are also settled in Gulf countries and he has incentives to flee India."

"Given the gravity of the present allegations (with proceeds of crime quantified in hundreds of crores) and the potential consequences under PMLA, there is a reasonable apprehension that if not arrested he may abscond or remain unavailable for effective interrogation, relocate assets

and himself beyond the jurisdiction, and continue to delay or obstruct the investigation," the ED told the court.

The agency described Siddiqui as the founder and managing trustee who "controlling the mind" of the Al Falah charitable trust and exerting de facto influence over Al Falah University and its affiliated institutions.

It argued that his custodial interrogation was essential to determine the full scale of the "proceeds of crime," including those not reflected in disclosed income tax returns, and to enable timely attachment and confiscation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED further alleged that Siddiqui had "command" over staff managing admissions, fee records, accounts and IT systems across the university and associated institutions, creating a risk that he could "destroy or alter records."

"The entire Al Falah educational ecosystem is controlled

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all concern that my client intend to purchase a property at Mouza - Becharhat, J.L. No.-79, Classification-Shali, L.R. Khatian No.-4, 143, 416, 2310, 2313, 2314, 2315 2316 R.S. & L.R Plot No.-663, Area-3650 sq.ft., Burdwan Municipality, P.S.-Burdwan, District-Purba Bardhaman from its Owner namely Ashok Kumar Mandal, Deviprasad Mandal, Paritosh Mandal, Madhavi Mondal, Malati Mondal, Ujjal Mondal, Rita Mondal, Mita Bhandari, of Becharhat, Dist. - Purba Bardhaman, Pin Code-713101. Any person(s) or Authority having any right, title, claim, demand or objection over the said property are hereby requested to contact the below mentioned address with proper documents / evidence within seven days from the date of this publication, otherwise no claim or demand of the said property will be entertained and the said property will be treated as free from all sorts of encumbrances and registration formalities will be completed accordingly.

(Sarful Islam Mallick)
Advocate
HIGH COURT CALCUTTA
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P.O. - Sprigally, Burdwan - 713103.
M.- 9874917878

Mohanpur Gram Panchayat
Akabpur, Radhanagar, Ghatol, Paschim Medinipur
Memo no.-205/Moh/2025-26 Date : 11.11.2025
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Tender no. WBP/MID/GTL/MOH/NIT-4/ APAS/2025-2026, Sl. No.-1
The Pradhan, Mohanpur Gram Panchayat, invites E-Tender for 09 nos. construction of Concrete road & 05 nos. installation of Solar light work under Mohanpur GP. Intending Bidders may access detailed information & respond from e-procurement portal of Government of West Bengal at <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in>. Bid submission start date (online) : 11/11/2025 at 04:00 PM onwards. Bid submission closing date (online) : 25/11/2025 till 05:00 PM.

Sd/- Pradhan
Mohanpur Gram Panchayat

LOSS OF CERTIFICATE
I, Gaurav Jain S/o. Mr. Gautam Jain, residing at 10, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, P.O. Dharmatala, P.S. - Here Street, Kolkata - 700013, WB, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I passed the ICSE (10th) Examination in the year 2000 and the ISC (12th) Examination in the year 2002 from St. Joseph's college. I have lost all my academic documents, including the aforesaid examination result / certificates. Now I am requesting to the concerned authorities to issue duplicate copies of the ICSE (10th) and ISE (12th) examination results / certificates vide affidavit before the Notary Public Officer at Calcutta, dated 15.11.2025.

বিস্তৃতি
আমার মঞ্চের শ্রী শৌভিক কোথার, পিতা স্বপন কোথার, সাং-কন্দলতা, হাওড়া, কোলকাতা ৭১১১০১, মোবাইল নং-৮৩৩৫০৪৩৫৯১।
জেলা দক্ষিণ ২৪ পরগণা, থানা-সোনারপুর, মেজা বাদেশগলী, ফে এল ৮০, এল আর আর এস দাগ-১৩৩৫, এল আর স্বয়ংস্ব-৭৩০, উক্ত দাগে ২১ শতক ভূমিখন্ডা খরিদ করিতে ইচ্ছুক। উক্ত ভূমিতে যদি কারার কোন আপত্তি থাকে তবে উপরিত্তক টিকানা বা কোন নং দিনের মধ্যে যোগাযোগ করুন।
হাশিফ আলি মোস্তা
এডভোকেট আলিপুর কোর্ট

TENDER NOTICE
City College of Commerce and Business Administration invites e-Tender for Renovation and Refurbishing of Principal's Room (Tender ID: 2005_DHE_94996_1). Bid submission End Date - 30/11/2025 upto 04:00PM. Bid Opening Date - 01/12/2025 after 5:00PM. For details refer to <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

Principal

NOTICE
That hereby notifying that I Deep Chakraborty son of Mohan Chakraborty had lost my Original title deed being No. 03122 for the year 2001, dated 25.06.2001 registered before ADRS Barasat on the date 16.11.2025, and also lodged a missing dairy on 17.11.2025, being diary No. 1604 of 2025 before the police station Barasat, District North 24 Parganas. If any person having any right, title, interest, claim in respect of the said property, required to make the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication thereof, failing which no such claim shall be entitled.

Mrs. Surasree Dawn, Advocate
M: 8240719759
4, Govt. Place, Olisa House, B.B.D Bagh, First Floor, Room No. 1D, Kolkata - 700001

Court Room No.14
IN THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL COURT AT MAZGAON, MUMBAI
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION
COMMERCIAL SUMMARY SUIT NO. 100333 OF 2025
[UNDER ORDER XXXVII OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908]
Yash Metal Industries
Through its proprietor, Mr. Mahendra Kumar J. Mali,
Age: 35 years Occupation: Business, Having its office address at, 87/89, Master Building, 1st Floor, Office No.10, Kika Street, Gulawadi, Mumbai-400004 ...Plaintiff
Versus
M/s. Global Industrial Products
Having its office address at Chakraborty Nagar, Uttarpara, Howrah (Hooghly) West Bengal-712246 ...Defendant To

M/s. Global Industrial Products
Having its office address at Chakraborty Nagar, Uttarpara, Howrah (Hooghly) West Bengal-712246
WHEREAS, the Plaintiff abovenamed, has instituted a Suit against you under XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 as set out in the Plaintiff therein, whereof the following is a concise statement, viz:-
a) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to pass a Decree and direct the Defendant to pay a sum of Rs. 22,00,136/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs One Hundred and Thirty Six only) alongwith interest of Rs. 6,53,807/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seven only) as more particularly set out in the Particulars of Claim at Exhibit-N alongwith further interest @ 15% per annum till date of realization to the Plaintiff; and
b) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the present Suit, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to direct the Defendant to deposit in this Hon'ble Court a sum of Rs. 22,00,136/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs One Hundred and Thirty Six only) alongwith interest of Rs. 6,53,807/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seven only) as more particularly set out in the Particulars of Claim at Exhibit-N alongwith further interest @ 15% per annum till date of realization to the Plaintiff; and
c) That this Hon'ble Court provide interim reliefs in terms of prayer clause (b) hereinabove; and
d) For costs to be paid to the Plaintiff for issuance of legal notice, and the present suit and such further legal costs as incurred from time to time; and
e) That this Hon'ble Court pass such other or further orders as it may deem fit in the facts and the circumstances of the case.

13 victims this year: SUNDERBANS sees rise in fatal tiger attacks

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: A Sundarbans tiger leapt from a riverside forest and, in one lightning motion, snatched Sambhu Sardar from between his friends and plunged into the water.

"The tiger pounced so silently and so fast that we didn't realise anything," said Amrita Sardar who was, with neighbours Sambhu and Bijay Sardar, trying to catch crabs along a riverbank in Chamta, a forest block in the Sundarban Tiger Reserve.

"We heard a splash. When Bijay and I bent down to look, we saw Sambhu's legs. The tiger had him by the neck."

For a few seconds, neither could move. "Then we grabbed our oars and rushed towards the water. We banded our boat with the oars and then rushed towards the animal, wading through the shallow water and screaming at it. It let go of Sambhu and fled," Amrita said.

It was the middle of nowhere; and no help was coming.

"We dragged Sambhu out of the water. He was gasping and soon stopped breathing," Amrita said. They carried his body into the boat.

Sambhu, 32, a fisherman from Kantamari village in Kultali block of South 24-Parganas, had set out in a boat with Amrita and Bijay to catch crabs.

"We left our village on Sunday. It takes several hours to reach the deep forest," Amrita said.

"Around 8.30 on Monday morning, during high tide, the three of us started setting traps for crabs along the riverbank."

They made knots with ropes, placed food in them, and tied them to bricks.

"We set several traps along a stretch of about 800 metres and were returning, lifting the traps from the water with crabs stuck to some of them," Amrita said.

"Sambhu was barely two metres from me to the right. The forest started almost from the edge of the riverbank."

That was when the tiger struck.

As he and Bijay rowed along with Sambhu's body on their boat, Amrita called a local businessman.

"He sent a boat fitted with motors. It was faster; it met us midway," he said.

They reached their village late on Monday evening, having travelled for more than 10 hours.

Doctors pronounced Sambhu dead at a local hospital.

"I have been going to the forests for seven years now. I have seen tigers swimming across rivers — but never so close, attacking," Amrita said.

Villagers gathered in front of Sambhu Sardar's house at Kantamari village in Kultali on Monday night.

Local fishermen say they usually spend a week in the forests on their boats to catch crabs. They earn between ₹3,000 and ₹5,000 each a trip.

Villagers demanded com-

hibited areas. That will endanger both animals and humans."

The challenging terrain of the Sundarbans, the world's only mangrove tiger habitat, offers few employment opportunities to local people.

With the water levels rising constantly, survival itself is a challenge. Thousands migrate to Calcutta or cities outside Bengal to find work.

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Tender Notice No. : 222-S1/W-II, dated 17.11.2025. Following e-tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following works. **Sl. No. 1. Tender No. : TN-136-25-26. Name of the work : P**

re-girding with modified duplicate girder at Bridge No. 17 and 20 in Sealdah-Dum Dum Jn. section of Sealdah Division under Assistant Engineer [BRL]/ Sealdah. **Tender Value:** ₹ 6,92,12,687.32. **EMD :** ₹ 4,96,100.00. **Completion period for the work :** 12 (Twelve) months. **Sl. No. 2. Tender No. : TN-137-25-26. Name of the work :** (i) Re-girding of Bridge no. 7 on Up and Down Main line in between station Sealdah and Bidhannagar Road in Sealdah - Dum Dum Jn. section. (ii) Re-girding of Bridge no. 14CCCR on Up and Down line in Ballyghat station limit in Dum Dum Jn. - Dankuni section and (iii) Re-girding of Bridge no. X-23 (RUB) on Up and Down line between station Sir Gurudas Banerjee Halt and Park Circus in Kankurgachhi Road Cabin Chord section in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 9,04,83,858.26. **EMD :** ₹ 6,02,400.00. **Completion period for the work :** 15 (Fifteen) months. **Sl. No. 3. Tender No. : TN-138-25-26. Name of the work :** (i) Provision for Re-girding of Bridge no. 1A (all span of Line No. NCC 12 and CA Goods and only Shore span of Line No. NCC 10) in NCC Yard of Sealdah Division and (ii) Re-girding of Bridge no. 27 on Up Main, Down Main, Line No. 7 and common line in between station Bidhannagar Road and Dum Dum Jn. in Sealdah-DumDum Jn. Section in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 10,23,92,659.92. **EMD :** ₹ 6,62,000.00. **Completion period for the work :** 18 (Eighteen) months. **Date & time of Closing of tender :** 12.12.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 to 3. **Date & time of opening of tender :** 12.12.2025 at 15.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 to 3. The Tender Documents and other details are at : www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. SDAH-262/2025-26

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India global methane hotspot: Reports

MI News Service, New Delhi: A UN report published at the COP30 climate summit has identified India as a global hotspot for methane emissions from agricultural stubble burning.

Stubble burning, which generates high volumes of toxic particulate pollutants, is a key contributor to the worsening air pollution across the country.

The report, prepared by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has found that India is the world's third-largest methane emitter, after China and the US, producing around 31 million tonnes (mt) annually at present.

"The G20 group of countries, including India, emits 65 per cent of global emissions," a UNEP expert told after the publication of the report.

The annual global methane emission is estimated at 360mt at present.

The report warned of rising global methane emissions, but expressed hope that the situation was likely to improve by 2030.

"Reducing methane emissions is one of the most immediate and effective steps we can take to slow the climate crisis.... (It) also reduces crop losses, essential for

both agricultural productivity and food security," said Inger Andersen, an under-secretary-general of the United Nations and executive director of the UNEP.

India is mainly affected by livestock-linked emissions, both enteric fermentation in ruminant animals and the management of manure, and rice cultivation. But emissions from burning crop residue have turned the country into a major hotspot.

"India is associated with waste management challenges that can... raise methane emissions," the UN report stated. A detailed analysis of the report shows that methane emissions from waste burning rose from 4.5mt in 1995 to 7.4mt in 2020, a growth of 64 per cent.

In contrast, global methane emissions from waste burning increased 43 per cent to 80mt in 2020 from 56mt in 1995.

"The new evidence reconfirms the importance of co-benefits from controlling stubble burning in our states. This episodic pollution from seasonal farm fires not only increases heat-trapping methane gas and contributes to warming but also co-emits harmful tiny particles and other toxins that harm our health," said Anumita Roychowdhury, an air pollution expert at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality
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Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WB/MAD/ULB/HM/NIT-366/2025-26, Memo. No. 2215/HM/2025 Dated: 18/11/2025. **Tender Id:2025_MAD_952859_1 to 2025_MAD_952859_22, Date of Publishing- 19/11/2025, 9.00AM, Bid Submission Closing Date-16/12/2025, 6.30PM.** For details please visit-www.wbtenders.gov.in

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1300, Rajdanga Main Road, Kolkata-700107, Tel.: 033-24428270
N.I.T no.JBNSTS/4/1/2025-26/31 dated 20.11.2025
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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Axis Bank Strengthens Support for India's Start-Up Ecosystem with the Launch of its Curated Corporate Salary Program

Reinforces Commitment through Flagship 'Start-Up Social' Event in Bengaluru

Axis Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, today announced the launch of its Curated Corporate Salary Program for Employees of Start-ups under its New Economy Group (NEG). The launch reinforces the Bank's commitment to supporting new-age enterprises and their workforce with tailored financial, lifestyle, and wellness offerings, further cementing its position as the preferred banking partner for start-ups across their life cycle - from the growth stage to IPO.

The announcement was made at Axis Bank's flagship Start-Up Social event in Bengaluru, a unique platform that brings together India's leading founders, investors, and industry enablers to celebrate innovation and collaboration.

The Curated Corporate Salary Program, designed exclusively for employees of funded start-ups and digital businesses, offers a blend of convenience, lifestyle, and financial wellness benefits, including zero-balance Savings Account, comprehensive insurance cover, exclusive credit card privileges, and personalized loan options - mirroring the aspirations of the digital workforce. Targeted towards the Gen Z and Gen Alpha workforce, the program delivers a strong value proposition across lifestyle needs, including health check-ups, fitness, travel, education and entertainment.

Through its 'Switch to Save' feature, this program also provides unmatched value to



employees, enabling annual savings* ranging from Rs 46,000 to Rs 2.4 lakh, depending on the account variant. These exclusive benefits are designed to significantly enhance the financial well-being of every salary account holder under this program.

Commenting on the launch, Vijay Mulbagal, Group Executive - Wholesale Banking Coverage, Corporate Salary, Sustainability & CSR, Axis Bank, said, "India's start-up story is one of ambition, resilience, and global scale. At Axis Bank, we have had the privilege of being a part of this journey - banking over 65% of India's unicorns and supporting the next generation of growth-stage companies as they

scale and list. Through our New Economy Group, we are deepening this engagement - not just as a banker, but as a growth partner. The Curated Corporate Salary Program is another step in that direction, designed to empower the people who power India's digital economy. It offers a comprehensive range of benefits across insurance, home loans, credit card, and lifestyle privileges, including exclusive discounts for the next-generation workforce."

Sanjiv Bhatia, President & Head - New Economy and Multinationals Coverage, Axis Bank, added, "Start-ups are redefining employment in India with highly

skilled tech professionals. Our Curated Corporate Salary Program is built around their unique needs, combining everyday banking with differentiated lifestyle benefits. This initiative complements our other offerings such as the Start-Up Card, Working Capital Solutions, Capital Markets, Connected Banking APIs, and Burgundy Private solutions for Founders - ensuring Axis is present across every milestone of a company's journey."

Empowering India's Innovation Economy

Axis Bank's New Economy & Financial Sponsors Group (NEGFS) is a specialized vertical dedicated to the banking needs of start-ups, venture-backed enterprises, and investors. With a presence across all key innovation hubs, the New Economy Group currently banks more than 45% of funded start-ups (Series A and above), offering them a full suite of products from digital transaction banking and treasury services to corporate credit cards and wealth solutions for founders. The New Economy Group goes beyond traditional banking by providing deep solutions through API integrations with many start-ups, and by forging strategic partnerships that combine the agility of start-ups with the strength and trust of Axis brand. The Axis Bank Start-Up Social platform, anchored by the New Economy & Financial Sponsors Group, has become a signature networking forum for the start-up ecosystem, enabling founders, VCs and ecosystem players to connect with each other and directly with the Bank's leadership team.

AI and climate change future business risks for Indian firms by 2028: Report



New Delhi : Indian firms ranked cyber attacks or data breaches as their top business risk, with AI and climate change as future business risks by 2028, a report said on Wednesday.

Talent attraction and retention challenges persist, while property damage and exchange rate fluctuation are more pronounced in India than the rest of Asia, the report from global professional services firm Aon said.

"Indian businesses are demonstrating remarkable agility in the face of digital disruption, talent adaptability and geopolitical shifts," said Rishi Mehra, CEO of India, for Aon.

Indian respondents, however, reported that 77.8 per cent of them had losses from property damage, 46.2 per cent from business interruption and 63.6 per cent were impacted by exchange rate fluctuations.

Talent challenges and cash flow/liquidity risks have also resulted in losses for nearly half of the respondents, the report said. Risk management is being

increasingly formalised, with 70 per cent of respondents having established dedicated risk and insurance teams and 64.9 per cent measuring the total cost of insurable risk, according to the biennial survey of nearly 3,000 risk managers, C-suite leaders and executives across 63 countries. Mitigation efforts are robust, with 92.9 per cent having plans and formal reviews for cyber attacks, 90.9 per cent for property damage and 55 per cent of them addressing talent retention.

India is rapidly emerging as a global cybersecurity hub, driven by more than 400 startups and a skilled workforce of over 6.5 lakh professionals, powering a \$20 billion cybersecurity industry, according to data from the IT Ministry.

CERT-In is building a robust and trusted cyber defence architecture aligned with the vision of Digital India through its research collaborations, public-private partnerships, and participation in international forums.

Sammaan Capital's shares crash over 13 pc after Supreme Court slams 'friendly' probe by agencies

Mumbai : Sammaan Capital's share price fell sharply on Wednesday, dropping nearly 13.5 per cent after the Supreme Court strongly criticised multiple investigative agencies for what it described as a "friendly approach" in the ongoing probe involving the company.

The court questioned the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for being slow and inconsistent in their actions, despite the seriousness of the allegations.

The Supreme Court said it was concerned about the pace of the investigation and noted that the agencies did not seem eager to move forward.

It also criticised SEBI for what it called "double standards", saying the market regulator should not delay action in a case that involves suspected financial irregularities and possible harm to investors.

The court clarified that SEBI has full authority to probe the matter and should act without hesitation.

During the hearing, the bench pushed the CBI to file an FIR, saying this step would strengthen the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) ability to look into the money-laundering aspect of the case. The court also asked the CBI to explain why it had not filed an FIR so far. The ED informed the court that it will hold a joint meeting



with the CBI, SEBI and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) within two weeks to ensure better coordination in the investigation.

The ED also pointed out that complaints filed with the Economic Offences Wings (EoW) in Delhi and Mumbai were not acted upon, which slowed down the case further.

The Supreme Court has fixed the next hearing for December 17. By then, it expects all four agencies -- CBI, ED, SEBI and SFIO -- to provide clear updates on their investigation status and

the steps they plan to take. The court's strong remarks indicate that the probe into Sammaan Capital will now face stricter judicial monitoring. All agencies will have to show solid progress and justify their actions in the coming weeks.

Following the court's observations, Sammaan Capital's stock closed at Rs 158.40, down by Rs 24.36 or 13.33 per cent on Wednesday.

The share is now around 19 per cent below its 52-week high of Rs 192.90, which it touched on November 3.

Kodaikanal Observatory's century-long data can help predict solar storms

New Delhi, Nov 19 (IANS) Researchers led by Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) have developed a method to reconstruct the Sun's polar magnetic behaviour over the past century by analysing historical solar images from the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (KoSO), the government said on Wednesday.

Led by DibyaKirti Mishra of ARIES, its researchers, along with those from the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, the US' Southwest Research Institute, Germany's Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, and INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Roma, estimated the polar field of the Sun over the last century.

"Understanding the Sun's magnetic behaviour helps scientists predict solar storms, which can damage satellites, disrupt GPS, and even knock out power grids," the Ministry of Science and Technology said.

The KoSO archive can be considered as a big data source for AI/ML applications, with over 100 years of observations now digitised into images, the Ministry explained.

By combining this data with more recent observations from Italy's Rome-PSPT, the research team used advanced feature identification algorithms to identify tiny bright features near the Sun's poles, called the polar network, which they used to estimate the solar polar field.

Researchers reported that the polar network is a powerful "proxy", a stand-in for the polar field strength. The researchers even used this reconstruction to estimate the strength of the ongoing Solar Cycle 25.

At KoSO, solar astronomers began observing the Sun in a special wavelength called Ca II K as early as 1904. This wavelength captures chromospheric activity of the Sun.

The observations of this area, where bright patches called plages and networks form due to magnetic activity, have held the secret of solar magnetism for over a century.

KoSO in Bangalore is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

The full dataset, including the reconstructed polar field and Polar Network Index (PNI) series, is freely available to the public on GitHub and Zenodo.

Govt standardises 3 traditional therapies to boost livestock health

New Delhi : Technical knowledge on three unique traditional therapies has been standardised to boost treatment in livestock, said the Ministry of Science and Technology on Wednesday.

While demand is growing for livestock products, ensuring food security, safety, and quality is crucial. The dairy sector, largely driven by women farmers, faces recurring challenges such as tick infestations, retained placenta, and nutritional deficiencies, all of which reduce productivity and income.

To address these, the National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), developed ingenious technologies by identifying novel herbal practices which can meet industrial requirements through product refinement. These offer sustainable, affordable solutions for livestock health and rural livelihoods.

"India's rich biodiversity-based wisdom, especially in indigenous livestock healthcare, offers sustainable alternatives to chemical and antibiotic treatments," the Ministry said.

"The NIF has recognised, shared and sustained technologies for management of ectoparasite infestation, enhancing milk production potential (Galactagogue properties) and prevention/treatment of retention of placental conditions among dairy animals by outstanding traditional knowledge holders from regions of Odisha and Bihar," it added.

The minimum dosage and cost were standardised, efficacy was enhanced and safety was ensured, the Ministry said.

NIF works to validate and incubate these practices, enabling their integration into the formal veterinary system and fostering the development of herbal, eco-friendly therapies. To commercialise the three unique herbal products, the NIF entered into technology license agreement with a Gujarat-based pharma company Rakesh Health Care India.

"It is well known that cost effective, sustainable technologies are increasingly in demand due to appreciable single drug related limitations such as development of resistance and drug residues. Indigenous medications can meet these requirements and have the ability to meaningfully address environmental challenges," the Ministry said.

"Indigenous knowledge system can fill therapeutic void and augment development of medicinal products which are sustainable, affordable, reduce, potential health harms," it added.

Study finds how body's invisible scalpel removes brain cancer

LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) : Glioblastoma, the most prevalent and lethal type of brain cancer, spreads quickly, invading and destroying healthy brain tissue. The tumour shoots malignant tendrils into the brain, making surgical removal of the tumour extremely difficult or impossible.

Salk researchers have discovered that the immunotherapy drug anti-CTLA-4 significantly improves survival in mice with glioblastoma. Furthermore, they observed that this therapy was dependent on immune cells known as CD4+ T cells invading the brain and activating the tumor-destructive actions of other immune cells known as microglia, which live in the brain permanently.

The findings, which were published in Immunity, demonstrate the benefit of using the body's own immune cells to attack brain cancer and could lead to more successful immunotherapies for treating brain cancer in humans.

"There are currently no effective treatments for glioblastoma-a diagnosis today is basically a death sentence," says Professor Susan Kaech, senior author and director of the NOMIS Center for Immunobiology and Microbial Pathogenesis. "We're extremely excited to find an immunotherapy regimen that uses the mouse's own immune cells to fight the brain cancer and leads to considerable shrinkage, and in some cases elimination, of the tumor."

When standard cancer treatments like surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation cease to be effective, doctors increasingly turn to immunotherapy. Immunotherapy encourages the body's own immune cells to seek and destroy cancer cells. Though not universal, immunotherapy works on many tumors and has provided many patients with strong, long lasting anti-cancer responses. Kaech wanted to find new ways of harnessing the immune system to develop more safe and durable treatments for brain cancer.

Her team found three cancer-fighting tools that have been somewhat overlooked in brain cancer research that may coop-



erate and effectively attack glioblastoma: an immunotherapy drug called anti-CTLA-4 and specialized immune cells called CD4+ T cells and microglia.

Anti-CTLA-4 immunotherapy works by blocking cells from making the CTLA-4 protein, which, if not blocked, inhibits T cell activity. It was the first immunotherapy drug designed to stimulate our immune system to fight cancer, but it was quickly followed by another, anti-PD-1, that was less toxic and became more widely used. Whether anti-CTLA-4 is an effective treatment for glioblastoma remains unknown since anti-PD-1 took precedence in clinical trials. Unfortunately, anti-PD-1 was found to be ineffective in multiple clinical trials for glioblas-



toma-a failure that inspired Kaech to see whether anti-CTLA-4 would be any different. As for the specialized immune cells, CD4+ T cells are often overlooked in cancer research in favor of a similar immune cell, the CD8+ T cell, because CD8+ T cells are known to directly kill cancer cells. Microglia live in the brain full time, where they patrol for invaders and respond to damage-whether they play any role in tumor death was not clear. First, the researchers compared the life spans of mice with glioblastoma when treated with anti-CTLA-4 versus anti-PD-1. After discovering that blocking CTLA-4 prolonged their life spans considerably, but blocking PD-1 did not, the team moved on to figure out what made that outcome possi-

ble. They found that after anti-CTLA-4 treatment, CD4+ T cells secreted a protein called interferon gamma that caused the tumor to throw up "stress flags" while simultaneously alerting microglia to start eating up those stressed tumor cells. As they gobbled up the tumor cells, the microglia would present scraps of tumor on their surface to keep the CD4+ T cells attentive and producing more interferon gamma-creating a cycle that repeats until the tumor is destroyed.

"Our study demonstrates the promise of anti-CTLA-4 and outlines a novel process where CD4+ T cells and other brain-resident immune cells team up to kill cancerous cells," says co-first author Dan Chen, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab. To understand the role of microglia in this cycle, the researchers collaborated with co-author and Salk Professor Greg Lemke, holder of the Françoise Gilot-Salk Chair. For decades, Lemke has investigated critical molecules, called TAM receptors, used by microglia to send and receive crucial messages. The researchers found that TAM receptors told microglia to gobble up cancer cells in this novel cycle.

"We were stunned by this novel codependency between microglia and CD4+ T cells," says co-first author Siva Karthik Varanasi, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab. "We are already excited about so many new biological questions and therapeutic solutions that could radically change treatment for deadly cancers like glioblastoma."

Connecting the pieces of this cancer-killing puzzle brings researchers closer than ever to understanding and treating glioblastoma.

"We can now reimagine glioblastoma treatment by trying to turn the local microglia that surround brain tumors into tumor killers," says Kaech, holder of the NOMIS Chair. "Developing a partnership between CD4+ T cells and microglia is creating a new type of productive immune response that we have not previously known about."

World Boxing Cup Finals: Jaismine marches into final, Pawan Bartwal, Jadumani among 10 Indians to reach finale

GREATER NOIDA : World Champion Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) delivered a commanding performance to storm into the final of the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025, outclassing Kazakhstan's Ulzhan Sarsenbek, the former Asian Youth Championships gold medalist, with a flawless 5:0 win at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida on Wednesday..

Joining Jaismine and a group of Indian boxers, who will compete for the top honours on Thursday, were Jadumani Singh and Pawan Bartwal, following their unanimous wins over their opponents.

Fighting with swagger and total control, Jasmine stamped her authority early with flowing combinations, maintained a rock-solid defensive shell through blocks and slips, and coolly

absorbed a late third-round surge from her opponent to seal a perfect win. The World Boxing Championships 2025 gold medalist sets up a blockbuster title clash against Paris Olympic medalist Wu-Shih Yi of Chinese Taipei, one of the most decorated boxers in her division.

India's charge to the finals continued through Pawan (55kg) and Jadumani (50kg), both delivering outstanding wins to extend the host nation's momentum. Pawan, riding the high of his breakthrough earlier this week, rallied from a tight opening round to dominate England's Ellis Trowbridge with two superb rounds of speed, precision, and counterattacks for a 5:0 win. Jadumani overwhelmed Australia's Omer Izaz-an Astana World Cup medalist-with relentless pressure, sharp hooks, and clever footwork that kept the



taller boxer on the ropes throughout. Earlier in the day, Jugnoo (85kg) bowed out following a 5:0 loss, while Neeraj Phogat (65kg) delivered a spirited, fearless performance against Olympic medalist Chen Nien-Chin, but went down by a 3:2 split decision.

In all, 10 Indian boxers are confirmed to participate in Thursday's finals, following session 6's results; more could follow with four in action in session 7. Preeti (54kg) will be in a high-stakes clash with Italy's Sirine Carrabi, the 2023 World Championships silver medalist and 2025 world bronze medalist, while Minakshi (48kg) will face Ukraine's Fozilona Farzova. In the 63kg division, Parveen will step into the ring against Japan's Ayaka Taguchi, a proven competitor across the World Championships and Asian Games cycles.

Following her triumph against Leonie Muller, Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) will meet Uzbekistan's Aziza Zokirova, a 2022 Asian Youth champion and 2024 Asian silver medalist, in the final. Nupur (80+kg) will square off against Uzbekistan's Sotimbueva Oltinoy, while Pooja (80kg) will face a massive test against Poland's Agata Kaczmarek, the reigning World Champion in the +80kg division.

In the men's lineup, Ankush Phangal (80kg) will enter a blockbuster final against England's Shittu Oladimeji, the 2024 World Boxing Cup champion. Narender Berwal (90+kg) will take on Uzbekistan's unbeaten knockout specialist Khalimjon Mamasoliev, and Abhinash Jamwal (60kg) will meet Japan's Shion Nishiyama, a seasoned campaigner with extensive World Cup and Olympic qualifier experience.

Ranji Trophy: Gujarat and Saurashtra emerge victorious, Rinku and Dhull hit centuries in draws

NEW DELHI : Gujarat and Saurashtra registered outright wins on the last day of 2025/26 Ranji Trophy round five, while India left-handed batter Rinku Singh and Yash Dhull struck big centuries in drawn encounters for Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, respectively.



At Abhimanyu Cricket Academy in Dehradun, Gujarat defeated Uttarakhand by 146 runs, with Vishal Jayswal claiming four wickets and Siddharth Desai picking three scalps. Aarav Mahajan top-scored for Uttarakhand in the second innings with 60, but despite a promising start, the middle order faltered and crashed to a loss.

Saurashtra defeated Goa by an innings and 47 runs in their Ranji Trophy fixture at the Niranjan Shah Stadium Ground C in Rajkot. Left-arm spinner Parth Bhut was named Player of the Match for finishing with a match haul of nine wickets - two scalps in the first innings and seven wickets in the second innings - to dismiss Goa for 180 after enforcing the follow-on.

At Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science Ground, Coimbatore, Rinku hit a commanding 176 to steer Uttar Pradesh to getting three points via

a crucial first-innings lead over Tamil Nadu in their Elite Group A clash. Resuming from his overnight score of 98, Rinku got his ninth first-class century in the morning session before converting it into a 247-ball effort laced with 17 fours and six sixes.

He also stitched vital partnerships with Shivam Sharma (53) and Kartik Yadav (59) to keep UP in contention for taking the lead. Though he eventually fell to P Vidyuth in the 143rd over, Aaqib Khan and Kunal Tyagi held their nerve to secure a slender but valuable five-run lead that gave them three points.

After UP were bowled out for

460, TN made 103/2, but got only one point. While B. Sachin was out after reaching his fifty, N. Jagadeesan was dismissed for 44. Their dismissals made the way for both teams to shake hands and settle for a draw. With the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy coming up, TN will now have M. Venkataramana taking over as head coach from M. Senthilnathan. At Madan Paliwal Miraj Sports Centre in Rajsamand, skipper Dhull stood tall for Delhi after being made to follow on by Rajasthan. Dhull hit a majestic 189 off 242 balls, laced with 27 fours and two sixes, as he helped Delhi to stave off an innings defeat

and escape with one point.

At Bengal Cricket Academy Ground in Kalyani, Assam produced a gritty rearguard effort to deny Bengal six points in their Group C clash by batting out 120.4 overs to secure a draw. Despite making 200 in the first innings, Assam showed remarkable resistance, with Denish Das (73), Sumit Ghadigaonkar (48), and Sibsankar Roy (52) hitting crucial knocks while Abdul Kuraishi remained unbeaten on 23 off 68 deliveries in the final session, as Assam's last batting pair survived 44 balls.

At Holkar Stadium in Indore, Aryan Pandey and Kumar Kartikeya ensured Madhya Pradesh took a point from their Ranji Trophy clash against Kerala by stitching a defiant 41-run stand for the ninth wicket and batting out nearly 20 overs.

The resistance denied Kerala their first win of the season, with last year's runners-up collecting three points from the drawn encounter. Sachin Baby and B. Aparajith struck centuries in a 176-run partnership that led to Kerala declaring at 314/5. Kerala looked on course for a win, but Pandey and Kartikeya ensured MP survived being bowled out by reaching 167/8 in 69 overs.

HIMANSHU NANDAL CLAIMS TRIPLE GOLD AND BEST SWIMMER AWARD IN NATIONAL PARA SWIMMING C'SHIP

HYDERABAD : India's rising para swimming star Himanshu Nandal dominated the National Para Swimming Championships 2025, held in Hyderabad from November 15 to 18, winning three gold medals in the S11 category (100% visual impairment) and securing the prestigious Best Swimmer Award for his exceptional all-around performance.

Competing in three technically demanding events, Himanshu showcased remarkable speed, discipline, and control. He clinched gold in the 50m Freestyle, clocking 30.22, followed by another commanding win in the 100m Breaststroke, where he touched the wall in 1:23.78. He completed his golden hat-trick with a decisive victory in the 100m Backstroke, recording approximately 1:14.00, reaffirming his dominance in the S11 category. Speaking after his performance, Himanshu said, "The 50m Freestyle is always about pure speed and trust in your stroke. I am happy I could hold my nerve and finish strong." He added, "The 100m Backstroke demands rhythm, balance, and faith in your line. I felt in control from the start, and the race unfolded exactly the way I had prepared for." Sharing his thoughts on the breaststroke event, he said, "The 100m Breaststroke is my technical test, and touching the wall first in this one means a lot. I am proud of how I executed every stroke." Born on May 25, 2004, in Rohtak, Haryana, Himanshu has been blind since birth due to optic nerve failure. Coming from a sports-oriented family, he transitioned from national-level judo to para swimming in 2021. Since then, he has set multiple national records, represented India at the 4th Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, become the first Indian visually impaired swimmer to achieve the MQS for the Paris 2024 Paralympics, and reached two finals at the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships in Singapore. His performance in Hyderabad further solidifies his place as one of India's most promising para-athletes.

Football: Options and talent put Spain among favourites for 2026 FIFA World Cup

MADRID : Although coach Luis de la Fuente wants to keep it lowkey, Spain will enter the 2026 FIFA World Cup as one of the sides to watch in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Spain went into their World Cup qualifying campaign as reigning European champions, having only lost to Portugal on penalties in the UEFA Nations League final.

La Roja breezed through qualification with five wins and one draw, after dominating the attack and showcasing some rock-solid defending.

What makes Spain's case for success next summer so strong is that the campaign has shown the depth of talent available to the coach. Lamine Yamal has attracted the headlines, but he wasn't available for the last four matches - and he wasn't missed, with Alex Baena and Ferran Torres accompanying Mikel Oyarzabal in attack, reports Xinhua.

Nico Williams and Pedri also missed out due to injury, and Fabian Ruiz, Yeremy Pino, and Fermin Lopez filled in without anyone noticing, with FC Barcelona's Dani Olmo an unused substitute.

Defenders Robin le Normand, Dean Huijsen, and Dani Carvajal were also injured, but Pau Cubarsi, Marcos Llorente, and Aymeric



Laporte were able replacements, while Pedro Porro once again showed he is an alternative to the ageing Carvajal at right-back, with his ability to deliver set-pieces an added bonus.

Back in the international fold after returning to Athletic Club, Laporte's experience alongside Cubarsi and Huijsen could be vital in

the World Cup finals.

Given that they come at the end of an already exhausting season, World Cups are always draining affairs, with seven matches crammed into five weeks in which injury and suspension take their toll.

Next summer's World Cup will be longer than ever, with an extra round and thus a greater chance of picking up injuries, but De la Fuente has been able to bring players such as Baena, Laporte, Pino, and Fermin Lopez into his side.

Alternative options such as Martin Zubimendi, Mikel Merino, Fabian Ruiz, and Olmo are all able to play in midfield. This gives De la Fuente a huge advantage of being able to rotate his side in the group stage and then have strength in depth when injury and suspension may hit.

De la Fuente has shown himself to be loyal to his players and his style of play, and willing to promote from Spain's incredibly productive youth system.

His loyalty means that his core squad isn't likely to change much between now and next June, but the competition for a place in the starting 11 ensures none of his key players will be able to relax.

Starc prepared to shoulder added responsibility as lone senior pacer in Ashes opener

PERTH : Left-arm fast bowler Mitchell Starc said he's prepared to shoulder added responsibility due to him being the lone senior pacer in the Ashes series opener, set to begin on Friday at Perth Stadium.

With skipper Pat Cummins, sidelined by back stress issue, and Hazlewood nursing a hamstring strain, Starc will spearhead a light on experience Australian fast bowling unit comprising Scott Boland, debutant Brendan Doggett and all-rounder Cameron Green.

"I think we're all pretty clear on what our roles are. Obviously I've got a little bit more experience there. Scotty's been around for a fair while now, so it's not like I'm telling him what to do."

"We've got Patty in the sheds with us anyway. So, I may take on a little bit of an experienced role, if you like. But we've all

been around the traps for a while, so it's just staying together as a group."

"I don't listen anyway. I'm not someone who's going to bowl within myself or be cautious with anything. It is what it is. You can't prepare for Test three, four and five without playing the first one. We're all focused on this week. It'll be handbrake off and away we go," Starc told reporters on Wednesday.

Starc also backed Doggett to cope with the pressure of an Ashes debut, as Australia's third pace bowling option. Doggett first got a call-up to the Australian team during the 2018 Test tour of the UAE against Pakistan, and Starc felt the bowler has come a long way since then.

"Brendan was a lot younger and rawer then. We knew what he was about, and since then he's made the change to South

Australia. I think he's come in red-hot. He's had a good couple of weeks. We as a group know what he's capable of, and the skills that he presents."

"And being a little bit older than back in 2018, he's probably a little bit more comfortable in his own skin and around the group. So really excited if he gets his opportunity this week to see what he can do on a Test arena. Having had him around the group for a while over the years, I think he's certainly in a great headspace," he added.

Despite both Australian and English batters struggling on lively training pitches this week, Starc dismissed suggestions of a 'green Mamba' surface for the Ashes opener, saying such predictions were likely to be missing the mark.

"It's all good and well to look at the wicket, but until both



teams have played on it, we're not really sure what it's actually going to do. The (training) wickets have had a little bit in them out the back, there's been some sideways and some up and down."

"We obviously know that

everyone here likes to talk about the pace and bounce of Perth (but) we've seen wickets here that have been really flat and pretty docile. So everyone can say what they want about the wicket, but until you've played on it, we won't know what to expect."

ICC announces schedule for U19 Men's Cricket World Cup



DUBAI : The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the match schedule for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026, set to be co-hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia from January 15 to February 6, 2026. In all, 16 teams will compete in 41 matches, with the final scheduled for February 6 at the Harare Sports Club.

On the opening day, India will compete against the USA, Zimbabwe will face Scotland, and Tanzania will make their historic tournament debut against the West Indies. The matches will be held at five venues: Harare Sports Club, Takashinga Sports Club, and Queens Sports Club in Zimbabwe, as well as the Namibia Cricket Ground and HP Oval Namibia.

The tournament structure includes four groups of four teams each, advancing to a Super Six phase, then semi-finals, and finally the final in Harare.

Defending champions Australia start their campaign against Ireland on the second day in Windhoek. At the same time, longstanding rivals India and Bangladesh face off in one of the highlight matches early on, scheduled for January 17 in Bulawayo.

Ten teams automatically qualified due to their performance in the 2024 edition and joined hosts Zimbabwe. The other five teams secured their spots through regional qualification events, highlighting the growing international reach of the U19 pathway.

The sides are scheduled to arrive on January 8 and will conduct warm-up matches from January 9 to 14. Group A includes India, the most successful team with five titles, along with 2020 winners Bangladesh, the USA, and New Zealand. Group B includes co-hosts Zimbabwe, Pakistan, England, and Scotland. Group C features the defending champions, Australia, along with Ireland, Japan, and Sri Lanka. Group D consists of Tanzania, the West Indies, Afghanistan, and South Africa. ICC Chairman Jay Shah expressed his anticipation for the tournament, where emerging stars of world cricket will showcase their talents, saying, "The ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup has long been the cradle of greatness, a tournament that reveals not just the next generation of cricketers, but the next generation of icons. From Brian Lara and Sanath Jayasuriya to Virat Kohli, Kane Williamson, Steve Smith, and Shubman Gill, the event has consistently shaped the future of our sport."

"As we look ahead to the 2026 edition in Zimbabwe and Namibia, we are excited to provide young cricketers with a world-class platform that mirrors the standards and pressures of senior international cricket. This tournament is where dreams are ignited, rivalries are born, and the global cricketing landscape begins to take its next form.

"We are especially pleased to welcome Tanzania as they make their debut and join a truly global field of teams. I extend my warmest wishes to all participating squads as they embark on this remarkable journey, representing their countries with pride and promise," he added.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

January 15: USA v India, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 15: Zimbabwe v Scotland, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 15: Tanzania v West Indies, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 16: Pakistan v England, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 16: Australia v

Ireland, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 16: Afghanistan v South Africa, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 17: India v Bangladesh, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 17: Japan v Sri Lanka, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 18: New Zealand v USA, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 18: England v Zimbabwe, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 18: West Indies v Afghanistan, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 19: Pakistan v Scotland, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 19: Sri Lanka v Ireland, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 19: South Africa v Tanzania, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 20: Bangladesh v New Zealand, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 20: Australia v Japan, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 21: England v Scotland, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 21: Afghanistan v Tanzania, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 22: Zimbabwe v Pakistan, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 22: Ireland v Japan, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 22: West Indies v South Africa, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 23: Bangladesh v USA, Takashinga Sports Club, Harare

January 23: Sri Lanka v Australia, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 24: India v New Zealand, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 24: A4 v D4, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 25: Super Six A1 v D3, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 25: Super Six D2 v A3, HP Oval, Windhoek

January 26: B4 v C4, Harare Sports Club, Harare

January 26: Super Six C1 v B2, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 26: Super Six D1 v A2, Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek

January 27: Super Six C2 v B3, Harare Sports Club, Harare

January 27: Super Six C3 v B1, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 28: Super Six, A1 v D2, Harare Sports Club, Harare

January 29: Super Six D3 v A2, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 30: Super Six D1 v A3, Harare Sports Club, Harare

January 30: Super Six B3 v C1, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

January 31: Super Six B2 v C3, Harare Sports Club, Harare

February 01: Super Six B1 v C2, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

February 03: First semifinal, Queens Sports Club, Bulawayo

February 04: Second semifinal, Harare Sports Club, Harare

February 06: Final, Harare Sports Club, Harare