

Abhishek Banerjee to Hold Virtual Meeting on SIR

Trinamool Congress (TMC) second-in-command Abhishek Banerjee has expressed dissatisfaction over party workers' performance in the ongoing intensive voter list revision, citing underwhelming outcomes in several districts. To address these gaps and boost efficiency, the party's All India General Secretary has called for a virtual meeting with leaders at all levels. According to party sources, Abhishek will hold the meeting on 24 November, Monday, at 4 pm, with over 10,000 party leaders expected to participate virtually. The session aims to review the ongoing voter list refinement process and chart strategies for more effective implementation. Thakur Nagar, in particular, has drawn special attention. Political analysts note that ahead of the assembly elections, this area—home to a significant Matua voter base—plays a pivotal role. **PG 3**



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Mamata to hit streets again in protest against SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is set to take to the streets once again on Tuesday in protest against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. According to party sources, on Tuesday she will lead a rally in Motuagarh, North 24 Parganas. After the rally, she is scheduled to address a public meeting at Trikone Park in Bongaon. The SIR process—aimed at cleansing and correcting the electoral rolls—is currently underway across the state. The Election Commission has already clarified the procedure and its purpose. Despite

this, confusion and fear continue to grip large sections of the public. Some members of the Matua community fear that many of their names may be removed from the voters' list due to the SIR exercise. This concern has triggered protests among a section of the community. Supporters within the community who are aligned with Mamata Banerjee had also launched a hunger strike, which they withdrew after 13 days following an appeal from TMC's National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee. To express solidarity with the Matua community, the Chief Minister is now heading to Motuagarh. Ac-



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cording to sources, she will participate in a rally from Chandpara to Thakurnagar, followed by a meeting at Bongaon's Trikone Park. Earlier, Mamata and Abhishek Banerjee had jointly led a rally and public meeting in Kolkata protesting against the SIR initiative. It is noteworthy that the state assembly elections are scheduled for next year. Just ahead of the polls, the Election Commission has launched the Special Intensive Revision of voter lists in 12 states and Union Territories across the country, including West Bengal. The ruling Trinamool Congress has consis-

tently opposed this move, alleging that legitimate voters might be struck off under the guise of SIR. The TMC has accused the BJP of orchestrating this "conspiracy." To raise awareness among the public, the party has also set up help desks across the state from November 4 onwards.

Meanwhile, the Chief minister has written a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar urging him to immediately halt the process of SIR in West Bengal because of its alleged 'unplanned' rules forcing several Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in the state to take their own life in frustration.

5.7 magnitude tremor jolts West Bengal, NE and Bangladesh

MI News Service, Kolkata : Tremors of moderate intensity were felt across West Bengal and parts of the entire northeast and Bangladesh on Friday morning, causing panic among the people for a possible disaster in the fast changing world of climate change. An earthquake of the magnitude of 5.7 was originated deep underground in Bangladesh's Narsingdi, jolting the entire nation for about three seconds, the National Centre for Seismology said. The quake struck 13 km south-southwest of Narsingdi in the neighbouring country at 10.08 am, and at a depth of 10 km, it said. Several people in West Bengal and the northeast, including Kolkata and Guwahati in Assam, were seen rushing out on the streets from their houses and office buildings as a precautionary measure. However, there was no immediate report of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said. Though no damage has so far been reported from India, in Bangladesh, three pedestrians were killed in Dhaka's Bongshal area when the railing of a five-storey building collapsed during the tremor, according to a Dhaka Tribune report. Bongshal police duty officer Ashish Kumar Ghosh confirmed that the victims were taken to hospital, where two were declared dead on the spot and the third succumbed later at Midford Hospital.

According to some eyewitnesses, the railing suddenly gave way as the quake struck, killing the pedestrians who were walking past the building, Bangladesh Meteorological Department officials said the earthquake, which shook Dhaka measured 5.7 on the Richter scale with its epicentre in Madhabdi, Narsingdi. Tremors were also felt across Chandpur, Nilphamari, Sitakunda, Sirajganj, Narayanganj, Patuakhali, Bogura, Barisal and Moulvibazar, the Dhaka Tribune reported.

SC seeks EC's response on fresh pleas challenging SIR exercise in states

MI News Service, New Delhi : In the midst of the present growing opposition in several states on the issue, the Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a batch of pleas challenging the Election Commission's decision to conduct Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in 12 states and Union Territories including Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. A bench of Justices Surya Kant, SVN Bhatti and Joymalva Bagchi issued notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on all the fresh petitions filed by different political leaders, challenging SIR exercises in different states on different grounds.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for a petitioner challenging SIR exercise in Kerala, submitted that local body elections are also scheduled to be held in the state and, therefore, there is some urgency involved in the matter. The bench directed the pleas challenging SIR exercise in Kerala will be listed on November 26 and rest of the petitions challenging electoral roll

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SIR is for purification of voters' list, Bihar shows the way: Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah takes the salute during the 61st Raising Day celebrations of Border Security Force (BSF), in Bhuj, Gujarat.

MI News Service, Ahmedabad : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the victory of the BJP-led NDA in the Bihar polls was a mandate against infiltrators in the country because citizens will never favour those parties that support such illegal immigrants.

Amit Shah said some political parties are opposing the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Election Commission as they want to make sure that names of infiltrators remain

ers. "They are opposing the ongoing SIR and the voter list purification process being carried out by the Election Commission. I want to make it clear that we will deport every single infiltrator from this country. This is our resolve," asserted Shah. "Who will be the Chief minister of any state in the country, or who will be the Prime minister, is a decision that can only be made by the citizens of India. Infiltrators do not have the right to pollute our democratic system and

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I also want to warn those political parties which are engaged in protecting these infiltrators. The Bihar election was the mandate of the people of the country. And that mandate is against the presence of infiltrators in our country

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on the electoral rolls. He described the SIR as "purification" of voters' list. He was addressing the BSF Diamond Jubilee (61st Raising Day) celebrations in Bhuj, in Gujarat's Kutch district.

"Today, the Border Security Force (BSF) is engaged in preventing infiltration at all borders of the country. Stopping infiltration is not only essential for national security but also to protect the democratic system of the country from being polluted," he said. However, some political parties are trying to weaken the government's anti-infiltration campaign, he said. The Opposition, including the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, where assembly elections will be held next year, has objected to the SIR, claiming that it threatens to disenfranchise lakhs of vot-

influence our democratic decisions," said the Home minister. Stressing that SIR is a process to secure and purify India's democracy, he said every citizen should fully support it.

"I also want to warn those political parties which are engaged in protecting these infiltrators. The Bihar election was the mandate of the people of the country. And that mandate is against the presence of infiltrators in our country," said Shah. In the recently concluded Bihar assembly elections, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) decimated the Mahagathbandhan, an alliance of Congress, RJD and other parties, winning as many as 202 seats in the 243-member House. "Those parties working to secure

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PM leaves for G20 summit in South Africa, while Trump is boycotting it

MI News Service, New Delhi : Taking a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress on Friday claimed that he is attending the G20 Summit in South Africa "safely and securely" since US President Donald Trump is boycotting the conclave and wondered whether "huglomaticy" with "my good friend" revive as the next Summit of the grouping will take place in America. Prime Minister Modi on Friday embarked on a three-day visit to South Africa to attend the G20 Summit in Johannesburg. Congress General Secretary in-charge Communications Jairam Ramesh said the next G20 Summit a year from now will be in the US and by then, presumably, India's trade "ordeal" with the US will be done.

Recalling Modi's decision to virtually attend the ASEAN-India leaders' summit in Kuala Lumpur in October, Jairam Ramesh said he avoided being present would have to "come face-to-face with President Trump." South African President



PM Modi arrives in Johannesburg to a warm welcome in South Africa for the G20 summit on Saturday.

Cyril Ramaphosa will host the G-20 Summit from Saturday to Sunday. With India being at the receiving end of the US President's tariff tirade, the G20 summit will see Prime minister

Modi presenting New Delhi's perspective on inclusive and sustainable economic growth, the role of trade in building economies, financing for development and the debt burden,

Modi will speak on

A Resilient World – the G20's Contribution: Disaster Risk Reduction; Climate Change; Just Energy Transitions; Food Systems" as well as on "A Fair and a Just Future for All"

according to the Ministry of External Affairs. PM Modi will also take part in a meeting of the India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) with Ramaphosa and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Trump imposed a 50 per cent tariff on imports from India and Brazil to the US, while 30 per cent on South Africa.. Modi will also speak on "A Resilient World – the G20's Contribution: Disaster Risk Reduction; Climate Change; Just Energy Transitions; Food Systems" as well as on "A Fair and a Just Future for All: Trump has announced that no US official would attend the G20

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Nehru's writings are record of India's evolving conscience: Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, New Delhi : India's first Prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's writings are not just history, they are a record of India's evolving conscience, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Friday, asserting that for anyone seeking to understand the nation's democratic journey, his words remain a powerful compass. Rahul Gandhi's remarks came over the completion of the digitisation of 'Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru'. The 'Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru' is now online with an entire set of 100 volumes, containing some 35,000 documents and about 3,000 illustrations related to the country's first Prime minister, digitised and available free of cost for downloading. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also hailed the development. "Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of your likes" – Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In an era of deliberate distortion, disinformation and misinformation regarding Pandit



Rahul Gandhi speaks during a press conference in New Delhi.

Nehru and his colossal achievements for India, it is worthwhile to digitise his writings for truth and posterity," Kharge said on X. "I am happy that 'The Nehru Archive' is now live: nehruarchive.in. This is India's first comprehensive, open-access digital archive of Jawaharlal Nehru's writings — letters, speeches, notes and more, all interconnected and freely available for easy access," he said In a post on X, Rahul

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Gandhi said Nehru's writings are not just history, they are a record of India's evolving conscience. "For anyone seeking to understand our nation's democratic journey -- its courage, its doubts, its dreams -- his words remain a powerful compass," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. "I'm glad this legacy is now open, searchable, and free for all. It will keep getting expanded. Dive into the new archive," Rahul Gandhi said and shared a link to the archive. Congress General

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Nearly 99 pc enumeration forms distributed under SIR in 12 states, UTs

MI News Service, New Delhi : More than 50.35 crore of the nearly 51 crore electors in nine states and three Union territories have so far received enumeration forms under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, the Election Commission has said. Phase two of the SIR exercise began on November 4 and the process will continue till December 4. In its daily SIR bulletin today, the poll authority said over 50.35 crore enumeration forms have already been distributed in 12 states and Union territories. In other words, as high as 98.79 per cent of the 50.97 crore electors have received the partly filled forms. These states and Union territories are: West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep. Among them, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala will go to the polls in 2026. In Assam, where elections are

also due in 2026, the EC announced a 'special revision' of electoral rolls on Monday. The house-to-house enumeration process is currently continuing till December 4, following which the draft rolls will be published on December 9. After that, the claims and objections window will remain open till January 8. Poll officials will issue notices, hold hearings, and conduct verification procedures from December 9 to January 31. The final electoral rolls will then be published on February 7. A total of 50,46,81,981 enumeration forms have so far been distributed in these 12 States and UTs: In most of these States, the last SIR of the voter list was done between 2002 and 2004. Providing further details the ECI said Lakshadweep and Goa have covered almost 100% of their existing registered voters, while Kerala is lagging behind other States with just 75% coverage. West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, which

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'Communist' New York City Mayor-elect Mamdani meets Trump in White House

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : In spite of calling him a "Communist" earlier, the all powerful US President Donald Trump met newly elected New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani in the White House on Friday, which was described by Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt as "speaks volumes" that President Trump is willing to meet and talk with anyone.

Referring to the first meeting between the two and also since his victory in the New York City Mayoral election on November 4, Leavitt said at her daily press briefing in the White House today, "It speaks volumes that we have a Communist coming to the White

House, because that's who the Democrat Party elected as the Mayor of the largest city in the country."

She said it is very telling and also "speaks to the fact that President Trump is willing to meet with anyone and talk to anyone, and to try to do what's right on behalf of the American people, whether they live in Blue States or Red States or Blue Cities, in a city that's becoming much more left than I think this President ever anticipated in his many years of living in New York." Leavitt, however, did not give details of what Trump's first meeting with Mamdani could entail and also said she didn't want to speak for the President. "I think you'll all



hear from him (Trump) directly," she said. Ahead of the meeting, Mamdani told reporters in New

York that while he has many disagreements with Trump, he will work with the American leader on

any agenda that benefits New Yorkers. Mamdani said his team had reached out to the White House to set up this meeting, "be-

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cause I will work with anyone to make life more affordable for the more than eight and a half million people who call this city home." "I intend to make it clear to President Trump that I will work with him on any agenda that benefits New Yorkers. If an agenda hurts

New Yorkers, I will also be the first to say so," he added. It is customary for an incoming New York City Mayor to meet with the White

House, "given the mutual reliance," he said. Indian-origin Mamdani emerged victorious in the closely-watched battle for New York City Mayor, becoming the first South Asian and Muslim to be elected to sit at the helm of the largest city in the US.

HINDU GROUP seeks refugee vote rights

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Hindu Community Trust (HCT), which identifies itself as a social and religious organisation, on Tuesday demanded protection of the voting rights of Hindus who had taken shelter in India at different times. The Trust submitted a memorandum to the effect, addressed to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the chief electoral officer (CEO), to the Malda district administration.

The outfit's concern is centred on the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

"Around three lakh Hindu refugees and migrants from Bangladesh stay in Malda, Habibpur and Gazole Assembly constituencies of Malda district. Many of them were forced to migrate to India after 2002. Now they apprehend that their names will be eliminated from the electoral rolls because of the SIR," said Sabyasachee Das, a representative of the outfit.

"The BJP and the central government suggested that the migrants apply for citizenship under the CAA, which is a prolonged and complex process," he added.

Leaders of the Trust also alleged that the BJP-led central government and the BJP as a political party were "deceiving" Hindu refugees belonging to the Matua and Namasudra communities in the name of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

"We anticipate that these Hindus might not be allowed to cast votes in the next Assembly elections. The BJP claimed that illegal voters would be eliminated through the SIR, but now it is being seen that eligible Hindu voters will lose their right to vote," said Das.

State Conference of Women Police held at Digha



Nurul Islam Khan

The second State Conference of Women Police Personnel was held on Friday at Digha, Purba Medinipur, with the spontaneous participation of all levels of women police personnel of all branches of West Bengal Police, including women police personnel working in Kolkata Police, at the initiative of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee.

The State Conference of Women was held on behalf of the Honorable Police Minister and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Mamata also sent a message of greetings to the State Conference, wishing it success.

Minister Manas Ranjan Bhuiyan, Minister Biplob Roy Chowdhury, Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Water Culture, Minister Birbaha Hansda, Minister Sheuli Saha, Minister Joynta Mandi, Uttam Barik, President, Purba Medinipur, District Council and Honorable MLA, Patashpur Assembly Constituency, Shri Akhil Giri, Honorable MLA, Ramnagar Assembly Constituency, West Bengal, Shri Soumyadeep Bhattacharya, IPS Officer, and Archduke, Purba Medinipur District, our guardian Shri Shantanu Sinha Biswas, Coordinator, West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Shri Bijitashwa Raut, Convener, West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Shri Ruhul Amin Ali Shah, Convener, Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, all the central leadership of West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Retired Police Personnel Welfare Central leadership of the board, officers of all branches of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee were present.

In the meeting, various demands and problems of women police personnel were discussed and the goal of solving them was set. The meeting was presided over by the President of the State Branch of Women Police Personnel and a member of the State Welfare Committee, Mrs. Najma Khatun. After three years, various branches of the district attended the conference in this state. The attendance was remarkable.



Esteemed guests attend the opening ceremonies of the AMI Arts Festival 2025 at the Indian Museum and the Kolkata Centre for Creativity in Kolkata on Friday.

KPP plans Cooch Behar march on Nov 22



KPP leaders address the press conference in Siliguri

MI News Service, Siliguri: The Kamtapur Progressive Party will launch a series of agitations against what it describes as the BJP-led central government's continued indifference to the KPP's long-standing demands.

The movement will begin with a march in Cooch Behar on November 22, followed by similar programmes in all districts of north Bengal. The KPP will later hold sit-in demonstrations outside the residences of BJP MPs and MLAs in the region.

Chandan Singha, the vice-president of the KPP, a party that is believed to have considerable clout among the Rajbanshi community, said the decision to intensify the movement was taken at the organisation's central committee meeting held in Cooch Behar on November 16.

"We will organise a march from Sagardighi in Cooch Behar on November 22 to protest against the central government, which has failed to fulfil any of its commitments to our (Rajbanshi/

Kamtapuri) community," Singha said.

The KPP leader, who is also the party's spokesperson, added that during the last Assembly and Parliamentary elections, BJP leaders, including Union home minister Amit Shah, had promised that the Kamtapuri (Rajbanshi) language would be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

"We were also assured that our demand for a separate Kamtapur state would be considered. They had also promised the installation of the statues of Thakur Panchanan Barma and Chila Roy. Not a single promise has been honoured," he said.

"In view of these unfulfilled assurances, we have decided to launch a sustained movement, beginning with the Cooch Behar rally. After completing district-level rallies, we will hold sit-in demonstrations in front of the residences of BJP MPs and MLAs," Singha added.

Shortage of tappers and poor yield threaten future of Nolen Gur



MI News Service, Krishnaganj: Winter has returned to Nadia, and with it the familiar smell of simmering palm sap across Majdia village in Krishnaganj. As mist settles over the fields at dawn, a handful of seasoned shyuli (palm sap tappers) can still be seen tending to large brass vessels on wood-fired furnaces, preparing the region's famous nolen gur.

But this year, production has taken a sharp downturn. According to growers, prolonged monsoon rain delayed tree tapping, reducing sap flow significantly. As

a result, the supply of nolen gur in the local Majdia market, considered one of the best-known gur hubs in south Bengal, has dropped drastically compared to previous years. Prices have climbed from around rupees 100 per kg last winter to nearly Rs. 120 this season, vendors said.

Despite the uncertainty, producers remain hopeful. "If the temperature drops further, the sap quality will improve," said 58-year-old tapper Bholanath Mondal. "Good cold means good gur."

However, weather is not the only concern. A more

serious and long-term challenge is the shrinking workforce. With very few young people willing to take up the physically demanding work of climbing palm trees before dawn, collecting sap, and spending hours beside blazing furnaces, the traditional tapping community is dwindling.

Locals say mobile-driven lifestyles, easier job opportunities, and migration to cities have led the younger generation away from the trade.

"Earlier, almost every household made gur," said trader Ratan Majhi. "Now only a handful of elderly tappers are left. Once they stop, the tradition may end."

Experts warn that without intervention, including training, financial support, and market-linked incentives, the future of authentic nolen payra gur may be at risk.

For now, the seasonal delicacy continues to reach markets in limited quantities. But with falling production and fewer hands in the trade, residents fear that in the coming years, Bengal's iconic winter sweet may become rare, or worse, disappear.

Harvard House Sports Felicitates Raghu Ram Bhat on Becoming BCCI Treasurer

MI News Service, Kolkata: Harard House Sports proudly felicitated Raghu Ram Bhat, former Indian cricketer, on his distinguished appointment as the Treasurer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Dr. Moin Bin Moksud and . Rabia Jehangir were present at the ceremony and spoke about their family's long and warm association with Bhat. They expressed their deep appreciation for his lifelong service to cricket and his continued encouragement for young players.

Speaking to the media, Raghu Ram Bhat thanked the management for the honour and assured that he would "always support institutions that sincerely promote cricket and work for the growth of the game." His commitment and guidance serve as a tremendous motivation for the academy.



The newly appointed Director of Coaching, Nilesh Chakravartee, also graced the occasion and congratulated Bhat on his new national responsibility.

Harvard House Sports extends heartfelt congratulations to Raghu Ram Bhat and wishes him great success as he takes on this prestigious role at the BCCI.



Bengal customs officer dies during Goechala trek

MI News Service, Kolkata/ Darjeeling:

A 38-year-old customs officer from West Bengal, who had joined a trekking group in West Sikkim, died along the Goechala route on the intervening night of November 18 and 19, officials said. Gyalshing district SP Tshering Sherpa said that Suman Debnath, superintendent, CGST and Customs, West Bengal, began experiencing a severe headache, nausea, fatigue and breathlessness while ascending.

The SP noted that despite attempts by fellow trekkers to assist him, Debnath's condition worsened quickly.

"He lost consciousness and died at Phedang, nearly 25 km from Yoksom at an altitude of around 12,000 feet," the SP said.



Sherpa added that once authorities received the information, rescue personnel and porters were immediately mobilised.

A team was sent to retrieve the body, and due to the challenging terrain and high altitude, the descent took almost an entire day on Wednesday,

he said.

Debnath's remains were brought to Yuksom and transported to Gyalshing District Hospital on Wednesday night for a post-mortem examination.

The body has since been handed over to his family for transportation to his home state.

Ice Make Refrigeration Ltd. Appoints M. Srinivas Reddy as Chief Executive Officer

MI News Service, Patna/ Kolkata: Ice Make Refrigeration Limited, a leading provider of refrigeration products and solutions, has appointed Mr. M. Srinivas Reddy as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective November 14, 2025.

Mr. Reddy brings with him a distinguished track record of leadership excellence, strategic execution, and deep industry expertise spanning over three decades. He is an Engineering graduate with MBA and has played pivotal roles in expanding business verticals, driving profitability, and steering transformation initiatives. He completed Senior Executive Programme from London Business School, London. He was an elected member of CII Maharashtra State Council for

2024-25.

Prior to joining Ice Make, Mr. Reddy held the position of Executive Vice President – Corporate Strategy & Business Development at Blue Star.

At Ice Make, Mr. Reddy will have mandate to drive growth, enhance customer value, and accelerate the company's next phase of strategic expansion.

Commenting on the appointment, Mr Chandrakant Patel, CMD, Ice Make Refrigeration Ltd. stated:

"We are delighted to welcome Mr. M. Srinivas Reddy to the Ice Make family. His deep industry knowledge, strong strategic orientation, and proven track record in scaling businesses make him an outstanding addition to our leadership team. As Ice



Make enters its next phase of growth, his expertise will play a pivotal role in accelerating our expansion, advancing our product innovation roadmap, and delivering enhanced value to customers, partners, and shareholders."

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. M. Srinivas Reddy said: "I am delighted to join Ice Make at a pivotal moment

Massive response at 'Global cinema conf' in Asansol College

MI News Service, Asansol: Asansol's Banwarilal Bhalotia (BB) College organised a two-day global cinema conference — "Screen to Street: Decoding Cinema in Everyday Life".

Amitava Basu, principal, said this was a major shift in "bringing meaningful conversations on cinema beyond the metros to smaller towns". "It is possibly for the first time that a conference of such stature and content is being organised by a college here," Basu said.

With film appreciation courses now a part of the National Education Policy-driven syllabi in UG courses, Basu said this meet "can inspire young minds to look into cinema as a serious academic option".

The meet was hosted by Meghe Dhaka Cinema, a cinema collective of BB College,



in collaboration with Talking Films Online, a joint forum set up by Nikhila H. of the department of film studies, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, and Gita Vishwanath of Forum On Contemporary Theory, Vadodra.

Soumitra Roy of Kazi Nazrul Islam Mahavidyalaya, Churulia, and member of Talking Films Online, who herded this enterprise, welcomed "conversations on cinema beyond Kolkata".

Filmmaker Jaydip Mukherjee presented his film, Painted Memories: Calcutta Connects Raj Kapoor.

The conference ended with a roundtable, "From Screen to Street: the Mundane and the Artistic in the films of Ritwik Ghatak, Guru Dutt and Raj Kapoor".

AIIMS Kalyani holds AMR Awareness Rally to mark global campaign week

MI News Service, Kalyani: AIIMS Kalyani on Thursday organised an Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Rally to mark World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2025, drawing attention to the rising challenge of drug-resistant infections and their impact on healthcare systems.

The rally was led by the institute's Executive Director along with the Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology. Faculty members, heads of departments, resident doctors and nursing officers joined the walk,

stressing the need for rational antibiotic use and adherence to infection-control practices in clinical settings.

Following the rally, the Department of Microbiology conducted a poster competition focusing on strategies to prevent hospital-acquired infections. Participants highlighted key measures such as hand hygiene, antibiotic stewardship and early infection surveillance.

Officials said the activities were aimed at sensitising healthcare professionals and students about the growing



burden of antimicrobial resistance and the urgent need for coordinated action. The institute reaffirmed its commitment

to promoting responsible antimicrobial use through awareness, policy advocacy and training initiatives.

Kalyani General Hospital conducts first Knee Replacement using Titanium Implant

MI News Service, Kalyani: Kalyani General Hospital, the proposed teaching and practicing hospital of JMN Medical College Chakdaha, has successfully performed its first Total Knee Replacement (TKR) surgery using an advanced orthopedic setup and foreign titanium implant technology. Hospital authorities said the milestone marks a major step in strengthening modern orthopedic treatment facilities in Kalyani and surrounding districts.

The surgery was performed on Jawahar Lal Saw, a 72-year-old resident of

Hooghly river Ganga Adi Saptagram in West Bengal. The procedure was led by Dr. Arnab Samanta (MBBS, MS Ortho), a joint replacement specialist who recently joined the hospital. The operation was carried out at the hospital's modular operation theatre located at A2, 3, 4, 5 Kalyani Industrial Estate, Phase II, Kalyani – 741235.

Speaking about the development, Dr. Sourajit Ghosh, Chairman and Director of Kalyani General Hospital, said the institution aims to make advanced orthopedic and multi-specialty treatment

affordable while maintaining the standards comparable to metropolitan healthcare set-ups.

He added that the hospital is preparing to launch a super-specialty block with 605 beds to expand access to specialized care in the coming years.

"We are committed to bringing accessible and affordable advanced medical facilities to this region. Patients should not have to travel to Kolkata or other metro cities for procedures like joint replacement," Dr. Ghosh said.

The hospital is empan-

elled under the West Bengal Government's Swastho Sathi health scheme, allowing eligible patients to undergo treatment under government support. Officials said the collaboration with Nirmala Foundation and JMN Medical College Chakdaha is expected to enhance clinical services, training and medical research in the region.

Hospital authorities said appointments and treatment-related queries under the Swastho Sathi programme can be made through the Kalyani General Hospital administration office.

Kunal Ghosh
Criticizes EC Over
BLO Pressure Amid
SIR Controversy

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh has strongly criticized the Election Commission for creating a “terrifying situation” for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) involved in West Bengal’s Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The remarks come after seven BLOs from the Belehghata Assembly constituency received show-cause notices following discrepancies detected in digitally submitted SIR forms. The notices warned that unsatisfactory responses could lead to disciplinary action.

Ghosh highlighted that the pressure on BLOs has had severe consequences, with multiple officers falling ill due to workload and one reportedly taking their own life. “The Chief Election Commissioner’s rushed and politically biased push for SIR benefits the BJP politically, turning the Election Commission into a place of torment,” he said. He added that threats, warnings of arrest, and unrealistic expectations are exacerbating the mental strain on these officials. The TMC leader also referenced a similar incident in Rajasthan, where a BLO reportedly ended their life due to pressure, emphasizing that the problem is systemic. He condemned BJP leaders who made political remarks on these tragedies, saying, “Instead of making statements from party offices, they should face the affected families directly. Claiming that the deceased were not under mental stress is baseless.” Ghosh explained that many BLOs are unable to complete SIR-related tasks on time due to network issues and technical difficulties. “BLOs are repeatedly pressured to complete forms and uploads to safeguard BJP interests. Many are unable to submit SIR forms on time, and some, unable to bear the pressure, are taking extreme steps,” he said.

EC Issues Show-Cause Notices to 7 BLOs in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission has issued show-cause notices to seven Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in Kolkata’s Beliaghata constituency over alleged lapses in digitising SIR enumeration forms, an official confirmed. The issue pertains to incomplete or incorrectly digitised forms uploaded during the ongoing revision exercise. The BLOs have been asked to clarify by Friday afternoon why the assigned work was not completed accurately. Failure to provide satisfactory explanations may lead to disciplinary action, the official said. This comes as phase two of the special intensive revision continues across 12 states and Union Territories from November 4 to December 4, with draft rolls due on December 9.

MCCI Hosts Session on DVC’s Expansion and Renewable Energy Roadmap

MI News Service, Kolkata: Merchants’ Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) on Friday hosted a Special Session on “Outlook for a Multifaceted DVC” at its Conference Hall, addressed by S. Suresh Kumar, IAS, Chairman of the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). In his address, Kumar noted that the Damodar Valley, once known as the Ruhr of India, is naturally resource-rich but DVC faced severe financial stress in the 1980s and 1990s due to chronic non-payment by clients. The situation improved only after the Government of India and later the Supreme Court directed timely settlement of dues, helping DVC raise its plant load factor to nearly 80%. He pointed out the wider cul-

Abhishek Banerjee to Hold Virtual Meeting on SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress (TMC) second-in-command Abhishek Banerjee has expressed dissatisfaction over party workers’ performance in the ongoing intensive voter list revision, citing underwhelming outcomes in several districts. To address these gaps and boost efficiency, the party’s All India General Secretary has called for a virtual meeting with leaders at all levels. According to party sources, Abhishek will hold the meeting on 24 November, Monday, at 4 pm, with over 10,000 party leaders expected to participate virtually. The session aims to review the ongoing voter list refinement process and chart strategies for more effective implementation. Thakur Nagar, in particular, has drawn special attention. Political analysts note that ahead of the assembly elections, this area—home to a signifi-



cant Matua voter base—plays a pivotal role. Any loss of support due to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process could impact the ruling party’s prospects. Consequently, Abhishek is expected to monitor Matua-dominated regions closely. The northern districts, especially North 24 Parganas, have

remained flashpoints since the SIR process began. Issues ranging from voter list discrepancies to concerns over infiltration have frequently surfaced, making these regions a focus for party leadership. In parallel, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently sent a letter to the Election Commission, urging an immediate suspension of the SIR process and proper training for Booth Level Officers (BLOs). She alleged that unplanned actions are creating undue pressure on officials and citizens and described the ongoing procedure as “dangerous.” Amid concerns over BLO performance and the pressure on ground-level officials, Abhishek’s Monday meeting is seen as an opportunity to reinvigorate the party’s voter list refinement efforts. Sources indicate that MPs and MLAs’ performances will be reviewed, and strategies will be dis-

cussed for strengthening party operations in key districts. Ahead of the 2025 assembly elections in West Bengal, the ruling TMC has emphasized making voter lists error-free while also cautioning against political exploitation by opposition parties. TMC leaders, including Mamata and Abhishek Banerjee, have warned that any wrongful deletion of a legitimate voter’s name will trigger large-scale mobilization. Camps to facilitate voter list corrections have been set up across districts to support citizens. The mega virtual meeting on 24 November will thus focus on reviewing the SIR implementation, assessing the performance of party leaders, and planning targeted strategies for Matua-dominated areas and North Bengal, ensuring the party’s voter outreach remains robust ahead of the polls.

ECI Refuses Deadline Extension for BLO Digitisation Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission has once again made it clear that the digitisation process must be completed before 4 December. On Friday, a delegation from the National Election Commission held a meeting with district magistrates, where Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Bharati instructed all DMs that despite the additional workload on BLOs, the digitisation deadline cannot be extended. He warned that delays will affect subsequent stages of the electoral process. The Commission has set 25 November as the final deadline for completing the current phase. Reports of excessive workload have been emerging from Kolkata and several districts, with many BLOs falling ill and staging protests. Their concerns stem from frequent new instructions being issued through WhatsApp groups. Under the latest order, BLOs must not only collect SIR forms but also digitise them and upload them on the Commission’s app within a month. Additionally, if voter photos in the enumeration forms are unclear, BLOs must now visit households to capture fresh photographs. BLOs have appealed for an extension, arguing that the workload makes completion within two weeks unrealistic. They said each form takes nearly an hour to digitise, making the target extremely challenging.



On the occasion of World Heritage Week, the Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C. V. Anand Bose, visited several historical sites along the Hooghly River under the motto “Our Village, Our Governor, Water Waves” and interacted with local people. He began his journey from the Police Ghat at Babughat, travelled to Nazirganj and Sankrail, and then returned to Babughat. The programme featured the National Anthem, Srikhol performances, Baul music, and various other cultural presentations. The Governor expressed great interest in the initiative on the Hooghly River. He was accompanied by students from various schools, teachers, and eminent personalities.

City hosts ICC Innovation Conclave



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) hosted the ICC Innovation Conclave in Kolkata, bringing together senior government officials, academic leaders and national innovation stakeholders to discuss the future of India’s education and skills landscape. Key speakers

included Binod Kumar, Principal Secretary, School Education and Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal; Satyam Roychowdhury, Chairman, ICC National Expert Committee on Higher Education & Training and Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University; Deepak Bagla, Mission Director,

Atal Innovation Mission; Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, President, West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education and Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University; and Prof. (Dr.) Anupam Basu, Raja Ramanna Chair Professor, Jadavpur University. Addressing the Conclave, Principal Secretary Binod Kumar highlighted that the state government has increased the school education budget from ₹829 crore in 2011 to over ₹10,000 crore in 2024-25. He noted that aligning government, academia, industry, and capital is now critical to bridging the persistent skill gap among graduates. Kumar said West Bengal’s long-term roadmap is firmly underway, guided by the National Education Policy and the State University Policy 2023. Efforts include expanding ICT implementation, introducing Atal Tinkering Labs, and deploying AI-enabled smart classrooms.

EC Prepares for State Assembly Polls, Introduces Candidate Photos on EVMs

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission has begun preparations for the upcoming West Bengal Assembly elections, introducing a new initiative for electronic voting machines (EVMs). According to sources, from the 2026 polls onward, each candidate’s photograph will be displayed alongside their name on the EVMs. Previously, only names were listed. This move aims to prevent confusion among voters, particularly in constituencies where multiple candidates share similar or identical names. Election officials explained, “The candidate’s photograph will be placed next to the EVM button, and during training and workshops, voters will be shown how to identify their candidate.” These workshops will cover all technical aspects of EVM operation. District magistrates, who also serve as district election officers, have been called in to coordinate the process across West Bengal. The Commission has also announced a significant increase in polling booths for the 2026 Assembly election. The number of booths will rise by approximately 15,000, from 80,681 in 2021 to nearly 95,000. Consequently, more EVMs will be required, and the Commission confirms that it currently holds sufficient machines to meet demand.

Nearly 99 pc enumeration forms distributed under SIR in 12 states, UTs

From PG 1 witnessed large-scale demonstrations against the SIR, have so far covered 98.75 % and 87.7% of their voters, respectively. Gujarat has completed 99.4% of the distribution, followed by Rajasthan (97.1%), Puducherry (96.6%), and Madhya Pradesh (95%), Uttar Pradesh (92%), and Chhattisgarh (89.2%). The UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have distributed forms to 96.9% of its registered voters. The first phase of the SIR was conducted in Bihar that led to the deletion of more than 68 lakh names from the state’s electoral rolls.

SC seeks EC’s response on fresh pleas challenging SIR exercise in states

From PG 1 revision exercise in other states including West Bengal, will be taken up for hearing in the first or second week of December. The top court is already hearing a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the Election Commission’s decision to conduct pan-India SIR exercise. On November 11, the top court sought separate responses of the poll panel on pleas filed by DMK, CPI(M), West Bengal Congress and Trinamool Congress leaders challenging the SIR of the electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal respectively.



Procam International has announced Olympic and World Championships medallist Kenny Bednarek as the International Event Ambassador for the 10th edition of the Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata, scheduled for 21 December 2025. Known as “Kung Fu Kenny,” Bednarek has won double Olympic silver in the 200m and World Championship gold and silver medals. Born in Wisconsin, his journey from adversity to global stardom embodies resilience and determination. Bednarek said he looks forward to inspiring Kolkata’s running community, celebrating fitness, perseverance, and the spirit of the milestone event

PM leaves for G20 summit in South Africa, while Trump is boycotting it

From PG 1 Group of 20 summit in South Africa in a reverse of its boycott, the South African president said on Friday. President Ramaphosa said the summit host country had received communication from the U.S. at “the 11th hour” and was now working on the logistics to accommodate the U.S. U.S. President Donald Trump had earlier announced that his administration would boycott the two-day meeting of rich and developing nations in Johannesburg that opens on Saturday. Trump has said the U.S. was boycotting over his claims that Ramaphosa’s government is violently persecuting a white minority.

Secretary in charge of Communications Jai Ram Ramesh, also a trustee of the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund (JNMF) that carried out the exercise, on Thursday said its second phase would entail efforts to locate letters to Nehru. Ramesh said the Gandhi-Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel-Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose-Nehru correspondence is fairly comprehensive, but that is not the case with certain other correspondences such as Winston Churchill-Nehru and Rabindranath Tagore-Nehru. He said incorporating that would be of the biggest value addition to the Nehru archive. Ramesh also called for the in-

Nehru's writings are record of India's evolving conscience: Rahul Gandhi

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tegration of archives of leading lights of the time such as Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, B R Ambedkar and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. “The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund is happy to announce that the Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru is now fully available online, as promised on November 14, 2024. The website The Nehru Archive is available on nehruarchive.in. The entire set of 100 volumes have been digitized; they may be searched and freely downloaded; and they may be used with equal ease on the mobile as on the laptop,” a JNMF release said. The facsimiles of the original print version are also available alongside the digital text, it said.

SIR is for purification of voters' list, Bihar shows the way: Shah

From PG 1 infiltrators’ place in the voter list should know that the people of the country will never support such intentions,” said Shah. During BSF’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Shah praised its role in Naxal-affected areas. He said thanks to the joint efforts of all security forces, India will be free from the Naxal menace very soon. “We are determined to free the country from the Naxal problem forever by March 31, 2026, and pave the way for the development of our tribal brothers and sisters. The entire corridor from Tirupati to Pashupati will be safe and will progress like the rest of India. In Chhattisgarh, the BSF has forced 127 Maoists to surrender, arrested 73, and neutralised 22,” said Shah. He said not just Prime Minister Narendra Modi but the entire nation salutes the bravery and exemplary courage of BSF jawans. The Home minister told the audience that so far, 2,013 brave soldiers of the BSF have made the supreme sacrifice while securing the country’s borders. On the occasion, Shah said the BSF now has 193 battalions and a strength of over 2.76 lakh jawans. The force is currently guards and monitors over 2,289 km of the border with Pakistan and over 4,095 km of the border with Bangladesh, he said. Shah said the coming year will be dedicated to the welfare of the force’s personnel and their families. “The BSF and the Home Department will take various initiatives for the welfare of the personnel and their families. Additionally, the coming year will be dedicated to modernising the force, with a target of transforming it into the world’s most modern and most capable border security force within five years,” he said. “In the coming days, we are also introducing a new concept called e-border security. We have completed the trial phase. I am happy to announce that the BSF has played a major role in implementing the e-border security concept, and the initiative was also taken by it,” he said. Shah also praised BSF’s role during Operation Sindoor, launched by India’s Armed Forces to avenge the Pahal-gam terrorist attack.

Name Change
I, Amit Kumar Sharma, son of Ganesh Sharma, residing at Ward No.09, Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, Odisha, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have decided to change my son's name **Thanya Sharma** to **Tathya Bhardwaj** and daughter's name **Tithi Sharma** to **Tithi Bhardwaj** via affidavit in the Court of Executive Magistrate at Rairangpur dated 25th October 2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Masfika Khanam, W/o- Mukhlesur Rahman, D/o- Majbur Rahman, residing at Vill. - P.O.- Ahilgaon, P.S.- Jalegaon, Purnia, Bihar- 854327, do hereby declare that in my Madhyamik & HS Certificate, Marksheet my father's name has been recorded as **Mozbur Rahman** & in my Marriage Certificate his name has been recorded **Mojibur Rahman**. On 17.11.25 vide Affidavit no. 32687 before the Court of Executive Magistrate, Rairangpur, Bishnupur, I affirm that **Mojibur Rahman**, **Mozbur Rahman** & **Mojibur Rahman** is the same & identical person i.e. my father.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kaushik Banerjee, Son of Late Haradhan Banerjee Reside at 375, Prince Anwar Sh Road. South city, Tower-2, Flat-9E. Kolkata-700068 of behalf as Guardian of **Monobina Mitra** (Who is Physically Challenged Person) Daughter of Late Shyamal Mitra. Her Epic Card No-WB/23/152/591533 and Date of Birth 10/01/1960 Which mentioned in her Epic Card (As Per 2002 Voter List).

NAME CHANGE
I, Smt. **Moni Mala Paul** W/o Sri Tapas Sinha & D/o Ashok Kumar Paul residing at 47/1A, Shyambazar Street, P.S. Shyampukur, P.O.-Shyambazar, Kolkata-700004 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that **my Son Sinjan Sinha** was born on 26-10-2009 and my said Son's Birth Certificate & School Documents my name recorded as **Monimala Sinha**. That **Moni Mala Paul** and **Monimala Sinha** is the same identical person vide affidavit **No 703 dated 12-11-2025** sworn Before the Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sri Tapas Sinha, S/o Late Ranjit Sinha, residing at 2A, Baroda Mitra Lane, P.S. Shyampukur, P.O.-Shyambazar, Kolkata-700004 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare and state that, my father's correct name **Ranjit Sinha** is recorded in my Aadhaar card, Voter identity card and in the death certificate of my father. That in the Pan card my father's name was wrongly recorded as **Ranjit Kumar Sinha**. That my father, **Ranjit Sinha** and **Ranjit Kumar Sinha** refer to one and the same identical person i.e. my father's name only vide affidavit being no-1081, sworn before The Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata on 19.11.2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Selim Ahmed Piyada, S/O- Nozibol Islam Piyada, residing at Vill-Lakshminarayanpur, P.O.-Dholahat, Dist-24pgs(S). That in my son's (Zulfikar Ali Piyada) educational documents my name has been recorded as **Salim Ahmed Piyada** Which is incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld Notary public at Kakkpud dt-19/11/2025 (No.56) that **Selim Ahmed Piyada** & **Salim Ahmed Piyada** is same and one identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Padmavathi Karri, w/o Manibabu Karri residing at Flat no. 8E, Tower-9, PS One 10, New Town, Action Area - I, P.O- Krishnapur, Dist. - North 24 Parganas, West Bengal - 700102 by an affidavit No.12959 sworn in on 20th November 2025 before 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Sealdah, 24 Parganas South, West Bengal, that hence forth for all purpose my name should be recorded as **Padmavathi Karri** as mentioned in my Aadhar. **Padmavathi Manibabu Karri** and **Padmavathi Karri** are same and one person only.

NAME CHANGE
I, Soumee Nath, D/O- Sri Asim Kumar Nath, R/O- 710, R.N Tagore Road, Flat No. 2A, Second Floor, P.O.- Bediapara, P.S.- DumDum, Kolkata- 700077. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as **Soumee Paul**, W/O- Sri Subhojit Paul as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court vide affidavit no. 31421 dated 19/11/2025, Soumee Nath, D/O- Sri Asim Kumar Nath & Soumee Paul, W/O- Sri Subhojit Paul both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Ayushi Kedia, W/O- Prashant Kumar Jalan, R/O- Block 7/3B, P.S. Magnum, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Haldirams, VIP Road, Kol- 700062 shall henceforth be known as **Ayushi Jalan** as declared before the Notary Public, Kolkata Court vide affidavit no. 13771/18 dated 28/10/2025, Ayushi Kedia & Ayushi Jalan both are same and identical person.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Sk KUTUBUDDIN Proprietor of EXCELLENT SUPPLY AND SERVICE, having its existing business address at **Ruisanda, Kharagpur Local, Near Honda Showroom, India, West Midnapur- 721305** hereby solemnly affirm and declared that Business address has been changed & its address is: **283/206, Sanjal, Puratan Bazar, Kharagpur, P.O.- KGP, P.S.- KGP (Town), Dist.- Medinipur West, W.B - 721301** is effective from 05/08/2025 vide affidavit No.- N/12, dated 13/11/2025 as declared before the Notary Public at Kharagpur.

Edwards eyes network beyond North Bengal



MI News Service, Darjeeling: Ajoy Edwards, the chief convener of Indian Gorkha Janshakti Front (IGJF) and the principal Opposition leader in the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA), is looking to team up with regional forces from Leh to the Northeast to fight the "tyranny of distance" from Delhi and make voices from the hills count. The move comes in the wake of several Northeast leaders coming together. On November 4, Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma of the National People's Party, Tripura leader Pradyot Debbarma of Tipra Motha, Daniel Langthasa of the People's Party, Assam, and former BJP minister of Nagaland, Mmholunmo Kikon, announced their decision for "a strong, unified, and indigenous political voice at the national level". Pradyot Debbarma announced his meeting with Edwards. "Lovely to have

met Ajoy Edwards from the Indian Gorkha Janshakti Front (IGJF). Our ideas for a larger unity are similar; our demand for a constitutional solution for the Gorkha is Again similar to ours in Tripura. We should try to unite for a better future for our people," stated Debbarma on his Facebook page.

Edwards, when contacted, validated Debbarma's post. "The tyranny of distance, from Delhi to far-flung areas, have affected many. Our party is looking at forming an alliance right from Manipur to Leh-Ladakh," Edwards told. While the recent move

of Meghalaya chief minister Sangma and Tripura leader Debbarma has been to unite the Northeast voices, Edwards added that his party was exploring the idea of a wider network. "Regions like ours have very few representatives in Parliament. Sikkim just sends one MP; such is the case with many states and regions in the country. This is why forming a larger network helps as numbers are important in a democracy (to be heard)," said Edwards. Edwards also added that technically Darjeeling was not yet part of the Northeast. Darjeeling hills, the Dooars and the Terai regions are together the stretch that breaks the geographical contiguity of seven northeastern states with Sikkim. Sikkim, north Bengal's neighbour, was included in the North Eastern Council (NEC) by the Centre in 2002. Earlier, the NEC comprised seven states from Assam onwards.

Dish TV introduces lifetime free service visit



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bold move to further enhance customer satisfaction, Dish TV India has announced a Lifetime Free Service Visit initiative — a one-of-its-kind offering in the DTH industry. Responding directly to long-standing customer feedback, Dish TV is eliminating service visit charges, which have historically been a major pain point for subscribers.

With this feature, customers are not required to pay any service charges for technician visits. All pay TV operators typically charge service fees ranging from ₹200–₹250 for technician visits. Living up to its customer-first approach, Dish TV has modified the service request mechanism wherein the customer is required to recharge their account with ₹200, and this amount is added to the Dish TV balance — which

effectively means customers make zero payment toward service charges.

Previously, customers were required to pay service charges for every technician visit. With this initiative, Dish TV is enhancing the customer experience and delivering greater value without additional costs.

Manoj Dobhal, CEO & ED Dish TV India said, "This Lifetime Free Service Visit is our way of acknowledging the value of our customers and making after-sales service truly hassle-free."

JSW MG associates with Pickleball Champion Monica Menon

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: JSW MG Motor India announced its association with pickleball player, Monica Menon, underscoring the brand's growing support for emerging sports and women achievers who embody passion, precision, and progress. As one of India's fastest-growing sports, pickleball represents agility, adaptability, and the pursuit of excellence, values that also define the Comet EV. MG's smart urban electric vehicle designed for the pace of modern life. This collaboration celebrates those shared values, spotlighting the synergy between athletic performance and intelligent mobility.

Transitioning from an AITA National Tennis Champion and a 2010 Asian Games athlete to a pickleball player, Monica Menon has redefined perseverance and purpose. With more than 100 career podium finishes and a growing influence in promoting grassroots sports in Delhi-NCR, she represents the energy and drive of a new India, one that JSW MG Motor India is proud to champion.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SAMYADIP SAHA S/o- SAILESH KUMAR SAHA Residing at, 92/29 Pikhana Road, Post - Berhampore, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAMYADIP SAHA To SOWMYADIP SAHA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SOWMYADIP SAHA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Nov 2025, SOWMYADIP SAHA and SAMYADIP SAHA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUDIPTA DUTTA S/o- SUBODH DUTTA Residing at, Vill - Budhahpara Purbas, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742188, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUDIPTA DUTTA To SUDIPTA DATTA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SUDIPTA DATTA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 Nov 2025, SUDIPTA DATTA and SUDIPTA DUTTA both are Same and one identical person.

Aliaxis's expansion mode in East India

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ashirvad by Aliaxis, India's leading provider of plumbing and water management solutions, inaugurated its 1st Integrated Distribution Center in Eastern India at Panchla near Kolkata. The inauguration was done in the presence of Thierry Vanlancker, MD, Aliaxis, Partha Basu, MD, Ashirvad by Aliaxis and the Global Executive Committee. This marks a significant milestone for Ashirvad by Aliaxis with the launch of its 1st Integrated Distribution Center in Eastern India. The facility reflects the company's strategic focus on strengthening its regional presence and meeting the growing customer demand in East. Spanning an impressive 1 lakh sq. ft. warehouse and 1.5 lakh sq. ft. yard, the center is designed to deliver enhanced customer experience through faster order fulfilment and improved service reliability.

Study on for alternative road to Darjeeling

MI News Service, Darjeeling: The National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), which operates under the Union ministry of road transport and highways, has initiated the process of hiring consultants for a feasibility study and preparation of a detailed project report (DPR) for an alternative highway to Darjeeling from Siliguri. Currently, NH110 (formerly NH55) is severely overcrowded and congested. "The NHIDCL has taken the task to engage consultants who will conduct the study, prepare the DPR, and other pre-construction activities for building a highway that would be an alternative to NH110 (formerly NH 55). This is a significant development, and we believe that the new highway will be constructed in due course. It will largely boost the connectivity between the plains and the hills," said Raju Bista, the BJP MP of Darjeeling. According to Bista, approximately 15,000 vehicles pass through NH110, the principal highway that connects the town of Darjeeling. This results in severe traffic congestion, especially during rush hours and peak tourist seasons. "I have repeatedly raised this issue in Parliament, and even during the recent monsoon session. I have also met Union minister Nitin Gadkari and the managing director of NHIDCL and have requested them to consider the proposal for an alternative highway. It is good that NHIDCL has finally taken the initiative," the MP added.

Toyota, Honda spend huge in India for car production



MI News Service, Mumbai: Toyota, Honda and Suzuki are spending billions of dollars to build new cars and factories in India, a sign of the country's growing importance as a manufacturing hub as Japanese automakers redraw global supply chains to reduce dependence on China. Toyota, the world's largest carmaker, and Suzuki, the leader in the Indian market with almost a 40% share, have separately announced investments totalling \$11 billion to beef up manufacturing and export capabilities in the world's third-largest auto market. Honda said last week it will make India a production and export base for one of its planned electric cars. India's low costs and vast labour pool have long been an attraction for manufacturers. Now, Japanese automakers are stepping up operations as they pivot away from China, both as a market and a manufacturing base, multiple industry executives said. Another benefit: India remains all but closed to Chinese EVs, so Japan's carmakers - at least for now - won't face bruising competition from BYD and others there. A brutal price war among Chinese EV makers has made it difficult to turn a profit in China. Adding to the pain, Chinese carmakers are now expanding overseas and snatching market share from Japanese rivals in Southeast Asia. "India is a good choice as a replacement market for China," said Julie Boote, autos analyst at Pelham

Smithers Associates in London, citing low profit margins in China. "For the time being, the Japanese think it's a much better market because they don't have to deal with the Chinese competitors," she said. Other draws include the improved quality of India's manufactured goods, and incentives from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, executives say. Toyota and Suzuki each have majority ownership of their India units. Honda owns 100% of its business there. Japan's annual direct investment in the Indian transport sector, which includes automakers, jumped more than sevenfold between 2021 and 2024, hitting 294 billion yen (\$2 billion) last year. As Japanese automakers revved up investment in India, they cooled on China: direct investment in China's transport sector saw an 83% decrease over the same period, to 46 billion yen last year. Toyota is working with Japanese and Indian vendors to lower costs and expand production of hybrid components. India is one market where it saw tight supply of hybrid parts amid

Redevelopment Of Anara Station Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme



Redeveloped Anara station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

● **A Significant Infrastructure Initiative By Indian Railways**
MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Nov.25 : The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme signifies a concerted effort by Indian Railways to modernize its infrastructure in order to elevate the travel experience for millions of passengers. The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is a long-term plan to improve railway stations across India in a step-by-step manner. Altogether, 72 stations of South Eastern Railway are being developed under this scheme. Detailed plans are made for each station and the work is done in phases. The goal is to make stations cleaner, more comfortable, and easier to use. Anara Railway Station under jurisdiction of Adra Division of South Eastern Railway is being upgraded

under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. It is located in Purulia district of West Bengal, on the Asansol-Tatanagar main line, which is a vital route connecting Jharkhand and West Bengal. Anara is a small town in Purulia district, West Bengal, with a history tied to the region's tribal culture. Anara is known for its

natural beauty and adjacent tourist destinations. Anara is located in mineral rich area and also serves nearby industries. The station is a transportation hub for both passengers and goods traffic. It is presently undergoing a massive transformation under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The following pas-

senger amenities will be added to Anara station during the redevelopment work. **Upgraded facilities at Anara Station:** • Renovated station building, • New Foot Over Bridge, • 2 New Lifts, • New Booking Counter with Divyangjan Ramp, • New Entry and Exit Gate, • New parking area, • Improvement of circulation area, • Improvement of Waiting Hall, • New platform shelters and platform resurfacing, • Painted in local Art & Culture theme, • Divyangjan Water Booth, • Divyangjan Booking Counter, • Divyangjan Ramp, • Divyangjan Toilet, • Divyangjan Parking, • Tactile Tiles for Divyangjan, • Improvement of Existing Toilets, • New Toilet Block on Platform, • New Water Booths, • Seating Arrangements, • Train Indicator & Coach Indicator Board.

Cancellation Of Nangal Dam – Kolkata Express

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Nov.25 : Due to Non- Interlocking work at Durgapur in connection with commissioning of Electronic Interlocking Cabin & Yard remodeling, 12326 Nangal Dam – Kolkata Express (journey commencing on 22.11.2025) will remain cancelled.

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Nov.25 : In connection with Engineering, Over Head Equipment & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division, Block has been planned on 23.11.2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under: **Cancellation of trains on 23.11.2025:** • From Howrah: 37055, 37249, 37363, 36823, • From Ban-

del: 37246, 37749, • From Barddhaman: 36834, • From Seoraphuli: 37056, • From Arambagh: 37364, 37396, • From Katwa: 37748. **Short termination of train on 23.11.2025:** • 37365 Howrah – Arambagh local will be short terminated at Tarakeswar. **Rescheduling of trains on 23.11.2025:** • 53009 Katwa – Azimganj local will leave Katwa at 12:30 hrs. instead of 12:00 hrs.

Tea gardens to reopen in first wk of Dec: LABOUR DEPT



MI News Service, Alipurduar: The Chinchula tea garden in the Kachchini block of Alipurduar district, which was closed due to bonus distribution issues in September, will reopen from the first week of December. A source said the decision was finalised at a meeting held at the office of the district labour commissioner (DLC), Alipurduar. Gopal Biswas, DLC, confirmed: "There was a meeting regarding the reopening of Chinchula tea estate. Subrata Sarkar, the garden manager, was also present. He informed us that the garden will reopen on December 5."

The Chinchula tea garden, with around 1,300 workers, is located around 35km from Alipurduar district headquarters. It had been shut since September 26, 2025, after the management allegedly refused to pay 20 per cent Puja bonus, which was the state labour department's advisory to all north Bengal tea estates. Workers surrounded the manager's office for hours on September 26, prompting the management to leave the garden that night "for safety". A source said the management had assured authorities that pending bonus will be cleared by November 30, along with two fortnights of wages for workers and one month's salary for staff and sub-staff. Omdas Lohora, central committee member of the Trinamool Cha Bagan Shramik Union, welcomed the decision but cautioned: "We are happy that the garden will reopen as the management has agreed to our conditions. But if bonuses and wages are not paid on time, there will be trouble again." In another meeting held at the DLC office in Alipurduar, it was decided that labour department officials will begin on-ground verification so that workers of Dalshingpara tea garden can start receiving Financial Assistance for the Workers of Locked Out Industries (FAWLOI) benefits.

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Continuation Of Temporary Stoppage Of Twenty Two EMU Locals At Islampara Halt Station In Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Nov.25 : Railway has decided to continue the additional stoppage of following twenty two (22) EMU locals at Islampara Halt station over Howrah Division on temporary basis for the period of 06 months i.e. from 23.11.2025 to 22.05.2026: • 37743, 37749, 37751, 37753, 37757 and 37745 Bandel – Katwa EMU locals. • 37921, 37927, 37915 and 37925 Howrah – Katwa EMU locals. • 37912, 37914, 37928, 37920 and 37924 Katwa – Howrah EMU locals. • 37742, 37744, 37748, 37750 and 37746 Katwa – Bandel EMU locals. • 31112/31111 Katwa – Sealdah – Katwa EMU local.

Eastern Railway Tightens Vigilance And Acts Strongly Against Misuse Of ACP



RPF arrests 18 offenders
MI News Service, Kolkata, 21 Nov.25 : In a continued effort to ensure the punctuality of train services and enhance passenger safety, Eastern Railway has intensified its action against unauthorized Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP) under the special drive "Operation Samay Palan". ACP without valid reason not only disrupts train schedules but also causes inconvenience and safety risks to thousands of passengers daily. Students, patients, traders, and many other passengers with urgent needs are badly affected when trains are delayed. Misuse of the alarm chain is a punishable offence that impacts the larger traveling public and disrupts punctual train operations. On 20.11.2025, Railway Protection Force (RPF) officials across Eastern Railway—covering Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, and Malda Divisions—conducted coordinated checks and vigilance drives. As a result, 18 persons in-

cluding in unauthorized ACP were apprehended and prosecuted under relevant provisions of the Railway Act. Division-wise arrests include 07 persons in Asansol Division, 05 persons in Malda Division, 04 persons in Howrah Division, and 02 persons in Sealdah Division. Eastern Railway appeals to all passengers to refrain from unauthorized ACP, which should be used strictly during genuine emergencies. Unauthorized use of the alarm chain causes delays and inconvenience to thousands of commuters and affects the smooth running of train operations.

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Date : November 21, 2025
Place : Siliguri

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Eastern Railway, inspects Sealdah station following recent high-alert situation



MI News Service, 21 Nov 2025, Kolkata: Amiya Nandan Sinha, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Eastern Railway, inspected Sealdah station on 20th November in the wake of the recent high-alert situation arising after the Delhi terror attacks.

Sealdah, being one of the busiest railway stations in the country, has always maintained security as a top priority for the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

Delhi govt suspends outdoor activities in schools amid rising air pollution

MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood on Friday said the state government has issued a notice to schools to suspend outdoor activities and sports events amid rising air pollution in the national capital.

Speaking to ANI, Sood said this decision was taken following concerns expressed by the Supreme Court. He added that the Delhi government has also postponed a sports Mahakumbh.

"After the concern expressed by the Supreme Court and the order that, for the next one to two months, as a precautionary measure, outdoor activities for small children should not be conducted. Following this, the Delhi government has issued a notice. We were going to organise a huge sports Mahakumbh in Delhi. Due to these guidelines, it has been postponed. Such activities will not be conducted in Delhi until new instructions are issued," the Delhi Education Minister said.

Earlier, the Supreme Court stated that matters concerning air

should be scanned discreetly through scanning machines to ensure that the contents of the luggage not be visible to other passengers.

To further augment security, two additional RPSF companies have been deployed at Sealdah station. A strict access-control mechanism is in place to monitor suspicious articles and individuals. He also directed officials to improve lighting arrangements in the station circulating area to enhance CCTV visibility.

The sniffer and explosive detection Dog-Squad has been instructed to be kept ready for utilisation of checking suspicious articles at the station and onboard trains.

Senior RPF officers of Sealdah Division accompanied him during his inspection.

The public is requested to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activity noticed at railway stations to the authorities.

pollution must be listed monthly.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in the National Capital Region (NCR) and adjoining areas earlier urged state governments and the Delhi government to postpone physical sports competitions scheduled for November and December, citing prevailing air quality trends.

In compliance with observations of the Supreme Court, the CAQM convened a consultative meeting with representatives from the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, NCR State Governments/ GNCTD, Sports Authority of India and representatives of NCR State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ DPCC to examine the current air quality trends and deliberated upon measures to safeguard children's health especially during the winter months of November and December."

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A statement from the CAQM said, "In view of the observations of the Supreme Court, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in National Capital

Region (NCR) and adjoining areas convened a consultative meeting with representatives from the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education; NCR State Governments/ GNCTD, Sports Authority of India and representatives of NCR State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ DPCC to examine the current air quality trends and deliberated upon measures to safeguard children's health especially during the winter months of November and December."

Following the discussions, CAQM has written to the governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, requesting immediate action to postpone physical sports events in areas affected by poor air quality.

As Delhi continues to battle deteriorating air quality, several parts of the National Capital Region, including Noida, woke up to a blanket of toxic smog on Friday morning.

Trial of Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, others in 2020 Delhi riots case likely to conclude in two years: Delhi police to SC

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi police on Friday informed the Supreme Court that the trial of several accused persons, including Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, booked under the Prevention of Unlawful Activities Act (UAPA) in the 2020 Delhi riots case would likely be concluded within two years' time.

The Delhi police's clarification came while it continued its arguments opposing the bail pleas of Khalid, Imam and five others accused in the 2020 Delhi riots case, on Friday.

After hearing part submissions made by the Additional Solicitor General of India (ASG) SV Raju, a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and NV Anjaria posted the matter

to be heard next on Monday, November 24, where it will continue hearing further arguments by the Delhi police.

Following the police's submissions, the Supreme Court will hear counter-arguments from senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who appear for some of the accused.

During Friday's hearing, ASG Raju resumed his arguments from the previous day. He highlighted the sequence of charge sheets filed in the case.

ASG Raju stated that the initial chargesheet against the accused persons was filed on September 16, 2020, and a supplementary chargesheet was filed on November 22, 2020.

Further, the ASG submitted that as per Section 161(a) of the UAPA, whoever commits a terrorist act is liable to be punished, and there is no bar which provides that the sentence of imprisonment in such cases cannot exceed five years. On the other hand, UAPA provides for a minimum sentence of five years that could be extended for life.

He added that in both the chargesheets filed in the case, cognisance had been taken by the trial court and that those orders have not been challenged, which reflects due application of judicial mind in the case.

ASG Raju further submit-

ted that the alleged conspiracy extended beyond incitement, involving actions such as co-ordinated "chakka jams" in-

tended to cause disruption and violence. In such cases, the conspiracy itself constitutes an offence, the ASG added.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender
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Sl. No.	Tender for	e-Bid submission start date	e-Bid submission end date	Technical Bid Opening date
1	2025_MAD_955710_1	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
2	2025_MAD_955710_2	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
3	2025_MAD_955710_3	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
4	2025_MAD_955710_4	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
5	2025_MAD_955934_1	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
6	2025_MAD_955934_2	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
7	2025_MAD_955934_3	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
8	2025_MAD_956085_1	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
9	2025_MAD_956085_2	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
10	2025_MAD_956216_1	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
11	2025_MAD_956216_2	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
12	2025_MAD_956274_1	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
13	2025_MAD_956274_2	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
14	2025_MAD_956274_3	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025

Details information will be available from the website- <http://wbtenders.gov.in>
The Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality invites Quotation Notice for following Development work Under APAS Scheme within Tarakeswar Municipality:

Sl. No.	Tender for Project ID	e-Bid submission start date	Bid Purchase end date	Bid Opening & Opening date
Tender Notice No. TM/PW/APAS/257/11 of 2025-26 Dated 22.11.2025				
1	APAS/01/198/257/0003	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
Tender Notice No. TM/PW/APAS/260/12 of 2025-26 Dated 22.11.2025				
2	APAS/01/198/260/0005	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025
Tender Notice No. TM/PW/APAS/258/13 of 2025-26 Dated 22.11.2025				
3	APAS/01/198/258/0010	22.11.2025	18.12.2025	20.12.2025

Details information will be available from the Tarakeswar Municipal Office.
Sd/- Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality

Extension of temporary stoppage of EMU Local trains at Islampara Halt station

For the convenience of commuters, temporary stoppage of following 22 nos. EMU Local trains at Islampara Halt station has been extended for a period of 06 months (from 23.11.2025 to 22.05.2026) :

(1) 37921 Howrah - Katwa EMU Local, (2) 37743 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (3) 37749 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (4) 37751 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (5) 37753 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (6) 37927 Howrah - Katwa EMU Local, (7) 37757 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (8) 37912 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local, (9) 37914 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local, (10) 31112 Katwa - Sealdah EMU Local, (11) 37742 Katwa - Bandel EMU Local, (12) 37744 Katwa - Bandel EMU Local, (13) 37748 Katwa - Bandel EMU Local, (14) 37928 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local, (15) 37750 Katwa - Bandel EMU Local, (16) 37745 Bandel - Katwa EMU Local, (17) 31111 Sealdah - Katwa EMU Local, (18) 37915 Howrah - Katwa EMU Local, (19) 37925 Howrah - Katwa EMU Local, (20) 37920 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local, (21) 37746 Katwa - Bandel EMU Local, (22) 37924 Katwa - Howrah EMU Local. All other instructions will remain same.

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REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR TRAFFIC & POWER BLOCK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

Due to 3 hours 45 minutes Traffic and Power block from 23.45 hrs. of 24.11.2025 (Monday) to 03.30 hrs. of 25.11.2025 (Tuesday) on Line No. 5 of Bridge No.1 (Km 0/18V-0/31V) between Sealdah & Bidhannagar Road stations over Sealdah Division, following trains will be regulated as under: ● Cancellation on 24.11.2025 (Monday): (1) 31447 UP Sealdah - Naihati Local, (2) 31450 Down Naihati - Sealdah Local, (3) 32249 UP Sealdah-Dankuni Local & (4) 32252 Down Dankuni - Sealdah Local. ● Short Termination and Short Origination : 31542 Down Shantipur - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 24.11.2025 (Monday) and 31511 UP Sealdah - Shantipur Local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 25.11.2025 (Tuesday). ● Rescheduling : 53171 UP Sealdah - Lalgola Passenger will be rescheduled for 30 minutes i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 04.15 hrs. instead of 03.45 hrs. after the block cancelled on 25.11.2025 (Tuesday). There may be delay in train service during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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Date : November 21, 2025
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"Many superpowers selectively follow UN rules; halt certain processes in their interest": Rajnath Singh

MI News Service, Lucknow: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said that many superpowers selectively follow the rules of the United Nations and halt certain processes for their own interest.

Addressing the 'International Conference of Chief Justices of the World' in Lucknow, Defence Minister Singh further said, contrary to that, India has never attempted to weaken the United Nations.

The Defence Minister said, "It often seems that the countries which are responsible for strengthening global institutions are the ones who limit decisions and interpretations and then expect greater results from those very institutions. Today, a similar situation is evident even with the United Nations. Many superpowers selectively follow its rules; they halt certain processes in their own interest; they do not provide the expected resources for peacekeeping, and at times, they also exert pressure on it through funding decisions... India has never attempted to weaken the UN. India has always played a leading role in peacekeeping missions."

"India has always respected International Laws, accepted multilateralism as a core value...India's policy is clear, that justice is not merely a rule, but dharma. Peace is not merely a policy, but tradition. Global harmony is not merely diplomacy, but a culture of India," he added.

Singh reiterated that many nations are openly violating international laws but added that reforming the United Nations can make the world

a better place. He stated that the representation in the UN should be balanced, decisions should be impartial, and power-sharing should be genuine.

Rajnath Singh said, "Many nations are openly violating international laws. Meanwhile, many countries are seeking to dominate the world by making their own laws. Justice and Peace are no longer just ideals, but have become the foundation of global survival. Therefore, this is not the time to criticise the United Nations, but to strengthen it. We believe that reforming the UN can make the world a better place. Representation in the UN should be balanced, decisions should be impartial, and power-sharing should be genuine; only then can this institution fulfil its original purpose once again..."

"Today, when a fractured world lies before us, where many conflicts are unfolding side by side, it becomes even clearer that the world has much to learn from India's civilisational approach," the Defence Minister added.

The Union Minister called for a reforms in the United Nations saying that today's new world requires a new United Nations which can be achieved by revitalising the same institution with new energy, a new work style, and a new perspective.

Singh said, "Certainly, the UN has achieved its immediate objectives, but today there is a need to rebuild it, to think of something new about it. India's stand on UN reforms is absolutely clear...The India that existed about 75-80 years ago is not the India of today. In such a scenario, when dy-

namism is coming to India, it is also very necessary for dynamism to come to today's international institutions. Without dynamism, neither can any nation sustain itself, nor can any organisation sustain itself. In such a situation, there is a need to reorient it..."

"I firmly believe that today's new world requires a new United Nations. By a new United Nations, I do not mean the creation of some new institution. Rather, it means revitalising the same institution with new energy, a new work style, and a new perspective...A basic fact of international relations is that where there is respect, there is peace. And wherever there is trust, stability, and prosperity naturally emerge," he added.

He further asserted, "When you look at India as a nation, you will also see faith and peace behind its stability here. India's culture, policy and conduct, all three together, tell the world that peace and justice are not separate words; they are two aspects of the same value. Without justice, peace is incomplete, and without peace, justice cannot endure. India has repeatedly proven to the world that it does not merely present an idea, but also acts upon it. Whenever a crisis has struck the world, India's effort has been to reach there as the first responder. Whether it is evacuating people stranded in Afghanistan, delivering relief after the earthquake in Nepal, the crisis in Sri Lanka, or humanitarian assistance in Africa, India has stood up everywhere to protect humanity."

"A life snatched away too soon": Congress' KC Venugopal condoles Pilot death in Tejas crash

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal on Friday expressed profound sadness over the loss of an Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot who tragically died during the Dubai Air Show.

In a post on X, the Congress leader wrote, "A life snatched away too soon. I join the nation in mourning the loss of our IAF pilot during the Dubai Air Show. He lost his life in service of his motherland and we extend our deepest condolences to the families of the martyred soul. May they find the strength to overcome this unbearable pain."

Earlier the Indian Airforce announce the death of the Pilot after a Tejas aircraft

crashed and burst into flames at the Dubai Air Show 2025 on Friday.

"An IAF Tejas aircraft met with an accident during an aerial display at the Dubai Air Show today. The pilot sustained fatal injuries in the accident. IAF deeply regrets the loss of life and stands firmly with the bereaved family in this time of grief," a statement by the Indian Air Force said.

The IAF said a court of inquiry is being constituted to ascertain the cause of the accident in which the pilot succumbed to fatal injuries.

A fighter jet crashed during a flight demonstration on the last day of the ongoing Dubai Airshow at the Al Maktoum

international Airport.

The plane went down while performing an aerial display before a large crowd, local media reported.

Khaleej Times reported that the fighter jet crashed into the ground soon after take-off.

Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti South 24 Parganas

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Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti

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E-Tender for construction of 3 nos civil works under the jurisdiction of Basanti Block have been invited by the undersigned. Details of which as noted below:
Bid Submission Date: 21.11.2025
Bid Closing Date: 19.12.2025
Details can be collected from the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in> and office Notice Board.
BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER BASANTI DEVELOPMENT OFFICER South 24 Parganas

Itachuna Khanyan Gram Panchayat VIII.+P.O.- Khanyan, P.S.- Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly, 72147

Tender Notice
Online e-Tender is invited vide NIT No.- 12/2025, Dated- 14/11/2025 for 09 Nos. Tender Id : 2025_ZPHD_953024_1-4,6,8,9,10. Bid Submission Closing Date 12/12/2025 at 01:30 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website - <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and this office notice board.
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E-AUCTION NOTICE

For Miscellaneous Static Services, Pay & Use toilet and Parking contracts over Kharagpur Division

For & on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for: **E-Auction Notice No.: KGP/PnU-MSS/2025/15, Date: 20.11.2025.** Installation of 4 nos. of Parcel scanner at Shalimar railway station for the period of 5 (Five) years. **Auction Catalogue No.: MSS-KGP-PS-25-3, Auction date: 05.12.2025, Auction Start/close time: 11:00 & 11:30 hrs. respectively.**

Operation and maintenance contract of normal Pay and Use toilet unit located near south side booking office at Kharagpur, new station building at Baripada, Platform 5/6 at Kharagpur, Platform no. 01 (Tatanagar end) of Ghatsila, Pay & Use toilet Block-I (near OHE Mast No. 7/38A) and Block-II (near OHE Mast No. 7/34B) on Platform 6/7 at Santragachi and near north side old booking office and near north side parking at Santragachi railway station for the period of 3 (three) years. **Auction Catalogue No.: PNUOTI-KGP25-15, Auction date: 09.12.2025, Auction Start/close time: 11:00 & 12:20 hrs. respectively.**

E-Auction Notice No.: Com/G-30/2/Parking/CPRO/25/16, Date: 20.11.2025. Parking Lot for Four Wheeler at Kharagpur (South), Two Wheeler Parking at Dhalbhumgarh, Bargachia & Mixed Parking at Kalaikunda. **Auction Catalogue No.: ParkingKGP25-16, Auction date: 04.12.2025, Auction Start time: 10:00 hrs. & Closed Time: 11.00 hrs.,** which are notified in the <https://www.ireps.gov.in> website (for both E-Auction). Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact office of the undersigned.

(PR-866) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur

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EASTERN RAILWAY e-AUCTION NOTICE

No. CV/MPS/SDAH/e-auction Dated: 20.11.2025
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 invites open e-auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for e-Auction of 05 Multipurpose Stall (MPS) Unit over Sealdah Division for the period of 5 years. **Admin Unit/Zone:** Sealdah Division - Commercial/Eastern Railway. **Auction Catalogue No. MPS-SDAH-05-25. Auctioning Authority:** Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah. **Bidding System :** Normal Auction (Single stage). **Auction Start (All Lots):** 05.12.2025, 13:00:00 hrs. **Auction Close Date/Time:** 05.12.2025, 14:10:00 hrs. **Auto Extension Zone:** 120 seconds. **Auto Extension Duration:** 120 seconds. **Initial Cooling Off Period:** 30 minutes. **Successive Lots Closing Interval:** 10 minutes. **Maximum Auto Extensions:** 10 Times. **Decision Mode:** Auto, **RP Displayed :** No, **Permit bid below RP-Yes.** Details of which are as under : **Seq. No.;** **Lot no./Category;** **Description;** **Lot End Date and Time** respectively : **AA/1; MPS-SDAH-KNR-MPS-6-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls);** Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Kankinara Railway station on Platform No. 2 for a period of 05 years; 05.12.2025 at 13:30:00 hrs. **AA/2; MPS-SDAH-GBG-MPS-3-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls);** Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Gobordanga Railway station on Platform No. 1 for a period of 05 years; 05.12.2025 at 13:40:00 hrs. **AA/3; MPS-SDAH-MMG-MPS-11-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls);** Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Madhyamgram Railway station adjacent to New Booking Office near Platform No. 1 for a period of 05 years; 05.12.2025 at 13:50:00 hrs. **AA/4; MPS-SDAH-HLR-MPS-2-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls);** Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Halishahar Railway station on Platform No. 2 near mast No. 41/22 for a period of 05 years; 05.12.2025 at 14:00:00 hrs. **AA/5; MPS-SDAH-MGT-MPS-4-25-1 (MPS - Multi Purpose Stalls);** Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6ft x10ft = 60 sqft.) at Magra Hat Railway station near Booking Office for a period of 05 years; 05.12.2025 at 14:10:00 hrs.; **Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Trips/Days:** 1826 for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Min. Incre(%):** 0.2 for AA/1 to AA/5 each. **Lot Status:** New in Draft Catalogue for AA/1 to AA/5 each.

SDAH-267/2025-26
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.e.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender No: SANDT-CON-SDAH-03-2025, Dated: 20.11.2025. Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer/Con. Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 invites Open e-Tenders against Tender No. SANDT-CON-SDAH-03-2025 for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revvised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender

New Nitish Kumar cabinet full of corrupts, criminals, alleges Prashant Kishor

MI News Service, Patna: Jan Suraj Party founder Prashant Kishor on Friday alleged that the new cabinet of the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar was full of corrupt and criminal leaders.

Speaking to reporters after a day-long silent fast at Gandhi Ashram in West Champaran, Kishor also said his party will launch the 'Bihar Navnirman Sankalp Yatra' on January 15, during which Jan Suraj Party workers will visit all houses in the state.

"The new cabinet of Nitish Kumar, which took oath on Thursday, is full of corrupts and criminals. I must say that this council of ministers is a slap in the face of the people of Bihar. It's like rubbing salt on the wound as several corrupt leaders were inducted," he alleged, days after drubbing in the recently held assembly elections in the state.

Kishor claimed the leaders inducted into the cabinet indicate that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit



Shah and CM Kumar are least concerned about Bihar.

"They have purchased votes by transferring Rs 10,000 into the bank account of more than 1 crore women. Now, they have no concern for the state or the people," he alleged.

"If I am saying anything wrong, the state government can put me behind bars," he added. Kishor claimed the govern-

ment diverted funds from the state's contingency fund and a grant from the World Bank for the cash transfer scheme.

"Now, we will ensure that women get Rs 2 lakh as promised by the NDA ahead of the polls," he said.

Kishore said as part of the 'Bihar Navnirman Sankalp Yatra', Jan Suraj Party workers, including him, will visit every house in

the state.

"We will visit all houses in the state over 15-18 months and create awareness among the people about the misdeeds of this government. The organisation of the Jan Suraj Party will be strengthened before the campaign starts," he said.

The former poll strategist said he will donate 90 per cent of his income over the next five years for the party's campaign.

"Besides, whatever assets I have acquired in the last 20 years, except my Delhi house, I will donate those for the party," he said.

"Now, I request the people of Bihar to donate just Rs 1,000 to the party on a yearly basis. I will not meet anyone who doesn't donate this amount to the party," he said.

Kishor said he believes in Mahatma Gandhi's ideology of patience and perseverance.

"We will change the government. They tried to break our morale in this election. We will fight and win," he said.

Unknown number of students kidnapped from school in central Nigeria: official

MI News Service, Abuja: An unknown number of students and some members of staff were abducted early Friday when suspected terrorists attacked a school in Nigeria's central state of Niger, local officials said.

The attack occurred at St. Mary's School, a private institution in the Agwara local government area, at about 2:00 a.m. local time (0100 GMT), Abubakar Usman, secretary to the Niger state government, said in a statement.

"The exact number of abducted pupils is yet to be confirmed as security agencies continue to assess the situation," Usman said.

This attack is the second such attack this week in the most populous African country, following the kidnapping of at least 25 schoolgirls from a government-run secondary school in the northern state of Kebbi on Monday.

Condemning the incident, Usman said it occurred despite earlier

intelligence reports indicating heightened security threats in parts of the state.

According to him, the government, based on the alerts, had ordered the suspension of all construction activities and the temporary closure of all boarding schools in the affected zone. However, St. Mary's School reopened and resumed academic activities without notifying or seeking clearance from authorities, "thereby exposing pupils and staff to danger."

Local security agencies had launched a full-scale investigation and search-and-rescue operations to ensure the safe return of the pupils.

Wasiu Abiodun, spokesperson for the Niger state police, told Xinhua by telephone that tactical units of the paramilitary agency, along with military components and other security agencies, had been deployed to the scene, combing nearby forests in an effort to rescue the abducted students.

Probe links JeM to plot for 200 coordinated blasts in North India

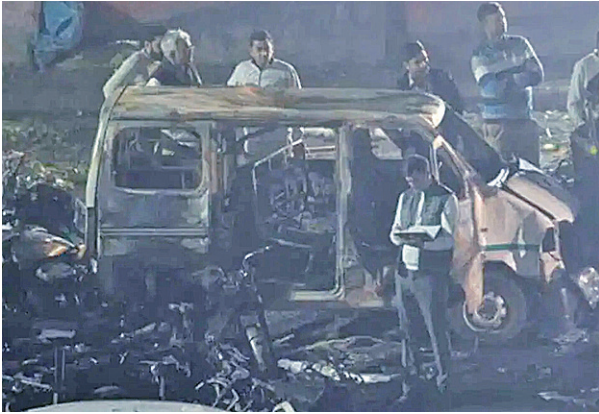
MI News Service, New Delhi:

The police have managed to establish a Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) link to the November 10 blast near the iconic Red Fort in Delhi. The police have learnt that it was a JeM operative who had instructed the accused persons on how to make the bombs.

Another major revelation that has come to light is that the accused were in the process of preparing 200 bombs, which were meant to go off simultaneously in Delhi and other parts of North India. The plan was to carry out bomb blasts across North Indian states, and for this, the ISI had handpicked a JeM operative to train the accused who were part of the Faridabad module.

The trainer, who goes by the name Hanzulla, was in touch with key accused Maulvi Iran Ahmed. He is the one who put Hanzulla in touch with the members of the Faridabad module, investigations have found. An official said that Hanzulla is a big name in the Jaish-e-Mohammad.

In fact, the JeM posters that came up in Jammu and Kashmir had the name of Commander Hanzulla Bhai written on them. It is these posters that prompted the investigations, which eventually led to the busting of the Farid-



abad module and seizures of 2,900 kilograms of ammonium nitrate.

This makes the explosive extremely potent, officials say. Such an explosive needs very little expertise to make and can be triggered easily. Owing to its potent nature, it can be placed in a vehicle and left in a crowded place. The explosive would go off automatically due to heat.

He was in close contact with Ahmed, who, in turn, put him in touch with Shakeel. It was Hanzulla who instructed him on what material to procure. Shakeel is the one who eventually transported the explosives. He also handed over the white i20 Hyundai car to the accused, which was finally used to carry out the explosion near the Red Fort.

Investigators say that the plan did not go as planned. What the probe has learnt so far is that the Faridabad module members had planned on carrying out the explosions simultaneously, the officer explained.

This explains the quantity of ammonium nitrate that had been procured by the accused persons. The plan was to carry out a series of 200 blasts in Delhi, Gurugram and Faridabad. Had this plan gone through, then the consequences would have been unthinkable, another officer added. The investigators are now on the trail of Hanzulla. So far, the probe has found that the module in Faridabad was being handled by Ahmed from Kashmir and another handler from Afghanistan.

IAF's Tejas fighter jet crash during Dubai air show leaves pilot dead

MI News Service, Dubai, 21 Nov.25 :

A Tejas fighter jet of the Indian Air Force crashed into the ground and went up in flames on Friday. The pilot was announced dead. The indigenous aircraft was participating in the Dubai Air Show on Friday afternoon, when it plunged to the ground around 2:10 pm local time while executing an aerial display before a large crowd. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil

Chauhan expressed condolences. The IAF said in a statement that a court of inquiry is being constituted. "An IAF Tejas aircraft met with an accident during an aerial display at Dubai Air Show, today. The pilot sustained fatal injuries in the accident. IAF deeply regrets the loss of life and stands firmly with the bereaved family in this time of grief. A court of inquiry is being constituted, to ascertain the cause of the accident," an Air Force spokesperson said.

India's first private PSLV launch likely early 2026 as production nears completion

MI News Service, New Delhi, 21 Nov.25 :

The first flight of privately-built PSLV rocket is likely to happen early next year, with at least two more launches planned for next year, according to one of the industry partners developing the rocket. "We have started delivering the PSLV hardware and we are hopeful that next year we will have two or three launches. This will of course depend on the payloads being ready as well as available slots with respect to ISRO's launch calendar," said AT Ramchandani, senior VP and Head, L&T Precision Engineering & Systems, which is a part of the consortium manufacturing the private PSLV launchers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in South Africa to attend G20 Leaders' Summit

MI News Service, Johannesburg, South Africa, 21 Nov.25 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Johannesburg on Friday to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome upon arrival.

PM Modi will attend the summit from November 21 to 23, marking a significant milestone as the first G20 summit held on the African continent. He will discuss key issues related to India and the global south.

This will be PM Modi's fourth official visit to South Africa, following his bilateral visit in 2016 and his attendance at the two BRICS summits in 2018 and 2023. This summit is the fourth consecutive G20 meeting hosted by the Global South, following Indonesia, India, and Brazil's presidencies. Prior to South Africa, the G20 presidencies were held by Brazil (2024), India (2023) and Indonesia (2022).

According to the Secretary (ER) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Sudhakar Dalela, G20 is an important forum, with countries in previous sessions agreeing



to have a consensus declaration, pilot, and take new initiatives on several themes that impact the Global South. "We are very happy that these discussions have carried forward under the presidency of Brazil and, of course, in South Africa under four vertices that South Africa has outlined for their own presidency. A number of achievements have been made throughout the year across various tracks in these areas. So we are very happy that the issues of importance to the Global South are at the centre of discussion and are being highlighted," the Secretary added.

The G20 comprises major economies represent-

ing 85% of global GDP and 75% of international trade. The forum has identified priority areas under South Africa's presidency theme of 'Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability'.

Regarding the bilateral meetings to be held on the sidelines of the G20, Secretary Dalela said they are in the process of organising them. He added that India and South Africa are democracies and that their cooperation has three pillars, one of which is political cooperation. The African Union, which became a permanent member of the G20 during India's 2023 presidency, will play a key role in shaping the summit's agenda.

Israel expects U.S. to safeguard its military edge amid Saudi F-35 deal

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israel expects Washington to preserve its access to more advanced U.S. weaponry, a spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office said on Thursday, commenting on U.S. plans to sell F-35 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia. Israel is currently the only Middle Eastern country operating the advanced stealth aircraft, and U.S. law requires that any arms sales in the region do not erode Israel's "qualitative military edge" over its neighbors.

"The United States and Israel have a long-standing understanding, which is that Israel maintains the qualitative edge when it comes to its defense," spokeswoman Shosh Bedrosian told reporters. "That has been true yesterday, that has been true today, and the Prime Minister (Benjamin Netanyahu) believes that will be true to-

morrow and in the future," she added.

The remarks were the first official comment from the Israeli government on the planned sale, announced on Monday by U.S. President Donald Trump during a White House meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. The proposed deal involves up to 48 F-35s, marking a shift after years of U.S. hesitation under previous administrations.

Israel and Saudi Arabia have not established formal diplomatic relations. During his visit to Washington, the Saudi crown prince said his kingdom wishes to normalize ties with Israel but wants to ensure "a clear path toward a two-state solution" that includes Palestinian statehood.

Netanyahu and his far-right government have been firmly opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

China announces 3.49-mln-USD HIV prevention support for South Africa

MI News Service, Johannesburg: To tackle HIV/AIDS in South Africa, China, through the China Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, has announced a two-year funding commitment of 3.49 million U.S. dollars.

The agreement, coordinated by UNAIDS, was unveiled Thursday during a ceremony at the Chinese Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, and is expected to strengthen South Africa's fight against HIV/AIDS, particularly among the youth.

South Africa, which has around 8 million people living with HIV and nearly 6 million on antiretroviral treatment, has been working to curb new infections, especially among key populations such as adolescents and young people aged 15 to 24 who are at higher risk of contracting HIV.

The investment into the fight against HIV/AIDS in the wake of funding cuts has been welcomed.

UNAIDS Executive Di-



rector Winnie Byanyima said this investment demonstrated China's commitment to multilateralism and cooperation within the global South. "It shows China's commitment to multilateralism and advancing South-South cooperation, through sharing of technology, innovation, and grant funding in our pursuit of universal health coverage and the goal of ending AIDS by 2030," she said.

The two-year, multi-million-dollar project is expected to reach 54,000 adolescents and young people, particularly those in technical and vocational education and training colleges in seven provinces.

Chinese Ambassador to

South Africa Wu Peng said the project is a concrete action to implement the Global Development Initiative and jointly build a global community of health for all.

"China stands firmly with South Africa as it strengthens its HIV prevention and treatment programs. In addition to this project, we stand ready to assist South Africa in establishing a sustainable HIV/AIDS response system through policy dialogue, innovative drug supply, technology transfer, and capacity building. We remain dedicated to working together to build a healthier, more resilient future for our two nations," he said.

Speaking after the ceremony, South African Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi welcomed the initiative, saying it would support efforts to reduce infections among young people. "Every donation counts in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Fighting this disease needs collective action from everyone," he said.

Earthquake of magnitude 4.3 strikes Afghanistan

MI News Service, Kabul, Afghanistan, 21 Nov.25 :

An earthquake of magnitude 4.3 struck Afghanistan on Friday afternoon, the National Center for Seismology (NCS) reported. In a post on X, NCS said, "EQ of M: 4.3, On: 21/11/2025 12:59:11 IST, Lat: 36.40 N, Long: 70.52 E, Depth: 170 Km, Location: Afghanistan." Earlier on November 8, an earthquake of magnitude 4.4 struck Afghanistan. In a post on X, he said, "EQ of M: 4.4, On: 08/11/2025 03:14:26 IST, Lat: 30.70 N, Long: 65.66 E, Depth: 180 Km, Location: Afghanistan." On November 4, a powerful earthquake rattled northern Afghanistan, killing at least 27 people and injuring 956 more, according to Sharafat Zaman Amar, the spokesperson for Taliban's Ministry of Public Health. The tremor also damaged one of the country's most beautiful mosques, CNN reported. Families were jolted awake in the early hours of Monday when the 6.3-magnitude quake struck near Mazar-i-Sharif, one of the most populated cities in the north of the country, at a shallow depth of 28 kilometers (17.4 miles), the United States Geological Survey said, as per CNN.

Hyderabad woman 'trapped' in Oman after being cheated by job agent

MI News Service, Hyderabad:

A 40-year-old woman from Hyderabad has allegedly been subjected to harassment and physical assault in Oman after being deceived by a job agent who reportedly confiscated her passport and demanded money for her return.

The woman, Fouzia Begum, a resident of MS Magta in Khairatabad, travelled to Oman on October 21, 2025, on a tourist visa arranged through a local travel agency. She had been seeking employment after her husband divorced her and was promised a housemaid job with a salary of Rs 30,000 per month by a Bengaluru-based agent identified as Siddique.

Upon arriving in Muscat, Fouzia was allegedly received by another agent and later taken to Al Buraimi, where her ordeal began.

The matter surfaced after her brother, Abdul Azeem, issued an appeal for assistance, which was shared on X by MBT leader Amjed Ullah Khan on No-



vember 20. Speaking to Siasat.com, Azeem said his sister sounded frightened and begged the family to bring her back.

He alleged that a group of four men and a 24-year-old woman had been harassing, intimidating and beating her while hurling abuses, pressuring her to "compromise", which she refused. Azeem said she was in severe distress when she last contacted the family.

Her passport was allegedly confiscated soon after she reached Oman, and the agent reportedly demanded Rs 2 lakh to return it. The family also claims

she is being denied adequate food and accommodation and is being forced to work in multiple homes under duress.

Azeem said Fouzia is a single mother of three children aged between 18 and 8 and had taken the overseas job solely to support her family. Their financial situation worsened earlier this year when the family took loans to send her son to Saudi Arabia; he returned within a week due to health issues, leaving them in further debt.

He has appealed to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and External Affairs Minister Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar to intervene urgently, locate Fouzia and ensure her safe repatriation. "We request the government to bring her back as soon as possible," he said.

Amjed Ullah Khan has also highlighted the matter on social media, tagging the MEA, the Indian Embassy in Muscat and migrant welfare groups, urging swift action.

U.S. army secretary optimistic after Kiev talks on new Ukraine peace plan: White House

MI News Service, Washington: U.S. Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll was "very optimistic" after meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kiev on Thursday to discuss a new U.S. peace plan, according to White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt.

Leavitt said at a briefing that U.S. President Donald Trump supports the emerging plan. "It's a good plan for both Russia and Ukraine, and we believe that it should be acceptable to both sides. And we're working very hard to get it done," she said.

She said U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff and State Secretary Marco Rubio have spent the past month quietly drafting the framework and "engaging with



both sides, Russia and Ukraine equally, to understand what these countries would commit to in order to see a lasting and durable peace."

Zelensky's office said in a statement Thursday that the Ukrainian presi-

dent would speak with Trump in the coming days to discuss "diplomatic opportunities and the key points required to achieve peace," according to reports.

U.S. media reports say the current draft plan con-

tains 28 points, including major territorial concessions by Ukraine and sharp reductions in its armed forces, as well as limits on access to long-range weapon types. The plan may also rule out the deployment of European peacekeeping forces to Ukraine after a ceasefire.

The disclosures have drawn sharp reactions in Europe, where officials fear being sidelined in the negotiating process and view aspects of the draft as favoring Russia. It was reported that EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas stressed Thursday that any viable peace plan requires the support of Ukraine and Europe. Russia-Ukraine talks have stalled since the Trump-Putin meeting in August in the U.S. state of Alaska.

Nortje returns to South Africa squad for T20Is against India, Hermann included for ODIs

JOHANNESBURG : Fast bowler Anrich Nortje has returned to South Africa's squad for the T20I series against India, to be held from December 9-19, while batter Rubin Hermann has earned a call up for the ODI leg of the tour taking place from November 30 to December 6.

Nortje, 32, last turned out for South Africa in the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup final against India in Barbados in June 2024. The fast bowler returned to competitive cricket through the CSA T20 Challenge with the Dolphins, after having fully recovered from a stress reaction injury that sidelined him from the Proteas' trips to Zimbabwe, Australia, and England.

"Of course, we'll miss KG (Kagiso Rabada) on this tour, but as we saw in the first Test win over India, this group has depth and that is one of our primary goals as a squad; to develop a unit filled with players who can step up at any time."

"Every time someone is unavailable, it opens the door for



another player to stand up. We want to see more players stand up as we have been seeing so often over the past couple of years."

"It's also really good to welcome Anrich back into the T20I side after he missed the previous tours through injury. We know exactly what he brings, so we're really looking forward to working with him," said head coach Shukri

Conrad in a statement.

Wicketkeeper-batter Hermann, meanwhile, made his ODI debut against Pakistan earlier this month. Temba Bavuma will lead the side in the ODI series against India to be played in Ranchi, Raipur, and Visakhapatnam. Aiden Markram returns to captain the T20I side for the series to be played in

Cuttack, New Chandigarh, Dharamsala, Lucknow, and Ahmedabad, with David Miller also back in the set-up and Ryan Rickelton finding no place.

"We're really looking forward to this white-ball tour for so many reasons. The T20I series in particular is an important opportunity for us to finalise our squad ahead of next year's T20 World Cup,

which will also be played in India. Getting clarity on combinations and roles now is crucial as we build towards that tournament.

"In the 50-over format, these matches will give us a clear picture of where we are as a group and what we need to keep building on as we shape the squad ahead of the 2027 World Cup," added Conrad.

South Africa ODI squad: Temba Bavuma (captain), Ottneil Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Matthew Breetzke, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Rubin Hermann, Keshav Maharaj, Marco Jansen, Aiden Markram, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, and Prenelan Subrayen.

South Africa T20I squad: Aiden Markram (captain), Ottneil Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj, George Linde, Kwena Maphaka, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, and Tristan Stubbs.

Asia Cup Rising Stars: Ripon Mondol's double-wicket super over knocks out India A in Doha

DOHA : Ripon Mondol delivered a breathtaking Super Over performance, conceding no runs and taking two wickets, to power Bangladesh A to victory over India A and into the final of the Asia Cup Rising Stars 2025/26 after a nerve-shredding first semifinal in Doha, Qatar. In a contest that swung wildly throughout, Mondol's ice-cold brilliance with the ball proved decisive as Bangladesh A edged out India A in dramatic fashion.

Earlier, India skipper Jitesh Sharma won the toss and opted to bowl on a true batting surface, but Bangladesh A made full use of the conditions.

Opener Habibur Rahman Sohan anchored the innings superbly with 65 off 46 balls, while Jishan Alam (26 off 14) and Zawad Abrar (13 off 19) chipped in with top-order contributions.

India A fought back admirably through spinners Harsh Dubey and Suyash Sharma, reducing Bangladesh A from a strong 108/2 to 130/6. Just as India A seized control, S M Meherob Hasan turned the match on its head.

Meherob unleashed a stunning counterattack-48* off 18 balls with six sixes-and alongside Yasir Ali (18 off 9)*, blasted 50 runs in the final two overs. Bangladesh A finished with a commanding 194/6 in 20 overs.

India A responded in blazing fashion. Vaibhav Suryavanshi tore into the bowlers from ball one, smashing 38 off 15 as India A stormed to 49/0 in 3 overs before

Abdul Gaffar Saqlain ended his onslaught. Priyansh Arya (44 off 23) kept the momentum going, but wickets fell around him.

Naman Dhir struggled for his 7 off 12, and India A slipped after the power-packed start, reaching 101/3 at the halfway mark, suddenly needing a rebuild.

The chase ebbed and flowed, ultimately coming down to 16 off the final over. Rakibul Hasan bowled five superb deliveries before a last-ball misfield gifted India A three runs, tying the game and forcing a Super Over.

Bangladesh A handed the ball to Ripon Mondol, and he produced pure magic. He dismissed Jitesh Sharma off the first ball, then removed Ashutosh Sharma the very next delivery, restricting India A to 0-a perfect super over from the young pacer.

Tasked with defending just 1 run, India A turned to Suyash Sharma. He removed Yasir Ali off the first ball, briefly raising hopes, but the next ball drifted down leg for a wide enough to seal the match and Bangladesh A's place in the final.

Brief scores: Bangladesh A 194/6 (Habibur Rahman 65, SM Meherib 48 not out; Gurjaonet Singh 2/39, Suyash Sharma 1/17) tie India A 194/6 (Priyansh Arya 44, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi 38; Rakibul Hasan 2/39, Abu Hider Rony 2/44)

Super over India A 0/2 in 0.2 overs lost to Bangladesh A 1/1 in 0.1 over by nine wickets

RUTURAJ GAIKWAD TO LEAD MAHARASHTRA IN 2025/26 SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

NEW DELHI : India opener Ruturaj Gaikwad has been named Maharashtra's captain for the 2025/26 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy starting on November 26, said the Maharashtra Cricket Association announced on Friday.

Gaikwad heads into the tournament on the back of strong form for India A in their 50-over series in Rajkot, where he amassed 210 runs, including a century. Maharashtra will play its group stage fixtures at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, and will start their campaign against Jammu and Kashmir on November 26.

Apart from J&K, Maharashtra will also face off against Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Chandigarh in their Elite Group B league matches. Meanwhile, Shubham Khajuria has been named captain of the J&K team.

The squad includes fast bowler Umran Malik and hard hitting batter Abdul Samad, both of whom bring valuable experience to the side whose fortunes in the Ranji Trophy have been on a high. For their white-ball games, they will have the services of their guest player leg-spinner Murugan Ashwin, who previously played for Tamil Nadu and Chandigarh.

Previously, Jharkhand named wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan as their captain for the tournament, where they are slotted in Elite Group D, alongside Delhi, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Saurashtra, and Tripura in Ahmedabad.

Karnataka, meanwhile, have named Mayank Agarwal as their captain, with availability of Devdutt Padikkal, Prasidh Krishna and KL Rahul depending on their selection for the ongoing multi-format series against South Africa.

Maharashtra squad: Ruturaj Gaikwad (C), Prithvi Shaw, Arshin Kulkarni, Rahul Tripathi, Azim Kazi, Nikhil Naik (WK), Ramakrishna Ghosh, Vicky Ostwal, Tanay Sanghvi, Mukesh Choudhary, Prashant Solanki, Mandar Bhandari (WK), Jalaj Saxena, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Yogesh Dongare, Ranjit Nikam Jammu & Kashmir squad: Qamran Iqbal, Shubham Khajuria (c), Vivrant Sharma, Musaif Ajiaz, Abdul Samad, Yawer Hassan, Kanhaiya Wadhawan (vc), Abid Mushtaq, Vanshaj Sharma, Ashwin Murugan, Yudhvir Singh, Auqib Nabi, Umran Malik, Nasir Lone, and Sunil Kumar.



Digboi Masters: Yuvraj Sandhu canters to a thumping seven-stroke victory for third title

DIGBOI : Yuvraj Sandhu bounced back in style after two successive playoff losses as he cantered to a thumping seven-stroke triumph on Friday for his third victory in the Digboi Masters, an INR 1 crore event, played at the Digboi Golf Links in Digboi in Assam.

Yuvraj (65-69-66-69), who enjoyed an impressive six-stroke lead after round three, shot a determined three-under 69 in round four to total 19-under 269 for the week at the landmark 25th edition of the IndianOil SERVO Masters. The 28-year-old from Chandigarh, as a result, clinched his fifth win of the season and further built on his lead in the PGTI Order of Merit.

Yuvraj, the wire-to-wire champion, secured the winning cheque of INR 15 lakh to take his season earnings to INR 1,21,67,100. Sandhu now enjoys a lead of over INR 29 lakh in the PGTI Ranking. Jamal Hossain (68-73-70-65) of Bangladesh, last year's winner, fired the final day's lowest score of 65 to jump six spots from his overnight tied eighth to second position at a total of 12-under 276.

Deven Bhumij of Digboi, the only local professional to make the cut, ended the week in 54th place at 10-over 298.

Yuvraj Sandhu, the leader from Day One till the end, equalled his previous best of five wins in a PGTI season, a feat he achieved in 2022. Sandhu had an



early stutter on Friday when he bogeyed the second. However, he came back strong with birdies on the third and fifth and an eagle conversion from eight feet on the seventh to build an imposing eight-shot lead.

Yuvraj's bogeys on the 12th and 17th were negated by his birdies on the 15th and 16th as he sailed to a comfortable win at the end. Yuvraj, who also holds the record for the lowest winning total of 23-under 265 in Digboi, said, "It was a pretty relaxed day as I enjoyed a big lead at the start of the round. I was trying to get to my goal of greens in regulation. But after the eagle on the sev-

enth, I was once again in my zone and was looking to break my record of the lowest winning total in Digboi.

"Digboi will always be special for me as I won my first PGTI title here. I'm delighted to win here for the third time, and winning by a big margin is something I always cherish.

"The playoff losses in the last two matches were disappointing, but I took it as a learning curve, and my team did a good job in getting me to put my head down and keep doing what I was doing well. My team's belief in me and all the work I've put into the mental side of my game helped me

overcome the last two playoff losses and get back to winning ways this week," added Yuvraj, who registered his 14th professional win on Friday.

Jamal Hossain's 65 featured an eagle and five birdies. Jamal's runner-up finish earned him a cheque worth INR 10 lakh and saw him climb from eighth to fifth place in the PGTI Ranking.

Shaurya Bhattacharya (67), Saptak Talwar (69), and Veer Ahlawat (70) finished tied third with totals of 11-under 277. Shaurya's tied third result lifted him from third to second position in the PGTI Ranking as his season earnings moved to INR 92,52,075.

Carse lauds 'phenomenal' Stokes after 19-wicket Ashes opener



PERTH : Brydon Carse hailed Ben Stokes' inspirational leadership after England mounted a stunning fightback with the ball on a dramatic opening day of the first Test of the 2025-26 Ashes in Perth, where 19 wickets fell - the most ever on Day 1 of an Ashes series.

After being skittled for just 172 in 32.5 overs - England's second-shortest Ashes innings in history - the visitors roared back to reduce Australia to 123 for 9, leaving the hosts trailing by 49 heading into day two. Carse spearheaded the revival by dismissing Steven Smith and Usman Khawaja, before Stokes produced a spell for the ages, claiming 5 for 45 in ten overs to shred Australia's lower middle order.

Carse revealed that Stokes had set the tone for the day even

before a ball was bowled, insisting the squad walk together to the ground, a decision that added to the high-voltage atmosphere created by over 51,000 spectators. "Stokesy came up with that idea last night," Carse said. "We came in at about 8.30 am because if we were half an hour later, we might have got a bit more stick from the Aussie fans. It was electric... the energy throughout the day was awesome."

Despite England's batting collapse, Stokes' calmness and clarity at the innings break sparked the turnaround. "Stokesy kept it really simple," Carse explained. "We had 45-50 minutes before tea, and he said to the lads with the ball, just give everything. The way Gus Atkinson and Jofra started was phenomenal. After tea, the

message was similar - just do it for longer."

England's bold decision to field five fast bowlers - a rarity in Test cricket - paid immediate dividends on a lively Optus Stadium pitch. Short, sharp bursts from Jofra Archer and Mark Wood prevented Australia's batters from settling, and Carse believes England's depth will be a major asset across the series.

"I haven't played in a lot of attacks with five seamers, but everyone complements each other," he said. "We're six or seven seamers with different attributes. Hopefully that stands us in good stead."

But Stokes' performance, aura, and example, Carse insisted, remained the heartbeat of England's hopes of reclaiming the urn in Australia for the first time since 2010-11. "His character and enthusiasm around the group, and the way he goes about his business, is phenomenal," Carse added. "Everyone looks up to him. He's in beast mode at the moment."

For Carse, playing his first Ashes Test in Australia, the occasion lived up to every bit of its hype. "I felt nervous, excited ... going into a bit of the unknown, but just trying to soak it all up. It's been a phenomenal day. We'll go back to the hotel and have a quiet night."

Looking ahead to day two, Carse expects conditions to ease and England's batters to respond with greater conviction. "The first thing tomorrow is to knock over the last wicket," he said. "We've seen batting can get easier. Some guys were proactive, even Carey at the end. Our batters will know the game plan for the second innings."

HOCKEY: IRELAND AND AUSTRALIA TOUCH DOWN IN INDIA FOR FIH MEN'S JR WORLD CUP

MADURAI : The Irish and Australian team arrived in India ahead of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Tamil Nadu 2025. Ireland was the first to reach Madurai, arriving on Friday afternoon. Meanwhile, just before the Irish side, it was the Australian team who touched down in Chennai.

Ireland have been drawn in Pool A, where they will face Canada, Germany, and South Africa in the group stage. The Green Machine, as they are popularly known, open their campaign against Canada on November 28, before taking on South Africa on November 29 and concluding their pool fixtures against Germany on December 1.

Ireland have their task cut out from the get-go in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup. Speaking on the task ahead, coach Neville Rothman said, "This is my first time in Madurai, and the welcome has been unbelievable, truly something I will never forget. India's hospitality is always special. Our preparations have gone well, the mood in the camp is excellent, and the boys are excited. We're focused on putting forward the best version of ourselves." He further added, "We open our campaign against Canada. We have a few ideas and plans for the match, but ultimately, our approach is simple: we want to be at our best and execute as well as we can. As for the tournament, we are taking it one game at a time. We'll stay grounded, keep improving, and see where that takes us." Earlier in the day, the Australian junior men's hockey team - proudly known as the

Burras - entered the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup with one of the most decorated histories in the competition. A benchmark of consistency and talent, they have amassed six Junior World Cup medals, showcasing their enduring strength across generations.

Australia made a memorable debut in 1982, finishing with a silver medal, a feat they repeated in 1989.

Their strong run of performances continued as they secured a bronze medal in 1993, before reaching the pinnacle of junior hockey in 1997, when they claimed their first-ever gold medal, defeating India in a gripping final in Melton Kenyes. The Burras added yet another silver to their tally in 2005, and in 2009, they returned to the podium with a bronze medal, reaffirming their status among the sport's elite.

As they prepare for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup, Australia will compete in

Pool F, drawn alongside Bangladesh, France, and Korea. The Australian colts will kick off their campaign on November 29 in Chennai, facing Bangladesh in what they hope will be the first step toward another deep run in the competition.

Looking ahead, Australian coach Jay Stacy, who is a four-time Olympian and a three-time Olympic medalist, said, "The FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Tamil Nadu 2025 is a big tournament and we've had our eye on this since the beginning of the year in the qualifier in New Zealand. Then we had a European tour, and then the Johor Cup as well. So, we're building and building some confidence because in Australia, we don't train together.

So, for us, it's more about concentrating on our strengths, scouting the opposition as much as we can, and putting together some consistent performances."

