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Bullet- riddled body of TMC worker found in Orchard

MI News Service, Malda: Tension gripped Malda once again after the bullet-riddled body of local TMC worker Obaidullah Khan was recovered from a mango orchard in English Bazar on Tuesday morning. Obaidullah, a resident of the College More Bathan area under Kalichak police station and involved in the coal trade, had gone missing on Monday evening after leaving home on his motorcycle around 4 p.m. When repeated calls to his phone went unanswered, his family grew alarmed and lodged a missing diary at Kalichak police station later that night. Following this, police launched a search operation. On Tuesday morning, residents of the Katagar area under English Bazar police station limits discovered a blood-soaked body lying in a mango orchard. Police reached the spot promptly and recovered both the body and the motorcycle.

Family members have alleged that Obaidullah was killed in a premeditated attack, suggesting that he may have been targeted due to personal or political reasons. However, investigators have not confirmed any motive, and no arrests have been made so far. A preliminary inquiry has begun, and forensic teams have been deployed to examine the crime scene, collect ballistic evidence, and determine the sequence of events leading to the murder. The incident has triggered shock and anxiety across the district, which has witnessed several episodes of political tension and sporadic violence in recent months. Authorities have remained tight-lipped about specific leads, but additional police forces have been deployed to maintain peace and prevent any flare-ups. The case has underscored growing concerns over security in the region, as residents wait for clarity on who was behind the killing and why Obaidullah was targeted.

Tension in Digha as youth killed after love affair rumour

MI News Service, Digha: Tension spread through Digha after a 29-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death following accusations of an affair with a married woman. The incident occurred late Sunday night near the Padima 1 gram panchayat office under the Digha Mohana Coastal police station. The deceased, identified as Tapas Maiti, was a resident of the Khadalgoobra area.

According to local sources, members of the woman's family confronted Maiti and allegedly branded him a thief before physically assaulting him. Eyewitnesses reported that the attack seemed pre-planned and was likely motivated by personal resentment linked to the suspected relationship. Maiti, severely injured, was rushed by locals to Digha State General Hospital. As his condition deteriorated, he was referred to Kanthi Sub-divisional Hospital, where doctors declared him dead by noon on Monday. Maiti's family reached the hospital shortly after and identified the body. They alleged that he had been murdered in a deliberate and coordinated attack, demanding prompt arrests and a thorough investigation. Police have detained several individuals for questioning and begun a suo motu case, as no formal complaint had been filed until Tuesday evening. Digha police station officer-in-charge Amit Pramanik confirmed that an inquiry is in progress, and further legal steps will depend on the post-mortem findings. Meanwhile, police presence has been increased in the locality to prevent any flare-ups, as the situation remains tense. The incident has left residents shocked and has raised concerns about rising vigilante actions and personal vendetta-driven violence in the region. Authorities continue to monitor the area closely while the investigation progresses.

11 Peacocks Rescued Near Bengal Border During Smuggling Attempt



MI News Service, Krishnaganj: In a late-night operation, personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF) prevented an attempt to smuggle 11 peacocks across the Indo-Bangladesh border near Krishnaganj's Phulbari area on Monday. The birds were later handed over to the forest department, which has planned to

relocate them to forest areas in Purulia, officials said. According to BSF's 32 Battalion, a jawan on duty noticed a group of men throwing three large packets across the barbed-wire fence toward the Bangladesh side around midnight. Suspecting smuggling activity, the jawan alerted his team. Meanwhile, a group of suspected Bangladeshi smugglers approached the packets from the opposite side. When BSF personnel reached the spot and attempted to intercept them, the group allegedly tried to retaliate. BSF officials claimed that they fired two rounds from PAG guns for self-defence. The suspected smugglers from the Bangladesh side also allegedly fired one

round before fleeing under the cover of darkness. Once the area was secured, BSF troops recovered the packets and found 11 live peacocks inside. The birds appeared stressed but in stable condition, officials added. A BSF spokesperson said, "Smuggling of protected wildlife across the border has been a repeated concern, and increased patrolling has helped foil several such attempts. This successful interception was possible due to alert troops and strict vigil along the border." The forest department has initiated medical examination of the rescued birds and will monitor their condition before rehabilitation.



Teaching and non-teaching staff of the West Bengal Recognized (Un-Aided) Madrasah Teachers' Association took part in a protest rally, marching in the "Kalighat Abhiyan" to demand government aid, including salary (honorarium) for teaching and non-teaching staff, permanency of their posts, building grants, free uniforms, books, and mid-day meals for students, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

"BLOs under immense pressure, ECI destroying democracy": Kalyan Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee on Tuesday said that BLOs are under "immense pressure" and the Election Commission is "destroying democracy", amid the protests carried out in front of the Election Commission (EC) office. He said, "Immense pressure is being created upon the BLOs. BLOs distribute and collect forms all day, and at night, they have to upload them all. The servers are down; they can't upload them. They're under pressure. Middle-aged and older people aren't accustomed to computers and uploading. It's much easier for young people and those under 40. So they're under a lot of pressure. The Election Commission is destroying democracy."

He alleged that the 'name of the relative' section is becoming a reason for the "rejection" of people's enumeration form. He said, "Another thing I want to tell you is about the enumeration form. In the 'name of relative' section, they expect only the parents' names to be entered. Still, technically, the uncle is also a relative, and the elder brother can be one too. But they are not accepting their names and saying that I will not accept this enumeration form if you have filled this section with your uncle's name. The question is now whether the app will decide my legal right or if the app has to be created based on my legal right."

On Tuesday, tensions escalated outside the Election Commission (EC) office in Kolkata as protesters gathered to oppose the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise underway in West Bengal. Police quickly set up barricades around the office as demonstrators surrounded the main gate, demanding clarity on the ongoing process. Several protestors, including teachers, expressed concerns over the accelerated pace of the SIR exercise. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) North Kolkata District President Tamoghna Ghosh alleged that some individuals attempting to enter the office were "TMC goons" intending to commit hooliganism. Currently, a nationwide SIR is underway in 12 states and union territories, including West Bengal, with the final electors' list to be published on February 7, 2026. These states and UTs include

Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed serious concerns over the ongoing SIR in the state, urging the Election Commission to intervene immediately. Sharing her concerns over a letter on X, the West Bengal CM addressed to CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Banerjee described the SIR exercise as "unplanned, chaotic and dangerous," highlighting gaps in training, lack of clarity on documentation, and the impossibility of meeting voters amidst their work schedules. The Chief Minister expressed serious concerns about the ongoing SIR, citing inadequate planning, insufficient training, and unrealistic timelines that are "compromising the process's credibility."

Wife and her lover sentenced to life imprisonment for husband's murder

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: Nearly two years after the brutal killing of a 32-year-old man in Nadia district, a local court has sentenced the victim's wife and her alleged lover to life imprisonment. The verdict was pronounced by the Krishnanagar District Sessions Court on Tuesday, a day after both were held guilty on charges of murder.



The incident dates back to October 25, 2023, when Bipul Byapari, a resident of Bagachhara Goalpara under Krishnanagar Kotwali police limits, was found critically injured inside his home with severe head injuries. He was rushed to Krishnanagar District Hospital and later shifted to NRS Medical College in Kolkata due to deteriorating condition. Bipul succumbed to his injuries on November 5, 2023 while undergoing treatment.

According to the complaint filed by Bipul's father, Hiralal Byapari, the victim had allegedly caught his wife, Papiya Byapari, and her alleged partner Jayanta Barui in a compromising position on the night of the incident. To conceal the relationship, the duo allegedly attacked Bipul with a heavy iron hammer, leaving him unconscious before fleeing the scene.

Police registered a case of murder following the complaint and arrested both accused.

During the trial, the prosecution examined 21 witnesses, including medical experts and police officials. Forensic reports, injury analysis and circumstantial evidence played a key role in establishing the crime, officials said.

Speaking to reporters, public prosecutor Kutubuddin Sheikh said, "The prosecution successfully proved the murder charge. Based on witness statements and evidence, the court handed life imprisonment to both convicts."

The court has also imposed fines on the accused as part of the sentencing, officials confirmed.

BLOs Beat Deadline, Earn Accolades, Even as Work Pressure Triggers Suicides Elsewhere in Bengal

MI News Service, Kalyani: At a time when booth-level officers (BLOs) across West Bengal are battling technical glitches, mounting workload and severe anxiety during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, three BLOs from Nadia have set a rare example, completing over 90 % of their works, well before the November 25 deadline and earning official commendation.

Hanskhali BLO completes entire work in just 17 days. In Hanskhali block, primary school teacher Wahid Akram Mondal, posted as BLO at Barachupuria Primary School, finished digitisation and form-filling of all 806 voters under his booth in just 17 days.

Starting work on November 4, Wahid completed everything by November 21, four days ahead of schedule.

The Hanskhali BDO, Sayantan Bhattacharya, publicly felicitated him and later highlighted his achievement on social media. "While many BLOs are suffering from extreme stress, Wahid's dedication and punctuality show what disciplined planning can achieve," the BDO said.

Wahid said his approach was simple - finish fieldwork early, assist households directly, digitise forms immediately when the app functioned and never delay tasks.

He admitted technical issues with the app but said working during active hours helped him stay ahead. "I



didn't take stress. I followed the training and kept working steadily," Wahid said. Two Haringhata BLOs also were felicitated.

In Haringhata block, two more BLOs earned the Election Commission's recognition for completing over 90% of SIR tasks before deadline.

Samresh Mondal BLO for Part 249 at Thansara village of Haringhata (SC) Assembly Constituency and

Sujit Mondal, BLO for Part 203 of Baruni village completed their tasks in time.

Both officers were working in their home villages, which they say offered an advantage.

Samresh, a resident of Thansara, said people trusted him easily, making form collection smoother. His students and village youths helped him guide residents and complete paperwork. He worked late nights to finish digitisation and even guided fellow BLOs unfamiliar with the technical

process. Sujit Mondal, an assistant teacher at Dighalgram Primary School, adopted a structured plan from Day 1.

He sorted and distributed forms within the first two to three nights and trained local youths to assist villagers. Within 10-12 days, he had finished almost 80% of collection and digitisation.

But he admitted the strain: "The app version keeps changing. Server problems, network issues and this one-month time frame is too short. Two months would have been ideal."

Haringhata BDO Mahasweta Biswas confirmed that the felicitations were in line with Election Commission guidelines.

While, the alleged work pressure of BLOs, has led to a few to commit suicide, the in time completion of the same jobs has set up a positive instance in the said arena, a senior citizen said.



Mayor Firhad Hakim addresses the SIR review meeting of the South Kolkata District Trinamool Congress at Terapanth Bhawan in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Publication of Chandpur Nuria Foundation's "Bangadarpan"

Nurul Islam Khan : The official inauguration of the weekly "Bangadarpan" magazine was held at Chandpur Alia Academy Mission in Deganga block of North 24 Parganas. The inauguration ceremony was attended by West Bengal Public Service Commission member Sabir Siddhartha Gaffar and Prominent social worker and Chairman of the National Media Council, Mostafiz Hashemi, along with President of the Barasat Press Club, Dhritarashtra Dutta, Alhaj Dr. Firoy Uddin Mohammad Shafi, Secretary of Chandpur Alia Academy Management Council. Lawyer Md. Shamim Uddin, Lawyer Saheb Ali, Editor of Bangadarpan Newspaper Md. Abu Hanifa, Executive Editor Saiful Islam, Co-Editor of Alia Academy Management Council Minhaj Uddin, Saidul Islam of Alia Academy, Alhaj Md. Ershad Ali, Academic In-charge of the Mission, Enamul Haque Molla, Education Officer of the Panchayat Samiti, and many others were present at the event that day. A group of active members of social media and local invited guests brightened up the meeting. Keeping in mind social responsibility,



one of the leading education, health, culture and social welfare organizations in the region participated in this inaugural ceremony in collaboration with "Chandpur Nooriya Ya Siddiqiya Welfare Foundation", blankets were distributed as gifts to 500 poor, helpless and widows from different parts of Deganga area. In this regard, Alhaj Dr. Firoy Uddin Mohammad Shafi, social worker and educationist, editor of Chandpur "Alia Academy Management Council" and head of Chandpur Nuria Siddiquia Welfare Foundation, said, As a moral responsibility towards society, like every year, these gifts were distributed among the helpless,

poor and widows. It is noteworthy that on this day, an independent organization called "United Digital Media Council" was formed in addition to publishing the weekly newspaper "Bangadarpan" at the SRM Conference Hall of Chandpur Alia Academy Mission. The organization's chief advisor is National Media Council Chairman and social worker Mostafiz Hashemi, Dhritarashtra Dutta was elected president, and Alhaj Dr. Firoy Uddin Mohammad Shafi was unanimously nominated as vice-president. Along with this educational meeting, blankets were distributed to the needy. Many expressed their joy at receiving the winter clothes.

Suwendu Adhikari alleges misuse of police by TMC during SIR, asks ECI to deploy CAPF for poll duty

MI News Service, Kolkata : Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, on Tuesday wrote to the Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging violation of the "neutrality" principle and misuse of police by the TMC government during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state.

Adhikari flagged the participation of serving police officers and TMC leaders at the Second State Conference of Women Police Personnel held on Saturday, terming it as the ruling party's political rally.

He accused the TMC of "election rigging" and calling the SIR exercise a "scam."

Adhikari demanded that the poll body bar the West Bengal Police from primary election duties in the upcoming 2026 Assembly elections and deploy the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

"This matter pertains to a so-called "Second State Conference of Women Police Personnel" organised under the guise of the

West Bengal Police Welfare Committee on November 22, 2025, at Digha, Purba Medinipur district. What was ostensibly a welfare event for Police Personnel has been exposed as nothing short of a brazen political rally orchestrated by the Trinamool Congress (TMC) party, with active participation from serving Police Officers and TMC Ministers, MLAs and Leaders all in flagrant violation of the principles of neutrality & impartiality. This event, attended by high-ranking Police officials... along with the entire central leadership of the Welfare Committees, was hijacked for partisan political purposes," he wrote in the letter to the ECI.

Further, the BJP leader accused TMC Ministers Shiuli Saha and Manas Ranjan Bhunia of their attacks at the Centre, allegedly accusing the Opposition in the state of "licking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's boots."

He wrote, "Several TMC ministers present at the event, including Shiuli Saha (Minister of State, Panchayats & Rural Devel-

opment), Manas Ranjan Bhunia (Minister, Irrigation & Waterways and Water Resources Investigation & Development), and others used the platform to launch scurrilous attacks on the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi Ji, and the Central Government. Shiuli Saha derisively accused opposition leaders of "licking Modi's boots" while defending the Police's subservience to the TMC Supremo as mere "loyalty."

"Manas Ranjan Bhunia went further, labelling the ongoing SIR (Special Intensive Revision) exercise as a "huge scandal" and "kleenankari" (scam), alleging widespread name deletions from beneficiary lists orchestrated by the Central Government. He lambasted the Centre for withholding funds across sectors like Police modernisation, irrigation, education, drinking water, electricity, roads, housing, and MGNREGA wages, conveniently ignoring facts and turning a Police welfare event into a TMC propaganda fest," the BJP leader added in the letter.

‘Don't try to play with me’, warns: Mamata alleging 'political sabotage' against TMC

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of New Delhi. A 10-member team of Trinamool Congress Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members was constituted to spearhead the anti-SIR movement in New Delhi and take up the matter with the Chief Election Commissioner of India at the poll panel's headquarters in the national capital. Trinamool Congress sources said that Bangaon has been chosen as the venue of the anti-SIR rally and protest march, considering the heavy concentration of people from the Matua community in those pockets. Trinamool Congress had already started campaigning that the SIR would result in the deletion of the names of people from the Matua community. Matuas are a Hindu population from the backward class coming as refugees from neighbouring Bangladesh and settling in different districts of West Bengal, which have international borders with the neighbouring country. Their concentrations are mainly in the Nadia and North 24 Parganas district

About one billion tonnes of limestone reserves found in J-K

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government to ensure hand-holding of successful bidders for the seven limestone blocks, he said the ministry will extend support to the UT. Anil Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, J-K Mining Department, said the pioneering initiative of e-auction of seven limestone blocks is expected to bring in approximately Rs 500 crore revenue for the Union Territory. "The transparent electronic bidding process will boost investor confidence, open new opportunities for entrepreneurship, ensure setting up of cement and other mineral-based industries and generate substantial employment opportunities for the local population," he said. He said they are also in the process of processing 24 new landform blocks which will be brought to e-auction by March next year with an estimated revenue of around Rs 1,500 crore for the UT, further accelerating economic growth and development. Singh said J-K has embarked on a new horizon in mining by introduction of Integrated Mining Surveillance System (IMSS) which employs satellite imaging monitors to keep a watch on illegal mining activities. The department is also conducting a trial run of various advanced technology within a fortnight to make mining operations fully transparent and accountable, he said, adding the system would become fully operational by early January 2026. He said citizens would soon be able to register complaints directly through mobile applications, further strengthening public participation.

Assam govt tables bill to ban polygamy

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apply cases involving minority Muslim residents in Scheduled Areas before 2005, who will remain outside the purview of the law. The Chief Minister further touched upon various ongoing government initiatives, including the scrutiny of arms license applications, which are expected to see the first batch of approvals by February, and measures to regulate land sale permissions across districts. Highlighting demographic trends, Sarma cited census data from 2001 to 2011, noting that while the growth rate of the Hindu population has declined, the Muslim population has shown an increase across several blocks in Assam.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a gathering condemning the SIR programme and protesting an alleged “political sabotage” by the EC and the BJP at a massive rally held at Bongaon in North 24 Parganas on Tuesday.

Abhishek Questions EC Transparency, Calls for Open Meeting

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress has intensified its protest against the SIR process, taking its agitation beyond Bengal and into the national capital — a move earlier announced by the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee. On Tuesday, Abhishek placed a fresh challenge before the Election Commission, questioning its transparency and demanding that the Commission respond to all queries raised by Trinamool MPs on camera. He urged that the meeting between the MPs and the Commission be telecast live, asserting that only then would the public know whether the process has truly been conducted impartially. On Monday, Abhishek Banerjee had announced that the Trinamool Congress would launch a full-fledged SIR-related protest in Delhi. For this, he constituted a team of 10 Members of Parliament



and directed them to meet the Chief Election Commissioner at the Commission's headquarters in the capital. According to sources, the delegation includes senior MPs Sudip Bandopadhyay, Saugata Roy,

Kalyan Banerjee, Derek O'Brien, Shatabdi Roy, Dola Sen, Mahua Moitra, Prakash Chik Baraik, Sajda Ahmed, Mamata Bala Thakur and Saket Gokhale.

However, the Election Commission has agreed to meet only five MPs, informing the party that a five-member delegation will be permitted to visit the Delhi office. The meeting has been scheduled for Friday, 28 November at 11 a.m. The Commission has also asked the Trinamool to submit the names of the representatives in advance. But Abhishek has maintained that all 10 MPs will go, raising the possibility of a fresh confrontation.

Another flashpoint has emerged from Abhishek's public challenge to the Commission. In a strongly worded social media post, he questioned the credibility of selective leaks after closed-door meetings and demanded a live telecast of the

entire interaction. "Our MPs are people's elected representatives. They are not like the Chief Election Commissioner or other commissioners, whose hands are tied by the government," he wrote. "Selective leaking of portions of the meeting to create an illusion of transparency will not be accepted." Abhishek added, "If the Election Commission is truly transparent, why fear just 10 MPs? Hold an open meeting. We have five straightforward questions. Answer them in a live telecast." Echoing his sentiments, several Trinamool MPs — including Sagarika Ghose — have also questioned whether the Commission functions transparently or only behind closed doors. Recently, the Trinamool Congress has also issued strict instructions to its organisational leaders, warning that no laxity will be tolerated in party-assigned duties related to the ongoing SIR process.

Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind Raises Concerns Over Large-Scale Name Deletions in Draft Voter List

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal State Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind on Tuesday expressed serious concerns over what it described as "unprecedented large-scale name deletions" in the draft voter list published by the Election Commission on October 17 across 13 districts of the state. Addressing a press conference in Kolkata, Jamiat president Maulana Siddiqullah Chowdhury said that widespread dissatisfaction has emerged among the general public after many eligible voters, including senior citizens, widows, labourers, tea garden workers, migrant workers and members of backward communities, reportedly found their names missing from the draft list. Chowdhury said that despite prior discussions with political parties, the extent of deletions indicates the need for a thorough review of the process. He urged the Commission to ensure transparency and fairness while



State Minister of Mass Education Extension and Library Services of West Bengal and President of Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind Siddiqullah Chowdhury, addresses a press conference over Special Intensive Revision (SIR) at Press Club in Kolkata on Tuesday.

revising the electoral roll. The Jamiat placed several demands before the Commission, including immediate steps to restore the names of eligible voters who were wrongly removed, strict monitoring of Booth Level Officers (BLOs), and a re-examination of voter list patterns since

2002 in areas where deletions appear unusually high. The organisation also stressed the need for prioritised assistance to vulnerable groups during the correction period and called for intensified awareness campaigns to help citizens navigate the voter list update process.

Kalyan Banerjee Slams SIR App Glitches

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress has maintained its objections to the SIR process from the very beginning, with the party's top leadership consistently raising concerns. According to officials, nearly half of the digitisation work has already been completed following the distribution of the forms. However, in the middle of this ongoing process, Trinamool MP Kalyan Banerjee has levelled serious allegations, claiming that confusion has arisen regarding the names of close relatives. He has asserted that even the names of immediate family members are not being accepted by the Commission. The enumeration form includes a designated section for entering the name of a relative. The accompanying guidelines had initially

specified that names from the father's side—primarily the grandmother or grandfather—should be provided. Although this rule was later amended, the revised guidelines do not clearly specify which relatives' names are now considered acceptable. Speaking to reporters, the MP from Serampore stated, "Apart from parents, an uncle or elder brother is also a relative. But their names are not being accepted. The app is simply rejecting these entries." He questioned, "How can an app decide my legal rights?" Banerjee argued that unless these issues are addressed immediately, it will not be possible to complete the SIR process in a fair and transparent manner. He also raised concerns regarding the workload imposed on Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

BLO group sits through night at CEO office as standoff over workload intensifies

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Mandal, a BLO told media persons during the protest outside the CEO office on Monday. A 52-year-old para teacher Rinku Tarafdar, working as a BLO in West Bengal's Nadia district ended her life on Sunday prompting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to raise questions on the cost of lives during the SIR process. A section of BLOs have held several protests across West Bengal against the "unbearable work pressure". Three BLOs have died in West Bengal so far during the SIR process. Two have ended their lives, while one died under unnatural circumstances. The BLOs have raised major concerns — slow election commission portal, lack of edit option, additional data entry work, door-to-door visits, and political pressure — in the past 20 days since the enumeration form distribution process began November 4. The BLOs have also sought for a

deadline extension for the digitisation of enumeration forms — a process to be completed by December 4 — citing slow portal. Meanwhile, CEO Manoj Kumar Agarwal said he met telecom officials and representatives of all service providers to ensure uninterrupted Internet connectivity for the digitisation work. "Connectivity issues can be there in a few places for a few hours or few days but the problem isn't there for the whole time to come. The black zones are very few in number. We have told the Block Development Officers and District Election Officials that centralised spaces can be there with Wi-Fi connectivity. Many people can sit together and do the digitisation work there," he said, adding that over 10 lakh enumeration forms have so far been identified as "uncollectable". These forms are "uncollectable" since the voters were not found in their registered addresses, Agarwal said.



Gomira Mask Dance during the Heritage Week at Victoria Memorial Ground in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Delhi airport cancels and delays flights due to volcanic ash from Ethiopia

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Space Agency's Sentinel-2 and reports from the Toulouse Volcanic Ash Advisory Center showed the ash plume spreading rapidly over thousands of kilometers. A thick cloud of ash from the Hayli Gubbi volcanic eruption, which reached India Tuesday, prompting aviation authorities to issue guidelines, impacting flight operations in the country. The plume of ash reached Delhi around 11 pm on Monday, and drifted over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana. According to IMD's latest update, it will move towards China next, and is expected to leave India by 7:30 pm today. The ash plumes which have entered India are at a height of more than 10 km above the ground, according to the

India Meteorological Department (IMD). Therefore, Delhi's pollution level is unlikely to worsen owing to the volcanic ash cloud. However, due to its height, it has disrupted international flights in the Capital, with several of them being delayed. Air India and Akasa Air have cancelled some flights amid the ash cloud influence. In the advisory released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, airlines have been asked to immediately report any suspected ash encounter. This includes any "engine performance anomalies or cabin smoke or odour" due to the volcanic ash over parts of North India. Meanwhile, operators have been directed to inspect runways, taxiways and aprons to ensure safety if the ash affects flight operations in airports.

Modi hoists saffron flag atop Ayodhya Ram temple, marking its completion

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flag, measuring 10 feet in height and 20 feet in length, features the image of a radiant Sun, the sacred symbol 'Om', and the Kovidara tree. The flag hoisting was done on 'Aubhijit Muhurat', a planetary constellation considered auspicious by Hindus, temple officials said. The General Secretary of the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, Champat Rai, said the ceremony marked the formal completion of the construction of Ram temple. The saffron colour of the flag symbolises fire and the rising sun -- representing sacrifice and dedication, he said. The saffron flag was hoisted atop the 191-foot-high 'shikhar' of Ayodhya Ram Temple marking a major milestone in India's socio-cultural and spiritual journey. The Prime minister's visit aligns with the auspicious Panchami of Shukla Paksha in Margashirsha, coinciding with the Abhijit Muhurat of Lord Ram and Goddess Sita's Vivah Panchami, as well as the martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who meditated in Ayodhya in the 17th century. Around 10 AM this morning, the Prime Minister first visited Saptamandir and other temples, including Sheshavtar Mandir and Mata Annapurna Mandir, before performing Darshan and Pooja at the Ram Darbar Garbh Grah and Ram Lalla Garbha Grah. At noon, he ceremonially hoisted the ten-by-twenty-foot saffron flag atop the Shikhar of the Ram Jannabhoomi Mandir, symbolising the completion of the temple's construction and the dawn of a new era of cultural celebration and national unity. The flag features symbols representing Bhagwan Shri Ram's brilliance and the ideals of Ram Rajya.

Bandhan Bank Donates 10 Ambulances Across India, Three in West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of its ongoing CSR efforts, Bandhan Bank has donated 10 fully equipped ambulances across India, including three in West Bengal, to strengthen emergency medical response and expand access to critical healthcare services for underserved communities. The initiative, first announced during the Bank's 10th Foundation Day celebrations, has now been implemented with the official handover of the ambulances to various medical institutions and social welfare organisations. In West Bengal, the three ambulances have been donated to the Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata, The Institute of Child Health in Kolkata, and Ashadeep Trust in Murshidabad. These organisations cater to a large number of patients, and the new ambulances are expected to significantly enhance their ability to respond to emergencies and provide timely medical support. Each ambu-



Bandhan Bank has donated 10 ambulances across India, including three in West Bengal, among which a fully equipped ambulance has been provided to the Institute of Child Health, to strengthen emergency medical access and improve healthcare delivery across diverse communities, in Kolkata.

lance is fitted with essential life-saving equipment, ensuring that patients can receive stabilising care while in transit. Across the country, ambulances have been distributed

to reputed healthcare institutions in Bengaluru, Ahmednagar, Ahmedabad, Vadodra, Delhi, Jaipur, Akbarpur, Jalandhar, Kolkata, and Murshidabad. Through this contri-

bution, Bandhan Bank aims to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in multiple states and aid hospitals that serve diverse populations.

Speaking on the initiative, Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank, said, "At Bandhan Bank, we firmly believe that access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege. Through this initiative, we aim to strengthen emergency medical response and support hospitals serving diverse communities. Our commitment to inclusive development goes beyond banking—it is about enabling healthier, more resilient communities across India." Bandhan Bank's CSR programs currently reach over 25 lakh families in 82 districts across 14 states, focusing on healthcare, education, livelihoods, and climate resilience, with special emphasis on women and rural communities.

Name Change

I, Sabita Das Debnath W/o. Sanjay Debnath, D/o. Bhadreswar Das, R/o. 2no. Niranjannagar, Chandannagar, Hooghly-721236, declared that in my father's Hal Porcha (Dastar) Hooghly, P.S. Dadpur, Mouza Biliatpur, J.L. No. 97, L.R. Khatian No. 1004, L.R. Dag No. 1086, 952, 960 & 974, Shall Land, where my father's name has been recorded as Santosh Chondor Das (সন্তোষ চন্দর দাস) instead of his actual & correct name is Bhadreswar Das. That my father Bhadreswar Das S/o. Netai Charan Das & Santosh Chondor Das (সন্তোষ চন্দর দাস) S/o. Netai Charan Das all are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 5419, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 03/07/2025.

Name Change

I, Samima Khatun, C/O. Ajmal Hossain of Vill. Bhagabampur, P.O. Samsi, P.S. Ratua, Dist. Malda declare that my husband's name has been recorded correctly as AJMAL HOSSAIN in his aadhaar card bearing no. 536791596575 but his name has been wrongly recorded as AZMAL HOSSAIN in my daughter's namely(AF-SANA KHAUTUN) birth certificate Reg. no. B-2019-19-00788-006286 dated 03/09/2019. That AJMAL HOSSAIN & AZMAL HOSSAIN is the same and one identical person as declared before the Judicial magistrate, 1st Court, Chanchal, Malda, West Bengal vide affidavit no.1070, dated 19/11/25.

Name Change

I, Smt Ashima Rani Das W/o Jugul Chandra Das, residing at 16/221, Barrackpore Ghosh Para Road, P.O. Barrackpore, P.S.- Titagarh, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700120, W.B, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that I have changed my name Ashima Das to Ashima Rani Das. That I, Ashima Rani Das and Ashima Das are the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit (SL No. 130) sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas date 24/11/2025.

Name Change

I, Arup Ball S/O Dinobandu Ball, residing at vill-p.o.- dakshinkhanda, P.s- salar, Dist- Murshidabad. In my sons birth certificate vide no 2046 Dt. 01.11.2007. His name is recorded as rajdipw Ball resident of Katwa Municipality p.s- katwa dist-Purbo Bardhaman, henceforth his correct name is Rajdip Ball vide Aadhar card no 58037323 6594, as declared before the Judicial Magistrate first court Kandi court district- Murshidabad, vide affidavit no 20782 Dated 19.11.2025 Rajdip Ball and Rajdip Ball is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I Bimal Kishor Mehra S/O, Krishna Kishor Malhotra R/O 158/2, Dhar-motalla Road, Near Prom High School, Salkia, Bally Jagachha, Salkia, Haora, West Bengal-711106 have changed my name to Bimal Kishor Malhotra.

NAME CHANGE

I, **Narendra Kumar Singh**, S/o Lal Behari Singh, Residing at 24/25 Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Road, P.O. Howrah, P.S. Golabari Howrah-711011, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I shall henceforth be known as **Narendra Singh** vide affidavit sworn before The Notary Public at Howrah on 24-11-2025

Name Change

I, INDRA BINOD SENGUPTA, S/o. SUBIMAL BIKASH SENGUPTA. Residing at 3c Green Valley, 2½ No. Gate, Basunagar Madhyamgram, P.O & P.S. Madhyamgram Dist. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700129 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as INDRA BINODE SENGUPTA as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Barasat Court District North 24 Parganas vide affidavit No 8801 dated 20/11/25 INDRA BINOD SENGUPTA and INDRA BINODE SENGUPTA both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajendra Prasad Debnath S/O Gourhari Debnath Residing at Vill- Hendaikeliki, Kachuberia, P.S- Sagar, Dist-South 24Parganas. That my Votar id & Other documents my name was Rajendra Debnath & Date of birth 03/02/1982 instead of Rajendra Prasad Debnath & Date of birth is 03/02/1986 vide an affidavit before the notary public at Kakdwip, South 24Parganas, Date-09.11.2015. That Rajendra Prasad Debnath and Rajendra Debnath both are the same and one identical person.

Change of Name

I, **VISHAL SINGHA S/o M. Joy Kumar Singha**, resident of Air Force Station, kalaiunda, P.S. Kharagpur (L), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur - 721303 have changed my name from **VISHAL SINGHA** to **M. VISHAL SINGHA** for all future purposes vide affidavit no. R.S.- 0592 dt. 20/11/2025 Before the H'onble Notary at Kharagpur. **VISHAL SINGHA** and **M. VISHAL SINGHA** is one and same identical person.

Name Change

I, Jakaria Molla, S/o Josimuddin Molla, residing at Vill & P.O.-Thakurchak, P.S- Bakultala (Jojnagar), Dist - South 24-Parganas, Pin- 743338, W.B, declare that in my bank Passbook my name has been wrongly recorded as JAKARIYA MOLLYA S/o Jachimuddin Molya instead of my actual name JAKARIA MOLLA S/o Josimuddin Molla as mention in my Aadhaar Card, PAN Card etc. That as JAKARIYA MOLLYA S/o Jachimuddin Molya and JAKARIA MOLLA S/o Josimuddin Molla both are same and one identical person, i.e, myself vide affidavit no. 8385 dated 26.09.25 before Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Baripukur, South 24 Parganas.

Name Change

I, Dilip Kr Ray And Dilip Kumar Roy (Old Names) Son Of Late Sushil, Residing At Surya Sen Pally, Chak Kantalai(C), P.O.- Sewli Telainpara, P.S.- Mohanpur, Pin-700121, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dilip Kumar Ray (New Name) As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial At Barrackpore. On 15/09/2015. Dilip Kr Ray And Dilip Kumar Roy (Old Names) And Dilip Kumar Ray (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Arari Jana (Old Name), Wife Of Sasadhar Jana, Residing At Hatary, Po-Balageria, East Medinipur, 721422, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arati Jana (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/11/2025. Arari Jana (Old Name) And Arati Jana (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shyamal Kumar Banerjee (Old Name) S/o Raghu Nath Banerjee Residing at Vill - Paschimpara, Po - Talanda, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712148, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamal Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Shyamal Kumar Banerjee (Old Name) and Shyamal Banerjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Singh Sony Thakur Prasad (Old Name) D/o Thakur Prasad Singh Residing at 8A, Ground Floor, I/1 Meridith Street, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700069, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sony Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Singh Sony Thakur Prasad (Old Name) and Sony Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Singh Sony Thakur Prasad (Old Name) D/o Thakur Prasad Singh Residing at 8A, Ground Floor, I/1 Meridith Street, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700069, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sony Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Singh Sony Thakur Prasad (Old Name) and Sony Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Zubaida Begum (Old Name) W/o Ahmed Abdul Rashid Residing at 4 M H Street Asansol, P.o - Asansol, P.s - Asansol (South), District- Paschim Barddhaman, Pin- 713301, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zubaida Rashid (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Zubaida Begum (Old Name) and Zubaida Rashid (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Asraf Shaikh (Old Name) S/o Golam Mostafa Sk Residing at Vill-P.o - Balakhali, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asraf Sk (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Asraf Shaikh (Old Name) and Asraf Sk (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajjak Sekh (Old Name) S/o Kalamaddi Sekh Residing at Vill - Rajakgohalia, P.O.- Dosatia, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Esmatara Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Esmatara Bibi (Old Name) and Esmatara Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Esmatara Bibi (Old Name) W/o Jonab Shaik Residing at Vill - Khasitika, P.o- Bakrahath, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743377, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Esmatara Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Esmatara Bibi (Old Name) and Esmatara Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Junab Shaikh (Old Name) S/o Shaikh Earali Residing at Vill - Khasitika, P.o- Bakrahath, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743377, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Esmatara Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Esmatara Bibi (Old Name) and Esmatara Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Junab Shaikh (Old Name) S/o Shaikh Earali Residing at Vill - Khasitika, P.o- Bakrahath, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743377, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jonab Shaik (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-11-2025. Junab Shaikh (Old Name) and Jonab Shaik (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ohida Rahaman (Old Name) W/o Abul Kalam Molla Residing at Vill - Gabberia, P.o.- Dosatia, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ohida Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ohida Rahaman (Old Name) W/o Abul Kalam Molla Residing at Vill - Gabberia, P.o.- Dosatia, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ohida Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Azizul Islam, S/o- Masroor Rahman, residing at Vill- Morgam, P.O.- Sadipur Berugram, P.S.- Ketugram, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, W.B., do hereby declare that in my Passport no. N7661111 my & my father's name has been recorded as Azjilul Islam & Mousur Rahman. On 25.11.25 vide Affidavit no. 3003 before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Azizul Islam & Azjilul Islam i.e. myself and Masroor Rahman & Mousur Rahman i.e. my father is the same & identical person.

Name Change

I, RANIMA SULTANA HAWLADAR (old names) w/o MD ABDUL HAKIM HAWLADAR, residing at SAHEBER AABAD DHAPA, P.S.- PRAGATI MAIDAN, KOL-700105, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RANIMA SULTANA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. RANIMA SULTANA (new name) and RANIMA SULTANA HAWLADAR (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Surajit Shil (old name) S/O Nirmal Shil, residing at Vill- Amgachhiya, P.O.- Amgachhiya, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- Diamond Harbour, Pin- 700104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Surajit Sil (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Surajit Sil (new name) and Surajit Shil (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ossima Siddik (old name) wife of Enam Uddin Sk, residing at vill- Kalindi, PO-Kalindi, East Medinipur -721455, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Osima Siddiki (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/11/2025. Osima Siddiki (new name) and Ossima Siddik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Safiqul Islam (old name) S/O Late Noor Mohammad, residing at Vill- Nababpur, P.O.- Madanpur, Krishnapur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700128, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Safiqul Islam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Md Safiqul Islam (new name) and Safiqul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Dhurba Maity (Old Name), Son Of Late Sagar Maity, Residing At Gohindapur, Ps-Sutahata, Purba Medinipur-721645, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dhruvprasad Maity (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/11/2025. Dhurba Maity And Dhruvprasad Maity Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Amal Kr Das (Old Name), Son Of Late Rajeshwar Das, Residing At Vill & Po-Nityabaria, Sandeshkhali, North 24 Parganas-743442, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amal Krishna Das (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/11/2025. Amal Kr Das And Amal Krishna Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Amiyoo Biswas (Old Name), Son Of Late Narendra Biswas, Residing At Kapaliipara Char Manik Nagar Santipur, Nadia-713519, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amiya Biswas (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/11/2025. Amiyoo Biswas And Amiya Biswas Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Lakshmi Narayan Chakraborty (Old Name), Son Of Bhola Nath Chakra Barti, Residing At P-52, Oxytown, Sar-suna, South 24 Parganas-700061, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Lakshmi Narayan Chakraborti (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/11/2025. Lakshmi Narayan Chakraborty And Lakshmi Narayan Chakraborti Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Abdul Aziz Golder (Old Name), Son Of Khejer Ali Golder, Residing At Chadpur, Panapukur, Chandpur, North 24 Parganas, 700135, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Aziz Golder (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/11/2025. Md Abdul Aziz Golder And Abdul Aziz Golder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ismatara Iashin (old name) wife of Innat Ali Molla, residing at Vill-Bogdoba P.O.- Machibhanga, P.S- Rajbarhat Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ismatara Iasmin (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 21/08/2025. Ismatara Iasmin (new name) and Ismatara Iashin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nurmahar Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Sk Abdul Jalil, Residing At Vill-Bishnupur, Burosibatala, North 24 Parganas-700135, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nurunnahar Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/11/2025. Nurmahar Bibi And Nurunnahar Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shahid Hossain (Old Name) Son Of Late Zaki Hossain, Residing At 21/11/3, Narkel Danga Main Road, Po & Ps- Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shahid Hussain (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Seal-dah On 24/11/2025. Shahid Hossain (Old Name) And Shahid Hussain (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ANGUR SHAIKH S/O-DHANU SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Sashpara, Post- Andulia, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742138, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANGUR SHAIKH To ANGUR SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ANGUR SEKH. I have appropiate vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025. ANGUR SEKH and ANGUR SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) ABDAR ALI S/o- GAF-FAR SK Residing at, Vill - Gorora, Post- Gorora, Ps- Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742181, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDAR ALI To SK ABDAR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SK ABDAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025. SK ABDAR ALI and ABDAR ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) EJAMUL HAQUE SEIKH S/o- SOLAMAN SK Residing at, Vill - Indrahata, Post- Purandarpur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742171, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from EJAMUL HAQUE SEIKH To EJAMUL SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) EJAMUL SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025. EJAMUL SK and EJAMUL HAQUE SEIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD IMAMUL HOQUE S/o- MUSAN SK Residing at, Vill - Bagachhara, Post-Benipur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD IMAMUL HOQUE To EMAMUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) EMAMUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025. EMAMUL HOQUE and MD IMAMUL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, BANJIA BIBI (Old Name) as per Son Passport No.- (P7751437) W/O- AMAMUL SAHA, Residing at VILL- RATANPUR, PO.- DIGHA NEW TOWNSHIP, PS.- DIGHA, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721463, West Bengal, India, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) BONJIA BIBI (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 24/11/2025. BONJIA BIBI (New Name) and BANJIA BIBI (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Name Change

I, Paramita Dhara, W/o Partha Dhara, residing at 4/3, Haradeb Bhattacharjee Lane, Mandirtala, Shibpur, Howrah - 711102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Paramita Mitra Dhara, as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit no. 14, dated 25/11/2025. Paramita Dhara and Paramita Mitra Dhara both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Kamlesh Mishra (old name) S/o Baidya Nath Mishra, residing at 18/1/3, BC Chatterjee Street, Kamarhati (M), P.O.- Belgachia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700056, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kamlesh Kumar Mishra (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Kamlesh Kumar Mishra and Kamlesh Mishra both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Ajit Chandra Dey (old name) S/o Aswini Kumar Dey, residing at 51/2, Moore Avenue, Riddhi Siddhi Mansions, Block-1, Flat-4A, Kolkata- 700040, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajit Chandra Dey (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Ajit Chandra Dey and Ajit Chandra Dey both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Pradip Bhattacharya (old name) son of Bijan Behari Bhattacharya, residing at Mediland Nursing Home, Basudevpur, P.O.- Khanjanchak, P.S.- Durgachak, Dist.- East Medinipur, Pin- 721602, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya (new name) and Pradip Bhattacharya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Madhumita Mishra W/o Prasun Kumar Pathak, residing at B2/2, Gollfinks CO-OP, Housing Society 39A, PGM, Shah Road, Kolkata- 700095, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Madhumita Mishra Pathak, as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Madhumita Mishra Pathak and Madhumita Mishra both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Julfikar Ali (old name) son of - Bholai Mondal, residing at Bagadanga, po-Gobila, basirhat, north 24 parganas-743424, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Julfikar Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Ld. District Magistrate 1st Class At Barasat, North 24 pgs, vide an affidavit 1120/25, dated 11/11/2025. Julfikar Mandal (new name) and Julfikar Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Oxygen Deprivation Kills Elderly Visitor at Sandakphu



MI News Service, Kolkata:

A 72-year-old Bengali tourist, Anindita Ganguly, tragically lost her life at Sandakphu due to severe breathing difficulties caused by oxygen deprivation at high altitude. Despite repeated warnings from their Land Rover driver about the extreme cold—temperatures near zero degrees Celsius—Anindita and her family insisted on continuing their visit. The respiratory distress struck shortly after reaching Sandakphu, prompting an urgent evacuation to Sukiya Primary Health Centre, where she was declared dead. Authorities noted that her 65-year-old sister had also succumbed under similar conditions the previous day at Tumling, highlighting the risks faced by elderly visitors in these high-altitude areas.

Officials from the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) and local medical personnel confirmed that oxygen deficiency due to thin mountain air was the primary cause of death. Post-mortem examinations are scheduled to take place in Darjeeling, and arrangements are being made to transport the body to Siliguri. The incident has cast a pall of mourning over Jadavpur, Kolkata, as family, friends, and the local community grapple with the sudden loss. Sandakphu, a popular trekking destination known for its breathtaking views, including the Sleeping Buddha, attracts many tourists in late November to enjoy early winter scenery. However, temperatures at this time of year can drop to around -1°C at night and hover near 10°C during the day, creating hazardous conditions for elderly visitors or those with pre-existing health conditions. Authorities have reiterated the importance of taking precautions, including acclimatization, carrying adequate warm clothing, and avoiding strenuous activity at high altitudes. This tragic event serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of high-altitude travel during winter and the need for vigilance, especially for senior tourists venturing into harsh and thin-air environments. Safety measures and adherence to medical advice remain crucial to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Name Change

I, Kamlesh Mishra (old name) S/o Baidya Nath Mishra, residing at 18/1/3, BC Chatterjee Street, Kamarhati (M), P.O.- Belgachia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700056, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kamlesh Kumar Mishra (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Kamlesh Kumar Mishra and Kamlesh Mishra both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Ajit Chandra Dey (old name) S/o Aswini Kumar Dey, residing at 51/2, Moore Avenue, Riddhi Siddhi Mansions, Block-1, Flat-4A, Kolkata- 700040, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajit Chandra Dey (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Ajit Chandra Dey and Ajit Chandra Dey both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Pradip Bhattacharya (old name) son of Bijan Behari Bhattacharya, residing at Mediland Nursing Home, Basudevpur, P.O.- Khanjanchak, P.S.- Durgachak, Dist.- East Medinipur, Pin- 721602, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya (new name) and Pradip Bhattacharya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mousumi Mondal & Mousumi Mondal Roy Biswas (old names) W/o Uttam Kumar Mondal & D/O Chandidra Roy Biswas, residing at 26/C, Mohendra Mondal Road, Hattu, Kolkata- 700078, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mousumi Roy Biswas (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Mousumi Roy Biswas and Mousumi Mondal & Mousumi Mondal Roy Biswas all are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Romani Goswami (old name) W/o Samrat Ghosh, residing at Flat-3, 74-75, Block-B1, Bangur Avenue, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Romani Ghosh (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/11/2025. Romani Ghosh and Romani Goswami both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) DHANU SHAIKH S/o- JAFAR SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Sashpara, Post- Andulia, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742138, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from DHANU SHAIKH To DHANU SEIKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) DHANU SEIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 19 Nov 2025. DHANU SEIKH and DHANU SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

RPF Sealdah Recovers 28.791 Kg Narcotics During “Operation Narcos”

MI News Service, Kolkata, 25 Nov.25 :

In its continued efforts to curb the transport of illegal narcotics through railway premises, Eastern Railway has intensified surveillance and enforcement under its focused drive, “Operation Narcos.” As part of this initiative, a major seizure was made at Sealdah station on Monday.

On 24.11.2025, RPF officials of the Crime Intelligence Branch (CIB)/Sealdah, now designated as Directive Wing (DW), along with Sealdah Main Post, apprehended two male individuals from Train No. 13174 Down Kanchanjunga Express at Sealdah station. During the search, the team recovered 28.791 kg of a narcotic substance (suspected to be Ganja) valued at approxi-



mately Rs 14,39,550.

The accused persons, along with the seized narcotics, were immediately handed over to GRPS/Sealdah. The Government Railway Police have registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

(NDPS) Act and initiated further investigation.

This successful operation reflects Eastern Railway's firm commitment to ensuring a safe and crime-free railway environment by preventing the misuse of trains and stations for illegal activities.

Regulation Of Trains For Non-Interlocking Work Over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 25 Nov.25 :

Due to Pre- Non Interlocking/ Non Interlocking work in connection with yard remodeling work at Pakur station in Khana-Gumani section over Howrah Division from 27.11.2025 to 30.11.2025, following trains will be regulated as under :

West Bengal Sahitya Sangsad's Sukanta Birth Centenary Celebration and Reception Ceremony



Nurul Islam Khan: The birth centenary celebration of poet Sukanta Bhattacharya was a short-lived poet. At the age of just twenty years and nine months, he wrote several poems and rhymes with astonishing maturity and became famous. Poet Bholanath Halder, poet Debnarayan Das, Syed Hashmat Jalal, writer Saroj Bhattacharya, poet Hashmat Ali, writer Ajay Acharya, poet Shashibala Burman Adhikari, novelist Pahari Khan, poet Narayan Chandra Dey, Two renowned pediatricians, Dr. Shanti Gher and Dr. Ujjwal Munshi, poet Sauren Nanda, poet Dr. Nurul Islam Molla, and poet Yusuf Molla were

honored by the Bangla Gaurab Samman for their special contribution to Bengali literature. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Dr. Kazi Mujibur Rahman were awarded the Syeduddin Khan Memorial Award. The event was attended by poets Shah Alam Mondal, Palash Halder, Julekha Nasrin, Balram Halder, Suma Aich Hazra, Rahul Patra, Kazi Azad, Asgar Ali Mondal, SM Shamsul Islam, About fifty poets, including poet Manoranjan Halder, poet Sheikh Ziauddin, poet Soma Pal, poet Madhusudan Jana, poet Premesh Panda, poet Alaudin Laskar, poet Dwarka Nath Das, poet Ramzan Ali, and poet Benojir Naz, recited their poems. Each of them was awarded the Kavi Sukanta Smriti Award. The covers of the poetry collection 'Amar Swapna' edited by Dr. Ruhul Amin, 'Bastabik' and 'Anushree' by poet Narayan Chandra Dey, and 'Shesh Bhiksha' by poet Sauren Nanda were unveiled at the event. The event was presided over by the organization's president, poet Bholanath Halder.

MP Cabinet approves proposal to conduct direct elections for Nagar Palika, Nagar Parishad Chairpersons

MI News Service, Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav chaired a cabinet meeting at the Secretariat on Tuesday and the council of ministers gave nod to key decisions related to the public welfare. The Cabinet approved a proposal to introduce a bill in the state Assembly regarding conduct of elections for the posts of Chairperson of Nagar Palika and Nagar Parishad through the direct voting system (by voters). According to an official release, it is notable that from 1999 to 2014, elections for these posts in the State were conducted directly by voters. In 2022, elections for these posts were conducted through the indirect system by elected councillors of

wards. The election of Mayor has continued to be conducted through the direct system by voters. Additionally, in another key decision, the Cabinet approved financial assistance of Rs 1 crore to the family of Late Inspector (Special Armed Force) Ashish Sharma of Hawkforce Balaghat, who was killed during an anti-naxal operation in Chhattisgarh on November 19. It was also decided to provide a compassionate appointment to his younger brother Ankit Sharma on the post of Sub Inspector in district police force. Late Inspector Ashish Sharma was very capable, talented and courageous. He was honoured twice with the Gallantry Medal

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Tender No. : SDSTE-DCTC-SOLE-25-26, dated 24.11.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 invites open e-Tenders against Tender No. SDSTE-DCTC-SOLE-25-26 for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work:** Provision of Second Detection by DC Track circuit to make it Dual Detection at Swadinpur Station for reliability improvement. **Bidding System:** Single packet. **Advertised Value:** ₹ 1,45,17,349.44. **Earnest Money/Bid Security:** ₹ 2,22,600/- **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 0.00. **Period of Completion:** 12 months. **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days. **Date and Time of uploading Tender:** 23.11.2025 at 19.44 hrs. **Bidding Start Date:** 02.12.2025. **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 16.12.2025 at 15.00 hrs. The details are available at website www.ireps.gov.in HWH-411/2025-26 Tender notices are also available at Website www.ir.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

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E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/02/25/68, Dated : 24.11.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager, 17, Netaji Subhash Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001, Eastern Railway invites e-Tenders for supply of the following items : **Sl. No., Tender No., Description; EMD** are as follows : (1) **10251118**, Motor for Traction Motor Cooling Blower. Rs. 1,34,360/- (2) **10251214**, Armature Shaft for Hitachi Traction Motor. Rs. 1,15,760/- **Tender Opening Date:** 10.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 1 & 2]. (3) **11251540**, Secondary Spring. Rs. 1,76,910/- **Tender Opening Date:** 19.01.2026, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (4) **11251598**, Procurement of FRP Door Window Guide Arrangement etc. Rs. 1,06,550/- **Tender Opening Date:** 18.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (5) **10252284**, Primary Spring (End Axle). Rs. 1,22,250/- **Tender Opening Date:** 10.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (6) **15255004C**, EOT Crane 20 Ton. Rs. 1,20,800/- **Tender Opening Date:** 05.01.2026, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (7) **10252483**, Revised Arrgt. of Transition Screw Coupling. Rs. 1,19,910/- **Tender Opening Date:** 12.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (8) **11251595**, Procurement of Auxiliary Reservoir 200 Liters Complete etc. Rs. 1,32,070/- **Tender Opening Date:** 20.01.2026, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (9) **14251026**, Underground, Armoured, Unscreened, Railway Power Cable (Stranded 7 x 1.40 MM) with high conductivity Circular Copper Conductor of Size : 2 Core x 10 Sq. mm as per specification No. IRS-S 63/2014 (Rev. 4) & IS 1554 Part-1. Rs. 9,21,980/- **Tender Opening Date:** 19.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (10) **16251154**, Uninsulated Cadmium Copper Cathenary Wire. Rs. 20,00,000/- **Tender Opening Date:** 15.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (11) **12255490A**, Standard Above Knee Prosthesis with Carbon Fibre Laminated Outer and Inner Flexible Double Wall Socket, Carbon Fibre Waterproof High Active (K3) Foot, Polycentric Pneumatic Cylinder Knee Joint With, TES Belt, Silicon Gel Liner, Socket Lock, Above Knee Foam and Cosmetic Stocking For Finishing. The firm supplying the item should mandatorily have their own gait training centre in proper Kolkata. Rs. 1,93,200/- **Tender Opening Date:** 22.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (12) **20251067**, Procurement Set of Modified Front and Back Covers etc. Rs. 1,34,980/- **Tender Opening Date:** 15.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (13) **11251520**, Set of Bite type Fittings. Rs. 1,80,400/- **Tender Opening Date:** 20.01.2026, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (14) **04255016**, Solid Wheel D 920 as per RDSO SK No. CR-835. Rs. 4,73,130/- (15) **11251328**, Blind Socket Assembly. Rs. 9,00,340/- **Tender Opening Date:** 15.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 14 & 15]. (16) **16251013A**, Short Neutral Section Assembly. Rs. 10,04,650/- **Tender Opening Date:** 16.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (17) **10255044**, Set of Axle Box complete without Roller Bearing. Rs. 1,45,850/- **Tender Opening Date:** 19.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (18) **05251019**, Procurement of Paint Black Japan type-A etc. Rs. 1,35,580/- (19) **05251276**, Procurement of Paint Ready Mixed aluminium for general purposes etc. Rs. 1,43,280/- **Tender Opening Date:** 05.01.2026, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 18 & 19]. (20) **10255043**, Bull Gear 107 Teeth. Rs. 1,64,560/- **Tender Opening Date:** 16.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (21) **12255682**, Inj. Ranilbizumab 1.65 mg/0.165 ml PFS. Rs. 0/- **Tender Opening Date:** 02.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. (22) **12255522**, INJ. Human Coagulation Factor VII a 2 mg (100 iu) [Product should be available in the Manufacturing firms approved product list of Railway Board]. Rs. 0/- **Tender Opening Date:** 11.12.2025, **Time:** 13.30 hrs. **Tender Cost :** Rs. 0/- [For Sl. No. 1 to 22 each]. **NOTE:** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenders are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.ir.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter



Inspired by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the tenth annual Khadi Mela in North 24 Parganas district was inaugurated by Madhyamgram MLA and Food Minister Rathin Ghosh at Madhyamgram Subhash Maidan on Tuesday, in the presence of MLA and Board President Kallol Khan, Nimai Ghosh, Municipal Chief of Madhyamgram Municipality, and Mrinal Halder, Chief Executive Officer of the West Bengal Khadi and Rural and Village Industries Board, along with several other prominent personalities. Planning and Evaluation Officer and District Officer of the West Bengal Khadi and Rural Industries Board, North 24 Parganas, Biswajit Sarkar, said that, like every year, a large number of artisans from different districts of Bengal—from handicrafts to saree workmanship—are participating in the fair. He expressed hope that new attractions and innovations will emerge in the coming days. About 110 stalls have participated in the fair this year. The fair will remain open from 1 pm to 9 pm until December 10.

Khurda Road Division Achieves Historic Milestone Fastest Division in Indian Railways to Handle 200 Million Tonnes of Traffic

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: The Khurda Road Railway Division of East Coast Railway has achieved a remarkable operational milestone by becoming the fastest division in Indian Railways to handle 200 Million Tonnes (MT) of freight traffic during the current financial year. This landmark achievement has been accomplished in just 235 days, as on 21 November 2025, underscoring the Division's growing freight-handling capability and operational excellence. The Division has handled a total of 200 MT, comprising: * 110 MT of loading, driven largely by coal, minerals, steel and other major commodities * 90 MT of unloading, en-



suring smooth distribution and end-to-end freight movement across the region. The achievement reflects the Division's strengthened operational systems, enhanced mobility of rakes, efficient coordination with industry stakeholders, and continuous focus on improving turnaround times. With major industrial clusters, ports and power houses depending heavily on rail transport, Khurda Road Division continues to serve as a strategic freight corridor supporting regional and national supply chains. The Division's performance also highlights the increasing preference for rail-based logistics due to its safety, reliability, and cost-effectiveness. The improved throughput has been supported by capacity enhancement works, better utilisation of existing assets, and adoption of modern operational practices across the Division. East Coast Railway remains committed to further strengthening infrastructure, augmenting handling capacity, and implementing operational reforms to meet the rising freight demand and contribute to national economic growth.

CM Mohan Charan Majhi reaffirms Equal Opportunity for All Investors at the Samruddha Odisha-2036 inaugural -2036 Conclave held on 25th Nov 2025

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: The Samruddha Odisha Conclave-2036, organised by The Utkal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited (UCCIL) commenced today in Bhubaneswar, bringing together more than 500 leaders from industry, government, academia, financial institutions, and the startup ecosystem. The event marks a defining moment in the state's mission to accelerate economic transformation and build a future-ready Odisha aligned with Vision 2036 and 2047.



Chief Minister of Odisha Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated the conclave in the presence of Sri Sampad Charan Swain, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Industries, Skill Development and Technical Education, Government of Odisha, Chief Secretary, Odisha, Shri Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Dept of Industries) Shri Hemant Sharma, IAS and Dr B K Das, DG (Technical), DRDO, Electronics and Communication Systems. The inauguration also witnessed the release of the Samruddha Odisha-2036 Souvenir and the UCIL-EY Knowledge Report, outlining strategic industry priorities for the coming decade.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi emphasised his government's commitment to inclusive industrial growth, stating: "Our approach is equal for all kinds of investors, be it large, medium, or small. We have been constantly focusing on the development of MSMEs. From apparel and textiles to heavy machinery, more than 16 specific sectors are in our government's focus." He highlighted the scale of ongoing industrialisation thus: "Our government has signed MoUs worth ₹17 lakh crore. We approved more than 260 projects worth ₹5.60 lakh crore, creating employment opportunities for 3.6 lakh people. We have launched projects worth more than ₹2 lakh crore to create employment opportunities for 1.65 lakh people. To improve ease of doing business, we have reformed 18 of the 23 subjects."

Industry and Skill Development Minister Sampad Chandra Swain reiterating Odisha's economic ambitions, stated: "The Government's vision is not only to make Odisha Samruddha by 2036 but to make the state a \$500 billion economy. We are working to realise the Purvoday Mission of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji. More than ₹16 lakh crore of investment intent was received during the Utkarsh Odisha Conclave. Through single-window clearance and HLCA, over 300 projects worth ₹7.6 lakh crore have been approved. In the first nine months of our government, we have launched 58 industrial projects worth over ₹2.5 lakh crore."

Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, IAS called for collective confidence and coordination saying: "We must first believe that we can do it. Our people are among the best in the world. The government has eased business processes, decriminalised laws,

chamber; we are building partnerships that strengthen the state's growth journey. MSME development and emerging sectors like aerospace and shipping will shape Odisha's Economic Future." The inaugural programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Brahma Mishra, the Chairman of Samruddha Odisha-2036 conclave. He said: "A major attraction of the conclave is the large-scale exhibition featuring more than 100 stalls by MSMEs, startups, industrial innovators, and emerging enterprises from across the state. The platform offers businesses significant exposure, collaboration opportunities, and access to investors and policymakers."

Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Hemant Sharma, IAS detailed emerging opportunities highlighting: "The motto of Vision 2036 and 2047 is 'Make in Odisha, Make for the World.' The state government is prioritising sunrise sectors. The Naptha Cracker project in Paradip will catalyse the entrepreneurship ecosystem. There are massive opportunities for youth in aerospace, semiconductors, IT, defence engineering, and other sectors. Of the 4,000 recognised startups, more than 1,200 are led by women entrepreneurs. We must work to increase the number of young and women entrepreneurs." UCIL President Dr. Prabodh Mohanty highlighted the chamber's expanded role in a way: "We are aligned with Odisha's Vision 2036 and 2047. There is remarkable clarity in government decision-making. UCIL is not just an industry

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 26.11.2025 (Wednesday) to 03.30 hrs. of 27.11.2025 (Thursday) on Line No. 5 of Bridge no. 1 (Km 01/8V - 03/1V) between Sealdah & Bidhannagar Road Stations over Sealdah Division, following trains will be regulated as under:-

- Cancellation on 26.11.2025 (Wednesday): (1) 31447 UP Sealdah - Naihati Local, (2) 31450 Down Naihati - Sealdah Local, ● Short Termination and Short Origination: (1) 31542 Down Shantipur - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 26.11.2025 (Wednesday) and 31511 UP Sealdah - Shantipur Local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 27.11.2025 (Thursday) (2) 33858 Down Bangaon Jn. - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantt. on 26.11.2025 (Wednesday) and 33815 UP Sealdah - Bangaon Jn. Local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantt. on 27.11.2025 (Thursday) ● Controlling of Mail/Express Trains: 13106 Down Ballia-Sealdah Express (JCO: 26.11.2025) will be controlled for 01 hour 30 minutes enroute on 27.11.2025 (Thursday) ● Rescheduling: 53171 UP Sealdah - Lalgaola Passenger will be rescheduled by 30 minutes i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 04.15 hrs. instead of 03.45 hrs. after the block cancelled on 27.11.2025 (Thursday). There may be delay in train service during the block period. Inconvenience is regretted.

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Big Boost for Passengers: Udhna-Brahmapur Amrit Bharat Express to Runs Daily

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a major step towards enhancing passenger convenience and improving long-distance connectivity between Odisha and Gujarat, the Ministry of Railways has approved the increase in frequency of Train No. 19021/19022 Udhna-Brahmapur-Udhna Amrit Bharat Express from

tri-weekly to daily service. The decision reflects the commitment of the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to strengthen connectivity and provide enhanced travel facilities to passengers across Odisha, Gujarat and the regions en route. The above changes will come into effect from an early convenient date, to be notified shortly.

Spl camps to facilitate commuters for recharging smart cards online and promote UPI payment- based ticketing system



MI News Service, Kolkata: In order to make different digital payment modes introduced in Metro Railway familiar to the commuters and enhance the share of digital transactions in ticketing, Special Camps were organised on Tuesday the 25.11.2025 by Metro staff at all stations of Blue Line, Green Line, Purple Line, Orange Line and Yellow Line. In these camps, Metro users were made aware about improved 'Aamar Kolkata Metro' app and how to download it from Google Play Store (Android) and App Store (iOS). Metro staff also showed them the procedures to use it. Metro commuters were also helped to purchase tokens and recharge/buy their Smart Cards through ASCRM machines with the help of UPI Payment Based Ticketing System. They have shown keen interest to shift to digital system and adopt smart ways to purchase tokens, Mobile based QR code tickets, Smart Cards and recharge it. They were visibly happy as this digital mode is helping them to save their valu-

able time as they don't need to stand in the long queues in front of the booking counters to recharge or purchase their Smart Cards or tickets.

Khanakul-II Panchayat Samity

Senhat, Rajhat, Bandar, Hooghly

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The BDO Kh-II P.S. Mlet No.-95/E.O. Kh-II/2025-26, Date: 24.11.2025. Tender Id: 2025_ZPHD_954753_1 to 2 for Concrete Road & Drain. Bids Submission ends : 23.12.2025 up to 03:00 PM. For detail visit www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Officer Khanakul-II Panchayat Samity

Kultali Development Block

Jamtala, Jalabaria, South 24 PGS

Tender Notice

Tenders are here by invited by the undersigned for different works vide 41/KUL/S24PGS/2025, Dt.- 21/11/2025. Last date of submission - 22/12/2025 up to 5.55 P.M. More details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & Kultali Development Block Office. Sd/- Block Development Officer Kultali Development Block

আমোক্তোরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংক্রান্ত আলি মন্ডল, পিতা মরহুম হামিদ মন্ডল, সাকিম - আমড়া, পো- আটা, থানা- দাদপুর, জেলা- হুগলী, পিন - ৭১২০০৫, বিগত ইংরাজী ১৬/০৩/২০১১ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-১ হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-৯৯৬/২০১১ নম্বর আমোক্তোর দলিল মূলে আমাকে (রবি সেন, পিতা- মৃত সাদান সেন, সাকিম- ও পো- মাকালপুর, থানা- দাদপুর, জেলা- হুগলী, পিন- ৭১২০০৫) ক্ষমতাগ্রস্ত আমোক্তোর নিযুক্ত করেন ও নিম্ন বর্ণিত তপসী সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তোরনামা বলে আমি রবি সেন হুগলী ডি.এস.আর.-১ অফিসে জি ভরত সেন, পিতা জি রবি সেন, সাকিম- ও পো- মাকালপুর, থানা- দাদপুর, জেলা- হুগলী, পিন- ৭১২০০৫; মহশয়কে I-৭৬২১/২০১১ নম্বর বিক্রয় দলিল মূলে আমোক্তোরনামা বলে ০৭(সাত) শতক বিক্রয় করি। তপসীহার, জেলা- হুগলী, থানা- দাদপুর, মৌজা মাকালপুর, জে.এল.নং ৩৬, হাল ৩৬/১ বর্তমান (এস.আর.) ৫৩৬ নম্বর খতিয়ান ভুক্ত শতকে (আর. এস.) ১৩৬ হাল (এস.আর.) ৫৩২ নম্বর দাগে পুকুর ১, অংশে ৪২ শতকের মধ্যে ০.৩০০০ অংশে ১৩ শতক তদাধীনে ০৮ (আট) শতক আমোক্তোরনামা বলে বিক্রীত সম্পত্তি হয়েছিল। এতদারা সনাক্তে অবগত করা হইতেছে যে, যদি কাহারও কোনো আইনানুগ আঙ্গি বা অধিকার থাকে তার জন্য আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সঠিক পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করুন। ইতি- রবি সেন (আমোক্তোর)

E-Auction Notice

E-Auction forms are invited from interested buyers for disposal, strictly on 'As is Where is', 'Whatever Their is' with less moisture Inundation / Wet - Damaged Stock of Various Types of Tea Leaf (Damaged Grades and Varieties)- Approx Quantity In Lot (80,907 Kg), belonging to M/s. Girma Food & Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Salvage of the above materials can be inspected Johikram Balinath Complex Kolkata West Bengal-700043, between 27/11/25 to 03/12/25, after taking prior appointment from Mr. Ashish S Parekh Mob No-9331099914 / 7003099951. E-Auction to be held on 04/12/25. For E-Auction forms, Contact Mr. Neeraj Sadana at Mobile-8434340000.

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Branch Office: 8/1A, 2nd floor, Sri William Jones Sarani (Formerly 8/1 Middleton Row), Kolkata - 700071

[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	[SARFAESI] Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Saddam Hussain (Borrower) Hazra Khatoon (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHKJ800001413736 & LHSJ800001444613	Flat On 1st Floor North West Side, RS And LR Dag No 2406 9P, LR Khatian No. 10733 10734 10735, Under Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality Now Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation Kolkata 700136	Rs. 26,58,508.31/- November 19, 2025	Rs. 30,05,910/- Rs. 3,00,591/-	December 22, 2025 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	December 29, 2025 03:00 PM	December 26, 2025 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
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Researchers unveil new tool that reveals gene behaviour in bacteria



LOS ANGELES [US]: Bacterial infections are responsible for millions of deaths each year, with the global threat made severe by the increasing resistance of microbes to antibiotic treatments.

This is due, in part, to bacteria's capacity to switch genes on and off when they detect environmental changes, including the presence of drugs.

Such switching is accomplished through transcription, which converts the DNA in genes into its chemical cousin in mRNA, which guides the building of proteins that make up the microbe's structure.

Understanding how mRNA production is regulated for each bacterial gene is central to efforts to counter resistance, but approaches used to study this regulation to date have been laborious. According to a new study, scientists revealed a trick that may speed such efforts.

According to the study authors, organisms from bacteria to humans grow as their cells multiply by dividing, with each cell becoming two. Before cells divide, they must copy their DNA such that each of the two daughter cells has a copy. To do so, a molecular machine called DNA polymerase ticks down the DNA chain, reading and making a copy of each gene one by one.

Publishing online Jan. 24 in the journal Nature, the study adds to explanations of how gene expression throughout the genome is shaped by DNA replication during bacterial growth.

Specifically, the research team found that when DNA polymerase arrives at any specific gene, it disrupts the transcription in a way that reveals the state of that gene's regulatory status.

"Our study results show that the constant replication of genes during the cell cycle as the bacterial cells reproduce and grow can be exploited to learn about many aspects of how genes are regulated," said study lead investigator Andrew Pountain, PhD, a postdoctoral research fellow at NYU Langone Health and its Institute for Systems Genetics.

"We like the analogy of the electrocardiogram in medicine," said Itai Yanai, the senior investigator of the study and professor at NYU Langone's Institute for Systems Genetics.

By monitoring patterns of electrical activity in the heart, the ECG reveals a series of waves that provide a detailed, graphical view of a patient's cardiac health. Similarly, waves of changes in the abundance of mRNA in response to a gene's replication produce a signature on a graph, which the authors termed the transcription-replication interaction profile, or TRIP.

The researchers showed how specific waves can be linked to certain features. For example, whether a gene is under a specific form of control, known as repression, where a protein blocks that gene's mRNA from being made. These repressed genes were found to have characteristic, spiked TRIP patterns. "Our aim is to understand how gene regulation shapes these TRIPs, with a goal of using them to diagnose gene regulation across the entire set of thousands of genes in the bacterium," added Yanai.

"We hope that our further investigations of gene expression profiles will offer insight into how groups of genes respond to disruptions or changes in their environment."

Research explores secrets of lipid synthesis inside cells

LOS ANGELES [US] : South Korean researchers at the IBS Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics (IBS CMSD) have made a useful discovery concerning cellular microscopy.

The team has successfully developed Two-Color Infrared Photothermal Microscopy (2C-IPM), a unique method for studying neutral lipids within lipid droplets of living cells.

This new microscopy can be combined with isotope labelling, which allows thorough monitoring of neutral lipid synthesis within individual lipid droplets.

Lipid droplets (LDs) are structures made up of pockets of neutral lipids (triglycerides) enclosed in a monolayer of phospholipids.

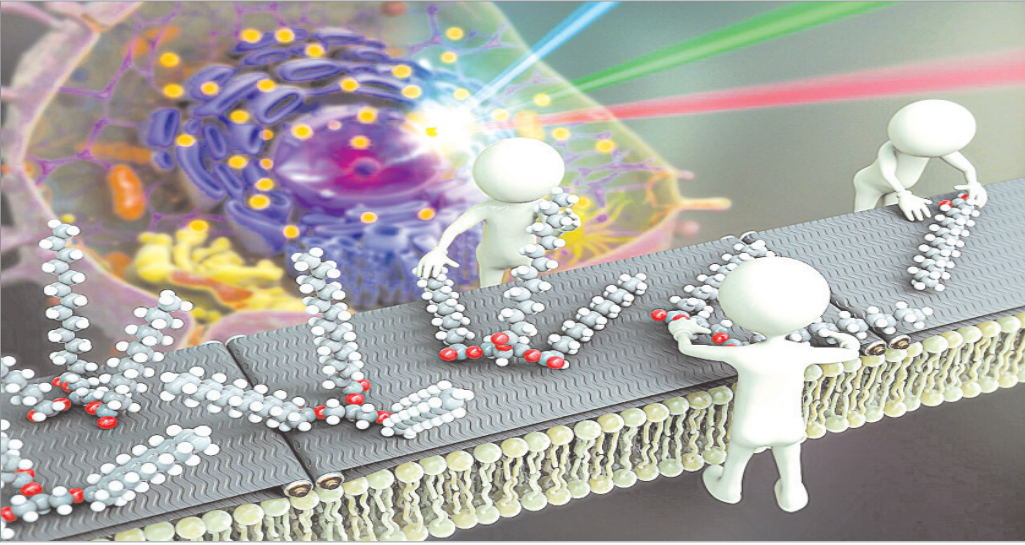
They have long been regarded as uninteresting organelles whose sole function is to store excess energy in the form of neutral lipids.

However, recent studies indicate these droplets actually are dynamic players in various cellular metabolic activities.

It was found they are actively involved in regulating lipid toxicity and cell communication, as well as their correlation with prevalent diseases like obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Understanding the functions of LDs is thus imperative for the diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

Researchers have traditionally stained the cells with lipophilic



dyes and employed fluorescence microscopy to study LDs within cells. However, this method has several significant limitations. First is photobleaching of the dyes, which restricts the observation duration of the LDs to very short time windows. Another limitation is the fluorescent dyes themselves. The currently used fluorescent dyes simply target the hydrophobic environment within LDs, utilizing unspecified binding mechanisms. As such, they are incapable of accurately analyzing the composition and quantity of neutral lipids.

Unlike previous methods that relied on fluorescent microscopy, the new 2C-IPM technology uses

an infrared (IR) spectroscopic method and does not require the use of fluorescent dyes. The new method monitors neutral lipids within LDs directly by detecting changes in IR absorbance. Importantly, this advantage allows researchers to observe the synthesis of neutral lipids within individual LDs in living cells over a long period. Employing the newly developed method, the research team studied the synthesis of neutral lipids in cells when they were exposed to excess fatty acids.

The researchers were able to distinguish freshly synthesized neutral lipids from pre-existing neutral lipids within cells by subjecting deuterium-labeled fatty

acids, which have distinct spectroscopic properties from non-deuterated forms. The analysis results verified excess fatty acids caused lipid toxicity, and cells respond by increasing the synthesis of neutral lipids.

The lead author, researcher PARK Chanjong, remarked, "This study serves as a fundamental example demonstrating the possibility of long-term research on lipid droplets and internal neutral lipids in living cells. The analytical method established in this research can be applied to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases closely associated with lipid metabolism, such as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease."

Study assesses therapeutic strategies for severe obesity in adolescents

Illinois [US] : According to a study, adolescents with severe obesity who got both meal-replacement therapy and financial incentives had a higher reduction in body mass index compared to those who just received meal-replacement therapy. The finding was published in JAMA Pediatrics. Justin Ryder, PhD, Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Surgery at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, was a co-author of the study.

Severe obesity currently affects about one in five children and adolescents in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is defined as having a body mass index, or BMI, either at or above the 95th percentile for age and sex. The condition is associated with an increased risk of adult obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

Previous research has found that meal replacement therapy (MRT), rather than traditional lifestyle modifications, is more effective in helping reduce BMI in adolescents with severe obesity. In the current study, the investigators sought to determine if MRT paired with financial incentives to adolescents with severe obesity would increase the efficacy of MRT and lead to a greater reduction in BMI, when compared to MRT alone. "There's literature for adults that supports that tying in financial incentives to weight loss or physical activity programs increases adherence, and so we wanted to see whether or not adding financial incentives to a behavioural/nutrition weight loss program using meal replacement therapy would increase adherence and through adherence, increase the efficacy of the treatment," Dr Ryder said. Of the 126 adolescents enrolled in the study, 63 participants received MRT plus financial incentives and 63 participants received only MRT for one year. MRT included pre-portioned meals totalling 1,200 calories per day, and financial incentives were provided based on reduction in body weight from baseline. After 52 weeks, the MRT plus financial incentives group had a greater BMI reduction (a reduction of 6 percentage points) and a greater reduction in total body fat mass (a loss of 4.8 kilograms) compared to those who only received MRT therapy. "Using a cost-effectiveness analysis, we looked at mean fat mass lost between the two treatments and found that despite providing the additional meal replacements for per pound lost, it was cost-effective to do so," Dr Ryder added. Additional work is also needed to develop interventions that extend beyond one year, according to the authors. "While financial incentives plus MRT appears to be a longer-term strategy than MRT alone, treatment withdrawal will likely result in BMI increase."

Avaada Group Launches 'Always Clean, Always On' Campaign

Mumbai: Avaada Group, one of India's leading integrated clean energy conglomerates, today announced the launch of its powerful new brand campaign, "Always Clean, Always On", underscoring the vital role of 24x7 clean power in an increasingly digitized and electrified world. The campaign made its high-profile debut on Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC), India's most-watched television show, leveraging the platform's reach to spark a national conversation around energy and the future of technology.

As the world enters the next wave of industrial transformation, driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI), advanced manufacturing, and intelligent infrastructure- energy has become the new currency of progress. The computing



power behind AI, robotics, data centres, and smart factories requires uninterrupted, scalable, and sustainable electricity like never before. Yet, power availability is emerging as the single biggest constraint to this future. In this high-demand scenario, developers who can deliver clean energy at scale, round the clock, are uniquely positioned to lead.

"Digitalization is not just a trend, it is the foundation of global economic growth," said Mr. Vineet Mittal, Chairman of Avaada Group. "AI, automation, and precision manufacturing are reshaping industries, but behind every algorithm, every product, and every real-time insight is an enormous amount of electricity. The energy demands of tomorrow are not linear; they are exponential. If the future runs on intelligence, then intelligence must run on clean power."

Hostel Night organized in CIT



Hostel Night program was organized under the aegis of Cambridge Institute of Technology Alumni Association. The students of the institute had a lot of fun in this program which went on till late night. During this, the students organized competitions like song, music, dance, musical chair etc. The inauguration was done jointly by Principal Dr. L. Ranganathan and Vice Principal

Prof. Rasika Navneet Singh. Let us tell you that Vice Principal Rasika Navneet Singh is the President of the Alumni Association of the institute. She said on the occasion that such programs have been organized to provide joyful environment to the children apart from studies. Deputy Registrar Manish Nath, Jairam Sharma, Anil Mahato etc. were mainly present on the occasion.

Hypertension guidelines do not include potassium-enriched salt: Study

NEW SOUTH WALES [AUSTRALIA] : An international panel of experts published a suggestion in the scientific journal Hypertension published by the American Heart Association, calling for the inclusion of low-sodium potassium-enriched salt in hypertension therapy guidelines.

High levels of sodium intake and low levels of potassium intake are widespread, and both are linked to high blood pressure (hypertension) and a greater risk of stroke, heart disease and premature death. Using a salt substitute where part of the sodium chloride is replaced with potassium chloride addresses both problems at once.

Professor Alta Schutte at The George Institute for Global Health and UNSW Sydney said that despite data from randomised controlled trials demonstrating the health benefits of potassium-enriched, sodium-reduced salt substitutes, they are rarely used.

"We found current clinical guidelines offer incomplete and inconsistent recommendations about the use of these salt substitutes," she said.

"Given the wealth of evidence available, we feel it's time to include salt substitutes in treatment guidelines to help address spiralling rates of uncontrolled high blood pressure around the world and reduce preventable deaths."

Potassium-enriched salt can be used as a direct replacement for regular salt (sodium chloride) when seasoning, preserving or manufacturing foods. Importantly, while other salt reduction strategies make foods taste less salty, switching to potassium-enriched salt is

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undetectable by most people. "Unwanted taste effects are the main reason why efforts to reduce salt intake have failed for more than two decades. The willingness of patients to keep using potassium-enriched salt removes that barrier, which is why it can be a game-changer," Prof Schutte added. A global collaboration of researchers from the US, Australia, Japan, South Africa and India reviewed 32 separate hypertension treatment guidelines - two from global organisations, five from regional organisations and 25 from country organisations - published between 1 January 2013 and 21 June 2023. They found all guidelines referred to sodium reduction, with most recommending reducing salt intake.



Many also recommended increasing dietary potassium intake, but only two - the Chinese and European guidelines - made a specific recommendation for using potassium-enriched salt.

Dr Tom Frieden, President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives, a global public health organisation focused on preventing 100 million deaths from cardiovascular disease, said that the number of people living with hypertension had doubled in the past 30 years to about 1.3 billion. "High blood pressure kills more than ten million people every year - almost 20 people every minute. Twenty percent of these deaths can be linked to a single culprit: eating too much salt," he said. "Based on the evidence, there is little

doubt that most patients with hypertension and their families should reduce their overall salt intake and, when choosing to consume salt, should switch from regular salt to potassium-enriched salt. This will help reduce blood pressure and protect against serious complications such as stroke and premature death."

Dr Frieden emphasized the shift required to our food environment. "As a society, we must prioritize availability and accessibility of low-sodium, potassium-enriched salts - at home, in restaurants, and in grocery stores. These products should not be marketed or priced as a luxury. Low-sodium, potassium-enriched salt can become the new default." Another barrier to uptake has

been concerns about causing elevated levels of potassium in the blood (hyperkalaemia) in people with advanced kidney disease.

Professor Bruce Neal, Executive Director at The George Institute Australia and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Imperial College London, said it is clear that patients with advanced kidney disease should not use potassium-enriched salts, but this applies to a very small proportion of the population, and these patients are already recommended to avoid salt intake.

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The authors argued that given potassium-enriched salt is one of the few dietary interventions patients comply with long-term, it is logical to at least consider the use of potassium-enriched salt for all those with hypertension.

"We strongly encourage clinical guideline bodies to review their recommendations about the use of potassium-enriched salt substitutes at the earliest opportunity - if the world switched from using regular salt to potassium-enriched it would prevent millions of strokes and heart attacks every year at very low cost," added Prof Schutte.

“Necessary response will be taken at proper time”: Afghanistan reacts to Pak strikes

MI News Service, Kabul: Afghanistan slammed Pakistan for the airstrikes carried out in its Paktika, Khost, and Kunar provinces, calling it a direct assault on Afghanistan's sovereignty. Calling it a clear breach of internationally recognized norms and principles by the Pakistani authorities, the Afghan government said that it will respond at an appropriate time.

Afghanistan's Government spokesperson ZabihullahMujahid said on Tuesday that the hostile actions by Pakistan proves the “ongoing failures of Pakistan's military regime” and emphasised that “defending its airspace, territory, and citizens is its legitimate right”. It wrote on X, “Response to yet another violation of Afghanistan's territory by Pakistani forces. The airstrikes carried out last night by Pakistani forces in Afghanistan's Paktika, Khost, and Kunar provinces constitute a direct assault on Afghanistan's sovereignty and a clear breach of internationally recognized norms and principles by the Pakistani authorities. These



hostile actions by Pakistani forces achieve nothing; they only prove that operations driven by flawed intelligence inflame tensions and expose the ongoing failures of Pakistan's military regime. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan strongly condemns this violation and act of aggression, and stresses that defending its airspace, territory, and citizens is its legitimate right. A necessary response will be taken at the proper time.

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ZabihullahMujahid said on Tuesday.

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In a subsequent post the Spokesperson said that one woman was killed, and her house was destroyed. Air strikes also occurred in Kunar and Paktika, where four civilians were injured, he said.

Infrastructure Development: Yard Remodelling And Non-Interlocking Work Commissioned At Durgapur Junction Station

MI News Service, Kolkata, 25 Nov.25 : Eastern Railway continues to focus on sustained infrastructure development to enhance operational efficiency, safety, and network capacity. As part of this ongoing modernization drive, Asansol Division has successfully commissioned Yard Remodelling and a state-of-the-art Non-Interlocking (NI) system at Durgapur Junction—marking a major milestone in strengthening railway infrastructure in the region.

The new Electronic Interlocking (EI) system—based on a distributed architecture—was commissioned on 23.11.2025, following the completion of intensive Non-Interlocking (NI) and Pre-NI works within a planned 6-hour complete traffic block. Despite the complexity of the project, signalling operations continued with necessary modifications, ensuring minimal disruption. The traffic block commenced at 10:40 hrs, interlocking was offered at 16:35 hrs, and final commissioning was

completed at 16:55 hrs on the same day.

As part of the infrastructure upgrade, the newly commissioned EI system now manages 266 routes, significantly enhancing routing flexibility and the overall safety of train operations. The advanced signalling arrangement includes 23 Main Signals, 39 Intermediate Shunt Signals, 13 Departure Shunt Signals, and 18 Calling-On Signals—designed to support seamless train movement across the yard. A total of 59 points have been integrated into the new layout, of which 41 are newly installed to improve operational efficiency and ensure safe train movements.

The system is further strengthened with the installation of 3 Data Loggers (1024 Digital / 512 Analog), 3 ELD units, 20 relay racks, and 1300 metres of CTRS (Continuous Track Renewal Secondary) work, ensuring robust monitoring and improved reliability. Additional infrastructure modifications include alterations at Level



Crossing Gate No. 112, essential DCOP adjustments, and the shifting of 8 dual BPAC units to align with the upgraded signalling layout. Two long-pending TSRs (Temporary Speed Restrictions) and one PSR (Permanent Speed Restriction) have been removed, resulting in increased speed limits and improved mobility.

The yard remodelling at Durgapur brings major operational improvements. The introduction of new crossovers now allows Mail/Express trains arriving from the Down Slow

Line to be directly received in the Up Common Loop for locomotive reversal—removing previous movement constraints and improving handling efficiency.

To boost freight capacity, the Caution Allowed Length (CAL) of Down Loops 1, 2, and 3 has been increased from 670 metres to 731 metres, enabling the accommodation of full-length goods trains and reducing detention time. The conversion of Down Loops into Common Loops now permits direct reception of goods trains from the Up-I

line, significantly reducing shunting requirements and saving operational time.

Freight movement has been further enhanced with the provision allowing goods trains bound for Durgapur Goods Shed and adjacent sidings to be received directly through the Down Main 2 Line, eliminating earlier dependence on Down Loop availability.

Coaching operations have also been strengthened with the installation of an additional shunt signal on the Up Loop Line, eliminating the earlier need for clamping during locomotive reversal and ensuring safer, quicker manoeuvres. A newly developed shunting neck on the A-end of the Up Common Loop now provides dedicated berthing space for locomotives, contributing to smoother yard management.

To support maintenance and engineering activities, a new Engineering Siding has also been commissioned, enhancing yard capacity and improving operational readiness.

Gaza aid deliveries continue despite hostilities – UN

MI News Servie,United nations: Despite violence triggering more casualties and destruction in Gaza, relief efforts targeting the most vulnerable communities are under way, UN humanitarianists said Monday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned that the reported hostilities in various parts of the Gaza Strip are causing destruction, displacement and casualties among civilians, including children.

“On Saturday, multiple Israeli strikes were reported in Gaza City, Deir al-Balah and An Nuseirat,” OCHA said. “The strikes came after Israeli ground forces reportedly came under fire in Rafah.”

Partners managing displacement sites reported that living conditions are extremely dire. The estimated 214,000 people living in coastal, flood-prone or structurally unsafe areas are among the most vulnerable.

OCHA said the humanitarian community across the strip is working together to get aid to people safely, quickly and with dignity.

Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said the suspension of operations by the U.S.- and Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) has no impact on the world body's operations because the United Nations never worked with them.

Hundreds of civilians were killed or wounded while attempting to reach the GHF's militarized distribution centers, adjacent to Israeli forces' sites and under armed guard. The GHF said in a statement that it will not be dissolved and may come back if new humanitarian needs are identified.

OCHA said that as part of its winter preparations, between Thursday and Saturday, partners reached 7,100 families with shelter assistance, including 900 tents, 5,100 tarps and 2,300 blankets.

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In a subsequent post the spokesperson said that one woman was killed, and her house was destroyed. Air strikes also occurred in Kunar and Paktika, where four civilians were injured, he said. Former US Envoy to Afghanistan, ZalmayKhalilzad gave a call for realistic diplomacy and shared that there are reports of a Turkish delegation to visit Islamabad and Kabul to push for an agreement between the countries so as to prevent the use of territories for threatening security.

Significantly, he lauded the initiative and mentioned that the agreement could result in the establishment of an operation or monitoring office based in Ankara and staffed by officials from Türkiye, Qatar, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Khalilzad wrote on X, “There are reports of multiple attacks by Pakistan in Afghanistan's Khost, Kunar, and Paktika provinces tonight. According to Initial report in Khost'sMughulgai area 9 children and one

woman were killed. In Kunar and Paktika initial reports allege 4 civilians were injured. I condemn these attacks. My condolences to those who lost loved ones. The killing of civilians and risking a broader war is not the answer to the problems between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Patient and realistic diplomacy is a much better option. There are reports that a senior Turkish delegation will visit Islamabad and perhaps Kabul soon to push for an agreement between Afghanistan and Pakistan not to allow their territories to be used by groups or individuals to threaten the security of each other. The agreement could include the establishment of an operation or monitoring office perhaps based in Ankara and staffed by officials from Türkiye, Qatar, Afghanistan and Pakistan. This center could not only monitor but also problem-solve when allegations or reports of violations are received. I applaud this initiative and call on both Afghanistan and Pakistan to cooperate with this initiative.”

Earlier, a Pakistani diplomat met a senior Afghan governor in Jalalabad, marking the first high-level contact between the two sides in months amid rising security concerns in the region, Dawn reported.

Zubeen's death ‘plain and simple murder’: Assam CM

MI News Service, Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in the assembly on Tuesday that singer Zubeen Garg's death while swimming in the sea in Singapore is a case of “plain and simple murder”.

The special investigation team (SIT) that has been probing into the circumstances of Garg's death have added murder charges to the case. Sarma was speaking in the assembly during a discussion under an adjournment motion moved by the opposition on the singer's death.

The motion was allowed by the Speaker at the request of the chief minister. “After preliminary probe, the Assam Police was sure that it was not a case of culpable



homicide, but it was a plain and simple murder,” Sarma said. “That is why, section 103 of BNS was added to the case within three days of his death,” he added. The SIT under the CID of the state police has so far arrested seven people, examined 252 witnesses and seized 29 items in connection with the case, he said.

“One of the accused killed Garg and others helped him. Four to five people are being booked in the murder case,” Sarma claimed. “After the chargesheet in the murder case is submitted in December, the probe will be expanded to include negligence, criminal breach of trust and other aspects,” he added

China's development crucial for world, says former Croatian lawmaker

MI News Service, Zagreb: China's upcoming 15th Five-Year Plan is crucial for the country's stable, long-term development, and carries great significance for the global economy, a former Croatian official has said.

China's Five-Year Plans demonstrate the importance of long-term planning, Davorko Vidovic, former deputy speaker of the Croatian Parliament, told Xinhua in an interview. The past decades have shown that the under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the country has been making remarkable progress toward modernization and realized victory on major projects such as the fight against poverty, he said. As the world's second-largest economy and a key engine for the global economy, China, with its 15th Five-Year Plan, “is crucial for the world,” Vidovic said.

China is taking the lead in technology and innovation across multiple sectors, and “is advancing at an extraordinary pace, making major strides in cutting-edge tech-

nologies, with knowledge playing a key role in those breakthroughs,” Vidovic said.

Vidovic, a frequent visitor to China, said he has been “deeply impressed” by the country's rapid advances in science and technology. He recalled taking a high-speed train from Beijing to Hefei in the southern province of Anhui last year, calling the trip “an incredible experience.”

“It was a very fast, safe and comfortable ride,” he said, adding that the scenery along the way left a lasting impression on him. He highlighted China's drive for green development, saying the country is now prioritizing high-quality, environmentally sustainable growth, another key focus of the 15th Five-Year Plan in the making. Citing the Peljesac Bridge and the Senj wind farm as examples of successful, win-win cooperation between the two nations, Vidovic hailed China for advocating for multilateralism and its willingness to share its development opportunities with other countries, including Croatia.

Russia launches deadly missile and drone barrage on Kyiv

MI News Service, Kyiv: Russia launched a large-scale barrage of missiles and drones on Kyiv early Tuesday, killing at least six people and striking the capital just hours after Ukrainian and US delegations concluded two days of talks in Geneva on a proposal to end the war.

Explosions echoed across the city as authorities said air defences were activated against cruise missiles, hypersonic ballistic missiles and drones. Residents were urged to remain in shelters amid the ongoing assault.

In a video address released a day earlier, President VolodymyrZelensky had warned Ukrainians to “be cognizant that Russia will not ease its pressure on us, on Ukraine, on our people,” The New York Times reported. His remarks came after several days of relative calm following a missile strike last Wednesday that killed at least 39 people in Ternopil.

The renewed attacks



coincided with the conclusion of high-level talks in Geneva, where Ukrainian and US mediators produced a peace framework that left several contentious issues unresolved. Russia has yet to respond to the proposal, which The New York Times said differed substantially from an earlier draft viewed as more favourable to Moscow.

Zelensky said the strike on Kyiv injured at least 13 people and caused widespread damage to residential buildings. Emergency

workers shared images of flames pouring from a multi-storey building as power outages were reported across the capital.

Strikes also hit the regions of Odesa, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Chernihiv and Cherkasy. “The primary targets were the energy sector and everything that keeps normal life going,” Zelensky said in a statement, according to The New York Times.

Ukraine's energy ministry said crews would begin assessing damage

and carry out repairs once conditions were safe. Evacuations continued through the morning as air-raid sirens remained active. At least one residential building in Kyiv was still burning, and several Russian Shahed drones were seen flying over the capital during the morning commute.

Zelensky urged Ukraine's partners to bolster support, stressing that “weapons and air defence are important, just as important is the sanction pressure on the aggressor. There can be no pauses in assistance.” He added that “pressure on Russia must definitely work.” Amid the devastation, some Kyiv residents expressed doubts about the prospects of diplomacy. “It doesn't look like they are agreeing on anything,” said Daryisvityli, 22, as he stood outside a coffee shop.

“I feel very sorry for all the guys who died on the battlefield, and just as sorry for all those who are now fighting and risking their lives.”

RPF of Malda Division Apprehends One Person Carrying Liquor under “Operation Satark”

MI News Service, Kolkata, 25 Nov.25 : Under the ongoing intensive drive “Operation Satark” to curb illegal activities within railway premises, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Malda Division successfully apprehended one person carrying foreign liquor at Bhagalpur Railway Station.

On 24.11.2025, during routine patrolling in the platform area, the alert RPF team noticed a person moving suspiciously with a pithu bag. Upon checking the bag, 12 bottles of foreign liquor, valued at ₹9,840/-, were recovered. The individual failed to produce any valid authority or satisfactory explanation for carrying the liquor. The apprehended person, along with the seized



liquor, was subsequently handed over to the Excise Department, Bhagalpur for further legal action as per statutory provisions.

RPF, Malda Division remains committed to ensuring a safe, secure, and crime-free railway environment through continuous surveillance and proactive enforcement under “Operation Satark.”

SYED MODI INTERNATIONAL: TOP SEEDS TREESA-GAYATRI OPEN WITH GRITTY WIN; JUNIOR SQUAD IMPRESS ON DAY 1

LUCKNOW : Top seeds Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand kicked off their Syed Modi International 2025 campaign with a hard-fought victory, headlining a strong opening day for India at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium.

The country's leading women's doubles pair recovered from a slow start to defeat Malaysia's Cheng Su Hui and Tan Zhing Yi 19-21, 22-20, 21-9 in their first-ever meeting.

After dropping the opening game, Treesa and Gayatri steadied their defence, tightened the net exchanges, and powered through a dominant decider to move into the pre-quarters.

Earlier in the day, members of India's historic medal-winning World Juniors squad carried their form onto the senior stage with confident performances in the qualifiers. Mixed Doubles pair C Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri produced a composed 21-13, 21-15 win over the Israel-Hungary duo of Misha Zilberman and Agnes Korosi, while Bhavya Chhabra and Vishakha Toppo followed it up with a solid 21-19, 21-15 victory against fellow Indians Devvert Mann and Nishu Malik.

In the men's doubles draw, second seeds Sai Pratheek K and P Krishnamurthy Roy eased past Swarnraj Bora and Nibir Ranjan 21-8, 21-17. Fifth seeds Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun-arriving in Lucknow on the back of three straight title wins in Al Ain, Turkey and Telangana-continued their red-hot form, beating Ayush Makhija and Sujey Tamboli 21-11, 21-13 to reach the round-of-16.

In women's doubles, Priya Konjengbam and Shuti Mishra also advanced with a commanding 21-8, 21-11 victory over Reena Evangelin and Samridhi Singh.

2026 T20 World Cup: India to open title defence against USA on February 7

MUMBAI : India will begin their T20 World Cup title defence on February 7, 2026, against the USA in Mumbai as the ICC unveiled the full schedule for the tournament co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

The tenth edition of the competition will begin earlier in the day with a match between Pakistan and the Netherlands in Colombo, followed by a match between Bangladesh and the West Indies in Kolkata, and finally an Indian match under lights.

An agreement reached earlier this year between India and Pakistan means that the semifinals and final will take place in different locations based on Pakistan's advancement, adding a special administrative twist to the 2026 competition.

India and Pakistan headline Group A, joined by the USA, Namibia and the Netherlands. Both Asian giants are expected to advance comfortably, though the USA's stunning upset over Pakistan in the previous edition serves as a reminder that early complacency could prove costly.

The major India-Pakistan match is set to take place in Colombo on February 15. Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, and Ahmedabad will host the remaining group matches for India.

Group B puts co-hosts Sri Lanka in a potentially challenging arrangement with Australia, Ireland, Zimbabwe, and Oman. Australia's first match is against Ireland, while Zimbabwe's return to World Cup action begins with a high-profile match against the hosts. Group C, which also

includes Bangladesh, first-time qualifiers Italy and Nepal, is led by two-time champions England and the West Indies. As early as February 11 in Mumbai, England will play the West Indies. Italy's participation, which is their first in the tournament, gives it a historic feel. Group D, which is arguably the hardest of the four, includes Afghanistan, South Africa, and New Zealand, the 2024 semifinalists. Canada and UAE complete the line-up, but the spotlight will firmly be on the heavyweight clashes, especially South Africa vs Afghanistan and New Zealand vs South Africa, both set for Ahmedabad.

The top two teams from each group will progress to the Super Eight stage, split into two groups of four. From there, the top two in

each Super Eight pool advance to the semifinals before the March 8 final determines the 2026 champion.

T20 World Cup Groups:
Group A: India, USA, Namibia, Netherlands, Pakistan
Group B: Australia, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Oman
Group C: England, West Indies, Bangladesh, Italy, Nepal
Group D: South Africa, New Zealand, Afghanistan, Canada, UAE

India schedule:
1. India vs USA - February 7, Mumbai
2. India vs Namibia - February 12, New Delhi
3. India vs Pakistan - February 15, Colombo
4. India vs Netherlands - February 18, Ahmedabad

2ND TEST: INDIA DOWN TO 27/2 IN CHASE OF 549 AT STUMPS

GUWAHATI : India closed Day 4 at 27/2 at stumps after South Africa set the hosts a daunting target of 549 runs here at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium. The Proteas maintained complete control throughout the day, stretching their dominance through disciplined batting and a standout 94 from Tristan Stubbs, eventually declaring at 260/5.

Marco Jansen continued his top form from the previous innings and got his side the crucial breakthrough early at the start of the final innings as he dismissed Yashasvi Jaiswal in the seventh over. The opening batter walked back after scoring 13 runs off 20 deliveries, leading to B Sai Sudharsan joining KL Rahul on the crease.

However, the second-wicket partnership didn't last long as Simon Harmer joined the celebrations to dismiss Rahul in the 10th over. He attempted to play it by closing his bat across the line, but missed entirely, and the stumps were rattled.

With both openers dismissed, India faltered further. Rahul lunged to meet the ball but erred by crossing the line and the ball's dip, and the drop beat him, leading to an inside edge.

With India sending in Kuldeep Yadav as the nightwatchman, the spinner comfortably saved his wicket till the end of the session and remained unbeaten alongside Sudharsan.

The day began with South Africa resuming at 26/0, with openers Ryan Rickelton and Aiden Markram looking composed as they extended the score to 58. However, India's spinners soon found breakthroughs. Ravindra Jadeja was the first to strike, dismissing Rickelton for 35 after the

batter attempted an overly aggressive shot. Jadeja then removed Markram for 29 with a sharply turning delivery, signalling India's fightback.

Washington Sundar supported Jadeja well with a disciplined and intelligent spell, varying his pace subtly to curb South Africa's run flow. His efforts were rewarded when he removed captain Temba Bavuma, who flicked a straight-forward catch to leg slip. Although India missed a few run-out chances, their energy in the field kept South Africa from running away with the game early in the session. By tea, the visitors had reached 107/3, suggesting a balanced contest.

However, the partnership between Tony de Zorzi and Tristan Stubbs shifted momentum again. The duo combined restraint with aggression, regularly finding boundaries and rotating the strike effectively. Their confident stroke play made it seem as though they were batting on a friendlier surface than the one India had struggled on. Zorzi's authoritative sweeps and Stubbs' controlled shot-making gradually drained India's earlier enthusiasm.

After tea, Jadeja trapped de Zorzi lbw for 49, ending a crucial stand, but the breakthrough did little to slow South Africa's progress. Stubbs continued untroubled, bringing up a composed fifty.

Joined by Wiaan Mulder, he pushed the lead beyond 500 runs while India searched unsuccessfully for additional wickets, even turning to part-timer Yashasvi Jaiswal. South Africa added 113 runs in the session for the loss of just one wicket, tightening their grip on the match.

54TH JR NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN RANCHI FROM DECEMBER 14

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RANCHI : The mascot of the 54th National Junior and 39th National Junior Girls Chess Championships, 'Gajraj', was unveiled today at a special ceremony held in Ranchi. Pradeep Verma presided over the event as the chief guest. The occasion gave new impetus to preparations for one of the country's most prestigious junior chess competitions.

According to the organizers, more than 500 young chess players from across the country are participating in the competition this year. The tournament will be held in a total of 11 rounds using the Swiss method, with time control and game structure in accordance with international standards. The championship is scheduled to kick off from December 14 to 25.

SHREYAS IYER STARTS TRAINING POST SURGERY

NEW DELHI : India batter Shreyas Iyer has resumed training after a serious spleen laceration suffered during the third ODI against Australia on October 25, when he landed awkwardly on his left side while attempting a diving catch.

Initial scans in Sydney revealed internal bleeding, and he was immediately admitted to the hospital, spending time in the ICU under close monitoring by BCCI and local medical specialists. Doctors performed a minor surgical procedure to stop the bleeding, after which his condition stabilised.

Iyer was discharged earlier this month but remained in Sydney for follow-up assessments before returning home. He later reassured fans that he is "getting better every passing day".

In a positive update on his recovery, Iyer posted an Instagram story showing himself on an exercise bike, indicating his return to training. Since returning home, Iyer had been under the regular medical supervision of Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala.

The middle-order batter was not

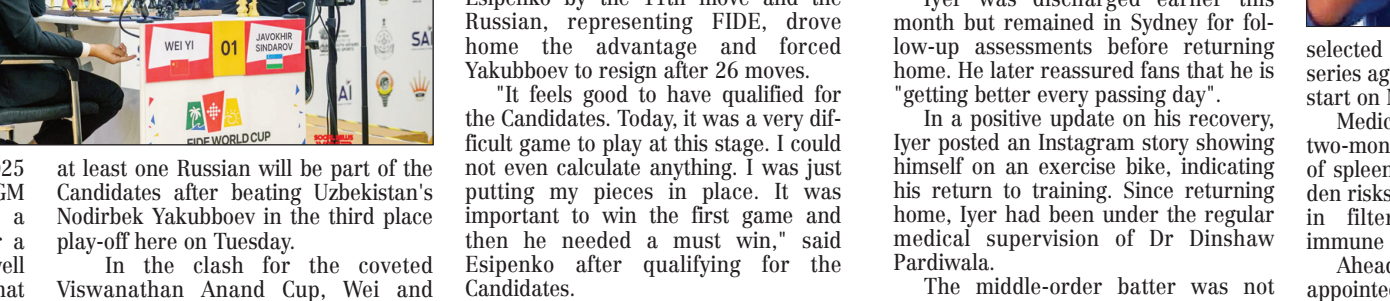
selected for the upcoming white-ball series against South Africa, scheduled to start on November 30.

Medical experts estimate a minimum two-month layoff, given the seriousness of spleen injuries, which can pose hidden risks because the organ plays a role in filtering blood and supporting immune function.

Ahead of the Australia tour, Iyer was appointed vice-captain of the ODI side

when Shubman Gill was elevated to the leadership role in October. Rohit Sharma, the former ODI captain, travelled to Australia as an opening batter with the team management banking on Gill for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

Iyer, who will miss the eight-match white-ball series against South Africa, is likely to be fit for the home five-match T20I series against New Zealand in January next year.



KIUG 2025: Pooja Bishnoi, farmer's daughter from Bikaner, pedals her way into history

JAIPUR : Rajasthan's Pooja Bishnoi made history in Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2025 by winning the medal of the event for the hosts in cycling.

Pooja's victory in the women's elite 30 km individual time trial along the Jaipur-Agra Highway was not only a victory over the other participants but also over the adversity of different kinds, as she won a silver medal in the event.

Pooja Bishnoi, a 22-year-old from a small village in Bikaner and the daughter of a farmer, wearing bib number -44, wasn't just another athlete in the lineup. She was a story of grit and defiance-someone who had pedaled her way through obstacles far greater than steep roads or tight curves. By the end of the event, she would become the first athlete to win a medal for Rajasthan, the host state, at the seventh edition of the Games, representing Maharaja Ganga Singh University.

The women's Elite 30 km individual Time Trial began with the explosive start typical of competitive cycling-but the surprise came early. Pooja surged ahead, finishing the first lap of 10 kms in the lead. Her rhythm was firm, her posture unshaken, and her confidence infectious. Coaches along the track exchanged startled glances; spectators leaned forward as if their collective breath might push her further. It seemed a story waiting to turn into an upset.

But cycling is a sport where experience often proves decisive. Riding for Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, the seasoned Meenakshi Rohilla-an international cyclist from the National Centre of Excellence, Patiala, with medals from the Asia Cup and Asian Championships-began pulling ahead in the subsequent laps.

Meenakshi eventually sealed the gold with a time of 45:31.907, while Pooja secured silver with 46:52.003, a performance that resonated far beyond the numbers.

For Pooja, the medal wasn't a consolation-it was a statement. "I'm very happy with my result," she said afterward, her smile wide and unmistakably honest. "I was leading after the first lap, but Meenakshi is very experienced. I had done a 100 km race just two days ago, so I felt some fatigue. Still, to win the first medal for my university in our home state's first KIUG means a lot."

Her journey into cycling began at 16, encouraged by her elder brother, a former cyclist himself. But the early years were tough. Money was scarce, training was demanding, and self-doubt was an unwelcome but frequent companion.

"For the first two years, I often felt I had chosen the wrong sport," she admits. "But my family and relatives supported me, and slowly things changed."

A significant part of that change came through the Asmita (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action) scholarship, which has supported her through multiple zonal and national events. Pooja has received nearly ₹2 lakh through Asmita alone-funds that helped her buy essential equipment and upgrade her training.

"For girls like me, coming from poor families, even ₹10,000 is huge. Asmita and KIUG have opened doors that didn't exist earlier," she says.

Today, as cycling debuts as a medal event at KIUG and Rajasthan hosts the Games for the first time, Pooja stands not just as a medalist, but as a symbol of what opportunity can create-and what determination can achieve.

Her silver medal glints like a promise: that India's rural daughters, too, can race their way into national history.