

"Don't cut corners": Judge's stark warning in Yuva Bharti probe amid Messi chaos

In a stark admonition amid mounting scrutiny over Saturday's mayhem at Yuva Bharati Stadium, retired Justice Asim Kumar Roy, heading the Chief Minister-constituted probe panel, declared on Sunday: "Don't cut corners now! The entire process has been videographed. Everything is being investigated, and all findings will feature in our report." Justice Roy, leading a high-level committee that includes the state Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, and Home and Hill Affairs Secretary, conducted an on-site inspection of the stadium's field and galleries—the very epicenter of the disorder that erupted during Lionel Messi's brief visit. Entering via the same route as the football icon, the team meticulously documented the scene through videography before convening a post-inspection meeting and departing at 3:15 pm.



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PANKAJ CHAUDHARY elected unopposed UP BJP PRESIDENT



Pankaj Chaudhary (left) with Nirmala Sitharaman

MI News Service, Ayodhya: Union minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary was elected unopposed as Uttar Pradesh BJP president, the party banking on his Kurmi background to court the Other Backward Classes before the 2027 Assembly elections. The 59-year-old minister's was the only nomination filed. His proposers included chief minister Yogi Adityanath and the outgoing state BJP president, Bhupendra Chaudhary. Before election, state BJP

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general secretary and state animal husbandry minister Dharampal Singh and Rajya Sabha member Baburam Nishad too were being touted as contenders. However, party sources said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah had approved the candidature of Pankaj. "(Pankaj) Chaudhary suits us in the current situation. We have to break the unity of the OBC voters at any cost in 2027," a BJP leader said, speaking off the record. "He has a full year to work on this. He is expected to appoint a key Yadav leader of the party as his general secretary to try and blunt the Samajwadi Party's prospects." Pankaj, who studied up to Class XII, owns a company that produces a popular brand of ayurvedic oil. He began his political career as a corporator from Gorakhpur in the 1980s before becoming MP from Maharajganj in 1991. He was re-elected from the constituency in 1996, 1998, 2004, 2014, 2019 and 2024. According to his election affidavit, he had ₹1.41 crore in 2004, which had grown to ₹41.9 crore in 2024. "I will follow the instructions of my party leaders and fulfil whatever task is assigned to me," Pankaj said.

Terrorists strike SYDNEY'S BONDI BEACH on a JEWISH HOLIDAY

Several dead, as ISLAMIC TERROR strikes AUSTRALIA

MI News Service, Sydney: Ten people were killed and around a dozen wounded when gunmen opened fire during a Jewish holiday event at Sydney's Bondi Beach on Sunday, Australian officials said. New South Wales police said two people had been taken into custody, and the Australian Broadcasting Corp said one of at least two gunmen was among those killed. Around a dozen people were taken to local hospitals after the shooting, a New South Wales ambulance spokesperson said. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese called the incident "shocking and distressing", adding that "emergency responders are on the ground and working to save lives".



Emergency workers carry a person on a stretcher after a shooting at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia.

"The evil that was unleashed at Bondi Beach today is beyond comprehension. Police and security agencies are working to determine anyone associated with this outrage," he said. "We will dedicate every resource required to making sure you are safe and protected," the PM said addressing to the Jews. "I saw at least 10 people on the ground and blood everywhere," 30-

first candle of the Hanukkah holiday on the beach had been attacked by "vile terrorists". Australia has experienced a string of antisemitic attacks on synagogues, buildings and cars since the beginning of Israel's war in Gaza in October 2023. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said he was appalled by the shooting. "These are the results of the anti-Semitic rampage in the streets of Australia over the past two years, with the anti-Semitic and inciting

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14-day Police Custody for Messi tour organiser SATADRU DUTTA



Satadru Datta, the prime organiser of the Lionel Messi football event at Salt Lake Stadium, being brought to Bidhannagar court, in Kolkata. Satadru was arrested on Saturday following widespread chaos at the venue, which prompted the Argentine World Cup-winning captain to leave the field early.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Satadru Dutta, the chief organiser of Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi's 'GOAT Tour of India', was denied bail on Sunday and sent to 14-day police custody, a day after the Kolkata leg of the event dissolved into violent chaos at the Salt Lake stadium. Dutta was produced before the Bidhannagar court after his arrest in connection with alleged mismanagement and public disorder at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, also known as the Salt Lake Stadium. As he was brought

14 days will bring clarity," Datta's lawyer said. West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose on Sunday visited the venue for a first-hand inspection. Bose, accompanied by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and senior police officers, inspected different parts of the stadium as part of his assessment of the incident, officials said. Bose was "denied" entry into the Salt Lake stadium on Saturday, after chaos and crowd trouble at the venue marred Messi's event. He had found the gates closed and the sta-

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to court, BJP workers staged a protest outside, raising slogans and accusing the organisers of cheating spectators. The counsel, appearing for Datta, told the court that his client was being "victimized and framed", the officer said. "We expect that the police investigation in the next

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People walk along the Amarnath track as fresh snowfall blankets the area, in Baltal, Jammu and Kashmir.

FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS: IndiGo estimates over \$55 million payout

MI News Service, Mumbai: IndiGo estimated a payout of more than 5 billion rupees (\$55.19 million) in total to customers impacted by the carrier's mass cancellations last week. The airline had scrapped around 4,500 flights last week because of poor pilot roster planning, leaving tens of thousands of passengers stranded, following which it was directed by the civil aviation regulator to cut 10% of its domestic winter schedule. The budget airline said in a post on X it was in the process of identifying flights where customers were severely impacted and stranded at airports on December 3, 4 and 5. IndiGo will compensate customers whose flights were "cancelled within 24 hours of departure time and/or to customers severely stranded at certain airports," it added. "Our goal is to make this process as transparent, easy, and hassle-free as possible for you. We will be providing compensation which,



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in our current estimation, will be in excess of 500 crores to customers whose flights were cancelled within 24 hours

of departure time and/or to customers severely stranded at certain airports," the airline said in a statement. India's largest airline notified that its teams are putting thoughtful care into both refund processing and compensation disbursement. "At this stage, our primary focus through December 2025 is ensuring that all refunds for affected customers are processed efficiently, expeditiously, and with the utmost urgency. Most of them have already been completed, and the remaining ones will reflect shortly," IndiGo said. The airline is identifying flights where customers were severely impacted and stranded at the airports on December 3-5, 2025. It will reach out to all such customers across January to extend compensation smoothly. Delhi high court judge Shailesh Jain on Friday rescused herself from hearing IndiGo's

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NITIN NABIN REPLACES NADDA appointed new National Working President

MI News Service, New Delhi: Nitin Nabin has been appointed as the new national working president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), succeeding JP Nadda. A PWD minister in Bihar and MLA from Patna's Bankipur constituency, Nabin's political journey began in student politics with the ABVP. He has established himself as a key urban and infrastructure leader since entering electoral politics in the late 2000s. Congratulating Nabin on being appointed as working BJP president, PM Modi called him a young and "industrious leader with rich organisational experience and has an impressive record as MLA as well as Minister in Bihar for multiple terms." He has diligently worked to fulfil people's aspirations. He is known for his humble nature and grounded style of working. I am confident that his energy and dedication will strengthen our Party in the times to come. Congratulations to him on becoming the BJP National Working President," PM Modi wrote on X. The son of late BJP leader Nabin Kishore Sinha, Nitin Nabin began his political career in student politics through the ABVP before building a strong organisational base within Patna's BJP unit. He entered electoral politics in the late 2000s and won his first assembly election in 2010.

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Countering JIHAD: Kashmir police detains 200 in raids

MI News Service, Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir police conducted dozens of raids in Srinagar district and other areas of the Valley overnight, detaining around 200 suspected over-ground workers (OGWs) of militant outfits, former militants and stone pelters. Officials said the detentions were part of the unprecedented crackdown launched in the wake of the busting of a "white collar terror module" last month, although some reports suggested there were inputs about suspected militant activities.



J&K police have conducted over 400 Cordon and Search Operations in the past four days.

The police were tight-lipped about the operation, although an official acknowledged there was a major crackdown on "terror networks and their sympathisers", a part of the offensive to dismantle these networks. "Raids were car-

ried out in Srinagar city and some other places during which around 200 suspected OGWs were de-

throwing or militancy but were leading normal lives in recent years. Over the weeks following the busting of the terror module headed by doctors, former mili-

This has created a lot of anxiety and uncertainty, especially among those persons and their families who have long since disengaged from past paths

Hurriyat chief and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

ants and stone pelters, along with members of the banned Jamat-e-Islami and other separatists, have borne the brunt of the ongoing crackdown. The larger crackdown is seen as an attempt to keep the secessionist ecosystem under check. Paradoxically, the recent troubles have been caused by individuals without any known past links to disruptive activities, raising questions about the effective-

ness of such measures. The police recently arrested two senior but "inactive" separatists — Javed Ahmad Mir and Shakeel Bakshi — in what the offi-

cial said was "part of an ongoing effort to investigate and bring closure to long-pending cases that date back to the height of militancy in the 1990s". Hurriyat chief and Kashmir's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq told a Friday gathering at Srinagar's Jama Masjid that there was deep concern among people "over the developments

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KERALA CIVIC POLL BJP humiliates CPI (M) in its own land



BJP members celebrate during the counting of votes in Thiruvananthapuram.

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala): The BJP-led NDA clinched the key Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, signalling severe anti-incumbency against the Pinarayi Vijayan-led government mired in corruption allegations. The BJP-led NDA stunned the ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) by winning the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, marking an end to 45 years of continuous Left rule in the local body. Of the 101 wards in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, the NDA won 50, the LDF 29, the UDF 19 and the Independents two. Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked the people in the capital city, terming the NDA victory a "watershed moment in Kerala's politics". Tharoor acknowledged the BJP's performance in the capital city. "A strong showing that marks a notable shift in the capital's political landscape. I campaigned for a change from 45 years of LDF misrule, but the voters have ultimately rewarded another party that also sought a clear change in governance. That is the beauty of democracy," he added. CPI state secretary M.V. Govindan admitted that the poll setback was unexpected. Vijayan

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Two 'SIR deaths', TMC and BJP lockhorn for blame-game storm

MI News Service, Malda: Two deaths allegedly linked to the anxiety surrounding the special intensive revision (SIR) of poll rolls were reported from Malda district in the last 24 hours, prompting a slugfest between the Trinamool and the BJP.

Abul Kalam, 48, was found hanging from a mango tree at Baluvorot village under Kushi-da panchayat of Harishchandrapur-I block on Saturday.

Family members and panchayat representative, Inteja Khatun, alleged that Kalam was under severe mental stress over fear of being struck off the electoral rolls and possibly deported.

According to Khatun, Kalam worked in Jaipur, Rajasthan, since teenage and did not possess voter or Aadhaar cards.

Orphaned young, his parents' names did not appear in the 2002 poll rolls. Recently, Kalam returned to his native village and was living with his brother's family.

"He heard from people that failure to submit the SIR enumeration form could lead to deportation. We believe he could not bear the fear," Khatun said.

Monirul Islam, the booth-level officer (BLO) of booth 11 under the Harishchandrapur Assembly seat, confirmed Kalam had neither voter nor Aadhaar cards.

Rabiul Islam, a member of the Malda zilla parishad, said the EC had to take responsibility. "The death of an innocent citizen raises serious questions about the SIR's implementation," he said.

Ar Kaliachak-III block, Barakat Sheikh, 31, a Trinamool booth-level agent (BLA), died of cardiac failure on Friday evening.

Prasenjit Das, the Malda district president of Trinamool's youth wing, said Sheikh had been suffering from anxiety as his father's name had been wrongly recorded in the 2002 rolls.

"Barkat feared his name might be removed as a voter of booth 101 of the Baishnabnagar Assembly seat," Das said.

According to Das, Sheikh was tense and tried to rectify the error at various levels but could not. "He shared his concern with us. On Friday evening, on his way back from the block administrative office, he had a heart attack. The uncertainty created by the SIR process led to his death," Das alleged.

Post-mortems of the bodies were done at Malda Medical College and Hospital.

On Saturday, Das supervised Sheikh's burial following instructions from Trinamool's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

Abhishek condoled Sheikh's death on X. "The mental pressure caused by the unplanned SIR process ultimately led to his death. I am deeply saddened by his demise," he wrote.

Local Trinamool leaders blamed the EC and the BJP for these deaths.

Malda BJP leader Ajoy Ganguly said they wanted a CBI probe into all these incidents as it would prove that Trinamool's claims are incorrect and baseless.



Brahmachari Mural Bhai, General Secretary-cum-Trustee of Dakshineswar Ramakrishna Sangha Adapith, Hiral Barua, headmaster of Annada Vidya Mandir, Adapith, and Sukantha Banik, founder and local councillor of the organization, and other guests inaugurated cultural program, science exhibition and fair on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of Khardah Agrasar Samaj Kalyan Kendra Arunachal. The event will continue till December 19 at the Muktamancha adjacent to Vivekananda Stadium in Khaddar Rahra. In addition, financial donations will be made to patients suffering from cancer and kidney disease.

Gold chains stolen at CM's rally recovered, Jharkhand woman arrested

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: Police have recovered three gold chains on Sunday stolen from women attendees during a public rally addressed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at Krishnanagar Government College ground on last Thursday. A woman from Jharkhand has been arrested in connection with the incident, police said.



Three gold chains were stolen from their necks amid the crowd as the meeting concluded.

Following the filing of complaints, Krishnanagar Kotwali police launched an investigation, examining CCTV footage from the venue. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested a woman identified as Rupali Devi, a resident of Jharkhand, on Sunday morning. The three stolen gold chains were recovered from her possession while she was in police custody.

Police suspect the thefts were

carried out by a professional exploiting the momentary lapses in attention of women who had travelled from distant rural areas to attend the Chief Minister's rally. "We are interrogating the arrested woman to ascertain whether others were involved in the crime," a police officer said.

Several women were seen breaking down in tears inside the ground after the rally ended, alleging that their gold chains had gone missing. Based on their statements, police intensified the probe, which eventually led to the arrest.

It may be noted that during the event, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Patha shree project before addressing the public meeting for over an

hour. The thefts allegedly occurred while she was delivering her speech, sparking political reactions.

The BJP criticised the ruling Trinamool Congress, alleging lawlessness, while the TMC said such incidents are difficult to prevent in gatherings involving thousands of people. Calling the incident unfortunate, local TMC leader Tina Bhowmik Saha said, "We wanted the administration to ensure the recovery of the stolen gold chains and return them to the victims."

With the recovery of the ornaments and the arrest made, police said further investigation is underway to determine if the accused was part of a larger theft racket.



Desh Bachao Gonomoncho' organised a press conference regarding various issues at Press Club in Kolkata on Sunday.

Before the assembly elections, 'inactive' Trinamool workers in Kharagpur were forced to form a new committee



Ajay Jaiswal and Vijay Panda formed the working committee.

MI News Service, Kharagpur: A new committee has been formed to take forward the neglected and deprived Trinamool workers in Kharagpur. Another committee was formed in Raibahar parallel to the Kharagpur City Trinamool Core Committee. On Sunday, a program of Trinamool group was held in the auditorium of Badabatti Memorial Church complex of Kharida. Many grassroots workers from different wards participated there. On this day Lalit Jaiswal, Vishwajit Adhikari, Sushil Yadav, Baby Kole,

Ajay Jaiswal and Vijay Panda formed the working committee. Trinamool Lawyers Cell leader Lalit Jaiswal said, "Many old party workers are neglected and want to leave Trinamool and join other parties. This will cause loss to the party. Therefore, we, who are from the grassroots level, want to create this platform to convey the views of inactive and neglected workers to the core committee of the party. We are trying to stop them from leaving. There is no issue of communalism here. Former Trinamool president of Ward No. 19, Vishwajit Adhikari said, 'BJP will have to be defeated in Kharagpur in the 2026 assembly elections. None of us is against the party. After seeing the Chief Minister and Abhishek Banerjee, we joined Trinamool. But not getting proper respect from the party. Many old workers of the party have sat down. I have called them in the meeting today and urged them to remain active. 1,000 workers leaving the party

means a reduction of 15,000 votes in the party's vote bank. This vote is definitely a deciding factor. Before this, it is believed that Trinamool's factional conflict has once again come to the fore regarding the new committee of old party leaders in Kharagpur. Kharagpur Sadar Assembly is now in control of BJP. But every time the victory is lost due to the tussle between Trinamool leaders of Kharagpur. When core committee member Devashish Choudhary was asked about this, he said, "Those who are claiming to be inactive workers of their party should convey their views to the core committee." If I am asked, I will convey their views to the top leadership of the party. Actually our biggest fight is against BJP. If there is any problem then it can be resolved through talks. When Suryaprakash Rao, another member of the core committee, was called regarding the party program, he did not pick up the phone.

Scientists call for a balanced, science-based approach to GM Crops

MI News Service, Kalyani: A group of 20 scientists from leading research institutions in India and the United States has called for a cautious yet progressive approach to genetically modified (GM) crops, stressing the need to balance their proven benefits with long-term environmental, economic, and social considerations.

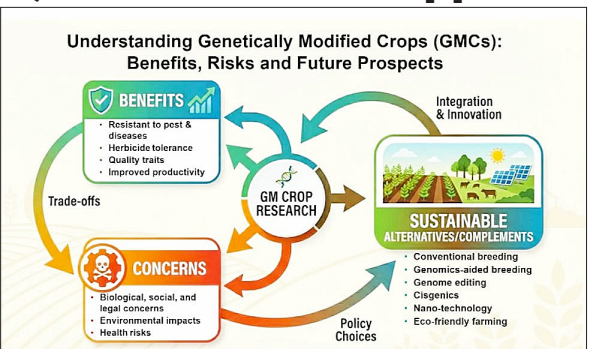
In a perspective article published in the international scientific journal *The Plant Genome*, titled "Benefits, concerns, and sustainable alternatives to genetically modified crops from a global and Indian perspective," the authors argue against both blanket approval and outright rejection of GM crops. Instead, they advocate science-based, transparent, and crop-specific decision-making.

The study has been conceptualised and led by Prof. Chittaranjan Kole, widely regarded as the "Father of Plant Biotechnology in India," and coordinated by Prof. N. Manikanda Boopathi, an eminent agricultural biotechnologist. The authors include experts from ICAR institutes, public and private universities, autonomous colleges, non-profit

organisations in India, and leading US institutions such as HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Texas Tech University, and the USDA-ARS. Genetically modified crops are developed by inserting specific genes to improve traits such as resistance to pests, diseases, and environmental stress. According to the authors, global experience, particularly with Bt cotton, shows that GM crops can increase yields, reduce pesticide use, and improve farmer incomes. Reduced exposure to chemical sprays has also benefited farm workers and the environment.

The article highlights that newer GM crops are being developed to tolerate drought, salinity, and extreme weather conditions, challenges that are intensifying due to climate change. Some GM varieties are also designed to enhance nutritional content, offering a potential solution to "hidden hunger," where people suffer from micronutrient deficiencies despite adequate food intake.

However, the scientists caution that GM crops are not without risks. Large-scale monoculture of GM crops can lead to the development of resistant insects and weeds, po-



tentially increasing chemical use over time. There are also concerns about unintended impacts on beneficial insects, soil health, and ecosystems, effects that often require long-term monitoring.

Social and economic issues remain equally significant. The dominance of multinational corporations in the GM seed market has raised fears about farmers' dependency, loss of traditional seed-saving practices, and rising input costs. Weak regulatory frameworks, lack of accountability mechanisms, and limited public awareness have further fuelled mistrust around GM technologies.

India's experience reflects this complex debate. Apart

and policymakers.

The article also emphasises that GM crops are not the only solution for sustainable agriculture. Traditional plant breeding, genomics-assisted breeding, gene editing, cisgenics, and eco-friendly farming practices such as crop diversification, soil health management, and integrated pest management can collectively enhance productivity while protecting the environment.

For governments, the researchers underline the importance of strong, transparent regulatory systems, rigorous pre-approval testing, long-term monitoring, and clear liability rules. Public-sector research and open-access technologies, they say, can reduce over-dependence on private corporations and ensure farmer welfare.

"The debate over GM crops is not just scientific-it is about food sovereignty, environmental protection, and the future of farming," the authors conclude. A balanced approach that combines biotechnology with traditional knowledge and sustainable practices, they argue, offers the most promising path forward for countries like India.

Over 1,000 tea workers unpaid and jobless, manager abandons garden after dues protest

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: More than 1,000 tea workers were left jobless on Saturday as the manager of the Mogulkata tea estate in Banarhat, Jalpaiguri, abandoned the estate, citing labour unrest.

According to workers, the management failed to clear a fortnight's wages, while 4 per cent of the Puja bonus was pending. "The management had promised on Tuesday that due wages would be paid, but did not keep his word," said Tuntuni Das, a worker.

In protest, the workers had staged a sit-in demonstration on Friday outside the manager's office.

"On Friday evening, after completing work, we held a three-hour sit-in outside the manager's office and returned home around 7pm. This morning, when we reached the garden at 7am, we found it locked. The manager and assistant manager were not present in the bungalow. Leaving the garden without paying wages and without notice is completely unjustified," said Saraswati Gope, another worker.

Prem Oraon, the garden unit secretary of the Trinamool Cha Bagan Sramik Union, stated that the workers continued working despite not receiving their dues.



"There was no disturbance. Why did the management leave the garden? Around 8,000 quintals of green tea leaves collected by workers are lying in the factory. If these get damaged, the owners may falsely blame the workers. We will not allow this," said Oraon.

Echoing similar concerns, Gupta Munda, unit secretary of the BJP-backed Bharatiya Tea Workers' Union (BTWU), said that apart from unpaid wages, provident fund contributions were not being deposited, and gratuity payments were also pending.

"The workers did not create any unrest. Despite assur-

ances, wages were not paid on Tuesday. The protest on Friday was peaceful. We fail to understand why the management took such a step," he said.

Lalan Vishwakarma, the garden's manager, claimed that he had informed higher authorities about the pending wages.

Continuous sit-ins by workers had created a tense situation, he claimed.

"We felt insecure and left the garden," he said. Sources in the district labour department said a tripartite meeting had been convened on Monday to resolve the issue.

Student at Gour Banga University faces 'torture' from former HOD for her politics

MI News Service, Malda: A girl student who had already passed out from the department of education of the Gour Banga University (GBU) in Malda has lodged a police complaint against Bapi Mishra, a former head of the department, accusing him of harassing her mentally because of her political identity.



Nabanita Das, a resident of Malda town and a former leader of the GBU unit of the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), recently filed a complaint in this regard at the Englishbazar police station and reportedly registered her grievances with the chief minister's office and the state higher education department.

The matter was also brought to the notice of the GBU administration. Mishra, however, denied the accusation against him and termed it a "fabricated one".

The complainant claimed that since she was an active TMCP worker during her postgraduate studies in the GBU, Mishra had "threatened her in different ways".

She claimed that the professor actually harassed her because of her political affiliation. "I could not protest then out of the fear that my

result might be affected by the professor concerned," the postgraduate complainant told the media.

It has been learnt from the sources in the state higher education department that the varsity authorities were asked to look into the matter.

Mishra, when contacted, said the allegation against him was baseless.

"There might be some provocation against such a complaint, which is completely baseless and lodged to malign me deliberately," Mishra, a district committee member of the BJP's Malda south (organizational) district, said.

Ujjwal Halder, the present head of the department of education at the GBU, was briefed in his reaction.

"I have heard about the matter, but we have not received any paper in this regard so far. Therefore, I would not comment on it."

Ashis Bhattacharjee, the vice-chancellor, did not take a call. He, however, later posted a text message mentioning that he is out of the station and "busy with certain works".

The police, sources said, have initiated a probe. "We are looking into the case and will speak to all concerned persons," said a senior police officer.

Coordination between Forest Dept and Police yielded 26 elephants crossed the Gadbeta area and entered the forest

MI News Service, Kharagpur: The Forest Department has taken a big initiative to avoid elephant conflicts. In the presence of Hula Party, Forest Department and Gadbeta Police, 26 elephants were safely crossed from Gadbeta to Humgarh forest. The operation that was started continued for a long time. According to forest department sources, a group of elephants was roaming in and around Gadbeta for a few days.



As a result, cultivable land and human settlements were at risk of loss.

The Hula Party was immediately called to deal with the situation. Apart from this, the local police administration has also adopted a cautious approach.

Road traffic was temporarily

controlled and the general public was asked to maintain a safe distance. After a long effort, it was possible to take 26 elephants back to the Humgarh forest one by one. No untoward incident was reported in this operation till the time of writing. According to Forest Department sources, the situation is being closely monitored. The movement of elephants will be monitored in the coming days also, so that there is no danger of damage to human settlements. People should stay safe in their homes and elephants can safely return to their natural habitat.

National Lok Adalat organized in Jhargram, disposal of 832 cases

MI News Service, Kharagpur: On the initiative of Jhargram District Legal Services Authority, National Lok Adalat was organized in Jhargram District Court premises. On this occasion, a total of 2,256 cases were heard in seven benches, out of which 832 cases were successfully settled on the basis of mutual consent. A total of Rs 1 crore 17 lakh 96 thousand 622 was recovered through Lok Adalat in various types of cases including bank loan dues, pre-litigation cases, electricity and telephone bills, dues pending in courts. During this, the presence of District Court judges, advocates and



rights friends. In 2017, the cases were resolved quickly through mutual agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant, which made it possible to save both time and money. District Legal Services

Authority Secretary and Judge Riha Trivedi said that as per the guidelines of NALSA (National Legal Services Authority), this was the fourth and last National Lok Adalat of the current year.

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petition. The matter was listed before a bench of justices Prathiba M Singh and Shail Jain, Justice Jain refused from hearing since her son works as a pilot in IndiGo. "List before a bench of which one of us (Justice Shail Jain) is not a member, subject to orders of the Chief Justice," the court said in its order. The matter will now come up before another bench, likely on December 19. IndiGo's lawyer V Lakshmi Kumar, submitted that the airline had paid basic customs duty without dispute when its aircraft engines and parts were re-imported after repairs. IndiGo faced criticism for failing to plan for the new rest periods and duty rules, leaving planes grounded and disrupting travel plans. The Indian carrier had on Wednesday cut its capacity and passenger unit revenue forecast for the third quarter in response to a reduction in its winter schedule. IndiGo, which commands over 60 per cent of India's domestic aviation market, has cited a convergence of crises — pilot shortages, cascading delays from an Airbus A320 software advisory, the enforcement of new Flight Duty Time Limitations (FTDL) fatigue rules and an aggressive winter schedule since October 26.

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Since then, he has been re-elected consecutively from Bankipur, emerging as a prominent urban and infrastructure-focused leader. Nabin's appointment was announced on the day the party elected Pankaj Choudhary as UP state president. Nabin, who has also worked extensively with the Yuva Morcha, has been given several poll assignments in the recent past, including in Chhattisgarh, where the saffron party won with a thumping majority. He is one of the youngest presidents of the BJP. He is young and carries a lot of experience in governance, of working for the people and working for the organisation.

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said the NDA gaining an upper hand in Thiruvananthapuram and the influence of communalism during the election campaign were matters of concern for those who believed in secularism. "It's a cause for grave concern in the way in which the NDA garnered the maximum seats in the capital city. The LDF was confident of gaining maximum seats, but we were unsuccessful," he said. By ensuring the NDA's win in Thiruvananthapuram, BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has executed a mandate that the BJP had set for him. "The people are certain that the development aspirations of the state can only be addressed by our party," Modi posted on X.



Members of the SIT committee came to inspect at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Sunday regarding the recent 'Messi issue' in Kolkata.

'Don't cut corners': Judge's stark warning in Yuva Bharti probe amid Lionel Messi chaos

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a stark admonition amid mounting scrutiny over Saturday's mayhem at Yuva Bharati Stadium, retired Justice Asim Kumar Roy, heading the Chief Minister-constituted probe panel, declared on Sunday: "Don't cut corners now! The entire process has been videographed. Everything is being investigated, and all findings will feature in our report." Justice Roy, leading a high-level committee that includes the state Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, and Home and Hill Affairs

Secretary, conducted an on-site inspection of the stadium's field and galleries—the very epicenter of the disorder that erupted during Lionel Messi's brief visit. Entering via the same route as the football icon, the team meticulously documented the scene through videography before convening a post-inspection meeting and departing at 3:15 pm. Pressed on the roots of the "big chaos"—sparked by furious fans hurling bottles, shattering chairs, and turning the venue into a battlefield—Justice Roy maintained caution: "The investigation is

at an initial stage. I cannot comment at this time." The panel was formed Saturday by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to unearth the causes behind the fiasco, where ticket-holders paying thousands anticipated a glimpse of Messi, Luis Suarez, and Rodrigo de Paul, only to be thwarted by overcrowding and restricted access. Messi's convoy arrived precisely at 11:30 am, but the stars remained encircled by organizers and dignitaries for just 15-20 minutes, igniting spectator rage upon their exit. Event organizer Shatdru Dutta, the main

figure behind the arrangements, was swiftly arrested by Bidhannagar police at Kolkata airport, produced in court Sunday, and remanded to 14-day custody. Governor CV Ananda Bose, visiting the site independently on Sunday, vowed a detailed report and recommendations to avert future debacles, underscoring the incident's scale in a noon press briefing. The probe's videographed rigor signals no stone unturned, as public outrage lingers over a spectacle promising sporting glory but delivering disarray.

'Why me for stadium Mayhem?' Shatadru Defiant as court slams bail, orders 14-day custody

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a tense courtroom showdown at Bidhannagar Sub-District Court, event organizer Shatdru Dutta—arrested over Saturday's explosive disorder at Yuva Bharati Stadium during Lionel Messi's visit—vehemently denied responsibility through his lawyer, questioning: "Why am I accountable for what unfolded inside the stadium?" Shatdru Dutta's counsel, Dutimoy Bhattacharya, argued his client orchestrated Messi's trip for a "noble purpose"—to inspire Bengal's young footballers—insisting no government property was damaged and pinning the melee on spectator frenzy. "My client has been victimized," Bhattacharya declared, seeking bail or reduced custody while decriing charges under the



Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) and Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Acts as misplaced. He stressed: "The role of an event manager differs from an organizer's; security lapses are for investigators to

probe. "Public prosecutor Amitabh Lala countered fiercely, laying out 10 grounds for 14-day police custody, including evidence collection and witness statements. "The organizer controls access to Messi—yet he ringed himself with associates, blocking fans who paid thousands for tickets," Lala asserted, recounting how Messi's 11:30 am entry, flanked by Luis Suarez and Rodrigo de Paul, spiraled into bottle-throwing rage when stands-bound spectators caught no glimpse amid the 15-20 minute stint. The judge rejected bail outright, remanding Shatdru Dutta—nabbed at Kolkata airport Saturday—to custody. As proceedings ended, Bhattacharya reiterated: "No need for 14 days; my client remains nearby."

Messi in India, but no match Insurances rules the game

MI News Service, Kolkata: Football icon Lionel Messi's three-day visit to India—spanning Kolkata, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi—has generated unprecedented public excitement. Yet, for millions of Indian fans, the tour also comes with a significant disappointment: despite being on Indian soil, the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner will not play a single match, nor even participate in a brief on-field appearance involving active play. According to sources familiar with the arrangements, Messi, 38, has no schedule to play a competitive or exhibition match during his India tour. He is not expected to participate in any 90-minute game or even a shortened friendly fixture, regardless of scale or format. The decision is not logistical, but contractual—and financial. At the

core of the matter lies Messi's insurance cover, widely regarded as one of the most valuable individual sports insurance policies in the world. The World Cup-winning Argentine is reportedly insured for an amount estimated at nearly \$900 million, designed to safeguard against career-threatening injuries. However, the policy comes with strict limitations. Sources indicate that the insurance agreement explicitly excludes coverage if Messi sustains an injury while playing a match not sanctioned by either his national team, Argentina, or his club, Inter Miami. In practical terms, this means that any injury suffered during exhibition games, friendly matches, promotional fixtures or non-competitive appearances would not be covered by the insurer.

Yuva Bharti row: Opposition leader raises doubts over police procedure

MI News Service, Kolkata: Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, on Friday mounted a sharp critique of the police action in the Yuva Bharati incident, questioning the long-term legal sustainability of the FIR and highlighting what he described as multiple procedural and factual inconsistencies. Addressing a press conference in Kolkata, Suwendu Adhikari drew parallels between the investigative process in the Yuva Bharati case and previous high-profile incidents, alleging a pattern of "premature closure" by fixing

accountability on a single individual. While acknowledging that the organiser, Sutadru Dutta, has been arrested, Suwendu Adhikari argued that the manner in which the case has progressed raises serious questions about the robustness of the investigation. During the briefing, Suwendu Adhikari displayed photographs and video footage from the stadium on the day of the incident, claiming these visuals contradict key assertions made in the FIR. Referring to the Bidhannagar South Police Station case (No. 0216), he pointed out that the FIR records the time of the inci-

dent as between 12.30 pm and 4.00 pm, even though, according to him, disturbances had begun earlier inside the stadium. He further stated that the FIR was lodged by the Officer-in-Charge of Bidhannagar South Police Station, who was reportedly overseeing entry gates numbered 7 and 12 at the venue. Suwendu Adhikari questioned the sequence of events noted in official records, pointing out that the organiser was arrested at 2.49 pm, while the FIR itself was filed later at 6.35 pm. According to him, this timeline weakens the legal foundation of the case and may not

withstand judicial scrutiny. Adhikari also objected to the constitution of the state-appointed inquiry committee, stating that he does not accept its present form. He reiterated the demand for an impartial probe, arguing that a truly independent investigation would require distancing operational policing agencies from the process, while ensuring oversight by a retired judge of unimpeachable credibility. The state government, meanwhile, has already constituted a committee headed by a retired judge to examine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

KMC's 7-day dog jail: Sterilization only for healthy strays in city crackdown

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has revamped its stray dog sterilization program to improve both animal welfare and public safety. As part of a new protocol, dogs must now undergo a mandatory seven-day observation period at dog pounds before any surgery. This change has revealed significant health issues, including malnutrition, infections, and skin ailments, affecting Kolkata's estimated 84,000 strays. The initiative, launched in December to align with Supreme Court directives, encountered challenges as field teams found numerous health problems in the captured dogs. The updated plan includes rigorous health checks to assess each dog's physical fitness

and check for contagious diseases. Only healthy animals are sterilized, with those that are sick receiving extended treatment before proceeding with the surgery. After sterilization, the dogs are rehabilitated and returned to their original areas. KMC is fully funding this initiative, despite previous state grants, calling it a win-win for both stray welfare and public safety. The program aims to reduce the street dog population in a humane, systematic manner, replacing the previously chaotic culling methods. Supported by the state livestock department, this new strategy seeks to address Kolkata's street dog issue by focusing on sterilization, rehabilitation, and a long-term reduction in stray dog numbers.

Countering JIHAD: Kashmir police detains 200 in raids

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taking place in which individuals are being arrested in connection with decades-old cases". "This has created a lot of anxiety and uncertainty, especially among those persons and their families who have long since disengaged from past paths," he said. Mirwaiz claimed thousands of Kashmiri prisoners were "languishing in jails in and outside Jammu and Kashmir, some for decades, causing immense suffering to their families. Arresting more and more people only adds to the woes and pain of Kashmiris," he added. Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha, however, said that the crackdown on militants would continue. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah, our policy on terrorism is

unequivocal — zero tolerance to terrorism in all its forms." Sinha said during an event at the Lok Bhavan on Saturday, where he handed over 39 letters to the next of kin of militancy victims. "Every available resource and means will be used to make Jammu and Kashmir terrorism-free and those who are giving sanctuary, haven or any other support to terrorists will have to pay a very heavy price," he added. The LG claimed the system ignored the pain and trauma of these families for a long time and "real victims of terrorism and true martyrs were hounded by elements within the terror ecosystem". "On one hand, the OGWs were appointed in government jobs, on the other, the next of kin of terror victims were left to fend for themselves," he said.

10 dead as suspected ISLAMIC TERROR strikes in Australia

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calls of 'Globalise the Intifada' that were realized today." One of the world's most famous beaches, Bondi is typically crowded with locals and tourists, especially on warm weekend evenings. "If we were targeted deliberately in this way, it's something of a scale that none of us could have ever fathomed. It's a horrific thing," Alex Rychin, co-chief executive of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, told Sky News, adding his media adviser had been wounded in the attack. Videos circulating on X appeared to show people on the beach and nearby park scattering as multiple gunshots and police sirens could be heard. One video showed a man dressed in a black shirt firing a large weapon before being tackled by a man in a white T-shirt who

wrestled his weapon off him. A different man was seen firing a weapon from a pedestrian bridge. Another video showed two men pressed onto the ground by uniformed police on a small pedestrian bridge. Officers could be seen trying to resuscitate one of the men. Reuters could not immediately verify the footage. The attack came almost exactly 11 years after a lone gunman took 18 people hostage at the Lindt Cafe in Sydney. Two hostages and the gunman were killed after a 16-hour standoff. Sussan Ley, the leader of Australia's opposition Liberal party, said the loss of life in the incident was "significant". "Australians are in deep mourning tonight, with hateful violence striking at the heart of an iconic Australian community, a place we all know so well and love, Bondi," she said.

14-day Police Custody for Messi tour organiser SATADRU DUTTA

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loving people of Kolkata". He had directed the state government to arrest the event organiser, holding them squarely responsible for the chaos, and also blamed the police for failing the government, the people and the chief minister. What was supposed to be a marquee football spectacle turned into widespread violence and disorder at the stadium on Saturday after Messi's brief and tightly ring-fenced appearance, his first at the venue since 2011, left large sections of the crowd frustrated. They failed to catch a glimpse of their superstar despite having travelled from far and wide, paying hefty sums for tickets. Around 50,000 spectators were present at the stadium, with ticket prices ranging from Rs 4,000 to Rs 12,000, and reportedly rising to Rs 20,000 on the black market. Fans were left watching helplessly as politicians, VVIPs, security personnel and entourages surrounded Messi, triggering resentment and chaos in the stands. Broken plastic chairs, twisted metal barricades, torn banners, scattered footwear and damaged fibreglass seats were visible across multiple blocks. Cleaning and restoration work was halted to allow the committee to evaluate the extent of vandalism and identify failures in crowd flow and security deployment. Officials accompanying the panel documented the inspection through videography and photographs as part of the investigation. Notably, members of a high-level inquiry committee, set up by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, also visited the stadium on Sunday to carry out their investigation.

'Walk for Health, Walk for your Kidneys' held at Nephrocare India to CD Park, Saltlake

MI News Service, Kolkata: Nephrocare India Celebrates 4 Years with Walkathon to Promote Kidney Health. Kolkata, 14th December, 2025: Nephrocare India marked its fourth anniversary by organizing a large-scale walkathon titled "Walk for Health, Walk for Your Kidneys", reinforcing the message that simple lifestyle habits can prevent kidney disease. With over 1,000 participants, the event highlighted the importance of 30 minutes of brisk walking daily to maintain kidney health, control blood sugar, and support heart fitness. The



walkathon began at Nephrocare and concluded at CD Park. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from several eminent

personalities, including: Leander Paes, International Tennis Icon; Priyanka Sarkar, Actress; Piyali Basak, Mountaineer; Aneesh Sarkar, DCP Bidhannagar; Ashish Mittal, Director, Golden Tulip Hotel & many other eminent personalities. Speaking to the media, Dr. Pratim Sengupta, Nephrologist and Founder & Director of Nephrocare India Ltd, said, "Completing four years is not just a milestone but a reaffirmation of our commitment to preventive and holistic kidney care. Most kidney diseases are preventable. Simple measures like daily

brisk walking can dramatically reduce risk. Through initiatives like this walkathon, we aim to inspire people to take charge of their health before disease sets in." Nephrocare India follows a unique, patient-centric approach, integrating evidence-based diagnostics with logical clinical inference while addressing the physical, mental, spiritual, and energy dimensions of health. The organization believes that effective healing goes beyond laboratory values and textbook treatments, focusing instead on the individual as a whole.

India's Rail Electrification Drive Nears Completion, Enabling Net-Zero Carbon Emissions and Cleaner, Faster Passenger Mobility

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Mizoram Gets its First Rail-Carried Cars, Marking a Significant Milestone in the Region's Transportation

119 Cars Reach Sairang by Rail, Historic Rail Movement to Strengthen Mizoram's Infrastructure and Economy. MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Dec.25 : Sairang Railway Station handled its first-ever direct inward automobile rake...



economic hubs. It has also enhanced access to education and medical facilities in nearby states. Freight operations on the Bairabi-Sairang line began soon after the inauguration...

Howrah Division Achieves Major Engineering Milestone

Two Key Railway Bridges Rebuilt Within Tight Mega Traffic & Power Blocks. MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Dec.25 : In a remarkable engineering achievement, the Engineering Department of Howrah Division...



availed from 23:25 hrs on December 13 to 09:50 hrs on December 14, 2025, during which the old bridge was dismantled and a new RCC box bridge comprising seven slabs and six boxes...

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99.2% BROAD GAUGE RAIL NETWORK ELECTRIFIED 25 STATES/UT ELECTRIFIED



Regulation Of Trains For Track Maintenance Work

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Dec.25 : Due to track maintenance work on Down line between Katwa & Dainhat stations limit in Bandel - Katwa section, 210 minutes Traffic Block has been planned from 16.12.2025 to 20.12.2025...

Stern Action Will Be Taken Against Offenders Obstructing Metro Doors

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Dec.25 : It has been observed that Door No.2 of Coach No. 5054 of a Metro rake (MR-514) bound for Noapara from Jai Hind Bimanbandar in Yellow Line was obstructed by a lady passenger intentionally to let her companion catch that train at Dum Dum Cantonment station yesterday on 13.12.2025...



hassle-free services with the help and co-operation of all the commuters. Metro Railway, Kolkata is the pride of the city. Metro authorities request all to refrain from doing such thing in the Metro premises...

Massive Push for Modernisation: Indian Railways Manufactures 42,600+ LHB Coaches in 11 Years



LHB Coaches Enable Safer, Smoother and More Efficient Rail Travel. Indian Railways Strengthens 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' by Enhancing Indigenous Production. MI News Service, New Delhi, 14 Dec.25 : Indian Railways has registered steady progress in the production of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches...

A long-term comparison highlights the remarkable progress achieved in recent years. Between 2014 and 2025, Indian Railways produced more than 42,600 LHB coaches, an 18 fold increase over the 2,300 coaches manufactured between 2004 and 2014...

Name Change

I, Haimda Khatoun, W/O Samsul Huda Sheikh, residing at New 155A R.P. Gupta Path, P/O+ P/S- Titagarh, Dist-24 pgs (N). Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Haimda Khatoun as declared before the Ld. Notary Public at Canning vide Affidavit No.-05 dt-04/09/2025...

Name Change

I, S K Shoab Ali (Old Name) S/o Sekh Sanwar Ali Residing at Makaltala, Jagadishpur, Howrah, District - Howrah, Pin - 711114, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Shoab Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Canning vide affidavit Dated 12-12-2025...

Name Change

I, Sree Parma Bose Banerjee (old name) W/O Nilanjana Bose and D/O Asit Kumar Banerjee, resident of 11/B, Ekdalia Palace, Flat No. 601, Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sree Parma Banerjee (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025...

Name Change

I, Nandu Sha S/O D C Sha (my & my father old name as per DI No - WB0119870293812), resident of N-258 B.P. Township, Panchasayar Dist - Kolkata, Pin- 700094, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nandu Sha S/O Durashan Shaw (my & my father new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 10/12/2025...

Hill Bridge launch 'Gorkhaland' symbol

2025 and was completed in nearly a year with participation from local communities. According to political analysts, the name of the bridge and the circumstances in which it was built could affect the hills ahead of the Bengal Assembly elections...

separate state of Gorkhaland," stated Edwards. The call for Gorkhaland is still the guiding force behind Darjeeling politics. The demand has been muted of late, with no significant political party from the hills raising the issue after the 2017 Gorkhaland agitation...

The initiative, 'Sahasra Kante Sangbidhan Path' (Constitution Reading in Thousand Voices), is aimed at increasing public awareness of citizens' constitutional rights, he said. "On December 20, at around 1 pm, 100 people will read the Constitution on Rani Rashmoni Road...

Name Change

I, Gopal Chakraborty, s/o Lt. Chittaranjan Chakraborty, r/o Vill. Gabarkuli, P.O. Dhubulia T. B. Hospital, P.S. Dhubulia, Dist. Nadia, W.B. In my service record my son's name wrongly recorded as Gaurab Chakraborty instead of actual name Gaurab Chakraborty. Vide affidavit no.24 dt.10.12.2025 in The Court of The Ld. Executive Magistrate (1st Class) at Krishnanagar, Nadia that Gaurab Chakraborty and Gaurab Chakraborty both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, S K Sanwar Ali (Old Name) S/o Sankat Ali Residing at Makaltala, Jagadishpur, Howrah, District- Howrah, Pin - 711114, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sanwar Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, I, Srar Ahmad (Old Name), Son Of Najir Ahmad, Residing At 58, Kumar Para, Kamarhati, Barrackpore, 700058, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As I, Srar Ahmad (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/12/2025. Israr Ahmad And Israr Ahmad Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Saifuddin (old name) S/O Md Fakhrudin, resident of 54, PHEARS LANE, 2ND FLOOR, KOLKATA-700073, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Saifuddin Nazki (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Md Saifuddin Nazki (new name) and Mohammed Saifuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Azizur Rahman (old name) S/O Angur Sk, resident of Vill & P.O.-Kharera, Murshidabad, Pin-742401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajjur Rahman (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Ajjur Rahman (new name) and Azizur Rahman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Kolkata's NEW MARKET to be made earthquake-resistant

MI News Service, Kolkata: The iconic New Market in Kolkata will be made earthquake resistant with the installation of seismic bars to strengthen the century-old structure, officials said. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has already prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for the works at SS Hogg Market, which is popularly known as New Market, they said. "We are unwilling to take any risks with heritage structures. We have decided to install seismic bars at the SS Hogg Market," a KMC official said. "Similar seismic reinforcements are used in Singapore and Japan, and in Mumbai to protect old buildings. The seismic bars absorb and redistribute shock waves during an earthquake, reducing structural stress," he said. The decision to install the seismic bars was taken based on the recommendations from geophysics and civil engineering experts of Jadavpur University, he added.

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Name Change

I, Rawsan Sanfui (Old Name) S/o Ziyad Sanfui Residing at Vill - Rajakgohalia, P.O - Dosatina, P.S - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raosan Sanfui (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-12-2025. Rawsan Sanfui (Old Name) and Raosan Sanfui (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Israr Ahmad (Old Name), Son Of Najir Ahmad, Residing At 58, Kumar Para, Kamarhati, Barrackpore, 700058, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As I, Srar Ahmad (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/12/2025. Israr Ahmad And Israr Ahmad Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, KM Kooshar Jahna & KM. Koshor Jahna (old name) D/O Ahasan, resident of 3rd FR, FL-F6-SE, 5/2, Hault Bazar Road, Hault, Kolkata- 700078, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kooshar Jahna (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/12/2025. Kooshar Jahna (new name) and KM Kooshar Jahna & KM. Koshor Jahna (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sanwar Ali Molla (old name) S/O Late Jainal Abedin Molla, resident of Akra Krishnanagar, G B Das Road, Maheshtala, Diamond Harbour, Pin- 700140, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanoyar Ali Molla (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Sanoyar Ali Molla (new name) and Sanwar Ali Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

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Name Change

I, Mahmuda Bibi, D/O-Elaiubux Mondal, residing at Vill- Ramamari, P/O-Thakurniberia, P/S-Canning, Dist-24 pgs (S). Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahmuda Bibi as declared before the Ld. Notary public at Canning vide Affidavit No.-06 dt- 04/09/2025 Mahmuda Bibi (old name), & Mahuda Bibi (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sarfaraj Mullick (Old Name) S/o Jakir Hussain Mullick Residing at Gopalpur, Maheshtala, P.O - Sarkarpool, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700143, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarfaraz Mullick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit Date 12-12-2025. Sarfaraj Mullick (Old Name) and Sarfaraz Mullick (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Pravash Ch Patra (old name) S/O Ram Patra, resident of Sutahata, Ramchandra Pur, P.O. & P.S.- Sutahata, Dist - Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721635, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pravash Patra (new name), as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Haldia, vide an affidavit No. 14419, dated 10/12/2025. Pravash Ch Patra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Subhash Nayak (old name) S/O J Nayak resident of 24A, NAVIN SARKAR LANE, KOLKATA-700003, West Bengal, India, my DL No. WB01 1999 0889263, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subash Nayek (new name), as declared before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 10/12/2025. Subash Nayek (new name) and Subhash Nayak (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Asmaul Sekh (old name) S/O Abu Siddik Sk, resident of Vill- Mirpur, P.O- Chak Enayet Nagar, P.S- Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asmaul Sk (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Asmaul Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Stern action will be taken against offenders obstructing Metro doors

MI News Service, 14 Dec 2025, Kolkata: It has been observed that Door No.2 of Coach No. 5054 of a Metro rake (MR-514) bound for Noapara from Jai Hind Bimanbandar in Yellow Line was obstructed by a lady passenger intentionally to let her companion catch that train at Dum Dum Cantonment station yesterday on 13.12.2025. Such an act led to forced delay of that service, besides inconveniencing other passengers.

The motorman of that rake had to move from his seat and manually lock it after which

that train could resume its journey. Such incidents are also causing hardship to crew.

Appropriate step has already been initiated to identify the offender and take appropriate action as per rules. Obstruction of doors by any means such as by backpack, by physical force, leaning on the door to obstruct its functioning etc. shall also attract a penalty.

Metro Railway is committed to provide fast and hassle-free services with the help and co-operation of all the commuters. Metro Railway, Kolkata is the pride of the

city. Metro authorities request all to refrain from doing such thing in the Metro premises. With the help of CCTV cameras installed in the rakes and stations, such activities can be recorded easily and offenders can be identified. Actions as deem fit will be initiated against any person found to be engaged in such activities.

All Metro users are requested to co-operate with the Metro authorities and stop co-passengers if indulging in such misdeeds in the Metro premises for the safety of all concerned.

VP CP Radhakrishnan releases commemorative postage stamp in honour of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar

MI News Service, New Delhi: Vice President CP Radhakrishnan on Sunday released a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II (Suvaran Maran) at the Vice-President's Enclave, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice President appreciated the Government of India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its continuous support to Tamil culture and language. He lauded initiatives such as the Kashi Tamil Sangamam and the sustained efforts to recognise and honour Tamil kings, leaders, and freedom fighters who had not received due recognition in the past, according to a release.

The Vice President said that the release of the commemorative postage stamp on Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar was part of this ongoing process of recognition.

Highlighting the historical significance of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar,

the Vice-President said that he was among the most renowned rulers of ancient Tamil Nadu and belonged to the illustrious Mutharaiyar dynasty, which ruled the central regions of Tamil Nadu between the 7th and 9th centuries CE. He noted that the Emperor ruled from Tiruchirappalli for nearly four decades and that his reign was marked by administrative stability, territorial expansion, cultural patronage, and military prowess, the release stated.

The Vice President observed that inscriptions found across several locations in Tamil Nadu bear testimony to the Emperor's contributions to temple endowments, irrigation works, and Tamil literature. He added that the Emperor's reign occupies a distinguished place in South Indian history.

Referring to the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat at 2047, the Vice-President said that documenting, honouring, and preserving India's cultural



heritage and the legacy of great leaders is a national priority. He highlighted the Government's efforts during Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to honour freedom fighters and great rulers from all regions, including Tamil Nadu, and noted the ongoing initiatives

to reclaim India's lost heritage. Since 2014, nearly 642 stolen idols and antiquities, many of them from Tamil Nadu, have been recovered, he said, terming these efforts commendable, the release stated.

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman, Deputy Chairman of the Raja Sabha Hariyansh, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs L. Murugan, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

More Metro services in green line from Monday, service hours to be extended

MI News Service, 14 Dec 2025, Kolkata: More Metro services are going to be operated in Green Line from 15.12.2025 (Monday). From that day, 228 services (114 UP and 114 DN) will be operated in Green Line from Monday to Friday instead of 226 services. On Saturdays, 204 services will be operated instead of 202 services. On Sundays, 108 services will be operated instead of 104 services.

From 15.12.2025, last Metro from Howrah Maidan will leave at 22.05 hrs. from Monday to Sunday and this Metro will run up to Central Park station.

Services from Monday to Saturdays:

First Service: At 06.39 hrs from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No change).

At 06.45 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (Instead of 06.30 hrs.).

Last Service: At 21.55 hrs from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (Instead of 21.47 hrs.).

At 21.55 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (Instead of 21.45 hrs.).

At 22.05 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Central Park (New service).

Services on Sundays:

First Service: At 09.02 hrs from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (No change).

At 09.00 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V (No change).

At 09.00 hrs. from City Center to Howrah Maidan (New service).

Last Service: At 21.55 hrs from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan (Instead of 21.47 hrs.).

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Congress organised "Ghuspaithiya Bachao Yatra", attempt to malign election process: BJP's Patra criticises Ramlila Maidan rally

MI News Service, New Delhi: BJP leader Sambit Patra on Sunday criticised the Opposition's 'vote chor, gaddi chhod' rally at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, claiming that it is an attempt to malign the election process of the country.

Speaking to the media, Patra said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has bought "truth" before the country during the discussion in the Parliament on electoral reforms.

"The way Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi organised the 'Ghuspaithiya Bachao Yatra', spewed venom on the Election Commission of India...The kind of language used by Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi that they will not leave the Election Commissioners and threatening them by taking their names is an attempt to malign the Election process of the na-

tion," he said. "PM Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah have already brought the truth before the nation during the debate in the session. Congress has never respected the constitutional institutions of the nation," he added.

Meanwhile, in Patna, state minister Ram Kripal Yadav said that the result in Bihar's assembly elections has shown that the public has rejected Congress, and in the future, "Congress will be wiped out everywhere."

"The public has rejected Rahul Gandhi, his party. The issue (vote theft) over which they are protesting, the public has rejected it in Bihar, in the coming times, Congress will be wiped out everywhere. The more they oppose Prime Minister Modi, the stronger Modi ji will become," Yadav said.

Rahul Gandhi, during his speech at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, vowed to change the 'CEC and Other Election Commissioners Bill, 2023' and to take action against the Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Election Commissioner Sukhbir Sandhu, and Vivek Joshi once the Congress returns to power.

The Congress leader had said, "Remember these names: Sukhbir Sandhu, Gyanesh Kumar, Vivek Joshi. Election Commission is working with BJP. Narendra Modi ji has changed the law for them and said that the Election Commissioner can do anything but no action can be taken against them. Don't forget that you are the EC of India, not Modi's EC. We will change this law and take action against you. Because we are fighting for the truth."

Himachal CM Sukhu keeps promise, 160 underprivileged children watch India-South Africa T20 live in Dharamshala



MI News Service, Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday fulfilled a promise made to underprivileged children of Dharamshala after the

CM gave as many as 160 children residing in slum settlements and studying at Tong Len School in the Sarah area of Dharamshala the opportunity to watch the India-South Africa T20 Inter-

national cricket match live at the stadium.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), this gesture was in keeping with the assurances made by the Chief Minister during his

recent visit to Dharamshala. For these children, who come from families with limited means, watching an international cricket match at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Stadium was nothing short of a dream come true.

Expressing their gratitude to the Chief Minister, the children thanked him for keeping his promise and said that witnessing such a grand sporting event up close was an experience they would cherish for a lifetime. The school management and parents also lauded the Chief Minister's humane step. They said such initiatives instil confidence among children from marginalised groups and inspire them to pursue a better future.

They said this was the first time children from Tong Len School had watched an international-level cricket match at the Dharamshala stadium, and they are incredibly thankful to the Chief Minister for providing such an excellent opportunity for their children.

Recently, CM Sukhu announced that all pending medical reimbursement bills of pensioners in the state will be cleared within the next month.

The decision came after a delegation of the Himachal Pradesh Pensioners' Joint Front met him in Shimla and raised concerns over delays in bill settlements and other dues.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, the Chief Minister said the state government remains committed to the welfare of its employees and pensioners. "All pending medical bills of pensioners will be fully cleared within the next month," Sukhu said.

He added, "Employees are the backbone of the government. Solving their issues and demands in a fair manner is our responsibility. The state government is ensuring the resolution of pensioners' demands and timely payment of their dues while maintaining financial discipline and creating new resources."

BJP leaders congratulate new UP State President Pankaj Chaudhary, eyes 2027 assembly election

MI News Service, Lucknow: BJP leaders on Sunday congratulated Union Minister of State Pankaj Chaudhary on being elected as the new Uttar Pradesh President and exuded confidence that the party will secure a victory in the 2027 assembly election under his leadership.

Union Minister BL Verma said, "Congratulations to Pankaj Chaudhary on becoming the state president today; the BJP is the world's largest party. Our selections are done democratically; the party leadership makes the decision. He has been selected unanimously, and we will contest the 2027 elections under his leadership and hoist the BJP flag."

UP Minister Anil Rajbhar said that the party has elected someone who is connected to the people.

"Congratulations to him, heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the national leadership for appointing such a

person who is connected to the people, who has great acceptability among the people... We will certainly form the government in 2027 with a bigger mandate than in 2017," Rajbhar said.

Uttar Pradesh Minister Daya Shankar Singh said, "Pankaj Chaudhary is a 7-time MP, a senior leader of the party, a symbol of simplicity, and has direct relations with the workers. Under his and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership, we will conquer 2027." Union Minister Piyush Goyal handed over the charge of the BJP's Uttar Pradesh unit to Pankaj Chaudhary in the presence of party leaders and workers.

Pankaj Chaudhary, who also serves as a Union Minister of State for Finance, is a seven-time MP from Maharajganj. He has succeeded Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, who was appointed state BJP president in August 2022.

After being elected as chief of the BJP state unit, Pankaj Chaudhary told ANI, "Today is a very happy day, and I have also been given a great responsibility... I will sit down with all party colleagues and decide on the future strategy."

Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya said, "Under the leadership of the state BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary, we will win more seats in 2027 than we secured in 2017."

UP Minister Danish Azad Ansari congratulated Pankaj Chaudhary. "It is a historic day as we are getting our new party president. The vision of Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to develop and progress the state will be brought to ground reality with the support and effort of our new party president. In 2027, we will once again form a government in the state with a complete majority," he said.

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi on Sunday took a jibe at the BJP, alleging "lack of a process" in the appointment of the party's National Working President.

The BJP has appointed Bihar Minister Nitin Nabin as the party's youngest National Working President.

Gogoi, in an X post, alleged that Nabin was appointed without consulting the majority of party workers, hinting at a lack of support for the Bihar Minister within the party.

"The nomination of the national working President

of the BJP shows both a lack of process and a lack of engagement with the sentiment of the majority of the party workers," the Congress MP said.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Saurabh Bharadwaj also mockingly referred to Nabin as "Parchi" (slip National President), claiming that the Bihar Minister was selected for the post by the party leadership instead of a democratic internal process.

"National Parchi System" Moving Forward. Parchi Minister, Parchi Chief Minister, Parchi National President," the AAP leader wrote

on X.

Earlier today, the BJP Parliamentary Board appointed Bihar Cabinet Minister Nitin Nabin as the party's National Working President. He succeeded Union Minister JP Nadda, who has served as the BJP National President since January 2020.

Minister of Road Construction of Bihar and five-time MLA, Nitin Nabin, is the son of veteran BJP leader Navin Kishore Prasad Sinha. A young face for the BJP, Nitin Nabin carries the experience of governance, having served as a Minister in the Bihar Government multiple

times.

At 45, Nitin Nabin is the youngest BJP president ever. He is not just the first BJP president from Bihar, but also from Eastern India.

Nabin was felicitated by Bihar BJP President Dilip Jaiswal, Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha and other leaders upon his appointment as the National Working President of the party.

He expressed gratitude to the party's central leadership. Speaking to ANI, Nitin Nabin said he will further Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the central leadership, Prime Minister, Home Minister, Defence Minister and everyone in the central leadership for giving me this opportunity. I have the Prime Minister's blessings, and I will further advance the guidance and leadership he has provided," he said.

"It's the hard work of the party workers, and I believe that when you work as a dedicated worker, the senior leaders of the party always take note of that, and I will continue to work with them," Nitin Nabin added.

Assam CM Sarma meets Vice President Radhakrishnan, extends invitation to visit Assam

MI News Service, New Delhi: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma paid a courtesy call on the Vice President CP Radhakrishnan in the national capital on Sunday.

During the meeting at the Vice President's enclave, Chief Minister Sarma personally congratulated Radhakrishnan on his appointment as Vice President of India. The Chief Minister also extended a formal invitation to the Vice President to visit Assam and witness the state's transformation and recent development progress.

According to a release, the Vice President appreciated the gesture and inter-acted warmly with the Chief Minister during a 30-minute meeting.

In a post on X, Chief Minister Sarma said, "Honoured to call upon Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri CP Radhakrishnan ji in New Delhi today."

"I personally congratulated him on assuming the august office of @VPIndia and

invited him to visit Assam to witness the State's transformation in recent years."

Meanwhile, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II (Suvaran Maran) at the Vice-President's Enclave, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice President appreciated the Government of India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its continuous support to Tamil culture and language. He lauded initiatives such as the Kashi Tamil Sangamam and the sustained efforts to recognise and honour Tamil kings, leaders, and freedom fighters who had not received due recognition in the past, according to a release.

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"Covid vaccine not linked to sudden deaths among young people": AIIMS Doctor on one-year observational report

MI News Service, New Delhi: The causes of sudden death among young people have been studied by AIIMS Delhi. The findings of a one-year observational report have been published in an ICMR journal. Speaking to ANI on this, Dr. Sudhir Arava from the Department of Pathology at AIIMS said that these deaths have no connection with the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Dr. Arava said, "The cases of sudden death among young people are caused by heart attacks. When the coronary arteries are blocked, the normal functioning of the heart stops. This is what leads to sudden death. Until now, this had not been documented in India. However, the initial paper based on our observations has documented this."

When asked whether there is any link between sudden deaths among young people and the COVID vaccine, the doctor said, "Before conducting our detailed study, we also kept this possibility in mind. But our observations showed that these sudden deaths have no connection with the COVID vaccine."

He further said, "It is known worldwide that in most cases, elderly people die due to heart attacks. Many studies on this are available. However, we did not have studies on this type of death cases among young people. Western countries have such studies. When we began our observa-



tion, we found that heart attacks are also a major cause of death among the young. We have documented this as well in our paper."

Explaining the reasons behind the cases of heart attacks among young people, the doctor said, "There could be several factors, and we need to conduct detailed studies on each of them. Lifestyle could be one reason. But it is clear from our study that no link with the COVID vaccine was found. These days, cases of excessive alcohol consumption among youth are also seen, which could be another reason. We should make modifications to our lifestyle."

"We have also conducted genetic analysis, and when that paper is published, some more aspects will be clear," Dr. Arava added.

BJP issues show-cause notice to MLA Rewant Ram Danga over corruption allegations

MI News Service, Jaipur: Rajasthan BJP President Madan Rathore on Sunday issued a show-cause notice to MLA Rewant Ram Danga, demanding an explanation within three days for the corruption allegations against him.

A sting operation-based report in a national daily alleged that BJP MLA Rewant Ram Danga, Congress MLA Anita Jatav, and independent MLA Ritu Banawat took commission for getting development work done in their constituencies.

"As per the instructions of the central leadership, a show-cause notice is being issued to you because you have been accused by a journalist of the daily newspaper 'Dainik Bhaskar' of accepting a bribe for approving funds from the MLA's development fund for a development project. Your aforementioned conduct falls under the definition of indiscipline as described in the constitution of the Bharatiya Janata Party," the notice read.

The notice added, "There-fore, you are directed to sub-

mit your explanation regarding the above allegations to the undersigned within three days, failing which the strict-est action will be taken against you under the provisions of indiscipline as described in the constitution of the Bharatiya Janata Party."

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma has also ordered a high-level committee chaired by the State Chief Vigilance Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, Home) to probe into the corruption allegations.

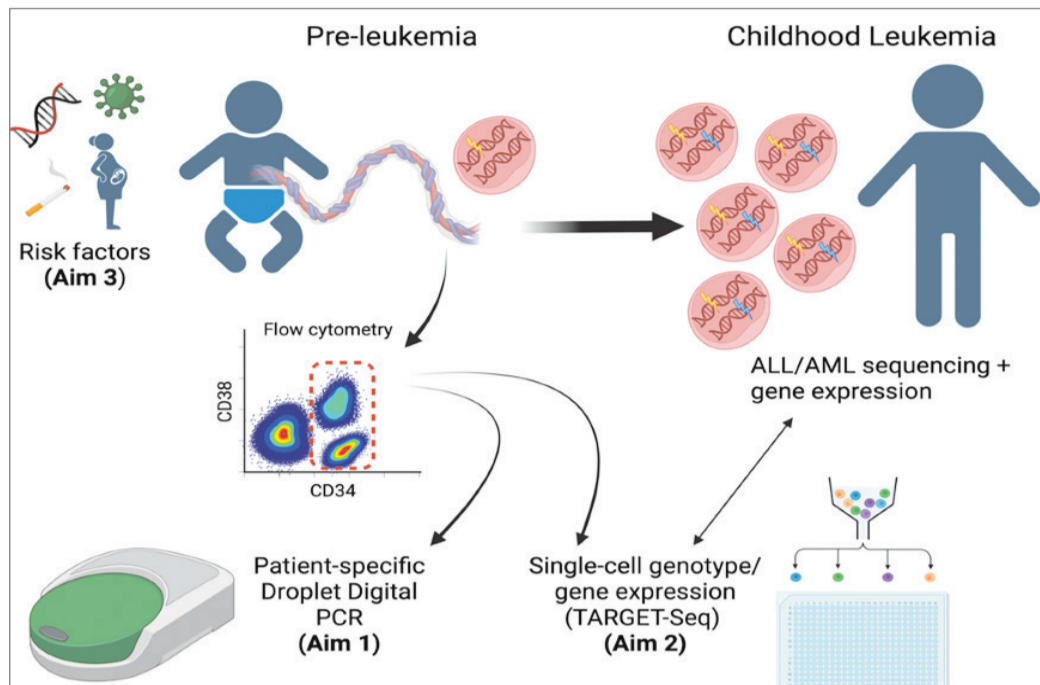
Study reveals type of childhood leukaemia originates during foetal development

BARCELONA : Acute myeloid leukaemia is the second most prevalent type of acute leukaemia in childhood, and it can be detected within a few months of life. The disease's early beginning raised the possibility that the cancer originated before birth. However, validating this notion has been difficult due to the scarcity of prenatal or newborn samples.

The opportunity to study the origin of this leukaemia arose from the case of a five-month-old baby diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia at the Hospital Nino Jesus in Madrid,' explained Pablo Menendez, ICREA professor at the University of Barcelona and the Josep Carreras Institute.

'The parents, who had preserved the umbilical cord blood, opened a line of research that until now had not been possible to address,' added the researcher.

Using precision medicine techniques, researchers analysed the complete genome of the tumour. Unlike tumours in adults, where thousands of mutations are detected, only two chromosomal alterations were identified in this leukaemia. 'Genome analysis allowed us to design a personalised diagnostic method to monitor the disease,' says Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Barcelona. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo. 'But these data raise new questions, such as when the tumour arose and in



what order these mutations have appeared,' he highlights. These questions are difficult to answer, since such research requires blood samples from the baby before the diagnosis, something that is impossible in the vast majority of cases. However, in this particular case, the existence of a frozen umbilical cord sample allowed researchers to separate different populations of blood cells at birth and to study whether any of the chromosomal alterations

detected in the tumour were already present during foetal development.

The study revealed that a translocation between chromosome 7 and 12 was already present in some haematopoietic stem cells in the umbilical cord. In contrast, the other chromosomal alteration, a trisomy of chromosome 19, was not present in the foetus, but was found in all tumour cells, suggesting that it contributes to increasing the

malignancy of the leukemic cells. 'These data are highly relevant for understanding the development of a devastating disease, and the existence of this umbilical cord sample was crucial to be able for conducting a study that had been impossible until now in acute myeloid leukaemia', adds Talia Velasco, researcher at the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona and co-leader of the study. In addition to reconstructing the genomic alter-

tions that the cells undergo to generate this leukaemia, the study has also identified a molecular mechanism that had not been observed before in this type of leukaemia and which causes the activation of a gene, called MNX1, which is frequently altered in this type of tumour. Knowledge of these alterations is essential for developing cell and animal models that allow us to understand the disease's evolution and develop new therapies for treating these pathologies. The study has been led by Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo-IUOPA, Talia Velasco and Pablo Menendez, from the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona, with participation from researchers from four other institutions, including the Hospital Infantil Universitario Nino Jesus, the Hospital Universitario Central de Asturias, the Instituto de Biomedicina y Biotecnología de Cantabria and the Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria La Princesa de Madrid.

This research has been made possible thanks to the collaboration of the parents and funding from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, the European Research Council, the AEC Scientific Foundation, the Foundation Unontrecienmil, the 'La Caixa' Foundation, the Government of Catalonia, CIBERONC and the III Health Institute.

Researchers discover protein that help prevent cancer treatment-related heart damage

WASHINGTON : Blocking the protein CDK7 could prevent heart damage caused by a routinely used cancer chemotherapy treatment, according to a study conducted by scientists at Washington State University. Importantly, the researchers discovered that blocking CDK7 could improve the medication's cancer-killing efficacy.

Based on an animal model, the study's findings potentially lay the groundwork for future treatment options to decrease chemotherapy-related heart damage and improve treatment efficacy. This has the potential to help people with cancer live longer lives. Heart damage caused by chemotherapy can manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Cardiovascular Research, the WSU study focused on doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer, lymphoma, leukemia and other cancers.

Capable of killing a wide range of cancer cells, doxorubicin and other similar chemotherapy medications are known to be toxic to the heart. Despite this toxicity, the drug still sees a lot of use.

'Doxorubicin remains the mainstay treatment for certain cancer types for which targeted therapies or other better treatments are not available,' said senior study author Zhaokang Cheng, an associate professor in the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Cheng has been working to unravel the underlying mechanisms of doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity to make the use of doxorubicin safer for patients who rely on the drug. This new study builds on findings from earlier research that showed that doxorubicin activates a protein

known as CDK2. That protein then activates another known as FOXO1, which causes heart cells to die. Cheng's team collaborated with WSU cancer biology researcher Boyang (Jason) Wu to take a closer look at CDK7, a protein that helps fuel cell growth and has been shown to play a role in the development of cancer.

The researchers found that CDK7 activated CDK2, which set off the chain of molecular signals that eventually led to heart cell death. They also showed that mice that lacked the CDK7 gene were protected from doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity. Next, they used a CDK7 inhibitor drug known as THZ1 to block the protein's activity and examine the impact on heart health and cancer growth. A similar inhibitor is currently being tested as an anti-cancer drug in clinical trials, but its effect on the heart is still not clear. 'We are the first to study the effect of THZ1 on the heart and tumour growth in the same model,' said study first author Jingrui Chen, a WSU research associate. 'And what we found is that this CDK7 inhibitor drug can increase heart function and at the same time inhibit tumour growth.'

Though more research is needed, the researchers said their findings suggest that combining doxorubicin and THZ1 could help prevent heart damage and increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatment. The researchers' next step is to test the effect of THZ1 on heart damage and cancer growth in younger mice and follow them longer. This would more closely mimic long-term doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity seen in childhood cancer survivors. They also plan to look at other proteins that may somehow be involved in the signaling pathway that underlies doxorubicin-related heart damage.

Study finds how new type of cell therapy help ARDS patients

LOS ANGELES : A novel form of cell therapy may help patients who are critically ill with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) brought on by severe COVID-19, according to a study.

Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a co-senior author of a recent study that examines the application of agent-T-797, an allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell treatment developed by MiNK Therapeutics.

The work was published in the journal Nature Communications.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung.

The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agent-T-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care.

The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agent-T-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.



Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula.

This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days.

This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same timeframe.

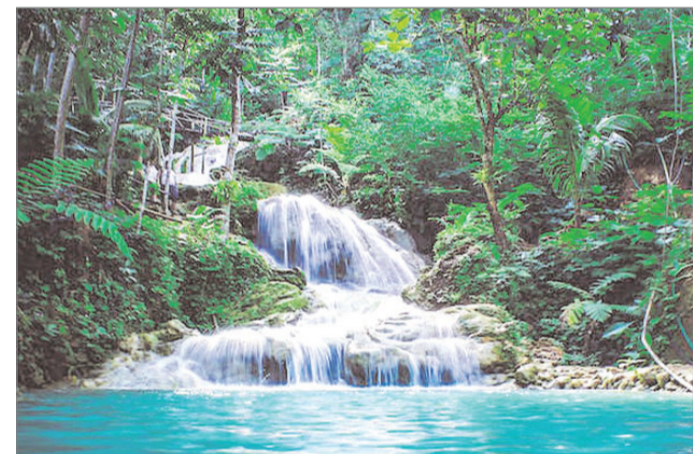
Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, 'During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients.'

'Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agent-T-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly.'

'Agent-T-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials.'

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, 'These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress.'

'The data demonstrate agent-T-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support.'



Study finds temperature can influence microbial competition in rivers

LOS ANGELES : Wastewater-derived antimicrobial resistance genes (ARGs) can penetrate and initially join natural biofilms after being injected into a river, a study said. Although, they may not last long, researchers reported this week in mSphere. However, as the river's temperature rises, the frequency of invasive ARGs reduces considerably, indicating that the preexisting microbial community is removing the resistant intruders. In barely two weeks, the concentration of ARGs in river water at 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) returned to its initial level. The finding suggests that rivers may offer a kind of defence against the spread of ARGs in wastewater. It was also contrary to what the researchers expected.

Most ARGs in wastewater originate in human faeces and thrive at the temperature of the human body, which is higher than most waterways. The microbiologists anticipated that warm rivers would be a welcome environment.

'We thought they should be rather well-adapted to higher temperatures,' said microbiologist Uli Klumper, PhD, at Technische Universität Dresden's Institute of Hydrobiology.

'So if river temperatures are rising with climate change, we wanted to know if these bacteria from wastewater would have an easier time integrating with the natural biofilms.'

Klumper co-led the study with his PhD student Kenyum Bagra, who joined TU Dresden on a DAAD exchange fellowship from the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, who led the study. The work was funded through the ANTIVERSA project by Biodiversa, a European biodiversity organization. Klumper, Bagra and their colleagues first immersed 27 glass slides in the Lockwitzbach River, in eastern Germany, for a month. 'It's relatively pristine,' Klumper said.

They collected the slides, which had amassed a natural biofilm from the river, and immersed them in artificial river systems at 1 of 3 temperatures. After a week, they observed that the abundance of naturally occurring ARGs increased in the warmest water, at 30 degrees Celsius. Then, they exposed all the test slides to wastewater for 1 day and monitored the abundance of ARGs, both those that occurred naturally and those from wastewater, over the next 2 weeks. The ARGs from the wastewater readily invaded the biofilm in all 3 cases, with no difference in abundance by temperature.

'The introduction seems to be temperature independent,' Klumper said. But that's where the similarities ended. In the warmest water, the abundance of the invasive ARGs dropped significantly over 2 weeks. By the end of the experiment, the overall level of ARGs had returned to its initial, natural abundance, and the invasive ARGs had all but vanished.

In the other 2 groups, the invasive ARGs fared better. In some cooler samples, they were able to establish in the biofilm community, even at abundances far higher than the naturally occurring ARGs.

Those results suggested that the competition between invasive and indigenous microbes was mediated by temperature, Klumper said. 'We were really surprised.' Researchers often assume that a warming world will promote pathogenic ARGs, he said, but it's likely not so straightforward. A river is a complex system, Klumper said and responds to warming in ways that are difficult to model. 'It's not only one effect that's at play,' he said.

Study reveals how new breast imaging tech transforms cancer diagnosis

ILLINOIS : A new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America.

Researchers believe the method can deliver more reliable breast cancer screening to a larger range of individuals.

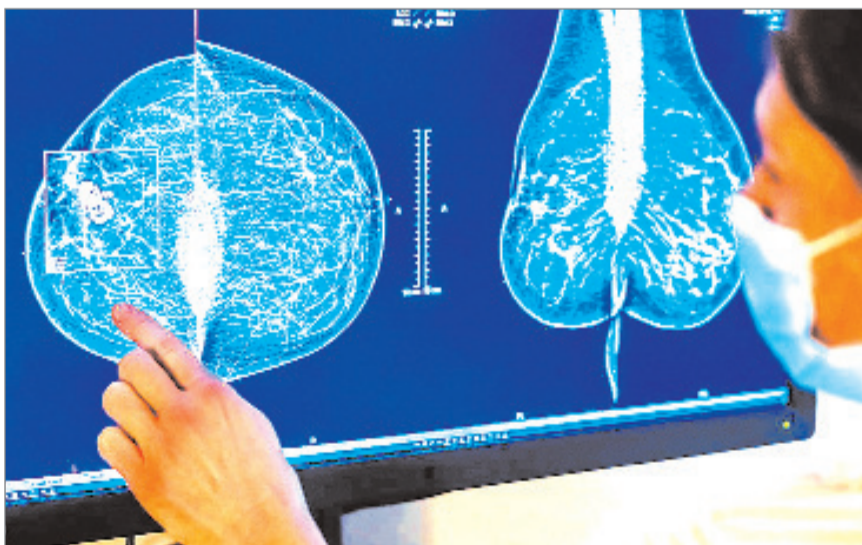
Mammography is an effective new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America. The screening method for early detection of breast cancer; however, its sensitivity is reduced in dense tissue due to the masking effect of dense fibroglandular tissue.

Because nearly half of the screening population has dense breasts, many of these individuals require further breast imaging, usually with an MRI, following mammography.

Low-dose positron emission mammography (PEM) is a novel molecular imaging technique that provides improved diagnostic performance at a radiation dose comparable to that of mammography.

For the study, 25 women, median age 52, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, underwent low-dose PEM with the radio-tracer fluorine-18-labeled fluorodeoxyglucose (18F-FDG). Two breast radiologists reviewed PEM images taken one and four hours post-18F-FDG injection and correlated the findings with lab results.

PEM displayed comparable performance to MRI, identifying 24 of the 25 invasive cancers (96 per cent). Its false-positive rate was only 16 per cent, compared with 62 per cent for MRI. Along with its strong



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sensitivity and low false-positive rate, PEM could potentially decrease downstream healthcare costs, as this study shows it may prevent further unnecessary work compared to MRI.

Additionally, the technology is designed to deliver a radiation dose comparable to that of traditional mammography without the need for breast compression, which can often be uncomfortable for patients.

'The integration of these features--high sensitivity, lower false-positive rates, cost-efficiency, acceptable radiation levels without compression, and independence from

breast density--positions this emerging imaging modality as a potential groundbreaking advancement in the early detection of breast cancer,' said study lead author Vivianne Freitas, MD, MSc, assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

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Freitas.

'For screening, its ability to perform effectively regardless of breast density potentially addresses a significant shortcoming of mammography, particularly in detecting cancers in dense breasts where lesions may be obscured,' she said.

'It also presents a viable option for patients at high risk who are claustrophobic or have contraindications for MRI.'

The technology could also play a crucial role in interpreting uncertain mammogram results, evaluating the response to chemotherapy, and ascertaining the extent of disease in newly diagnosed breast cancer, including involvement of the other breast.

Dr Freitas, who is also a staff radiologist in the Breast Imaging Division of the Toronto Joint Department of Medical Imaging, University Health Network, Sinai Health System, and Women's College Hospital, is currently researching PEM's ability to reduce the high rates of false positives typically associated with MRI scans.

'Should PEM successfully lower these rates, it could significantly lessen the emotional distress and anxiety linked to false positives,' Dr Freitas said. Additionally, it might lead to a decrease in unnecessary biopsies and treatments.

More studies are needed to determine low-dose PEM's exact role and efficacy in the clinical setting. 'While the full integration of this imaging method into clinical practice is yet to be confirmed, the preliminary findings of this research are promising, particularly in demonstrating the capability of detecting invasive breast cancer with low doses of fluorine-18-labeled FDG,' Dr Freitas said.

'This marks a critical first step in its potential future implementation in clinical practice.'

Renowned Islamic scholar Maulana Peer Zulfiqar Ahmad passes away at 72



MI News Service, Jhang, Punjab: Renowned Islamic scholar and prominent Sufi spiritual leader, Hazrat Maulana Peer Hafiz Zulfiqar Ahmad Naqshbandi Mujaddidi, passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at the age of 72. The news of his demise was confirmed by Hazrat Maulana Qasim Muhammad Talha Yasmi Naqshbandi Mujaddidi, citing information from Sheikh Bilal, a close disciple (khalifah) of the late scholar.

Born on April 1, 1953, in Jhang, Punjab, Pakistan, Maulana Zulfiqar Ahmad rose to become one of the most influential figures in the Naqshbandi Mujaddidi Sufi order. Deeply rooted in Islamic scholarship, he emphasized spiritual reform based firmly on the Quran and Sunnah, advocating self-purification, ethical living, and a stronger connection with Allah.

He founded and patronized Jamia Mahad-ul-Faqeer Al-Islami in Jhang, a key institution focused on Islamic education, tasawwuf (Sufism), and moral upbringing. For decades, he dedicated his life to guiding followers in controlling the nafs (lower self), avoiding sins, practicing gratitude, and introspection.

Brinda Karat Seeks Presidential Intervention Over UP Move to Withdraw Dadri Lynching Case

MI News Service, New Delhi: Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Brinda Karat has written to President Droupadi Murmu seeking her intervention in the Dadri lynching case, alleging that the Uttar Pradesh government is attempting to withdraw the prosecution in a manner that “subverts the entire judicial process”.



In her letter, Ms. Karat expressed grave concern over the reported move by the Uttar Pradesh government, with the consent of the Governor, to withdraw the case related to the 2015 lynching of Mohammad Akhlaq in Dadri, Greater Noida. She described the development as a serious blow to the rule of law and justice, particularly for victims of mob violence.

Mohammad Akhlaq was lynched by a mob in Bishara village of Dadri on September 28, 2015, following rumours that his family had stored and consumed beef. The incident had triggered nationwide outrage and became a defining symbol of growing mob violence and vigilantism in the country. Several people were arrested in connection with the case, and the matter has remained pending before the courts. Ms. Karat alleged that the decision to withdraw the prosecution sends a dangerous signal that perpetrators of mob lynching can escape accountability. “Such actions

undermine the constitutional promise of equality before the law and embolden forces that believe they can take the law into their own hands,” she wrote. The CPI(M) leader further argued that withdrawing the case not only denies justice to the victim’s family but also erodes public faith in the criminal justice system. She maintained that the state government’s move, reportedly taken with the Governor’s consent, raises serious constitutional and moral questions. According to her, the executive has no right to interfere in a manner that compromises the independence of the judiciary or weakens ongoing legal proceedings in cases involving heinous crimes.

Ms. Karat urged the President, as the constitutional head of the state, to examine the matter and ensure that due process of law is upheld. She appealed for the use of constitutional authority to prevent what she termed an “institutional legitimisation of mob violence”.

Mallikarjun Kharge accuses Modi govt of undermining Constitution and Dalit rights

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, addressing the party’s inaugural Scheduled Castes (SC) Advisory Committee meeting on Saturday, sharply criticised the Modi government for eroding the Constitution’s core principle of social justice.



He alleged that BJP policies have reversed gains made by previous Congress governments in education and employment opportunities for Dalits, while weakening reservations and justifying discrimination.

Kharge vowed unwavering defence of the Constitution, stating, “We will not allow Baba Saheb Ambedkar’s Constitution to be weakened at any cost.” He highlighted Congress’s historical commitment to combating discrimination, even before independence, leading to key legislations like the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, which criminalised untouchability, and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, enacted under Rajiv Gandhi’s government. This Act, he noted, recognised atrocities against Dalits not merely as crimes but as assaults on social justice.

Subsequent Congress regimes further strengthened it with measures like restrictions on anticipatory bail, faster investigations, higher compensation, and special courts. Emphasising education as the primary tool for Dalit empowerment, Kharge credited Congress initiatives such as Post-Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarships, hostels for SC students, Top Class Education Scheme, reservations in IITs, IIMs, and medical colleges, along with programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid-Day Meal, and Right to Education.

These, he said, boosted Dalit school enrolment and produced lakhs of SC doctors, engineers, teachers, officers, and entrepreneurs. Kharge accused the

current government of suppressing Dalit voices, citing incidents like the Rohith Vemula case, Bhima-Koregaon events, and discrimination against Dalit students in universities.

He claimed policies weakening reservations, reducing jobs via privatisation, and declining SC/ST faculty recruitment in universities demonstrate an assault on social justice.

Additionally, he charged the Modi dispensation with promoting a “Manuvadi” mentality that justifies discrimination rather than equality.

Quoting Ambedkar that a society’s progress is measured by the security of its weakest members, Kharge warned that the situation has been reversed under the present regime. “This government does not promote equality but justifies discrimination. We will not allow this to happen,” he asserted. — With Agencies Inputs.

Brutal mob lynching in Bihar’s Nawada: Muslim cloth vendor dies after religious identity probe



MI News Service, Nawada: In a shocking incident highlighting deteriorating law and order in Bihar, 40-year-old Mohammad Athar Hussain, a cloth vendor from Nalanda district, succumbed to injuries on December 12, 2025, following a brutal mob attack on December 5 in Nawada’s Roh police station area.

Hussain, the sole breadwinner for his family, had been selling clothes in rural Nawada for over 20 years without prior issues. In a video recorded before his death, he recounted how four to five men stopped him, checked his pockets, dragged him into a room, and forced him to reveal his Muslim identity.

The attackers allegedly beat him with iron rods, broke his fingers, trampled his chest, used pliers to crush his limbs and ears, struck him with bricks, poured petrol on him, and attempted to set him alight. Some reports mention they opened his pants to confirm his religion.

His wife, Shabnam Parveen, filed an FIR against 10 named and 15 unidentified accused. Police arrested four initially—Sonu Kumar, Ranjan Kumar, Sachin Kumar, and Shri Kumar—with raids ongoing for others. The SHO assured strict action, confirming evidence collection by a forensic team and a magistrate-supervised postmortem. The attack, allegedly motivated by religious bias, has raised concerns over Bihar’s law-and-order under new Home Minister Samrat Chaudhary.

Nawada has seen multiple mob lynchings in 2025, including two youths beaten to death in February and an elderly couple assaulted in August over witchcraft allegations.

Hamas confirms death of senior commander in Israeli attack

MI News Service, Gaza: Hamas on Sunday, December 14 confirmed the killing of its senior commander Raed Saad in an Israeli attack in Gaza. This is a major death of a Hamas leader since the ceasefire in October.

On Saturday, the Israeli army confirmed that it had killed Saad in an attack near Gaza City. At least 25 people were wounded in the latest attack. According to a report by Al Jazeera, confirming Saad’s killing in a video statement on Sunday, Hamas’s Gaza chief Khalil al-Hayya accused Israel of violating the ceasefire, agreed in October.

Khalil further said that in the wake of Israel’s continued violations, including the latest assassination of a Hamas commander just yesterday, we call on the mediators and especially the US administration and US President Donald Trump as the main guarantor of the agreement, to force Israel to respect the ceasefire deal and to implement it.

Completion ceremony of Bukhari Majlis in Furfura

Nurul Islam Khan : On Sunday, a Khatme Bukhari Majlis (completion ceremony of the Bukhari Hadith) was held at the Darbar of Pir Baro Huzur of Furfura Sharif. This grand assembly was organized by the Furfura Fatehia Kharjia Darul Hadith Madrasah, a traditional educational institution of the Indian subcontinent, which is 123 years old. The religious significance of this gathering is immense. Hazrat Pir Baro Huzur and Pir Ansar Siddiqui, and later Pir Hazrat Abu Ibrahim Siddiqui, were the heart of this educational institution established by Mujaddid-e-Zaman Ala Hazrat Pir Dada Huzur of Furfura Sharif.



Currently, Pir Abdullah Siddiqui and Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui are the chief patrons. Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui and other Pirs were also present. First, Pir Allama Sheikh Mishkat Siddiqui delivered a speech virtually. On this day, the head teacher in charge of the madrasah, Najmud Shayadat, gave the introductory speech on the occasion of the annual completion of the recitation of the six major Hadith books. Following this, Hazrat Maulana Saifuddin, Mufti Mirajul Islam, Sabir Ahmed, and others delivered lectures. Maulana Abu Saleh Muhammad Rezwani Karim, Ali Yusuf Muhammad Sambil, Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Sanullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Tamim Uddin Siddiqui, Ziauddin Siddiqui, Pirzada Mosfeqin Siddiqui, and Sajjad Hussain, among many others, graced the assembly with their presence.

The Muhtamim (administrator) of this madrasah, Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Sawban Siddiqui, conducted the final prayer. One of the current senior and respected Pirs of Furfura, Mr Hazrat Pir Allama Sebgatullah Siddiqui, was also present.

Australia investigating whether Iran is behind terror attack, says Jewish community leader

MI News Service, Canberra: Australian authorities are investigating the possibility that Iran is behind the terror attack targeting a Hanukkah party at Bondi Beach, a Jewish community leader tells The Times of Israel.

“The Foreign Ministry tells me it is investigating whether Iran is behind the shooting. To me, that says there is a real possibility,” says Jeremy Leibler, president of the Zionist Federation of Australia.

The mass shooting at a Hanukkah party at Bondi Beach is likely to change the rules of the game for Jews in Australia, Leibler says. “I’m trying to process what impact this is going to have on the Jewish community of Australia,” Leibler tells The Times of Israel. “This may be the worst attack on Jews anywhere in the world since October 7, and it’s the second-worst mass shooting in Australian history. I don’t know what happens now.”

A lot of members of the community were already contemplating leaving Australia, and this is going to accelerate that, Leibler says. Leibler says Australia’s Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has failed to rein in rising antisemitism, partially due to his ideological opposition to Israel.

“This is a government that cannot understand what this means and disconnect it from the fact that they’ve demonized the State of Israel,” he says. “The prime minister can’t bring himself to get up and say Jews in Australia shouldn’t be held accountable for the actions of the Israeli government.”

RPF, Eastern Railway Recovers Left-Behind Passenger Belongings Under “Operation Amanat”

● Valuable Worth Over ₹3.14 Lakh Safely Restored to Rightful Owners

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Dec.25 : Reaffirming its strong commitment to passenger safety and welfare, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway has once again demonstrated exemplary service under “Operation Amanat”, a dedicated initiative aimed at recovering and safeguarding passengers’ left-behind luggage and personal belongings.



On December 13, 2025, RPF personnel from the Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, and Malda Divisions recovered a wide range of left-behind articles from various railway stations and premises across Eastern Railway. The recovered items included two jackets, one blazer, two mobile phones, and 17 bags and wallets containing valuable belongings such as a laptop, important documents, medicines, clothing, a carpet, and cash amounting to ₹1,500, among other items.

The total value of the recovered articles has been assessed at approximately

₹3,14,200. These recoveries were made at Howrah, Burdwan, Bandel, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Sealdah, Ballygunge, Bongaon, Barrackpore, Asansol, Jamtara, Dureka, Durgapur, Jaidih, and Malda railway stations and premises.

All recovered items were carefully verified and handed over to their rightful owners after due documentation. Upon receiving their belongings, the passengers expressed heartfelt gratitude to Eastern Railway, particularly the RPF/ER personnel, for their prompt and dedicated efforts.

India’s ‘Vishwa Guru’ aspiration of Bhagwat : A narrative born from Hindu defeatism and historical insecurity

MI News Service, Lucknow: Mohan Bhagwat’s recent remarks in Lucknow have once again revived an old and persistent question: Why are Hindu nationalist leaders so deeply invested in the idea of making India a “Vishwa Guru”—a world teacher? Why do Mohan Bhagwat, Narendra Modi and other leaders repeatedly assert that India must lead the world?

The answer, uncomfortable as it may be, lies in a long-standing insecurity: a sense of defeat and inferiority embedded within the political imagination of Hindu nationalism.

Viewed as a religious group, Hindu identity has historically lacked global expansion. Hinduism—despite claims of being among the oldest religions—did not spread beyond the Indian subcontinent, barring marginal exceptions. In contrast, Christianity and Islam expanded far beyond their regions of origin, spreading across continents and shaping civilisations worldwide.

Christianity travelled from Europe to every inhabited continent—Asia, Africa, Australia, the Americas. Despite its antiquity, the Vedic/Brahmanical/Hindu religious system never achieved such reach. Even within India, significant populations embraced Islam and Christianity. Two Islamic nations—Pakistan and Bangladesh—emerged from India. Afghanistan, which Hindu nationalists fold into their idea of “Akhand Bharat,” is also an Islamic-majority country.

Yes, Buddhism—also born in India—spread across large parts of Asia. China became a primarily Buddhist civilisation, as did Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand. Yet Hindu nationalists do not consider



Buddhism’s achievements as Hindu achievements. Meanwhile, Hinduism continued to shrink geographically. For roughly 600 years, much of India was ruled by Muslim dynasties, followed by 200 years under Christian British rule. After colonialism ended, Hindu nationalist groups expected a Hindu Rashtra to emerge. It was the Hindu Mahasabha (Savarkar) that first floated the idea of partition.

Partition did happen, but their dream of a Hindu nation-state remained unrealised. India embraced secularism. This inability to shape India into a Hindu Rashtra became a fresh layer of frustration. For individuals and organisations whose primary identity is Hindu, this generates a lingering sense of inadequacy—born from past defeats and present limitations.

The inferiority complex does not end with religion. Politically, Hindu nationalism sees Hindu history as lacking major empire-builders who ruled all of India. None of the great subcontinental empires—Mauryan, Kushan, Mughal or the British—were founded by kings who identified as Hindu in the modern sense.

Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka built India’s first pan-Indian empires, yet neither identified with Hindu varna ideology. Kanishka and later imperial formations were also not Hindu. Even the Gupta Empire cannot conclusively be termed a “Hindu empire” in the ideological sense projected today.

Medieval India’s largest political formations—the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire—were not Hindu. After them came the British Empire.

Even the Nehru-Indira era is not viewed as “Hindu rule.” The Modi era, to Hindu nationalists, appears closer to a Hindu political revival—which explains the intense emphasis on making India a Vishwa Guru. Yet even this era falls short for them, constrained by the Constitution, democracy, reservations, modern institutions, and electoral politics—all of which Hindu nationalism sees as obstacles to unchecked majoritarian dominance.

Hindu nationalism also suffers from a deeper intellectual and cultural insecurity. It does not claim the Indus Valley civilisation or the rich Buddhist-era civilisation—even though both

boast tremendous achievements. Instead, the Vedic age is upheld as the pinnacle of ancient India. Yet there is no archaeological, architectural, or material evidence of the Vedic era’s supposed greatness. No temples, buildings, artistic forms, or scientific institutions survive from that period.

The Upanishads receive some global philosophical recognition, but they themselves evolved by moving beyond Vedic ritualism. Even then, Hindu nationalists rarely invoke the Upanishads; they prefer the Vedas.

Ancient India’s great universities—Nalanda, Takshashila, Vikramshila—attracted students from across Eurasia. Yet Hindu nationalism does not celebrate these as part of its heritage, nor has it built comparable institutions today.

The caste-varna system, a Hindu social invention, cannot be exported globally; no society will accept such a rigid hierarchy.

Most scientific advances of ancient India—in mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, medicine, chemistry, and logic—emerged from Buddhist, Jain, materialist, and rationalist traditions such as Charvaka, Samkhya, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, and Ayurveda. They were not rooted in Vedic ritualism.

In the medieval period, Hindu nationalism sees only “Muslim rule.” It refuses to acknowledge architectural, artistic, philosophical, or literary achievements of that era. The Taj Mahal, admired worldwide, becomes an object of resentment merely because a Muslim emperor built it.

Medieval poets and thinkers like Kabir and Ghalib are viewed as out-

Bengal Weather update: Warm days, foggy morning ahead

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is witnessing an unexpected rise in temperatures, temporarily delaying the onset of winter across large parts of the state. According to the Meteorological Department, Sunday saw a significant jump in morning temperatures, particularly in South Bengal, while North Bengal remains colder due to prevailing north-easterly winds. Kolkata recorded a minimum temperature of 15.8°C, above seasonal norms, though experts note that the variation over the next few days will remain minimal, fluctuating within one to two degrees Celsius. Meteorologists attribute this unusual warmth to the influence of a western disturbance over North-West India, coupled with another storm system and a developing cyclone near Jammu and Kashmir, which has temporarily stalled the spread of winter across the plains. In western districts, minimum temperatures are hovering between 11°C and 13°C, while coastal districts are slightly warmer, ranging from 14°C to 16°C. The state is expected to remain largely dry, with no significant rainfall in the forecast. However, early morning fog is likely to persist in western districts such as Bankura, Purulia, and Jhargram, as well as in coastal districts including Purba Medinipur, North and South 24 Parganas, and adjoining areas.

SMAT: REDDY'S UNBEATEN CENTURY HELPS ANDHRA WIN, KNOCK PUNJAB OUT OF COMPETITION

PUNE : Maramreddy Hemant Reddy smashed a blistering unbeaten century to script Andhra's first win of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Super League stage and eliminate Punjab from being in contention for the final.

At the MCA Cricket Stadium in Gahunje, Hemant hammered 109 off 53 balls, his first T20I century and steered Andhra to a five-wicket victory by successfully hunting down 206 with a ball to spare. Put into batting first, Punjab assembled a strong total through collective contributions.

Opener Harnoor Singh's 42 off 30 balls laid the foundation for the high score before Anmolpreet Singh (47 off 27 balls), Ramandeep Singh (43 off 18 balls) and Salil Arora (42 not out off 22 balls) injected momentum in the middle and death overs.

For Andhra, seam-bowling all-rounder Nitish Reddy, who took a hat-trick in the previous game against Madhya Pradesh, returned with figures of 1-39 while left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar took 1-24.

The chase began in turmoil for Andhra, as they were reduced to 12/3 and later 56/5 in the ninth over, with Nitish falling for a duck. From that precarious position, Hemant and SDNV Prasad turned the contest around with a decisive 155-run stand for the sixth wicket. Reddy's innings featured 11 fours and seven sixes, while Prasad's unbeaten 53 off 35 balls included two fours and four sixes, as the pair carried Andhra home in a proper run-fest. Andhra will next take on an in-form Jharkhand in their final Super League stage match on Tuesday.

Brief Scores: Punjab 205/5 in 20 overs (Anmolpreet Singh 47, Ramandeep Singh 43; Saurabh Kumar 1-24, Nitish Kumar Reddy 1-39) lost to Andhra 211/5 in 19.5 overs (M Hemant Reddy 109 not out, SDNV Prasad 53 not out, Gurnoor Brar 3-23, Ayush Goyal 1-37) by five wickets

Odisha Masters 2025: Unnati Hooda, Kiran George clinch singles titles

CUTTACK : Top seeds delivered on the final day of the Odisha Masters 2025, a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament, as Unnati Hooda and Kiran George claimed the women's and men's singles titles, respectively, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Sunday.

In the women's singles final, top seed Hooda produced a composed performance to defeat compatriot Isharani Baruah 21-17, 21-10 in just over half an hour. Hooda controlled the rallies from the outset, denying Baruah the momentum that had powered her impressive run through the draw. Despite the loss, Baruah capped a memorable week with a well-earned silver medal after a series of standout performances.



The men's singles final witnessed a gripping contest, with second seed George prevailing

over Indonesia's Muhamad Yusuf in a hard-fought three-game battle. George took the opening game

21-14 before Yusuf fought back to level the match. Showing resilience and tactical clarity, George closed out the decider 21-16 to secure the title after an hour on court.

Indonesia enjoyed success in the mixed doubles, where Marwan Faza/Aisyah Pranata defeated compatriots Dejan Ferdiansyah/Bernadine Wardana 21-15, 21-10. In women's doubles, Bulgaria's top seeds Gabriela and Stefani Stoeva overcame Malaysia's Ong Xin Yee/Carmen Ting 21-19, 21-14. The men's doubles crown went to Indonesia's Ali Faathir Rayhan/Devin Artha Wahyudi, who rallied past Malaysia's Khang Khai Xing/Aaron Tai 15-21, 21-12, 21-16.



Teen prodigy Shane Chandaria clinches Formula 4 Indian Championship title

CHENNAI : Shane Chandaria won the third season of the FIA-certified Formula 4 Indian Championship, which is part of the Indian Racing Festival, and became the youngest title winner at the age of 15, here at the Madras International Circuit.

Having entered the 2025 season as a fresh-faced rookie, Kenya's Chandaria finished it as the indisputable champion.

It was the first championship win of his young career. The Chennai Turbo Riders carried a 24-point lead at the top going into the fifth and final round this weekend. However, he had a challenge on his hands as his more experienced rivals were closing in, and a tricky track and trying conditions awaited at the Madras International Circuit.

But Chandaria, nicknamed 'Baby Samurai', was up to the task and made the most of the head start to clinch the championship in race 1 itself. Starting the first race of the day in pole position, the teenager completed 23 laps in 26 minutes, 23.059 seconds. Though he finished second behind Kichcha's Kings Bengaluru's Sachel Rotge, who clocked 26:22.674, the top 2 finish was enough to seal the title.

Even after the championship was wrapped up, Frenchman Rotge and Chandaria, as they so often have this season, were once again locked in battle in race 2 and despite the reverse grid pushing them at the back of the

track, they fought off the competition and staged some daring overtaking moves towards the end to finish on the podium. While 16-year-old Luviwe Sambudla of Goa Aces JA Racing won the race, Rotge, who pulled off a double overtake in the last lap, finished second and Chandaria third to leave their indelible mark on the season.

Chandaria and Rotge dominated the 2025 Indian F4 Championship, finishing first and second, respectively. The third position was taken up by seven-time Indian National Karting Champion Ishaan Madesh. Chandaria's team, Chennai Turbo Riders, meanwhile, won the Teams' Championship.

The F4 championship confirmed Chandaria's status as one of the more exciting driving talents. The Kenyan, with an Indian heritage, started in the sport at the tender age of five. Since then, he has gone from strength to strength. He dominated the Kenya National Karting Championship, earning Rookie of the Year honours in 2021 and the National Championship title in 2022.

He moved to UK to race in the British Karting Championship in 2024 and transitioned to single-seaters through the Formula Global Shootout Program (FGSP). During Round 2 in Chennai, he made history as he became the first Kenyan to win an FIA Formula 4 race.

Sr National Judo C'ship 2025-26: VBF judoka Kalpana upsets Unnati Sharma to bag gold



IMPHAL : Vijayi Bharat Foundation (VBF) judoka Irengbam Kalpana Devi bagged gold in the women's 63 kg category at the Senior National Judo Championship 2025-26.

Kalpana stunned the judo fraternity by defeating Himanshi Tokas, the former Junior World No. 1 and current Jr. World No. 3, in the semifinals of the event.

She carried that momentum into the final, where she overpowered Unnati Sharma, the Senior

Asian Championship silver medalist, with a commanding performance to win gold.

Kalpana, who hails from Manipur, has been training under coach Lal Krishan Baghel at VBF's high-performance centre in Ahmedabad since mid-2024.

"I am really happy to win gold today. It has all been through the hard work and dedication of my team at VBF, so first of all, I would like to thank Vijayi Bharat Foundation and my coach, Lal

Krishan Baghel, for what I have achieved today. I will now aim to continue this momentum and reach many more milestones for our country," said Kalpana.

According to coach Baghel, Kalpana's preparation for the Senior Nationals focused on elite-level gripping strategies (kumikata), transition speed from tachiwaza to ne-waza, match-specific randori, anaerobic endurance, and decision-making under fatigue. Special emphasis was

Messi event chaos: Bengal Govt to prepare spl report, suggest precautions for mega gatherings

KOLKATA : West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose will prepare a separate report on the management lapses witnessed at Salt Lake Stadium on the northern outskirts of Kolkata on December 13 during an event featuring Argentine football star Lionel Messi, and will also suggest to the state government the precautions that need to be adopted in future while organising such mega events, an official said on Sunday.

The Governor visited the Salt Lake Stadium on Sunday to take stock of the situation following the chaos that broke out at the venue. Before leaving the stadium, he told newsmen that he intended to prepare a separate report on the incident and forward specific recommendations to the state government on measures required to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

During his interaction with the media, the Governor accused the state government of not taking adequate security precautions for an event of such magnitude, despite advance indications of potential crowd-related problems. He said there were prior alerts about the massive gathering of people eager to catch a glimpse of the Argentine football star, which should have prompted stronger preventive arrangements. The Governor also reiterated the comments he had made on Saturday, alleging that the police administration failed to put in place sufficient advance measures to anticipate and manage the chaos arising from the huge turnout at the stadium.

"Advance precautions were necessary to ensure that the event proceeded smoothly," the Governor said, underscoring the need for better planning and coordination among the concerned authorities in such high-profile programmes. Meanwhile, members of the judicial committee appointed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to review the incident also visited the Salt Lake Stadium on Sunday afternoon. The committee has been tasked with examining the circumstances that led to the disorder and assessing responsibility for the lapses.

After inspecting the venue, the head of the committee, Justice (Retd.) Ashim Kumar Ray of the Calcutta High Court, appealed to media persons to refrain from conducting what he termed a "post-mortem" of the incident at this stage.

"I request all of you not to go for any kind of post-mortem at this moment. We will conduct a detailed investigation into the matter. We have taken notes on everything, and our final report will contain all the details," he said. However, Justice Ray declined to respond directly when asked whether any specific authority or agency could be held responsible for the apparent mismanagement at the stadium on Saturday. "The investigation is at a preliminary stage now, so I cannot say anything at this moment," he said.



Armed Forces grace 53rd edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle in Goa dedicated to Vijay Diwas

NEW DELHI : The 53rd edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle was organised along the Konkani coast of Goa, with the Armed Forces as special partners, in observance of Vijay Diwas.

The mega cycling event marked a significant milestone for the Fit India Movement by expanding the nationwide fitness initiative beyond the National Capital Region, signalling its growing presence across various parts of the country.

The event showcased the increasing momentum of the Fit India Movement and reaffirmed its goal of promoting fitness as a widespread movement.

The cycling rally was flagged off from Miramar Beach Circle and followed a scenic route to Dona Paula and back, witnessing enthusiastic participation from citizens, defence personnel, NCC cadets, athletes, actors, and fitness enthusiasts.

The morning programme featured yoga demonstrations, Zumba sessions, live Goan music, and large-scale public participation, emphasising that fitness can be inclusive, enjoyable, and sustainable.

The event was attended by Ramesh Tawadkar, Minister for Sports, Government of Goa, along with Santosh Gunwantrao Sukhadeve, IAS, Secretary (Sports), Government of Goa, and other senior officials. Several notable personalities, including actors, sportspersons, defence person-



nel, and Fit India Ambassadors, also participated in the event.

Addressing the gathering, Tawadkar spoke about his journey over the past two decades as a physical education teacher and cycling enthusiast. Emphasising the importance of strengthening the sports ecosystem and fostering a culture of fitness, he highlighted how cycling is an integral part of daily life in several European countries. He stated that India too must cultivate

a similar culture, adding that when a large section of the population adopts fitness as a way of life, a lasting behavioural change is possible. He further underscored the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the leadership of the Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports in promoting regular Sundays on Cycle across states, including Goa.

The event also witnessed participation from eminent personalities, including

Telugu film actor Manchu Manoj Kumar, actor Mohammed Ali, Subedar Manish Kaushik, Arjuna Awardee Bruno Coutinho, Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee Brahmanand Sankhwal, and former Indian women's football team head coach Maymol Rocky, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, actor Ali expressed happiness at seeing people from all walks of life coming together for fitness and appreciated the initiative for encouraging citizens to work towards a healthier nation.

Manoj Kumar shared insights into maintaining fitness through discipline and consistency and praised the Fit India Movement for inspiring youth to adopt healthier lifestyles. He also commended the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister for promoting fitness-led initiatives across the country.

With active participation from NCC units, armed forces representatives, Fit India Ambassadors, and fitness influencers, the 53rd edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle in Goa showcased the impact of community-driven fitness initiatives supported by leadership and collective effort.

The initiative is carried out with Yogasana Bharat and MY Bharat as ongoing partners, further strengthening efforts to promote fitness and well-being across the country.

INAUGURAL CIDCO OPEN SET TO BEGIN FROM DECEMBER 16

NAVI MUMBAI : The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) and CIDCO on Sunday jointly announced the staging of the inaugural CIDCO Open. PGTI's first-ever event in the city carries a prize purse of INR 1 crore and is scheduled to be held here at the magnificent Kharghar Valley Golf Course from December 16 to 19.

The tournament will feature 126 professionals. It will be played in stroke-play format over four rounds of 18 holes each. After two rounds, the top 50 players and ties will make the cut.

The star-studded field at the tournament will include leading Indian professionals such as Yuvraj Sandhu (2025 PGTI Order of Merit Champion), Veer

Ahlawat, Manu Gandas, Angad Cheema, and Om Prakash Chouhan, among others.

The prominent foreign players in the tournament include Sri Lankans N Thangaraja and K Prabakaran, Bangladeshis Md Siddikur Rahman and Badal Hossain, Nepal's Subash Tamang, the Czech Republic's Stepan Danek, Italians Michele Ortolani and Federico Zucchetti, American Koichiro Sato, as well as Uganda's Joshua Seale.

The local professionals in the field are Manoj Kumar, Mayur Thakur and Pankaj Thakur from Navi Mumbai, and Anil Bajrang Mane from Mumbai.

Kapil Dev, President, PGTI, said, "We are delighted to bring the first-ever PGTI event to the Kharghar Valley Golf Course in

Navi Mumbai in partnership with the Government of Maharashtra. This venue represents the exciting growth of golf infrastructure in India, and hosting a tournament here is an important step in taking the sport to new regions and communities. Importantly, we are pleased to bring a PGTI event to the financial capital of India as golf is a sport played at most financial hubs around the world. We look forward to showcasing the talent of India's finest professionals on this beautiful and challenging course, and we hope it inspires more young golfers in Navi Mumbai and beyond. We thank the Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnis, CIDCO and Larsen & Toubro for their support to this event."

