

Amid a packed schedule of major industrial and business events, the Kolkata Christmas Festival is set to begin earlier than usual this year. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will formally inaugurate the Christmas celebrations on December 18 at Allen Park on Park Street. From that day, a wide range of cultural programmes, musical performances, decorative lighting and theme-based events will be held at Allen Park and surrounding areas until January 4. According to sources at Nabanna, the state secretariat, the schedule of the Christmas Festival has been advanced this year due to two consecutive high-profile business programmes scheduled in Kolkata on December 17 and 18. On December 17, an MSME meet will be held at Netaji Indoor Stadium, followed by a government-organised business conclave at the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Alipore on December 18. **PG 3**



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**Lionel Messi's programme 'cut short from 1h 40m to only 20 minutes' by the organisers, says police**



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**Bidhannagar Police**

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** The Bidhannagar Police Commissioner Mukesh Kumar, who accompanied the Governor and the members of the inquiry committee set up by the state government to investigate the fiasco surrounding the Kolkata leg of Lionel Messi's GOAT India tour, revealed details of all the lapses in management during the event on December 13. The event, which was supposed to mark the grand opening of Messi's four-city tour and a return to Kolkata after 14 years, descended into chaos, and the Police chief blamed it on "clear mismanagement." The police commissioner said the event at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday was scheduled to last nearly two hours but was cut short to just 20 minutes after chaos erupted. "When you cut a 1 hour 40-minute event to 20 minutes, this is bound to happen. It is a fall-out of mismanagement. We have arrested one person and prepared a list of people to be summoned," he said after Satadru Dutta, the chief organiser of Messi's India tour, was arrested. Dutta's bail plea was rejected by a Bidhannagar court, following which he was remanded to 14-day judicial custody. The police chief added that CCTV footage is being reviewed and more arrests are likely. He also said the police were not informed about the expanded guest list and that, despite a no-water-bottle policy for spectators, water bottles were allowed inside the venue during the event. "No permission for water bottles was given. The additional guest list was not given to us. Vendors, too, will be questioned. We are checking CCTV footage. All those identified will be arrested," he added. According to the police, with tight security in place, everything was under control until 10 am. However, the matter escalated at 11:48 am, four minutes before Messi had left the venue. "The crowd started shouting 'boo boo', and we could sense their dissatisfaction. Messi's security team swiftly escorted him out, and as fans saw him leave, they began throwing bottles, chairs, and other objects onto the field," the officer said. Dutta was taken into custody on Saturday at Kolkata airport, where he had gone to see off Messi and his entourage ahead of their onward journey to Hyderabad. The Bidhannagar Police have registered

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## PM embarks on a three-nation tour



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a warm welcome from Jordan's Prime Minister, Jafar Hassan, on his arrival, in Amman on Monday.

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a three nation tour to Jordan, Ethiopia and Oman on Monday as all these countries enjoy civilizational ties and exceptional bilateral relations with key partners in West Asia and Africa. "First, I will be visiting Jordan, on the invitation of His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein. This historic visit will mark 75 years of establish-

ment of diplomatic relations between our two countries," the Prime minister said in his departure statement. During his stay PM Modi will hold detailed discussions with Jordanian King Abdullah, Prime Minister Jafar Hassan. He will also meet Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah. He is also scheduled to interact with members of the Indian community in Jordan, acknowledging their role in strengthening bilateral

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ties. In his first visit to Ethiopia on the second leg of his tour, the Prime minister will address the Joint Session of Parliament in Addis Ababa and share his thoughts on India's journey as the "Mother of Democracy" and the value that the India-Ethiopia partnership can bring to the Global South. PM Modi will also hold discussions with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali and meet the Indian diaspora. Addis Ababa also hosts the headquarters of the African Union. The visit comes in the backdrop of the African Union's admission as a permanent member of the G20 during India's presidency in 2023. "On the final leg of my journey, I will visit the Sultanate of Oman. My visit will mark 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India

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### Draft voter lists in Bengal reach BLOs a day before online release

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** A day ahead of the official publication of the West Bengal draft electoral rolls on Tuesday, Booth-Level Officers (BLOs) across the state received access to the list on Monday, an EC official said. Through a dedicated application, BLOs were able to view the draft rolls booth-wise to facilitate preliminary verification, the official said. "The draft list will go live on Tuesday noon for public access both online and offline. But the BLOs have already received the draft list," the Election Commission official said. Meanwhile as the enumeration process is complete, and the Election Commission of India (ECI) is set to release the draft electoral roll tomorrow, the voters will now be able to check the list to find out whether their names were included or not. According to sources in the EC, the draft list can be viewed in both online and offline modes. To search the name online, first go to the EC website (eci.gov.in) or the West Bengal Election Commission portal (ceowestbengal.gov.in). One can enter their name and EPIC number to view the draft list. The list will also be available on the software application. For those preferring offline

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### Nitin Nabin takes charge as BJP National Working President



Bihar Minister Nitin Nabin being greeted by supporters in Patna after he was appointed BJP's national working president.

**MI News Service, Patna / New Delhi :** Newly-appointed National Working President of the BJP Nitin Nabin took charge of his new responsibility at the party headquarters here on Monday. BJP president and Union Health Minister J P Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, among others, were present when Nabin took charge as the party's National Working President. Nabin arrived at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport here from Patna in the afternoon, a day after his appointment to the party post. He was received at the airport by Delhi Chief

I have always worked on the ideas of my father, who considered the party as his mother and prioritised the nation over everything. I think that is the reason the party has blessed me with this opportunity to continue working with BJP workers.

--Nitin Nabin

Minister Rekha Gupta and several other senior leaders

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### Rijiju seeks apology from Rahul, Kharge for 'threat' to PM Modi

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday sought an apology from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for their party workers' alleged threat to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's life. At a hurriedly called press conference here, Rijiju alleged that at Sunday's Congress rally in the national capital, some party workers had threatened to dig the grave of the Prime Minister, which was the "most unfortunate and tragic" thing to happen in the Indian democracy. "BJP-NDA never talked of killing anyone," says Kiren Rijiju over 'Kabar Khudegi' remark on PM Modi, seeks Congress apology



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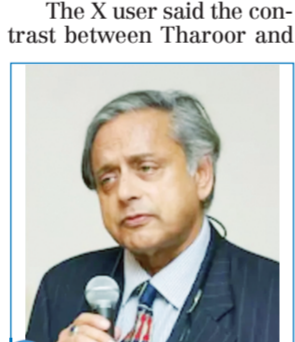
Union Minister Kiren Rijiju

Prime Minister Modi," he said. The Parliamentary Affairs ministers said that the workers and leaders of the Congress and the BJP are political rivals, not enemies. "We propagate different ideologies but work together for a developed India as dreamt by Prime Minister

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### Thoughtful analysis: Tharoor on contrast between him and Rahul Gandhi

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Thiruvantapuram :** Amid deteriorating ties with his party, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday termed "thoughtful" an analysis by an X user who posted a long thread on the social media platform about the contrast between the veteran leader and Rahul Gandhi. The X user said the contrast between Tharoor and



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former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi reflects two ideological tendencies that have existed within the party. "The problem is not their coexistence. The problem is Congress's inability to choose, integrate, or execute either coherently," the user said in the thread. Responding to his remarks, Tharoor said, "Thank you (for) this thoughtful analysis. There has always been more than one tendency in the party; your framing is fair, and reflective of a certain perception of the current reality." The X user had also said in his post that Tharoor broadly aligns with a 1990s-era Congress tendency that is urban-facing, institutionally-oriented and reform-compatible. "This orientation emerged during

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### Nepal's ousted PM Oli's party to elect new leadership



**MI News Service, Kathmandu :** Nepal's deposed prime minister K P Sharma Oli-led CPN-UML will elect its new leadership on Tuesday during the ongoing general convention of the party, sources here said on Monday. The closed-door session of the 11th General Convention of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) began at Bhrikutimandap here on Sunday. The filing of nominations for the post of party chair and other office

bearers took place on Monday, the party sources said. Polling will be held from 11 am to 5 pm on Tuesday, with the party using electronic voting machines. Around 2,260 eligible party members are expected to cast their vote. Incumbent chairman Oli and senior vice-chairman Ishwar Pokhrel are in the fray for the top post. Oli is seeking to be elected party

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**Father just 5 yrs older than sons? Voter list shock**

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A startling anomaly uncovered during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has triggered serious concern within the Election Commission and ignited a political controversy in West Bengal's Purba Bardhaman district. The irregularity was detected at Booth No. 175 in Sitalgram village under Mangalkot block, Katwa subdivision, where the draft 2025 voter list shows a man recorded as the father of two "sons" who are only four to five years younger than him—an error experts describe as unprecedented in Bengal's electoral history.

According to the voter list, Saroj Majhi, listed at serial number 434, is shown as 63 years old. Immediately below him, Lakshmi Majhi (59) and Sagar Majhi (58) appear at serial numbers 435 and 437, recorded as his sons. The minimal age gap between the father and the two sons raised red flags during the SIR exercise. The Sub-Divisional Officer of Katwa has confirmed that the matter will be examined and corrective measures initiated. Local sources allege that Lakshmi and Sagar Majhi migrated from Bangladesh nearly 22 years ago and settled in Sitalgram. Their names were reportedly added to the electoral rolls in 2006 during the Left Front regime by listing Saroj Majhi—an existing resident—as their father. While their names were included, incorrect ages were allegedly entered, leading to the present discrepancy. Despite this, both men reportedly possess valid voter ID cards, Aadhaar cards, ration cards, and have been receiving government welfare benefits for years. Under the SIR process, they may now be summoned for hearings to verify their documents. Members of both families, including Saroj Majhi himself, have admitted that there is no biological relationship and that his name was added as their father on the advice of local CPM leaders. Political reactions have been sharply divided. The CPM has denied institutional responsibility, while the Trinamool Congress and BJP have accused the Left Front of deliberate voter list manipulation. The episode has raised serious questions about electoral integrity, past oversight failures, and the long-term impact of administrative lapses on public trust in democratic processes.

**Kolkata Seminar Explores Symbiosis Between Science and Society**



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A thought provoking seminar on 'Science and Society Symbiosis' concluded successfully on Sunday, organised jointly by Bharatiya Vidya Mandir and Bharatiya Sanskriti Samad at the latter's auditorium in the city.

Eminent speakers, including Padma Shri Prahlad Rai Agarwala, Chairman of Rupa Company and a noted philanthropist; Dr Himadri Sekhar Maiti, former Director of CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute; and guest Dr P.R. Swarup, Director General of Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), shared insights on harnessing scientific progress to address contemporary social challenges.

Renowned astrophysicist Dr Debiprasad Duari moderated the discussions, while Brahmachari Divakar Chaitanya from Chinmaya Mission graced the occasion. Dr Bithal Das Mundhra, Chairman of the organising institutions, introduced the theme, emphasising the need for harmonious integration of science, technology and societal values.

Other dignitaries present included Vice President Dr Tara Dugar and Rajgopal Sureka. The event aimed to foster dialogue among scientists, industrialists and the public, promoting greater awareness of India's advancements in science and technology. Organisation representative Rajesh Dugar, Sushant Sureka, Priyanka Pallwal, Suprakas Bose Shankar Lal Somani's initiative led the program be successful.



Army personnel stage a spectacular military tattoo on the eve of Vijay Diwas 2025 celebrations at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club in Kolkata on Monday.



**Relief for many in SIR drive: Citizenship certificates trigger hope**

**MI News Service, North 24 Parganas:** Amid widespread anxiety over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, a sudden wave of relief has swept through sections of North 24 Parganas, particularly among Matua community members, after thousands reportedly received mobile messages related to citizenship certification overnight.

The development follows a significant clarification by the Supreme Court on the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). A Bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi categorically held that only those who have been granted Indian citizenship are eligible to be included in the voter list. The court made it clear that merely applying for citizenship does not confer voting rights; applicants must first obtain citizenship before their names can be enrolled as electors. In the aftermath of this ruling, administrative activity appears to have intensified. According to local sources, thousands of applicants across North 24 Parganas received messages on their mobile phones requesting



Tension erupts in the land of Matuas

documentation or confirming progress on their citizenship applications. Many of these individuals did not figure in the 2002 electoral rolls—an issue that had earlier fuelled fear and uncertainty during the SIR process—but now say their anxiety has significantly reduced. The Matua community, which had been among the most apprehensive groups during the SIR exercise, has played a central role in the unfolding developments. Matua Mahasangh

president Shantanu Thakur had earlier assured community members that once they apply for citizenship, the docket number generated could be used at a later stage for electoral enrolment. Following this assurance, large crowds reportedly gathered at Thakurnagar, with thousands queuing at camps near the Thakurbari to submit citizenship applications. Residents who received certificates or official messages expressed relief. Dulali Mandal, an elderly

woman from the district, said, "Earlier there was fear because my name was not there. Now, if there is a hearing, I can show the certificate and there should be no problem." Her husband, Manik Kumar Mandal, added that while his parents' names were in earlier records, his wife's was not. "Now she has the certificate. That gives us confidence," he said. Former general secretary of the Matua Mahasangh Mahitosh Vaidya confirmed the development,

stating that around 3,500 citizenship application files have reportedly been cleared, while nearly 10 per cent are still pending, leaving some uncertainty. "Our appeal to the central government is to ensure that all pending certificates are issued at the earliest," he said. While relief is palpable, the process has also evoked complex emotions. Some applicants spoke of a sense of emotional loss accompanying formal severance of ties with Bangladesh, even as they welcomed legal recognition as Indian citizens. At the same time, serious logistical questions remain over whether citizenship certificates can realistically be issued to millions of applicants within a short timeframe. Under the CAA, eligibility for citizenship is subject to strict timelines and ethnic criteria. Until these conditions are verified and certificates formally issued, applicants cannot be treated as Indian citizens or granted voting rights. As both the SIR and citizenship processes move forward simultaneously, the developments in North 24 Parganas underscore the scale, sensitivity, and far-reaching implications of the administrative exercise now underway.

**IIT Kharagpur Catalyzes a Global Tech-Medicine Partnership in Omaha**

**MI News Service, Kharagpur:** Kharagpur, India - IIT Kharagpur continues to strengthen its global academic and research footprint as Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Director, IIT Kharagpur, concluded a high-impact visit to Omaha, USA, marked by visionary discussions and strategic engagements at the confluence of engineering, medicine, and societal transformation.

At the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Prof. Chakraborty held substantive discussions with Chancellor Dr. Dele Davies and Dr. Britigan, Dean, College of Medicine, laying the foundation for future collaborations in joint research and education. The conversations focused on integrating engineering innovation with clinical medicine, particularly in the

development of next-generation diagnostic technologies that are scalable, affordable, and deployable in real-world healthcare settings. The engagement progressed to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), where interactions with the leadership of the Biological Systems & Engineering (BSE) program opened promising avenues for institutional collaboration. Led by Dean Dr. Derek McLean, and joined by Prof. Mark Stone (Head, BSE), Dr. Santosh Pitla, Prof. Angie Pannier, and Dr. Mark Riley (Associate Dean, College of Engineering), the discussions explored deep-tech synergies spanning biological systems engineering, robotics, advanced imaging, and portable ultrasound technologies. Visits to the NTTL Splinters Lab and the Robotics Lab further reinforced a shared

commitment to translational research with global relevance—particularly the development of rugged, frugal, and transformative imaging and ultrasound solutions for deployment in resource-constrained environments. The visit was expertly coordinated by Prof. Deepak Khazanchi, faculty member at UNL and a distinguished alumnus of IIT Kharagpur, exemplifying the pivotal role of the global IIT alumni network in fostering enduring institutional bridges. The visit concluded with a celebratory reception hosted by Meenakshi and Prof. Deepak Khazanchi, bringing together members of the IIT Kharagpur community in the region. On the occasion, outstanding alumni contributions were recognized across generations:

- \* Young Alumni Achiever Award – Dr. Manojit Pramanik



\* Distinguished Service Award – Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra  
\* Distinguished Alumnus Award – Prof. Deepak Khazanchi  
From Omaha to Kharagpur,

the engagements reaffirmed a powerful message: when engineering and medicine converge with purpose, geographical boundaries dissolve—and meaningful global impact accelerates.

**Cartridges recovered while digging hole in a field of Shalbandi**

**MI News Service, Kharagpur:** There was a stir in the area when a cartridge was found while digging the soil to catch a rat in Gamariya area of Ajnashuli village under Kashijoda Gram Panchayat of Shalbandi block of West Medinipur district on Monday. 179 rounds of cartridges were recovered from the area. Among the recovered cartridges, 122 are of country-made single barrel gun and 57 are of SLR. How the cartridges reached the field has not been known till the time of writing. It is known that the cartridges came out while digging a hole in the field to catch a



rat. Where did these come from, how long had they been kept under the soil, no one was able to understand.

According to local sources, these cartridges were recovered from the land of former

CPI(M) leader Sukdev Mahto. After receiving the information, the police of Shalbandi police station reached the spot and took the cartridges into their custody. They went on to say that Shalbandi has

been a stronghold of Maoists for a long time. Once, while returning from this same Shalbandi, a landmine blast took place in front of the convoy of former Chief Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharya. However, the CPI(M) leadership has pointed the finger towards Trinamool in this matter. Yuva Trinamool state general secretary Sandeep Singh said, Local people said that the land from where the cartridges were recovered is the land of CPI(M) leader Shukdev Mahato. In 2010-11, several dead bodies were recovered from this area of Kashijoda. Later many skeletons were also found. The

police should take the matter seriously. CPI(M) District Secretary Vijay Pal said that the whole country knows who had the agreement with Kishanji. Trinamool was behind the Maoists. Therefore, they will also have to take responsibility for this incident. According to the preliminary investigation of the police, the recovered cartridges may be about 15-16 years old. Paschim Medinipur District Superintendent of Police Palashchandra Dhali said, "Some old cartridges have been recovered. It is completely inactive. Investigation of the incident has started."

**Works Committee of MSF organised the "46th Annual Athletic Meet-2025"**

**MI News Service, Ishapore:** "46th Annual Athletic Meet 2025" was organized by the Works Committee of MSF, Ishapore, on 13th & 14th December, 2025, in a grand and memorable manner. The opening ceremony of the "46th Annual Athletic Meet 2025" was kicked off with the torch rally, which added a sense of pride and excitement to the event, headed by Shri Kundan Singh, IOFS, ED/MSF, followed by all ranks of employees of MSF, Ishapore, a unit of Yantra India Limited, a Government of India Enterprise, Ministry of Defence.

On this auspicious occasion, Shri Kundan Singh, IOFS, ED/MSF & President of the Sports Council as Chief Guest; Smt. Geeta Singh, President of the WWA, Ishapore Branch (a unit of Yantra India Limited), as Guest of Honor; Shri P.K. Pattanayak, GM/MSF & Chairman of the Works Committee; Shri Ajay Kumar, GM/MSF & Vice President of the MSF Sports Council; Shri Subash Bera, DGM/Admin & Sports Chairman of the Works Committee; Shri Himanshu Singh, WM/Sports Officer; Shri Ravi Shankar Maharaj, Sports Secretary of the Works Committee; Shri Uday Narayan Parui, Secretary of the WC; and other dignitaries were present to grace the occasion.



The sports meet featured a wide range of athletic events for both employees & their families, namely racing events (hundred-meter race, two hundred meters, four hundred meters, 2 Km Walking, cycle racing, relay race, musical chairs &

go as you like, etc.), shot put, long jump, and team events, namely relay race, march past, and tug of war, etc. These activities encouraged healthy competition between the participating Sports persons. The overall winners trophy was bagged by the MM section. Prizes

were awarded by Smt. Geeta Singh, WWA, Ishapore Branch (a unit of Yantra India Limited), and other senior officers to the sports persons who secured the first, second, and third positions, respectively in the various events. The medal recipients were congratulated and applauded for their achievements. Also, consolation prizes were awarded to all the wards of employees of MSF.

The event was a grand success with the presence of all the members from all employees of MSF and their families, who encouraged the participants. Overall, the Sports Meet not only promoted the spirit of sportsmanship but also showcased the talents and unity of our MSF Family. It was truly a day to be remembered by all.

**Missing minor case busts suspected sex rackets**

**MI News Service, Barasat:** A routine search for a missing minor girl has led Ashoknagar police to uncover what they suspect is a well-organised illegal flesh trade operating under the guise of a spa centre in Barasat's Fortune Township area, sending shockwaves across North 24 Parganas. The case came to light after a minor girl failed to return home for two consecutive days, prompting her family

investigators have refrained from disclosing details regarding the exact circumstances of her disappearance or the location from where she was rescued, citing the sensitivity of the ongoing probe. Preliminary findings have raised serious concerns that the spa centre was allegedly being used as a front for illegal prostitution, with massage services serving as a cover. The establishment, according to



Nexus in Barasat

to lodge a missing diary at Ashoknagar police station. Acting swiftly on the complaint, police launched an investigation that culminated in a raid on a spa centre on Sunday afternoon.

During the operation, police arrested the owner of the spa centre at the outset. Subsequently, a team of women police personnel entered the premises and rescued a total of 11 women. Four additional persons—comprising both adults and minors—were also taken into custody in connection with the case. Police sources revealed that the missing minor had been working at the spa centre for several months. She has since been safely recovered and handed over to her family. However,

local residents, had been operating for the past seven to eight months. Locals claimed that new women were seen arriving at the spa frequently, though the alleged illegal activities went undetected. Ashoknagar police are now intensively interrogating the arrested individuals to ascertain the full extent of the network, possible interstate links, and whether more victims were exploited through the operation. Further arrests have not been ruled out as the investigation progresses. The incident has once again highlighted the growing challenge of illegal trafficking and organised crime masquerading as legitimate businesses in urban and semi-urban areas of the district.

**Nadia man found dead; family links suicide to SIR anxiety**

**MI News Service, Ranaghat:** A 60-year-old man was found hanging inside his house at Dhantala in Nadia's Ranaghat subdivision on Sunday morning, with his family alleging that anxiety over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls may have driven him to suicide.



The deceased has been identified as Sushanta Biswas (60), a resident of Matikumra Madhyapara village under Dhantala police station. Police recovered the body from a room in his house and sent it for autopsy examination. A case of unnatural death has been registered and an investigation is underway.

Family members said, Biswas, a daily wage labourer by profession, had been under severe mental stress for the past two months after knowing that his name did not appear in the 2002 voters' list. His son works outside the state. His married-daughter had visited to her parental home a few days ago.

According to his wife, Namita Biswas, her husband remained confined to the house in recent weeks and spoke very little, repeatedly expressing fear that his name might be removed from the electoral rolls. "He kept saying he would be jailed as his name was not found. We tried to reassure him. He even filled up the enumeration form, but the fear did not go away," she said.

Neighbours stated that the family has been living in the area for decades and that Biswas's mother's name figured in the 2002 voters' list. Despite this, he appeared increasingly anxious and withdrawn, they said.

Local Trinamool Congress leaders claimed that misinformation and confusion surrounding the SIR process had created unnecessary fear among some residents. BJP leaders, however, alleged that the issue was being politicised and said the exact cause of death should be determined only after a thorough police investigation.

Police officials said all angles are being examined and the cause of death will be clearer once the post-mortem report is received.

**Dispute over Paschim Medinipur District President in BMS, resolved with the intervention of officials**



**MI News Service, Kharagpur:** The speculation regarding the District President of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) in Paschim Medinipur district came to an end completely and the complicated dispute was resolved with the intervention of the state level leader of BMS. It is known that the responsibility of the post of District President of BMS of Paschim Medinipur district has been handed over to D. Anthony. Recently, a married video of the District President of the organization had gone viral on social media. After which the matter gained momentum. Some members of the

BMS, for their personal gain, had spread a rumor that D'Anthony had been relieved from the post of District President and raised questions on his being the District President. On the same Monday, State BMS West Bengal Finance Treasurer Raja Satyaji Banerjee and Paschim Medinipur District Organization Observer Satish Singh informed the press that at present, the District President of BMS in Paschim Medinipur district is D'Anthony. There is no doubt in this. Until the new organizational convention is held, D'Anthony will hold the post of president in Paschim Medinipur district.

### Messi Visit Chaos Reaches Calcutta High Court, Multiple PILs Filed

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The chaos surrounding Argentine football icon Lionel Messi's recent visit to Kolkata has now reached the doors of the judiciary. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Calcutta High Court over the violent unrest that broke out at the Salt Lake Stadium (Yuva Bharati Krangan), raising serious questions about crowd management, organisers' accountability, and public safety. The matter is likely to be heard on Tuesday by the division bench of the Chief Justice.

The episode drew sharp criticism from various sections of society, prompting legal intervention. On Monday, advocate Bilbadal Bhattacharya sought permission from the Calcutta High Court to file a PIL over the Salt Lake Stadium violence. Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Pal granted approval for filing the petition, paving the way for a hearing before the Chief Justice's division bench. Meanwhile, another legal challenge has been mounted against the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the state government to probe the incident. The SIT is headed by retired Justice Asim Kumar Ray. Advocate Sabyasachi Chattopadhyay filed a petition questioning the credibility and independence of the SIT. This matter is also expected to be heard later this week by the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Pal.

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### PM embarks on a three-nation tour

**From PG 1** and Oman." PM Modi said in his statement. In Muscat, the Prime minister will hold discussions with the Sultan of Oman on strengthening the Strategic Partnership as well as a strong commercial and economic relationship. "I will also address a gathering of the Indian diaspora in Oman, which has contributed immensely to the country's development and in enhancing our partnership," the Prime minister said. Describing the three countries as long-standing partners, PM Modi said the tour would provide an opportunity to review and expand cooperation across a range of sectors.

### Rijju seeks apology from Rahul, Kharge for 'threat' to PM Modi

**From PG 1** Modi," he said. Stepping up the campaign on the issue of alleged election irregularities, top Congress leaders on Sunday attacked the BJP and the Election Commissioners at a 'Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod' rally in the national capital, alleging that "vote chori" is in the ruling party's DNA and its leaders were "gaddar" who were conspiring to take away voting rights of people and should be removed from power.



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## Kolkata Christmas Festival to Begin Early, CM to Inaugurate on Dec 18

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Amid a packed schedule of major industrial and business events, the Kolkata Christmas Festival is set to begin earlier than usual this year. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will formally inaugurate the Christmas celebrations on December 18 at Allen Park on Park Street. From that day, a wide range of cultural programmes, musical performances, decorative lighting and theme-based events will be held at Allen Park and surrounding areas until January 4.

According to sources at Nabanna, the state secretariat, the schedule of the Christmas Festival has been advanced this year due to two consecutive high-profile business programmes scheduled in Kolkata on December 17 and 18. On December 17, an MSME meet will be held at Netaji Indoor Stadium, followed by a government-organised business



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conclave at the Dhono Dhanya Auditorium in Alipore on December 18. Several domestic and international industrialists, investors and representatives of the business community are expected to attend these events. Officials said that in previous years, the Christmas Festival was usually inaugurated after December 20. However, considering the significance of the industrial conference and the presence of foreign and do-

mestic investors in the city, the state government decided to advance the inauguration this year. After concluding the business conclave on December 18, the Chief Minister is scheduled to head to Park Street to inaugurate the Christmas Festival. Keeping the importance of the industrial events in mind, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has placed special emphasis on decorative lighting across key areas of the city. Apart from Park Street, the Chief Minister's assembly constituency of Bhabanipur is also being illuminated extensively. Since the Dhan Dhanya Auditorium, the venue of the business conclave, is located in the Alipore area under the Bhabanipur constituency, the entire zone has been given special attention. Civic body sources said that several crores of rupees have been allocated for the festive illumination this year.



The 6th Kolkata District Book Fair, organized by the Public Education Extension and Library Services Department of the Government of West Bengal, was inaugurated at the Rajdanga Playground, opposite Acropolis Mall, in the Kasba area of Kolkata. The fair was inaugurated by the Speaker, Biman Banerjee. Also present at the event were the Minister-in-Charge of the department, Siddiquillah Chowdhury, renowned writer Prachita Gupta, Dr Pallavi Sengupta, and other dignitaries. The book fair will be open daily from 12 noon to 7 pm and will continue until December 21. On the inaugural day, a cultural programme was presented by children with disabilities. District Library Officer Mrityunjay Mitra said that preserving the heritage of language is a collective commitment. Seminars and discussions with experts have been organised on various days of the fair, with the aim of encouraging people of all ages to develop a love for books.

### State Extends Lifetime Pension to Divyang Children of College Staff

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a significant move for state-aided college employees, the West Bengal government has announced an expansion of the family pension scheme. The latest decision ensures that differently-abled children of college professors and staff will now be entitled to receive pensions for life, bringing widespread satisfaction among the teaching community. State-aided college professors and staff are entitled to a pension upon retirement. Traditionally, the spouse of a deceased employee would continue to receive the pension after their demise. Over the years, the rules have evolved. Last year, the government extended the family pension scheme to cover unmarried, widowed, or divorced daughters of employees, with an age limit of 25

years. The latest notification, issued by the Higher Education Department on December 8, has further broadened the scope. As per the new guidelines, any child—son or daughter—who is differently-abled and unable to earn a livelihood even after the age of 25, will now be eligible for pension. This measure is expected to provide financial security to families with special-needs children, ensuring support throughout their lifetime. Officials noted that the amount of pension for state government employees depends on the salary and length of service. To qualify for pension benefits, an employee must have completed at least 10 years of service; otherwise, they are ineligible. The announcement has been welcomed by college professors and staff across the state.

### EC Appoints Five Outside-State Officers to Oversee EVM Checks in Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a move aimed at strengthening transparency and ensuring the credibility of the electoral process, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has appointed five senior officials from outside West Bengal to supervise the first-level checking (FLC) of electronic voting machines (EVMs) ahead of the state Assembly elections scheduled for next year. According to an official statement issued by the Election Commission on Sunday, the officers have been designated as nodal observers at various FLC venues across the state. The decision to deploy officials from other states has been taken to maintain neutrality and impartiality during the crucial checking process of voting machines, which plays a key role in ensuring free and

fair elections. All five officers appointed by the poll panel currently serve in different capacities in election offices across India. The observers include Shania Kayem Mize, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer of Arunachal Pradesh; Yogesh Gosavi, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra; P K Boro, Additional Chief Electoral Officer of Meghalaya; Ethel Rothangpui, Joint Chief Electoral Officer of Mizoram; and Kanishka Kumar, Under Secretary in the Election Commission of India. Each officer has been assigned to oversee the FLC process at designated locations in West Bengal. The Election Commission stated that the first-level checking of EVMs will be conducted strictly in accordance with established protocols.

### Five Arrested in Salt Lake Stadium Chaos; Detainees Claim Innocence

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Five individuals have been arrested in connection with the vandalism at Salt Lake's Yuvabharati Sports Complex, but they insist they are innocent. During a hearing at the Bidhannagar Sub-Divisional Court, the detainees questioned why they were taken into custody and requested bail, which was ultimately denied by the court. Police are reviewing CCTV footage to identify those responsible for the chaos. The arrested include Basudeb Das, Sanjay Das, Abhijit Das, Gaurav Basu, and Shubhpratik Dey. While police did not request custody, judicial remand was sought. Their lawyers argued that bail should be granted since there was no police custody requested.

Government lawyers opposed bail, citing injuries to multiple government employees and police officers during the incident. "The severity of the injuries is yet to be reported. Police may seek custody while they remain in judicial custody," the official statement added. The detainees maintained

that they were victims, not perpetrators. "Where is the CCTV evidence showing us? We bought tickets to see Messi but could not even watch him," they said. Some, like Basudeb and Abhijit, denied appearing in the footage, adding that arrests were made arbitrarily. Sanjay Das highlighted, "I own a flower shop. Claims that I took pots from the stadium are baseless—we are flower enthusiasts, not vandals."

Shubhpratik, an MBA student and part-time employee at a semi-government organisation, said detention could impact his future. The court has remanded all five to judicial custody until December 22 and requested the police submit the case diary. The chaos erupted during Lionel Messi's Kolkata visit. Messi, Suarez, and Depolera left the stadium barely 20 minutes after arrival due to crowd confusion. Frustrated spectators tore hoardings, threw bottles, and damaged stadium chairs, eventually breaching the field fencing.



Football lovers held a protest condemning the recent mismanagement during football star Lionel Messi's GOAT India Tour in the city. The protest took place near the Gostopal Statue at Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Monday.

### Thoughtful analysis: Tharoor on contrast between him and Rahul Gandhi

**From PG 1** past, he is being sidelined by this new INC," it added. However, the post is not an endorsement of Tharoor's world view, the X user said, adding that it is an observation that he understands limits, while the Congress, as a party, does not. The Congress today is neither a credible urban reformist party nor a serious rural mass party, the post read. "As a result, its identity is now primarily oppositional, not aspirational. For a national party, this is fatal. Opposition without a governing philosophy is political decay. The identity of the INC today

has become 'opposition,' the X user claimed. On Saturday, while lauding the Congress-led United Democratic Front's (UDF) win in the Kerala local bodies polls, Tharoor also congratulated the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its historic performance in his Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency, calling it the "beauty of democracy". The ties between Tharoor and the Congress have been strained for some time now, with the former diplomat's remarks often being at variance with the party line and the party distancing itself from his comments.

### Nitin Nabin takes charge as BJP National Working President

**From PG 1** of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Gupta and several of her ministerial colleagues were also present at the party headquarters when Nabin took charge.

Nabin, 45, the PWD minister in the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar, was appointed the national working president of the BJP on Sunday and is likely to eventually succeed J P Nadda as its National President, signalling a generational shift in the ruling party. The son of late BJP veteran and former MLA Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha, Nabin is considered dynamic, ideologically rooted and deeply committed to the organisation, party leaders said. He also comes from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) background. A five-time MLA, Nabin represents the Bankipur Assembly constituency in Patna and has twice served as a minister in the Bihar government.

His tenures as a Bihar minister and role as the party in-charge of Chhattisgarh have been truly outstanding and marked by his effective organisational leadership, the leaders mentioned above said. The BJP parliamentary board picked Nabin for the post. At present, he is the PWD minister in Bihar. Earlier in the morning during an interaction with the local media in Patna Nabin, expressing his gratitude to BJP's current leadership, said it was because of the Party's blessings that he has got the new responsibility and the opportunity to lead the BJP at the national level. "After paying floral tributes to a statue of his father at a park in Patna, he termed his elevation as a blessing of the party and thanked its leadership for the trust reposed in him. Nabin, who is currently Bihar's PWD minister, pledged to carry forward the work of his late father and said "I have always worked on the ideas of my father, who considered the party as his mother and prioritised the nation over everything. I think that is the reason the party has blessed me with this opportunity to continue working with BJP workers." The new BJP national leader also visited Patna's Mahavir Mandir to offer prayers. Nabin's appointment as the BJP's National Working President is also signalling a generational shift in the ruling party as he is in all likelihood to succeed the present Party President J P Nadda. He also expressed his gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and praised his leadership. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi development has reached every town and village of the country. At the same time, the Bharatiya Janata Party has also expanded its footprint and stands today as the party of the poor," he asserted.

Name Change

I, Sanaka, Sister of MADHUSUDAN DANA resident of Sherpur, Purba Bardhaman (WB), PIN-713427 have changed my name to Sanaka Samanta vide Affidavit dated 12 Dec 25 before the Notary public Burdwan.

NAME CHANGE

I, SRI SUJIT MONDAL (Old Name) S/O LT. HARIPADA MONDAL, R/o-Vill. + P.O. - Matia, Dist. - North 24 Pgs, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUJIT KUMAR MONDAL (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court Affidavit no. 965 dt. 15.12.25. SRI SUJIT MONDAL (Old Name) and SUJIT KUMAR MONDAL (New Name) both are same and identical person.

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I, SMT. BAMONI MONDAL (Old Name) W/o- SUJIT KUMAR MONDAL, R/o- Vill. + P.O. - Matia, North 24 Pgs., PIN- 743437 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RENUKA MONDAL (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court Affidavit No.-966 dt. 15.12.25. SMT. BAMONI MONDAL (Old Name) and RENUKA MONDAL (New Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Abul Hossain Gazi, S/O Lt. Tarfatulla Gazi, residing at Vill. + P.O. - Hakimpur, P.S. - Swarnagar, Dist. North 24-pas., Pin-743273, do hereby declare that in my Land Deed Vide Deed No. 2326 & 7643 my father's name has been wrongly written as Tarfatulla Mistry. On 26/11/25 vide affidavit no. 6101/BC-125 before the court of Ld. Executive Magistrate, Basirhat, North 24 pgs. I affirm that my father Tarfatulla Gazi & Tarfatulla Mistry the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I am Sudarshana Mukherjee D/O- Sibnarayan Mukherjee. Add- East Park, Behala, East Barisha, Kol-8 informing that on 11.12.25 by virtue of Notary Public Barupur AFFIDAVID as Sudarshana Mukhopadhyas has been Sudarshana Mukherjee, being the same person.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Soma Bhownick Bhownick / Soma Bhownick, spouse of S.No. 625412N, Ex JWO, Gour Pada Bhownick presently residing at Vill. Jafarpur Ghoshpara, P.O. - Nona, North 24 Parganas (W.B.), PIN- 700122 have changed my name from Soma Bhownick Bhownick / Soma Bhownick to Soma Bhaimick vide affidavit dated 08-12-2025 before the Court of the Executive Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

NAME CHANGE

I, JULFIKAR SARDAR, S/O- ABDUR RAHAMAN SARDAR, R/o- VILL. + P.O. - Fulbari, P.O. - Dandirhat, P.S. - Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that in the Madhyamik Admit and some other documents my name has been wrongly written as JULFIKAR ALI SARDAR and JULFIKAR SARDAR & SAJAHAN SARDAR in place of JULFIKAR SARDAR. That JULFIKAR SARDAR and JULFIKAR ALI SARDAR is the same and identical person vide Affidavit no. 4993/BC-1/25 dt. 04-11-25 sworn before the Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, S. No 625412N, Ex JWO, Gour Pada Bhownick, s/o Pravat Chandra Bhownick presently residing at Vill. - Jafarpur Ghoshpara, P.O. - Nona Chandanpukur, Dist. - North 24 Parganas (W.B.), PIN- 700122 have changed my name from Gour Pada Bhownick to Gour Pada Bhownick vide affidavit dated 05-12-2025 before the Court of the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Hooghly (Sadar).

Name Change

I KESHTO PAL (OLD NAME) S/O LATE MOUNT PAL RESIDING AT P.O. - DAFARPUR, PANCHANANTALA P.S. - DOMJUR DIST. - HOWRAH (W.B) PIN- 711405 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS KESTO PAL (NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT BEFORE THE LD. 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT HOWRAH COURT DATED - 06/11/2025. THAT KESHTO PAL (OLD NAME) AND KESTO PAL (NEW NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change

I POLI PAL (OLD NAME) W/O KESTO PAL RESIDING AT DAFARPUR, PANCHANANTALA P.O. - P.S.-DOMJUR DIST.-HOWRAH (W.B) PIN-711405 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS PALI PAL (NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT BEFORE THE LD. 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT HOWRAH COURT DATED- 06/11/25 THAT POLI PAL (OLD NAME) AND PALI PAL (NEW NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change

I, Idrish Ali Molla (Old Name) S/o Abu Bakkar Molla Residing at Vill+Po - Chandi, Ps - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Idrish Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-12-2025. Idrish Ali Molla (Old Name) and Idrish Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Hedayet Saha (Old Name) S/o Oyarish Saha Residing at Vill Kabra, Po - Hirapur, Ps - Ramnagar, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721441, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Hedat Saha (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-12-2025. Hedayet Saha (Old Name) and Hedat Saha Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Tarang Agarwalla Gouri Prasad Agarwalla (Old Name) S/o Late Gouri Prasad Agarwalla Residing at Asherbad Apartment, 176, Bangur Avenue, Block - A, 4th Floor, Flat - E1, Po - Bangur Avenue, Ps - Lake Town, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700055, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Tarang Agarwalla (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-12-2025. Tarang Agarwalla Gouri Prasad Agarwalla (Old Name) and Tarang Agarwalla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mosharof Hossen (Old Name) S/o Isarat Ali Mondal Residing at Vill - Kendua, P.o - Chaita, P.s - Matia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743445, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mosaraf Hossain Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-12-2025. Mosharof Hossen (Old Name) and Mosaraf Hossain Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD AJIMUDDIN S/O MD SORIAT SK Residing at, Vill - Bahadurpur, Post - Gantla, Pskandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MD AJIMUDDIN To MD AJIMUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I shall be Known as (New Name) MD AJIMUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 De 2025, MD AJIMUDDIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) AMIT KUMAR BOTHRA/SO- SHANTILAL BOTHRA Residing at, Vill - Collage Road Hatpara, Post - Beldanga, Ps - Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742133, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AMIT KUMAR BOTHRA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) AMIT BOTHRA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 De 2025, AMIT BOTHRA and AMIT KUMAR BOTHRA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MAJIBUR SK S/O-NUR MAHAMMAD SK Residing at, Vill - Gandhar, Post - Nabagram, Ps-Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742181, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAJIBUR SK To MOJIBUR SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MOJIBUR SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 De 2025, MOJIBUR SK and MAJIBUR SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MANTU BISWAS S/O-YUDHISHTHIR BISWAS Residing at, Vill - Sakiree, Post - Dair, Ps- Jalangi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742305, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MANTU BISWAS To MANTUPADA BISWAS (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MANTUPADA BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 De 2025, MANTUPADA BISWAS and MANTU BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD MONSUR ALI S/O-YEASIN MIYA Residing at, Vill - Ruhina, Post - Kurulia, Ps- Burwan, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742132, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD MONSUR ALI To MD MONSUR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD MONSUR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 De 2025, MD MONSUR ALI and MD MONSUR ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Promila Dana, M/O MADHUSUDAN DANA resident of Sherpur, Purba Bardhaman (WB), PIN-713427 have changed my name to Pramila Dana vide Affidavit dated 12 Dec 25 before the Notary public Burdwan.

Name Change

I, SAHENSHA SEIKH S/O LT ABDUL RASID SHAIK W/o Chakragi, post + police Station Bishnupur South 24 Pgs Pin-743503 in some document my father's name spelling MR. ABDUL RASHID SHEIKH 11/2/25 Alipur 1st class Judicial Magistrate efidavit ABDUL RASID SHAIK and MR. ABDUL RASHID SHEIKH are one and identical person.

Name Change

I, Jaane Alam (old name) S/O Md Suraj, resident of 32, Momin Pore Road, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jane Alam (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/12/2025. Jane Alam (new name) and Jaane Alam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Aliasger Mohammedbhai johan (Old Name), Son of Late Mohammed Bhai Johar residing at 16/1/F, East Topsis Road, Al Anwar Tower, BL-1/12Th Floor, 12B3, Near Burhani Masjid, Topsis Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aliasger Johar (New Name), as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata Dated 12.12.2025. Aliasger Mohammedbhai Johar (Old Name) and Aliasger Johar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Devdas Kunti (Old Name) Son Of Narayan Kunti, Residing At Vill-Hantal, Jagatballavpur, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711404, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debdas Kunti (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Devdas Kunti (Old Name) Debdas Kunti (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Tushar Virendra Sanghvi (Old Name), Son Of Virendra Sanghvi, Residing At 61 Sarat Bose Road, Po-Bhaeanipore, Kolkata-700025, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tushar V Sanghvi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Tushar Virendra Sanghvi And Tushar V Sanghvi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Rinku Tushar Sanghvi (Old Name), Wife Of Tushar V Sanghvi, Residing At 61 Sarat Bose Road, Po-Bhaeanipore, Kolkata-700025, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rinku Sanghvi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025, Rinku Tushar Sanghvi And Rinku Sanghvi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Panna Molla S/o. Ashadul Molla (old name), R/o. Thaipara, Sarai, Pandua, Hooghly-712147, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Panna Molla S/o. Ashadul Molla to Panna Molla S/o. Ashadul Mollah (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Panna Mollah S/o. Ashadul Mollah in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 12636 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 15/12/2025. I, Panna Molla S/o. Ashadul Molla & Panna Mollah S/o. Ashadul Mollah both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Papiya Ray (old name), W/o. Anirban Ray, R/o. Survey View Park, Opposite of Survey College, Bandel, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712123, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Papiya Ray To Papiya Ray Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Papiya Ray Das in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 12243 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 08/12/2025. I, Papiya Ray & Papiya Ray Das W/o. Anirban Ray both are the same & one identical person. Aishani Ray is my daughter.

Name Change

I, Chiroshree Adak (old name), W/o. Sanjib Adak, R/o. 11, Madhusudan Banerjee Lane, Uttarpara, Hooghly-712258, W.B. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Chiroshree Adak to Chirashree Adak (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Chirashree Adak in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 61 sworn before Notary Public, Serampore, Hooghly Court on 10/12/2025. I, Chiroshree Adak & Chirashree Adak W/o. Sanjib Adak both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ravindra Kumar son of Jagannath Ray, residing at 23, Southend Park, Kolkata - 700029, West Bengal, declare that me and my father's actual name is Ravindra Kumar son of Jagannath Ray but our name wrongly recorded in my Driving Licence No. WB01 2007 045431 as Ravindra Kr Yadav son of J Yadav instead of Ravindra Kumar son of Jagannath Ray. Ravindra Kumar son of Jagannath Ray and Ravindra Kr Yadav son of J Yadav both are same and one identical person as sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 11/12/2025.

Name Change

I, Saban Ali Molla (Old Name) S/o Kader Box Molla Residing at Vill - Shankarpur, P.O.+P.S - Haroa, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743425, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Shaban Ali Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 17/2025 Dated 15-12-2025. Saban Ali Molla (Old Name) and Shaban Ali Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Anwar Hussain, Anwar Hussain (Old Name) S/o Md. Hossain Residing at 2P, Satish Ch. Mukhopadhyas Sarani, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anwar Hossain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-12-2025. Md Anwar Hussain, Anwar Hussain (Old Name) and Anwar Hossain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shakil Ahmed Mohammad (Old Name), Son Of Mohammad Jahangir Aslam, Residing At 41/3 Bipra Das Chatterjee Lane, Howrah - 711102, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Shakil Ahmed (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Shakil Ahmed Mohammad And Md Shakil Ahmed Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Nimbalkar Meghna Jayasingrao (old name) D/O Jayasingrao Gopalrao Nimbalkar, residing at 31A, JHOWTALA ROAD, P.O. JHOWTALA, KOLKATA-700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Meghna Mehendiratta (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/12/2025. Meghna Mehendiratta (new name) and Nimbalkar Meghna Jayasingrao (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Anup Kumar Agarwal (old name) S/O Manick Chand Agarwal, resident of 51, SHIV THAKUR LANE BARABAZAR, KOLKATA-700007, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anup Agarwal (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Anup Agarwal (new name) and Anup Kumar Agarwal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, JISAN ALI MALLICK (old name) S/O-ISALM ALI MALLICK, residing at VILL & P.O-GHOSHUPUR, PS-KHANAKAUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712613 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JISHAN ALI MALLICK (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/12/2025. JISHAN ALI MALLICK (new name) and JISAN ALI MALLICK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nandini Maity (old name) daughter of Kamal Nayak, resident of 43, Bediadanga 2nd Lane, P.O. - Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nandini Nayak Maity (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/12/2025. Nandini Nayak Maity (new name) and Nandini Maity (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Gyannda Bibi Sekh, wife of Mahasin Sekh, Residing At Vill-Jalipur, P.O-Dosaina, P.S- Bishnupur, Dist-South 24 Pgs, Pin-743503,WB, India. That My Husband Actual Name is Mahasin Sekh (Recorded In Voter Id No. UBL0999060) and Sheikh Mohasin reflected in his Aadhaar No 5754 2438 0528 and Passport No.U0151099. Which wrongly recorded as Musaraf Sekh (In 2002 voter list, Part No: 88, Constituency: Bishnupur East 110 (SC), Serial No:601). Mahasin Sekh, Sheikh Mohasin and Musaraf Sekh both are the same and one identical Person Vide An Affidavit No. 74402 sworn before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipur On 06.12.2025.

Name Change

I, Ajoy Majumdar (Old Name) Son Of Harekrishna Majumdar, Residing At Vill & P.O-Adhata, Ps-Amdanga, North 24 Parganas-743221, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ajoy Majumdar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Ajoy Majumdar And Ajoy Majumdar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mahmooda Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Mohammad Abbas, Residing At Makhatala, P.O-Bally Durgapur, Ps-Nishidhata, Howrah-711205, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mehabuda Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Mahmooda Bibi And Mehabuda Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Md Saifur Ali Mallik (Old Name), Son Of Subid Ali Mallik, Residing At Baidya Para, Sirakole Usthi, South 24 Parganas-743513, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Saifur Ali Mallik (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/12/2025. Md Saifur Ali Mallik And Md Saifur Ali Mallik Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Ali (old name) S/O Enayat Ali, resident of 19/1, Momin Pore Road, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ali (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/12/2025. Md Ali (new name) and Mohammed Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Akhtar Shaheen (old name) S/O Late Zainul Abedin, resident of 11A/1A ABHINASH CHOUDHARY LANE, P.S - TOPSIA KOLKATA 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Akhtar Shaheen (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/12/2025. Akhtar Shaheen (new name) and Mohammad Akhtar Shaheen (old name) both are same and one identical person.



Fans of Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi gather outside Arun Jaitley Stadium ahead of the 'GOAT India Tour 2025' event, in New Delhi.

Winter Chill Delayed in Bengal as Temps Stay High, Fog Alert Issued

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite December being well past its halfway mark, West Bengal is yet to experience the biting cold typically associated with the winter season. Instead, temperatures across the state have remained relatively high, with Kolkata recording a noticeable rise in minimum temperature on Monday. Several districts across both south and north Bengal also witnessed higher-than-usual night temperatures, although fog warnings have been issued for multiple areas during early morning hours. According to weather data, Sriniketan recorded the lowest minimum temperature in south Bengal on Monday at 11.4 degrees Celsius. However, in many other districts, the mercury stayed below 15 degrees Celsius but showed a rising trend. Medinipur recorded a minimum temperature of 14.5 degrees Celsius, while Digha saw 14.6 degrees. Uluberia registered 13 degrees Celsius, Diamond Harbour 14.8 degrees, and Bankura 13 degrees. Baharampur recorded 12.4 degrees, Canning 13.6 degrees, Kanthi 13.5 degrees, and Bardhaman 14 degrees Celsius. Asansol reported a minimum of 14.4 degrees, Panagarh 13.4 degrees, Siuri 14 degrees, Barrackpore 14.8 degrees, Kalyani 12.2 degrees, and Jhargram 13.7 degrees Celsius.

Primary Teacher Recruitment Scam Trial to Begin Against Manik Bhattacharya

MI News Service, Kolkata: The legal troubles of former Chairman of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Manik Bhattacharya, are set to intensify once again in connection with the primary teacher recruitment scam. Although Bhattacharya was earlier arrested in the case and later released on bail, the path is now clear for the commencement of judicial proceedings against him. There are no longer any legal hurdles to initiating the trial. Along with Bhattacharya, former Board Secretary Ratna Chakraborty Bagchi will also face trial. Both their names feature prominently in the charge sheet filed in the primary teacher recruitment case. However, the absence of mandatory sanction from the Governor had earlier stalled the judicial process. That obstacle has now been removed, as Raj Bhavan has officially granted approval to proceed with the trial. The court clarified this development on Monday, confirming that there is no longer any bar to moving forward with the case. The next date of hearing has been scheduled for January 14 next year. On that day, the court has directed all accused persons named in the charge sheet to be present in person. The primary teacher recruitment scam has had far-reaching consequences across the state. Earlier, the appointments of nearly 32,000 primary teachers were cancelled following allegations of large-scale irregularities in the recruitment process. At the time when the alleged irregularities took place, Manik Bhattacharya was serving as the Chairman of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, placing him at the center of the controversy. After multiple rounds of questioning, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Bhattacharya in connection with the case. Investigators raised serious questions regarding his assets, suspecting disproportionate wealth. Subsequently, Bhattacharya's wife and son were also arrested as part of the investigation. However, all three were later granted bail by the court. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is also probing the case, has made significant claims in its charge sheet. According to the agency, money was allegedly collected from job aspirants on behalf of Manik Bhattacharya by Bibhas Adhikari, the former president of Nalhati Block II in Birbhum district. The CBI has alleged that these transactions formed a key part of the illegal recruitment network. With gubernatorial approval now in place and court directions issued, the long-awaited trial in the primary teacher recruitment scam is finally set to begin, marking a crucial phase in one of the state's most high-profile corruption cases.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has alleged that the masterminds behind large-scale cyber frauds operating under the guise of "digital arrest" are based outside India, primarily in China, Cambodia and Hong Kong. According to the agency, these overseas operators are controlling sophisticated fraud networks with the help of Indian associates, enabling them to siphon off huge sums of money from unsuspecting victims across the country. CBI sources said incidents of cyber fraud involving so-called digital arrests have been reported from multiple states. Fraudsters impersonate officials of the Mumbai Police, the CBI, or other law enforcement agencies and threaten victims with immediate digital arrest. Using fear tactics, victims are allegedly forced to remain confined to their homes while the criminals extract large amounts of money from them. Over the past few months, the CBI selected ten major cases of digital arrest-related cyber fraud from different parts of the country for detailed investigation. Based on findings from these cases, CBI teams conducted coordinated searches around two months ago in West Bengal, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Kerala. During the raids, investigators seized a large number of electronic devices, including mobile phones and laptops, along with bank-related documents. As part of the probe, the CBI arrested three individuals from different locations across India. All three accused are currently in judicial custody. More recently, the agency filed a charge sheet against 13 accused persons in connection with the digital arrest cyber fraud cases. However, officials said the investigation is far from over. The agency is continuing to probe the role of additional conspirators, mule account holders, rented bank account operators, and overseas controllers who allegedly orchestrate the crimes. CBI officials revealed that during the investigation, around 15,000 mobile phones, laptops and their corresponding IP addresses linked to cyber fraud activities were examined. Analysis of these IP addresses reportedly led investigators to foreign locations, confirming the involvement of international cyber crime syndicates. According to the agency, the primary masterminds controlling these operations are based in China, Cambodia and Hong Kong, from where they allegedly oversee money transfers, bank accounts and the entire modus operandi of the fraud networks. After filtering domestic IP addresses from the data, the CBI traced Indian operatives who acted as local agents for the foreign syndicates. The agency also claimed that several young Indians are being lured abroad with promises of employment and taken to Myanmar, where illegal call centres have been set up.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant relief to two elderly women, police from Baguihati Police Station have successfully recovered large sums of money that had mysteriously vanished from their bank accounts. Acting swiftly on complaints filed by the victims, the police ensured that the stolen funds were traced and returned, bringing much-needed relief to the distressed families. According to police sources, two senior citizens—identified as Manimala Ghoshal and Urmila Devi—approached Baguihati Police Station after discovering that substantial amounts of money were missing from their bank passbooks. Manimala Ghoshal reported that ₹18,54,408 had disappeared from her account, while Urmila Devi claimed that ₹19,19,027 was withdrawn without her knowledge. It was further revealed that both women held accounts in the same bank, raising concerns over a possible internal or coordinated lapse. Following the complaints, the police immediately initiated an investigation into the matter. Sub-Inspector Gobinda Sarkar of Baguihati Police Station was entrusted with probing the case. Initial suspicion pointed towards digital fraud; however, investigators soon realised that the money had not been siphoned off through conventional cybercrime methods. This revelation made the investigation particularly challenging, as it required the police to explore alternative possibilities beyond online fraud. Tracing the source of the missing funds proved to be a complex task.

CBI Links Digital Arrest Cyber Fraud Masterminds to China, Cambodia and Hong Kong

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Baguihati Police Recover Rs 37 Lakh Missing from Two Elderly Women's Bank Accounts

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**Continuation of special trains**  
MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Kolkata: With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers, it has been decided to continue the running of Special Trains as per the given schedule:-  
08117/08118 Panskura-Digha-Panskura Special will continue to run upto 15.01.2026.

**\*Rescheduling of Sealdah - Lalgola passenger for track maintenance work\***

MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Kolkata: Due to Track maintenance work between Dhubulia & Muragachia stations in Sealdah Division, 240 minutes (from 23:00 hrs. to 03:00 hrs.) Traffic Block has been planned on 16/17.12.2025 and 18/19.12.2025. Consequently, 53181 Sealdah - Lalgola passenger will be rescheduled by 60 minutes on 16.12.2025 and 18.12.2025 and will be short terminated at Krishnapur.

**RPF, Sealdah division nabs top offenders under "Mission Yatri Suraksha"**



MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Kolkata: Reinforcing its unwavering commitment to passenger safety and zero tolerance towards crimes against rail users, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Sealdah Division achieved a significant success under "Mission Yatri Suraksha" by apprehending habitual offenders involved in theft of passenger belongings at one of the busiest railway stations of Eastern Railway.

**EASTERN RAILWAY**

Following E-tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer (IV), Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following works: [Sr.DEN/4/Howrah], SI.No.-1. E-Tender No.: 223\_2025-26, Date: 12.12.2025. Description of work: Improvement of Marshalling Yard at Rampurhat Under SEE/P.WAY/Rampurhat in the jurisdiction of AEN/Rampurhat Under Sr.DEN/4/Howrah. Approx. Cost: ₹ 1,49,06,790.82. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,24,500. SI.No.-2. E-Tender No.: 224\_2025-26, Date: 12.12.2025. Description of work: Improvement of Marshalling Yard at Pakur Under SEE/P.WAY/Pakur in the jurisdiction of AEN/Rampurhat Under Sr.DEN/4/Howrah. Approx. Cost: ₹ 1,19,31,065.47. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,09,700. SI.No.-3. E-Tender No.: 225\_2025-26, Date: 12.12.2025. Description of work: Rolling in huts with CCTV at Howrah, Bardhaman, Rampurhat & Azimganj and Station Security Plan for Bolpur and Rampurhat Railway Station. Approx. Cost: ₹ 72,99,879.93. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,46,000. Tender Form Cost: Nil (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). Completion Period: 06 (six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on next working day. Closing date and time of tender: 05.01.2026 at 14.00 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of earnest money deposit (EMD) and tender document cost in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website. Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-459/2025-26) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.eindianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway easternrailwayheadquarter

**Regulation of train services for yard remodelling of Khantapara station**

MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Bhubaneswar: In connection with the yard remodelling work of Khantapara station in Kharagpur division of South Eastern Railway, there will be changes in the pattern of train services as detailed below. Cancellation of Trains: The following trains will remain cancelled as detailed below: 1. 68407/ 68408 Baleswar- Bhubaneswar- Baleswar MEMU from 16th to 28th December 2025. 2. 68052/ 68051 Bhadrak-Baleswar- Bhadrak MEMU from 21st to 30th December 2025. 3. 18037/ 18038 Kharagpur- Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Kharagpur Express on 24th December 2025. Rescheduling of Trains: The following trains will be rescheduled as per detailed below: 1. 22823 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani express will be rescheduled by 4 hours on 22nd December 2025. 2. 22896 Puri- Howrah Vande Bharat express will be rescheduled by 1 hour 30 minutes on 23rd December & 1 hour 15 minutes on 26th December 2025. 3. 12822 Puri- Howrah Dhauri express will be rescheduled by 5 hours on 24th December & 2 hours on 28th December 2025. 4. 12815 Puri- Anand Vihar Terminal Nilachal express will be rescheduled by 5 hours on 24th December 2025. 5. 22811 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani express will be rescheduled by 4 hours on 24th December & 2 hours on 28th December 2025. 6. 68442 Puri- Jaleswar MEMU will be rescheduled by 1 hour 30 minutes on 25th December 2025. Short Termination/ Short Origination of Trains: The following trains will be short terminated / short originated as detailed below: 1. 68049/ 68050 Kharagpur-Bhadrak- Kharagpur MEMU will be short terminated/ short originated at Baleswar instead of Bhadrak from 21st December to 30th December 2025. Consequently, the service between Baleswar and Bhadrak for both the trains will remain cancelled during this period. Passengers are advised to take note of the changes in the train services and plan their journey accordingly. They are requested to check updated train details through official railway enquiry systems, websites, or helplines.

**Stress management camp for Metro staff**

MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Kolkata: Metro Railway has been taking all possible safety and preventive measures to ensure safe, secure and reliable services for its lakhs of commuters. For this regular mock drills, tutorials and special training sessions are being organized on a continuous basis to impart proper and updated training to Metro staff. In a unique initiative aimed at promoting employees well-being, Metro Railway has organized a Stress Management



Camp from 15th to 19th December, 2025 at Metro Rail Bhavan. Metro staff of different technical backgrounds are enthusiastically participating in this camp that is being conducted at Metro Rail Bhavan. The objective of the camp is to enhance mental well-being, life style management, reduce stress and improve overall efficiency and performance. "Art of Living", is the course module. These sessions are intended to help participants manage stress effectively and ensure positive and balance of mind in professional and personal life.

**Clear skies draw tourists to Himachal Pradesh despite prolonged dry spell; No significant snowfall likely: IMD**  
MI News Service, Shimla: While the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has ruled out the possibility of snowfall in Himachal Pradesh for more than a week, clear skies, clean air and a pleasant climate are attracting a large number of tourists to the hill state ahead of the Christmas and New Year season. The capital, Shimla, and other tourist destinations are seeing an influx of visitors enjoying the clean, fresh environment. However, the lack of snowfall has left some tourists slightly disappointed, even as they continue to enjoy the overall weather.

According to the Meteorological Centre, Himachal Pradesh has been experiencing a prolonged dry spell for over 65 days. The IMD has forecast no rain or snowfall across most parts of the state for the next five days. A weak western disturbance is expected to approach around December 20, but it is unlikely to have any major impact. Light precipitation is possible only in the higher reaches of Chamba, Kullu, Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti. Speaking to ANI, Senior Scientist at the Meteorological Centre, Shimla, Sandeep Kumar Sharma, said there will be no major weather activity apart from the feeble western disturbance on the 20th. "During the past 24 hours, a weak western disturbance affected the state, due to which light snowfall was recorded in the higher reaches of Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu districts. In the mid-hill areas like Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una, there was light clouding during the morning hours, but no rainfall was recorded," said Sandeep Kumar Sharma.

**SC grants interim bail to journalist Mahesh Langa in money laundering case**

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday granted interim bail to senior journalist Mahesh Langa in connection with an alleged fraud case amounting to Rs 7 crores initiated by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). A bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi has requested the trial court to conduct the trial proceedings in the matter on a day-to-day basis and examine all nine witnesses without granting adjournments merely because an application seeking quashing of the case is pending before the High Court, particularly since the High Court has not granted any stay. The Court also clarified that Langa remains at liberty to raise all permissible contentions before the Special Trial Court. Further, the Supreme Court has restrained Langa, in his capacity as a reporter or editor, from publishing or writing anything concerning the allegations that are sub judice (pending to be adjudicated) before the Special PMLA Court at Ahmedabad. The Court has listed the matter to be heard next on January 6, 2026. Langa approached the top court after his plea seeking interim bail was rejected by the Gujarat High Court in July. In February, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had arrested Gujarat-based journalist Mahesh Langa in a money laundering case. The Gujarat Police in January had registered a case against Langa for allegedly extorting Rs 40 lakh from a real estate agent by threatening to malign his image and implicate him in a false case.

**Municipal Corporation Elections announced; CM Fadnavis says no alliance with Ajit Pawar**

MI News Service, Pune: The Maharashtra State Election Commission on Monday announced elections to 29 Municipal Corporations across the state, including the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC). Welcoming the decision, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said it was not appropriate for municipal bodies to operate under administrators for an extended period in a democratic system. "I am very happy that the State Election Commission has announced the elections. We welcome this decision. In a democracy, it is not appropriate for a municipal corporation to be run by administrators for an extended period. We are confident that the people will give us a mandate after seeing our development work," Fadnavis said. Speaking on seat-sharing and alliances, the Chief Minister said the ruling Mahayuti alliance is working to contest the elections together in most places across the state. "We are trying to contest the elections as a Mahayuti, and the Mahayuti will be in place at most locations. In one or two places, there will also be an alliance between the NCP and the BJP," he added. Referring specifically to Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad, Fadnavis said discussions with Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar have already taken place and indicated that both parties may contest separately in the region. "Ajit Pawar and we cannot contest the elections together in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad. Both of us understand politics well enough to know that if we contest together, it benefits a third party, and we do not want to allow that to happen. We will contest against each other, but it will be a friendly fight," he said. Highlighting the BJP's development work in Pune, Fadnavis said voters may see the BJP and NCP contesting against each other in the city. "The BJP has done development work in Pune in a very good manner. Even if the BJP and NCP contest against each other, it will be a friendly fight and there will be no bitterness between us," he said. While speaking on the impact of the alliance between MNS Chief Raj Thackeray and Shivsena UBT led by Uddhav Thackeray in civic election CM Fadnavis said, These alliance won't affect us at all, people have seen our development work in Mumbai and the work done in the interest of Marathi Manu will go in our favour...we are confident that even Congress joins them it won't make any difference to us...we will win the election with full mandate... The Chief Minister further stated that Shiv Sena will largely remain part of the alliance across most locations in the upcoming civic polls. Elections to major civic bodies, including the BMC and PMC, will be held on 15 January and counting on Jan 16.

**Opportunity, not imposition: SC urges Tamil Nadu to hold talks with Centre to establish Navodaya Vidyalayas in state**

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Tamil Nadu government to hold discussions with the central government on the issue of establishing Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the state. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and R Mahadevan also asked the Tamil Nadu government to ascertain the extent of land necessary for establishing JNVs. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by the Tamil Nadu government challenging the Madras High Court's order directing the State government to establish JNV schools in the State. During the hearing, Senior counsel P Wilson, appearing for the Tamil Nadu government, argued that the Centre should adopt a two-language formula in line with the State government's policy, instead of a three-language formula, as has been adopted in the Centre's 2020 National Education Policy (NEP). The counsel representing the Centre, on the other hand, contended that the State government want to thrust the Hindi language. However, the top court urged the parties not to make this a language issue. It asserted that the aforesaid directions regarding the establishment of JNVs are in the interest of education among rural students. "Don't make it into a language issue. We are a federal society. You are part of the Republic. If you come one step forward they will also come one step forward. We have passed the aforesaid directions only in the interest of those students who are entitled to be admitted to such schools in the state of Tamil Nadu. We are not on Hindi we are on rural students getting the education", Justice Nagarathna said. The Supreme Court told the Tamil Nadu government that it could place its two-language policy before the Centre and the latter would consider the same, rather than spitting over the issue. "You can't have this my state, my state. This attitude must go. You come one step. They will also come one step", the apex court verbally said. Further, the apex court said the state government should view this as an opportunity rather than an imposition. "Don't take it as an imposition, it is an opportunity for your students. You can say this is our language policy. They cannot also discredit your policy", the top-court judge said.

**MCF Manufactures Its 15,000th Coach**

MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Raebareilly: Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareilly, achieved a significant milestone by manufacturing its 15,000th coach on 15th December 2025, during the current financial year 2025-26. So far in the financial year 2025-26, MCF has manufactured a total of 1,310 coaches. MCF, a newly established production unit under the Ministry of Railways, has accomplished this remarkable feat within a short span of time. This achievement reflects the dedication, commitment, and collective efforts of the MCF team. Out of the total 15,000 coaches manufactured, 7,000 are Air-Conditioned (AC) coaches and 8,000 are Non-Air-Conditioned (Non-AC) coaches. These include various types of rolling stock such as Humsafar, Tejas, Antodaya, Deendayalu, Bharat Gaurav, Brake Vans, Parcel Vans, Track Recording Cars, Economy Coaches, Demo Locomotive and Hold Coaches for Mozambique, MEMU coaches, among others. All coaches have been manufactured in strict compliance with prescribed quality standards, ensuring safe, reliable, and comfortable travel for passengers. On this historic achievement, Shri P. K. Mishra, General Manager, MCF, congratulated all officers, staff, and contractual employees associated with coach production for their sincere efforts and dedication. He also encouraged them to continue setting new benchmarks and to take MCF to even greater heights in the future.

**Miyana Railway Station Receives National Energy Conservation Award 2025 from the President of India**

The station was recognised as the Best Performing Unit in the Transport Category (Railway Station). The award, given by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), recognises outstanding efforts in energy conservation. Miyana Railway Station was selected for its effective use of LED lighting, BLDC fans, and 30-70% smart lighting circuit operation systems. These measures have helped the station save 9,687 units of electrical energy, reflecting Railways' strong focus on energy efficiency and sustainable development. Indian Railways remains committed to energy saving, cost efficiency, and eco-friendly operations, with Miyana Railway Station emerging as a model of effective implementation and sustainable development. Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji, presented the National Energy Conservation Award, 2025 to Miyana Railway Station in Guna, Madhya Pradesh. The award was received by WCMR, Smt. Shobhana Bandopadhyaya.

**Indian Railways Records 11.7% Growth in Fertilizer Loading, Ensuring Uninterrupted Supply to Farmers Across the Country**



MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, New Delhi: Indian Railways plays an important role in supporting India's agricultural economy. It ensures smooth and timely movement of fertilizers across the country. This year, fertilizer loading reached 17,168 rakes till 30 November. This is an increase of 11.7% compared to last year's 15,369 rakes during the same period. Therise shows the efficient working of the railway network. Agriculture is the backbone of India's economy. Farmers need fertilizers on time for sowing and harvesting. Keeping this in mind, Indian Railways has given priority to fertilizer and foodgrain trains. This has ensured uninterrupted supply to states across the country. By strengthening essential freight services, Railways is helping millions of farmers. It is also supporting rural livelihoods, food security, and overall economic stability. This performance highlights Indian Railways' commitment to nation-building and its key role in supporting India's agricultural supply chain. Rail transport reduces carbon emissions, decongests highways, and offers greener and more reliable logistics solution.

"During the past 24 hours, a weak western disturbance affected the state, due to which light snowfall was recorded in the higher reaches of Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu districts. In the mid-hill areas like Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una, there was light clouding during the morning hours, but no rainfall was recorded," said Sandeep Kumar Sharma. "From December 15 to 19, the weather will remain mostly clear across the state. On December 20, a weak western disturbance may have some effect, resulting in light snowfall or cloud cover in the higher reaches of Chamba, Lahaul-Spiti, and Kullu. On December 21, light rain may occur at one or two places in Chamba, Mandi, Kullu, Kangra and Lahaul-Spiti, while higher areas may witness light snowfall. Except for this brief activity on December 20 and 21, the weather will remain clear across the state," he added. "During the past 24 hours, Una recorded a maximum temperature of around 24 degrees Celsius. Daytime temperatures in Kangra, Hamirpur, and Bilaspur ranged from 20 to 22 degrees Celsius. In Shimla, Bhuntar and Kalpa, day temperatures are running two to three degrees above normal. Shimla recorded a maximum temperature of 17.6 degrees Celsius, which is about four degrees above normal," Sharma said. He further stated that morning temperatures may fall slightly. In contrast, daytime temperatures could rise by one to two degrees over the next two days, after which no significant change is expected. Highlighting the severity of the dry spell, Sharma said it has been prolonged, including a 95% dry spell in November. "Rainfall was recorded only during the first two weeks of October. From the third week of October till December, the state has received about 95 per cent less rainfall than normal."

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My client Attaruddin Sheikh, S/o-Masrah Rahman Sheikh and Samirum Sheikh, W/o-Attaruddin Sheikh, registered in the Bishnupur Sub-Register Office in the last year of 2024 by document No. 7415/2024 and Shri Sanat Kumar, S/o-Late Bibhushan Kanti was appointed as the Ammortar in past year of 2023 by Jali Sheikh, S/o-Late Jamshed Sheikh, by Ammortar Deed No. 4049/2023, purchased 2.48 satak or 1.5 kathas of property in Mouja-Sapahuli, L. No. 75, R.S. and L.R. Dag No. 533, R.S. 249, from the said Ammortar Jali Sheikh, in place of the present L.R. 691 Khatian and file a mutation case at Bishnupur B.L. and L.R.O-1, South 24 Parganas Office. If anyone has any objection regarding the mutation of the said land, please contact Bishnupur B.L. and L.R.O-1 Office within the next 30 days.  
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**Draft electoral rolls for five states and UTs to be published today**  
MI News Service, New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced on Monday that draft electoral rolls for West Bengal, Rajasthan, Goa, Puducherry, and Lakshadweep will be published on Tuesday (December 16). The electoral body has directed Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) and District Electoral Officers (DEOs) to share hard copies of the draft rolls with all recognised political parties to ensure transparency in the process. In a move to enhance accessibility, the draft electoral rolls will also be uploaded on the official websites of CEOs and DEOs, allowing citizens to verify their voter information online.

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# This gut molecule shows remarkable anti-diabetes power: Study

Washington DC [US] : Researchers revealed that the microbial metabolite TMA can directly block the immune protein IRAK4, reducing inflammation and improving insulin sensitivity.

The molecule counteracts damage caused by high-fat diets and even protects mice from sepsis. Since IRAK4 is a known drug target, this pathway could inspire new diabetes therapies. The study highlights how gut microbes and nutrition can work together to support metabolic health.

An international group of scientists led by Professor Marc-Emmanuel Dumas at Imperial College London & CNRS, along with Prof. Patrice Cani (Imperial & University of Louvain, UCLouvain), Dr. Dominique Gauguier (Imperial & INSERM, Paris) and Prof. Peter Liu (University of Ottawa Heart Institute), has identified an unexpected natural compound that helps counter insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.

The compound, trimethylamine (TMA), is a metabolite created by gut microbes from dietary choline. According to a study in Nature Metabolism, TMA can

interrupt a key immune pathway and contribute to healthier blood sugar levels.

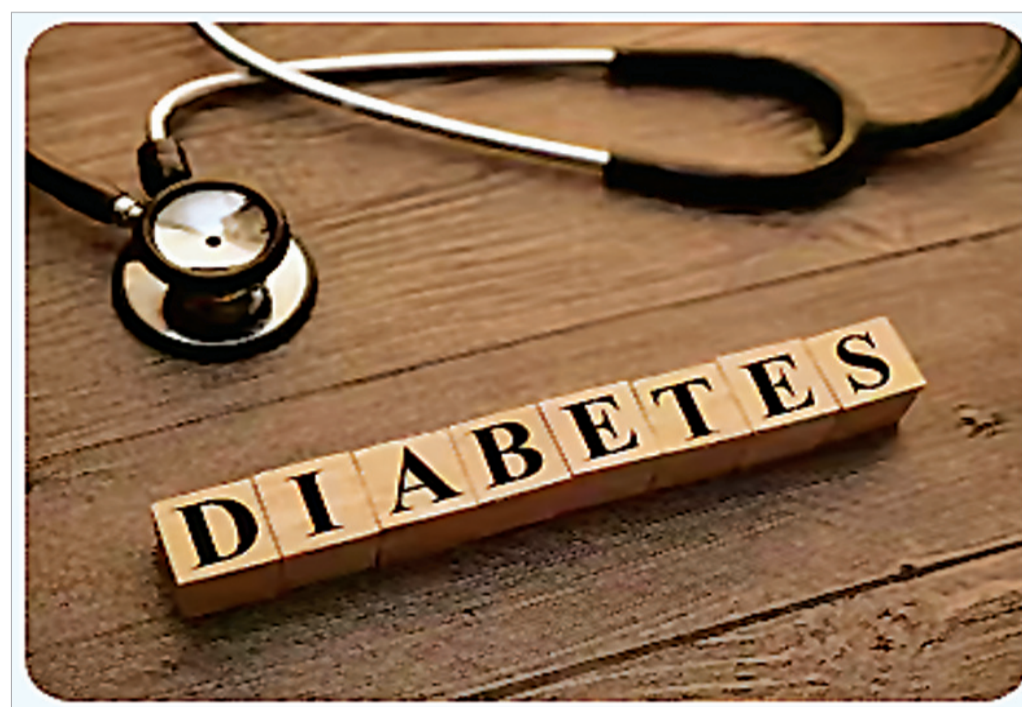
The discovery builds on work that began 20 years ago. During his postdoctoral research, Patrice Cani found that high-fat diets allow bacterial components to pass into the body, prompting the immune system to activate and ignite inflammation.

This immune response was shown to play a direct role in insulin resistance among people with diabetes. Although this idea faced scepticism in 2005, it is now widely recognised and scientifically accepted.

In 2025, researchers at the University of Louvain and Imperial College London clarified how this harmful chain reaction might be counteracted. They reported that TMA, formed by gut microbes from dietary choline present in several foods, can support improved blood-sugar control.

TMA Blocks a Critical Immune Protein

The key lies in the molecule's interaction with IRAK4, a protein that helps regulate immune activity. Under a high-fat diet, IRAK4



responds by triggering inflammation to signal that the body is experiencing dietary imbalance.

However, when the body is

exposed to elevated fat intake for extended periods (as in type 2 diabetes), IRAK4 becomes overstimulated. This constant activation

drives chronic inflammation, which contributes directly to insulin resistance.

Using a combination of human

cell cultures, animal studies, and molecular screening tools, the research team demonstrated that TMA can attach to IRAK4 and reduce its activity. This interaction lowers inflammation caused by fatty foods and restores the body's ability to respond to insulin.

The findings suggest that TMA may help recalibrate harmful metabolic responses triggered by poor dietary habits. The molecule also showed an impressive ability to protect mice from sepsis-related death by weakening overwhelming inflammatory responses.

IRAK4 Targeting Offers New Therapeutic Possibilities

Further experiments confirmed that removing the IRAK4 gene or inhibiting it with drugs produced the same beneficial effects seen with TMA. Because IRAK4 is already a well-established target in drug development, the results point toward promising treatment strategies for diabetes.

"This flips the narrative," said Prof. Dumas. "We've shown that a molecule from our gut microbes can actually protect against the harmful effects of a poor diet

through a new mechanism. It's a new way of thinking about how the microbiome influences our health."

"This shows how nutrition and our gut microbes can work together by producing molecules that fight inflammation and improve metabolic health!" said Prof. Patrice Cani, co-senior author, University of Louvain, Belgium and visiting professor at Imperial College London.

Global Impact and Future Directions

With more than 500 million people worldwide living with diabetes, the identification of TMA as a microbial signal that shapes immune responses introduces a potential new avenue for treatment.

Approaches that enhance TMA production, whether through diet or medication, could help reduce insulin resistance and improve long-term health outcomes.

"What we eat shapes our microbes and some of their molecules can protect us from diabetes. That's nutrition in action!" said University of Louvain, Prof. Cani. (ANI)

## HomeLane Opens Second Design Studio in Jamshedpur



Jamshedpur: HomeLane, India's leading home interiors brand, has opened its second interior design studio in Jamshedpur, located at Regal Building, Bistupur. Spread across 1,000 sq. ft., the new experience centre aims to meet the growing demand for organised and professionally designed home interiors in the city.

The studio was inaugurated by Sundara Ramam D.B., Vice President, Tata Steel; Rakeshwar Pandey, Union Head, Tata Steel; and B.N. Dixit, social worker, highlighting HomeLane's growing connect with the local community.

Jamshedpur, known as India's first planned industrial city, has seen steady demand for modern, well-designed homes that combine functionality with aesthetics. Homeowners in the city are increasingly looking for structured interior solutions that offer clarity on pricing, timelines, and a execution.

Commenting on the launch, Tanuj Choudhry, Co-Founder & COO, HomeLane, said, "We have seen encouraging response from Jamshedpur homeowners to our first studio. With the opening of

our second experience centre, we are now better placed to serve families looking for beautiful & professionally designed interiors that are delivered on time and without the usual challenges."

The new design studio showcases modular kitchens, wardrobes, living rooms, and complete home interior solutions. Customers can explore material samples, live displays, and AI powered 3D visualisations through Spacecraft, to better plan their homes. HomeLane's end-to-end service model covers design consultation, space planning, manufacturing, installation, and final handover, supported by transparent pricing and a 45-day delivery guarantee.

MS Dhoni, HomeLane's brand ambassador and a proud icon of Jharkhand, represents values of reliability and consistency that resonate strongly with homeowners in the region.

With this launch, HomeLane continues to expand its presence in Jharkhand, bringing organised, technology-driven home interior solutions closer to customers in Jamshedpur.

## Kauvery Hospital Launches Information Centre in Vellore

Kolkata : Kauvery Hospital, a leading multi-specialty healthcare group in India, has launched a Kauvery Information Centre in Vellore to support patients seeking specialised and advanced medical care.

With a legacy of over 25 years, Kauvery Hospital operates across six locations in India, with a network of 12 hospitals, supported by more than 8,000+ doctors and 2,250+ beds. The group is recognised for its clinical expertise in cardiac sciences, neurosciences, orthopaedics, oncology, critical care, robotics and transplantation, delivered through experienced medical teams and advanced healthcare infrastructure. Chennai is widely regarded as India's healthcare capital, and Vellore's close proximity to the city has historically positioned it as an important access point for patients seeking tertiary and specialised care. Over the years, Vellore has also emerged as a preferred healthcare destination for patients from Tamil Nadu and several North-Eastern states, who travel in search of reliable and cost-effective treatment.

The newly launched Kauvery Information Centre has been established to provide clear medical information, guidance on specialist consultations, and coordination of appointments and care pathways, particularly for patients travelling long distances.

The initiative reflects Kauvery Hospital's continued focus on patient-centric healthcare delivery, with an emphasis on accessibility, continuity of care, and



structured support to help patients and families navigate the treatment process efficiently. For appointments, call +91 75501 45666.

## India's EV sales could reach 22 million units by 2035: Report

New Delhi : Electric vehicle (EV) sales in India could reach 22 million units by 2035, with EV penetration crossing 50 per cent across most vehicle segments, a report said on Monday.

This growth will be supported by favourable demand dynamics, strengthening supply chains, and progressive regulatory drivers positioning India firmly on the path to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

KPMG India, in its report, highlighted that India can transform potential supply chain risks into opportunities for leadership in sustainable mobility.

With demand for critical raw

materials such as lithium, nickel, cobalt, and rare earth elements set to rise sharply, one of the big four global professional services networks noted that India should think of strategies for building resilience and competitiveness in the nation's EV ecosystem.

EVs use six times more minerals than conventional vehicles, hence demand for lithium, nickel, cobalt and rare earths has exponential growth potential amid a surge in global EV adoption.

According to the report, over 70 per cent of global refining capacity for critical minerals is concentrated in a few geographies, creating

geopolitical and trade risks.

Meanwhile, exploration of reserves in states such as Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), coupled with domestic processing and recycling initiatives, can reduce import dependence.

The report pointed out that in such a scenario, imperative policies, including incentivising domestic refining, securing long-term supply contracts, and investing in R&D for alternative chemicals, can turn out to be critical steps. India's EV ambitions hinge not just on manufacturing capacity but on securing the raw material backbone.

# Bill to repeal MGNREGA aligns with realities of transformed rural India, brings AI fraud check

New Delhi : A guaranteed increase in employment days from 100 to 125 for rural households is among the highlights of a Bill proposed to repeal the 20-year-old MGNREGA that is struggling to address the realities of a transformed rural India, said an official on Monday.

The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025, proposed to be introduced in the Lok Sabha, is armed with AI-based fraud detection and has provisions for stronger social audits - twice a year for every Gram Panchayat - that promise to enhance transparency.

Apart from generating rural jobs, the proposed legislation may also benefit farmers directly through both labour availability and better agricultural infrastructure, said the Rural Development Ministry official.

The VB-G RAM G Bill aims to fix structural weaknesses, enhance employment and ensure coordination in the creation of assets for national development, according to a copy of the Bill which was listed in the supplementary list of businesses issued on Monday. The Bill represents a major upgrade over MGNREGA, fixing structural weaknesses and establishing a modern statutory framework aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047, guaranteeing 125 days of wage employment per rural household whose adult members volunteer to do



unskilled manual work, said an official.

The Bill aims to create both employment and durable rural infrastructure through four priority verticals: Water security through water-related works; core rural infrastructure; livelihood-related infrastructure, and Special works to mitigate extreme weather events.

While Aadhaar-seeded active workers under MNREGA have increased from 76

lakh in FY 13-14 to 12.11 crore in FY 2025-26, the existing rural job scheme suffers from structural problems as misappropriation continues, digital attendance is bypassed, and assets often fail to match expenditure, said the official.

"The scale and persistence of these issues showed that MNREGA's architecture had reached its limits, making a new, modernised VB-G RAM G Bill necessary," said

the official. To some extent, systemic failures in West Bengal and the related corruption necessitated a change in the rural job scheme.

Investigations in 19 districts of West Bengal found non-existent works, rule violations, and fund misuse, leading to a freeze, said a report.

Monitoring across 23 states in FY 2025-26 revealed works "not found or not commensurate with expenditure," machine use where labour was required, and large-scale bypassing of the MGNREGA Mobile Monitoring System for attendance.

In 2024-25, misappropriation totalled Rs 193.67 crore across states. Only 7.61 per cent of households completed 100 days in the post-pandemic period.

Officials said these entrenched issues, such as leakages, weak verification, and poor compliance, required a new framework, not minor tweaks.

Also, MGNREGA was enacted in 2005, but rural India has transformed in the past two decades. Poverty fell sharply from 25.7 per cent (2011-12) to 4.86 per cent (2023-24), supported by rising consumption, incomes and financial access recorded in MPCE and NABARD RECSS surveys.

With stronger social protection, better connectivity, deeper digital access and more diverse rural livelihoods, the old framework no longer matches today's rural economy, said an official.

## Govt busts fake claims on withdrawal of post-retirement benefits under finance act

New Delhi : The Central government on Monday rebutted fake information being circulated on social platforms, claiming that post-retirement benefits, including dearness allowance (DA) hikes and pay commission revision, will be withdrawn under the Finance Act 2025. "A message circulating on #WhatsApp claims that the Central Government has withdrawn post-retirement benefits like DA hikes and Pay Commission revisions for retired employees under the Finance Act 2025. The claim is #FAKE!" PIB Fact Check, a fact-checking arm of Press Information Bureau, posted on X social media platform. Rule 37 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 has been amended to state that if an absorbed PSU employee is dismissed for misconduct, their retirement benefits will be forfeited. Earlier, the Ministry of Finance informed that the government is not considering merging the dearness allowance (DA) of central government employees with the basic pay. With increasing speculation over the 8th Central Pay Commission, the Centre has clarified that no proposal is at present under consideration to give any interim relief to the central government employees. While replying to a written query in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary, said the Centre is not examining any plan to merge the existing dearness allowance with basic pay. "No proposal regarding the merger of the existing dearness allowance with the basic is under consideration with the government at present," he stated. Chaudhary was responding to questions that pointed out that central government employees and pensioners have been battling the highest levels of inflation seen in three decades, arguing that DA and DR revisions are not in sync with the current retail inflation. Employee unions have also been demanding the merger of 50 per cent DA with basic pay, all the more so after the government announced the terms of reference for the 8th CPC earlier in November.

## NTPC Mining Limited Organises STRATUM 2025: A National Mining Conference on Strategic Transformation and Sustainable Mining



Ranchi: NTPC Mining Limited (NML) is organising STRATUM 2025, a two-day National Mining Conference being held on 15th and 16th December, 2025 at Ranchi. The conference focuses on Strategic Transformation, Resource Acquisition and Technology Upgradation in Mining, and provides a platform for knowledge exchange, innovation and collaborative dialogue in the mining sector.

Today, the Inaugural Session was virtually addressed by Shri Gurdeep Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC Ltd. In his address, he emphasised the need to enhance coal production to meet NTPC's target of 100 million tonnes, along with cost reduction through improved operational efficiency. He highlighted the importance of diversification in mining, including exploration of important resources such as critical minerals. He also emphasised strengthening mining efficiency and coal dispatch systems. He also touched upon initiatives related to coal gasification and carbon sequestration as part of NTPC's broader energy strategy. Key-note addresses were delivered by Shri Shivam Srivastava, Director (Fuel), NTPC Ltd and Chairman, NTPC Mining Limited; Shri Ravindra Kumar, Director (Operations), NTPC; Shri Anil Kumar Jadhav, Director (HR), NTPC; Shri Prabhakar Chowki, Ex-Director (Mines), NLCIL and Advisory Committee Member, NTPC; Shri D. N. Prasad, Former Adviser, Ministry of Coal, Government of India and Advisory Committee Member, NTPC; Shri Ajay Kumar, Director (TP&D), CMPDIL; Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, Director (TP&P), MCL.

In his address, Shri Shivam Srivastava, Director (Fuel), NTPC Ltd and Chairman, NML highlighted digitalisation and automation as key pillars of mining in a low-carbon future. He also referred to progressive policies, women empowerment and gender inclusivity initiatives in NML, and pilot projects being undertaken to improve performance and achieve operational targets. Earlier, Shri Naveen Jain, RED (Mining) & CEO, NTPC Mining Limited, delivered the welcome address, outlining NML's strategic roadmap and operational progress. As part of the inaugural programme, the Souvenir of STRATUM 2025 and the Coffee Table Book of NTPC Mining Limited were released. The session also featured the screening of an NTPC Mining Limited documentary film, showcasing NML's mining operations, technological initiatives and its role in India's energy ecosystem. The ongoing Conference includes technical sessions on Strategic Resources for a Self-Reliant Future, Clean Energy from the Depths, Smart Mining through Digital Transformation & Automation, and Advancing Towards Sustainability in Mining. Experts from academic institutions, research organisations, industry and government bodies are presenting papers and participating in discussions on critical minerals, coal gasification, digital mining, automation, ESG practices and mine reclamation. Senior officials from NTPC Mining Limited, including the Heads of Projects of NML's coal mining projects, also participated in the conference and deliberations.

STRATUM 2025 continues to highlight NTPC Mining's role in advancing sustainable, innovative and future ready mining practices for the nation.

## 40th Pension Adalat Organized at CLW

MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Chittaranjan: As per directive of Railway board, The 40th Pension Adalat was organized on December 15, 2025, at the Badwar Hall of Technical Training Centre premises, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW). This Pension Adalat, organized by the Personnel Department of CLW for the convenience of railway pensioners, addressed pension-related issues. Under the guidance of Shri Ranjan Mohanty, Chief Personnel Officer, and in the presence of senior officials from the Accounts Department, the Pension Adalat 2025 was successfully conducted.



Sri Ranjan Mohanty, Chief Personnel Officer inaugurated the programme. In his speech, Sri Mohanty assured that, grievances of the railway pensioners and family pensioners are being treated with top priority. Sri S.K. Basu, Dy CPO/Works and Sri Prapat Bandyopadhyay Sr AFAPension acted as Judges of the Pension Adalat. This year 15 representations were received from the pensioner or family pensioners. All the appeals were critically examined, required actions were taken immediately. Where re-

## East Coast Railway Highlights the Growing Benefits of Online Ticket Booking: Digital Convenience, Faster Processing and Greater Passenger Ease

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway is encouraging passengers to increasingly utilize Internet Reservation (e-ticketing) under the Indian Railways Passenger Reservation System (PRS), as it offers greater convenience, faster access and improved transparency. E-tickets have transformed the way passengers plan their journey—saving time, effort and providing seamless digital support for travel.

Convenience and Time-Saving for Passengers: Book Anytime, Avoid Queues and Travel Hassle-Free

Online ticket booking enables passengers to reserve seats from anywhere—home, office, or mobile device—without visiting railway stations. With no queues and complete digital accessibility, passengers receive a computer-generated slip on their phone or printout, which serves as valid travel authority when accompanied by an ID.

Key advantages include:

- Book Anywhere, Anytime: 24x7 access to reservation facilities.
- No More Queues: Avoid long lines at PRS counters.
- Digital & Paperless Travel: E-tickets offer complete digital convenience with no need for physical tickets.
- Better Management through Technology: Automatic Refunds, Improved Tatkal Booking and Transparent Processes
- E-ticketing ensures easier and more efficient ticket management for passengers. Features include:
  - Automatic Waitlist Refunds: Unconfirmed waitlisted e-tickets are automatically cancelled and refunded, saving passengers a trip to the counter.
  - Fairer Tatkal Access: Aadhaar-authenticated users enjoy faster and more transparent access to Tatkal and special quota tickets.

These improvements ensure passengers experience smoother booking and reduced manual compliance.

Promoting Modernization and



Efficiency: Strengthening Digital India and Upgrading PRS Systems

Indian Railways continues to strengthen its booking infrastructure through:

- Faster & Robust PRS: Upgraded systems ensure quicker processing and reduced booking delays.
- Digital Transactions: Encouraging cashless payments in line with the Digital India vision.

These initiatives support a modern, efficient and technology-driven railway reservation ecosystem.

Areas Where Counters Still Support Passengers

While e-tickets offer immense advantages, PRS counters continue to assist with:

- Concession Tickets: Certain categories such as senior citizens or students may still require counter-based reservations.
- Name or Boarding Changes: These services are presently available only at PRS counters.
- Mobile Ticketing: Travel Smart with Your Smartphone

Mobile ticketing has further enhanced the ease of online booking by allowing passengers to book, carry and verify their tickets entirely on their Smartphone. E-tickets booked through authorized platforms can be shown directly on mobile devices during travel, eliminating the need for printouts. With instant confirmations, real-time updates and secure digital records, mobile ticketing offers a fast, eco-friendly and passenger-friendly travel experience, making train journeys more convenient than ever.

RailOne App is a unified digital platform of Indian Railways that brings multiple passenger services such as ticket booking, train enquiry, platform information and complaint redressal under one mobile application. It offers a seamless, secure and user-friendly experience, enabling passengers to plan and manage their journeys conveniently from a single app.

East Coast Railway remains committed to providing digital convenience and counter-based support, ensuring every passenger experiences smooth, reliable, and efficient ticketing services.

Growing Shift Towards Online Ticketing

In November 2025, internet-based ticket booking accounted for 84.16% across Indian Railways, reflecting strong passenger preference for digital services. During the same period, East Coast Railway (ECOR) recorded 84.11% online bookings, while Khurda Road Division achieved 82.71%, with the remaining tickets booked through PRS counters.

Looking at the last eight months (1st April to 30th November 2025), the trend remains consistently strong. Indian Railways registered 84.54% online ticketing, ECOR stood close at 84.40%, and Khurda Road Division maintained a high 82.94% share of internet bookings, underlining a sustained and growing shift towards digital and paperless ticketing across all levels.

## National unity is essential, says Saferi Siddiqui

Nurul Islam Khan

Strengthen your faith and belief. Forget about different ideologies and establish unity among yourselves, following the Quran and Hadith. Saferi Siddiqui, the Pirzada of Furfura Sharif, said these words at an Islamic gathering in Dari Gobindapur, Jadhahi, in North 24 Parganas on Sunday. He stated that the entire Muslim community is facing numerous problems and grave dangers in the current situation. He blamed some hypocritical Muslims in overcoming these dangers. He said that we are not being harmed by non-Muslims; but we are harming ourselves. There is a lack of proper leadership and ideal figures in our society. There



is no point in blaming any political leader, minister, or government. We all must forget our different paths and ideologies and come under a single Islamic umbrella. Otherwise, a great danger awaits us. The central government is passing various bills in Parlia-

ment to destroy Islam. The Modi government is bringing in many unconstitutional bills, including those related to divorce, Waqf, and the CAA, to destroy democracy and erase the very existence of Muslims. As a result, major problems are being created. In the past, there are examples of Pharaoh and Nimrod trying to destroy Islam but ultimately they destroyed themselves. He also said that the Waqf rally was not allowed at Brigade Parade Ground, but a recitation of the Gita took place there. It is learned that he will organize an event for the recitation of the Constitution. Overall, he emphasized the importance of unity among all Muslims and advised strengthening the nation.

## ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System Certifications Awarded to Nine Stations of Khurda Road Division



MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Khurda Road: Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has successfully completed the ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System (EMS) audit at nine major Railway Stations, marking a significant milestone in its continued commitment towards Environmental sustainability and eco-friendly Railway Operations. Following successful compliance, Environmental Management System Standard Certificates have been issued to these stations for providing passenger and allied services in a Clean, Green and Sustainable Environment.

The railway stations awarded with ISO 14001:2015 Certification are Puri, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road, Palasa, Balugaon, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, Bhadrak, Cuttack and Brahmapur. These stations have adopted improved and environmentally efficient measures across the entire station prem-

ises, covering passenger services and allied activities such as Train Operations, Signalling and Telecommunications, Station Maintenance, Ticketing Services, Public Utilities and other Passenger Amenities.

All nine certified stations have demonstrated Enhanced Environmental Performance by implementing effective measures for Waste Reduction, Water Conservation and Efficient Utilization of Resources. Systematic Collection, Segregation and Scientific Disposal of waste are being carried out strictly as per prescribed guidelines. Significant improvements have also been achieved in Hygiene, Sanitation and Cleanliness, including Platforms, Circulating Areas, Toilets and Rest Rooms. Measures such as ensuring safe and potable drinking water, improved sanitation facilities and installation of floating valves in water tanks have further contributed to water con-

servation and environmental protection.

ISO 14001:2015 is an internationally recognized standard for Environmental Management Systems that helps organizations improve environmental performance while ensuring compliance with applicable State and Central Pollution Control Board regulations. The certification reflects the effective implementation of structured environmental management practices, including Energy Conservation, Efficient Resource Management and Sustainable Waste Handling Systems.

The certification was awarded after a comprehensive Survey and Audit conducted by the Third-Party Accredited National Agency, Enviro Green Management Consulting Solutions, Cuttack, which assessed compliance with prescribed environmental management standards at each station.

Alok Tripathi, Divisional Railway Manager, Khurda Road, congratulated the Environmental Housekeeping Management (EnHM) team of the Mechanical Department for their dedicated efforts in making Railway Stations more environment-friendly and for reinforcing East Coast Railway's commitment to Sustainable, Responsible and Passenger-Centric Railway Operations.

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## Death toll rises to 16 in Sydney's Bondi Beach shooting



MI News Service, Sydney: The death toll from a shooting at Sydney's Bondi Beach on Sunday has risen to 16, with a father and son identified as the attackers, police said Monday.

Police in the state of New South Wales (NSW) said on Monday morning that 16 people have been confirmed dead after the shooting.

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## GM/Eastern Railway felicitates non-gazetted Divyang Railway Employees



MI News Service, 15 Dec 2025, Kolkata: To commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 2025, Eastern Railway organised a felicitation programme for Non-Gazetted Railway Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) under the aegis of the Central Staff Benefit Fund at Udisha, Fairlie Place, Eastern Railway Headquarters, on Monday.

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Smt. Zarina Firdausi,

Principal Chief Personnel Officer, along with other Principal Heads of Departments and senior officers, were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the General Manager encouraged the differently abled employees to continue excelling in their respective fields. He reaffirmed Eastern Railway's commitment to providing all entitled facilities to Divyang Railway employees and assured that any issues faced by them would be addressed sincerely.

On the occasion, Shri Deouskar felicitated 29

Non-Gazetted Divyang Railway employees from across Eastern Railway in recognition of their outstanding performance. The General Manager also released a booklet highlighting the various benefits available to differently abled employees.

The programme also featured heart-touching cultural performances by differently abled employees, showcasing their talents through songs, recitations, and other creative expressions, which were warmly appreciated by the General Manager.

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The full or part land of the following plot numbers under the following Mouzas shall be acquired for the Bankola Area, Tilaboni CM Project under Eastern Coalfields Limited, a subsidiary company of Coal India Limited, Government of India. Therefore, if there is any complaint against the plot numbers under the following mouzas, it is requested to kindly contact the Tilaboni Colliery Agent Office immediately with the appropriate documents related to their land within 21 days from the date of publication of this notification.

- 1) ANADINATH NAYAK S/O SADHAN NAYAK, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2864, RS/LR Plot no-2907(0.4700 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-1012, RS Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.168 acre). Total=0.6380 Acre.
- 2) APARUP MONDAL S/O DHANANJOY MONDAL, Nabaghanapur Mouza JL No-19,i) Khatian no-980, RS Plot no-540/LR Plot no-626(0.0550 acre). Total=0.0550 Acre.
- 3) BAPI MONDAL S/O MANIK CHANDRA MONDAL, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-280, RS /LR Plot no-167(0.0900 acre). Total=0.0900 Acre.
- 4) BIKRAM GHOSH S/O RAMESH GHOSH, Jhanjra Mouza, JL No-34,i) Khatian no-2541, RS/LR Plot no-75(0.1875 acre). Total 0.1875 Acre.
- 5) BIPADTARAN GHOSH S/O Late MADHUSUDAN GHOSH, Jhanjra Mouza, JL No-34,i) Khatian no-2451, RS/LR Plot no-52(0.3490 acre), RS/LR Plot no-54(0.3189 acre). Total=0.6679 Acre.
- 6) BISWAJIT NAYAK S/O DEBASISH NAYAK, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2860, RS/LR Plot no-2942(0.5692 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-961, RS Plot no-612/LR Plot no-711(0.100 acre). Total=0.6692 Acre.
- 7) BRISTI GHOSH D/O RANJIT GHOSH, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-299, RS/LR Plot no-25(0.0200 acre). Total=0.0200 Acre.
- 8) DEBASIS MONDAL S/O Late HIRALAL MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no 2812, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0534 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-981, RS Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.1122 acre). Total 0.1656 Acre.
- 9) DULALI MONDAL W/O Late SRIDAM MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2850, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0200 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-992, RS Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.0421 acre). Total 0.0621 Acre.
- 10) KABERI GHOSH D/O Late HIRALAL MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2814, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0533 acre), Nabaghanapur Mouza JL No-19,i) Khatian no-983, R5 Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.1122 acre) Total=0.1655 Acre.
- 11) LALAN MONDAL S/O Late SAILEN MONDAL, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-282, RS/LR Plot no-20(0.12 acre), RS/LR Plot no-21(0.00625 acre), RS/LR Plot no-22(0.735 acre), RS/LR Plot no-25(0.0125 acre), RS/LR Plot no-58(0.0550 acre), RS/LR Plot no-62(0.3050 acre), RS/LR Plot no-63(0.04625 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/248(0.0441 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/266(0.09 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/268(0.045 acre), Total=1.4591 Acre.
- 12) MANIK CHANDRA MONDAL S/O Late UMADAPADA MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2809, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0400 acre) Total=0.0400 Acre.
- 13) MD. ARMAN ANSARI S/O MD. HALIM, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2772, RS/LR Plot no-2922(1.0500acre), RS/LR Plot no-2923(0.7600acre), RS/LR Plot no-2931(0.1937acre), RS/LR Plot no-2933(0.0900acre), Total=2.0937 Acre.
- 14) PARIMAL MONDAL S/O Late SAILEN MONDAL, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-283, RS/LR Plot no-20(0.12 acre), RS/LR Plot no-21(0.00625 acre), RS/LR Plot no-22(0.735 acre), RS/LR Plot no-25(0.0325 acre), RS/LR Plot no-58(0.0549 acre), RS/LR Plot no-62(0.3050 acre), RS/LR Plot no-63(0.04625 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/248(0.0442 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/266(0.0900 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/268(0.045 acre), Total 1.4791 Acre.
- 15) PRABIR MONDAL S/O Late HIRALAL MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2813, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0533 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-982, RS Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.1122 acre). Total=0.1655 Acre.
- 16) RAKESH LAHA S/O ADHIR LAHA, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-281, RS /LR Plot no-167(0.0667 acre). Total 0.0667 Acre.
- 17) RANIT BHATTACHARJEE S/O PARITOSH BHATTACHARJEE, Jhanjra Mouza, JL No-34,i) Khatian no-2539, RS/LR Plot no-46(0.0340 acre), RS/LR Plot no-98(0.3400 acre), RS/LR Plot no-175/2441(0.1979 acre). Total=0.5719 Acre.
- 18) RINTU MONDAL S/O DEBASIS MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2894, RS/LR Plot no-1782(0.3466 acre). Total 0.3466 Acre.
- 19) SOMA LAYAK W/O BINAY LAYAK, Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-979, RS Plot no-540/LR Plot no-626(0.0550 acre). Total 0.0550 Acre.
- 20) SOUGATA MONDAL S/O Late SRIDAM MONDAL, Kumardihi Mouza JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2849, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0200 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza JL No-19,i) Khatian no-993, RS Plot no 539/LR Plot no-625(0.0421 acre). Total=0.0621 Acre. 21) SOUMEN PAL S/O SHIBSHANKAR PAL, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2823, RS/LR Plot no-2907(0.1000 acre). Total 0.1000 Acre.
- 22) SOURAV MONDAL S/O CHANDI CHARAN MONDAL, Nabaghanapur Mouza, JL No-19,i) Khatian no-994, RS Plot no-555/LR Plot no-645(1.00 acre) & Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-278, RS/LR Plot no-30(0.0094 acre), RS/LR Plot no 32(0.0624 acre), RS/LR Plot no-73(0.0158 acre), RS/LR Plot no-78(0.0823 acre), RS/LR Plot no-99(0.0539 acre), RS/LR Plot no-101(0.0378 acre), RS/LR Plot no-106(0.0305 acre), RS/LR Plot no-116(0.0451 acre), RS/LR Plot no-162(0.0317 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/248(0.0386acre), RS/LR Plot no-75/252(0.0495 cre). Total=1.4570 Acre.
- 23) SUMAN PAL S/O Late SANTIRAM PAL, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-191, RS/LR Plot no-34(0.7145 acre), RS/LR Plot no-35(0.0187 acre), RS/LR Plot no-56(0.1770 acre), RS/LR Plot no-74(0.0125 acre), RS/LR Plot no-100(0.1103 acre), RS/LR Plot no-166(0.0791 acre), RS/LR Plot no-170(0.0250 acre), RS/LR Plot no-172(0.2166 acre), RS/LR Plot no-176(0.0645 acre), RS/LR Plot no-177(0.1166 acre), RS/LR Plot no 195(0.2666 acre), RS/LR Plot no 201(0.0895 acre), RS/LR Plot no-208(0.0291 acre), RS/LR Plot no-221(0.0291 acre), RS/LR Plot no-22.3(0.0250 acre), RS/LR Plot no-1/248(0.0183 acre), RS/LR Plot no-105(0.0354 acre), RS/LR Plot no-118(0.0029 acre), RS/LR Plot no-162(0.0301 acre), RS/LR Plot no-167(0.0688 acre), RS/LR Plot no 178(0.0041 acre), RS/LR Plot no-207(0.1020 acre), RS/LR Plot no 221(0.0291 acre), RS/LR Plot no-242(0.0083 acre), RS/LR Plot no-57(0.0020 acre), RS/LR Plot no-84(0.0083 acre), RS/LR Plot no-97(0.0270 acre), Total 2.3104 Acre.
- 24) SUSHOVAN PAL S/O SHIBSHANKAR PAL, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2828, RS/LR Plot no-2907(0.0999 acre). Total 0.0999 Acre.
- 25) TAPAN KUMAR MONDAL S/O Lt. SURYA MONDAL, Jhanjra Mouza, JL No-34,i) Khatian no 2743, RS/LR Plot no 94(0.0750 acre), RS/LR Plot no-95(0.0250 acre), RS/LR Plot no-97(0.0200 acre). Total=0.1200 Acre.
- 26) TAPAN KUMAR PAL S/O Late BHARAT CHANDRA PAL, Kumardihi Mouza, JL No-14,i) Khatian no-2851, RS/LR Plot no-2920(0.0400 acre) & Nabaghanapur Mouza JL No-19,i) Khatian no-991, RS Plot no-539/LR Plot no-625(0.0842 acre). Total 0.1242 Acre.
- 27) MANTU RAM PAL S/O Lt. NAKUL PAL, Chakjharria Mouza, JL No-15,i) Khatian no-161, RS/LR Plot no-34(0.8575 acre), RS/LR Plot no-56(0.2125 acre), RS/LR Plot no-100(0.1325 acre), RS/LR Plot no-172(0.2600acre), RS/LR Plot no-177(0.1400 acre), RS/LR Plot no-195(0.3400 acre), Total 1.9425 Acre.

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### SHAFALI WINS ICC WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD FOR NOVEMBER

**NEW DELHI** : India opener Shafali Verma has been named ICC Women's Player of the Month for November 2025, following her decisive performance in the ODI World Cup final against South Africa. Drafted as a late replacement for the injured Pratika Rawal, Shafali seized her moment in the spotlight with a fluent 87 off 78 balls - the highest score by an Indian opener in a World Cup final. Her aggressive start, combined with a record 100-run partnership alongside India's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, set the tone for India posting 298/7. Shafali's impact went beyond her batting - striking twice in quick succession to dismiss Sune Luus and Marizanne Kapp and breaking South Africa's momentum. Shafali finished with figures of 2-36 from seven overs and capped off a remarkable all-round performance for the youngster, who delivered on the biggest stage to help secure India's historic triumph. "My first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup experience didn't go as I expected, but it ended far better than I could have ever wished or imagined. I'm grateful that I could contribute to the team's success in the Final and that I was able to be a part of making history in winning the World Cup for the first time and in front of a home crowd. "I'm truly honoured to be named the Women's Player of the Month for November. I dedicate this award to my teammates, coaches, family and everyone who has supported my journey until now. We win and lose as a team, the same goes for this award," said Shafali in a statement by the ICC on Monday. Shafali edged out competition from Thipatcha Putthawong of Thailand and Esha Oza of the UAE to secure her first-ever Player of the Month award, as India became the fourth team to win a Women's ODI World Cup. The accolade marked a remarkable turnaround for Shafali, who had previously been dropped from India's ODI squad and worked her way through domestic cricket to rediscover her form before earning a recall for the World Cup. Shafali will next be seen in action when India faces Sri Lanka in the five-match T20I series starting on December 21 in Visakhapatnam.



# Messi mania grips Delhi as thousands flock to Arun Jaitley Stadium

**NEW DELHI** : A wave of excitement swept through the national capital on Monday as fans turned up in large numbers to witness football legend Lionel Messi at the iconic Arun Jaitley Stadium. From early morning, long queues formed outside the venue, with supporters of all ages eager to catch a glimpse of the Argentine superstar, turning the area around the stadium into a sea of blue and white jerseys. Messi's presence in Delhi sparked unprecedented enthusiasm among football lovers, many of whom travelled from different parts of the country. Fans carrying banners, posters and flags chanted Messi's name, creating a carnival-like atmosphere more commonly associated with major cricket fixtures at the venue. For several supporters, seeing the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner in person was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The event, organised



under tight security arrangements, saw authorities deploy additional personnel to manage the massive crowd. Entry gates were opened well ahead of schedule to ensure smooth movement, while traffic diversions were put in place around the stadium complex. Despite the heavy turnout, the arrangements helped maintain order as fans patiently waited for their turn to enter.

Inside the stadium, the excitement reached fever pitch when Messi appeared, prompting thunderous applause and cheers from the packed stands. Mobile phones were raised in unison as fans tried to capture the moment, while chants echoed across the ground. Many young footballers in attendance said Messi's journey and achievements continue to inspire them to pursue the sport seriously. The overwhelming response once again highlighted football's growing popularity in India and

Messi's unmatched global appeal. For Delhi's fans, the day was more than just an event-it was a celebration of one of the greatest players the game has ever seen, leaving behind memories that will be cherished for years to come.

Messi was scheduled to land in the national capital earlier this morning, but his charter flight was delayed due to foggy conditions here. After landing in the afternoon, he immediately proceeded to the Leela Palace Hotel, where he had a meet-and-greet session for around an hour with a select group of people.

His schedule in the national capital included an exhibition match, a stage event, a football clinic for children, and several high-profile private meetings; therefore, Delhi has implemented precautionary measures to manage large crowds and traffic congestion in anticipation of his arrival.

## Jharkhand Register Second Consecutive Win with Six-Wicket Victory over Chandigarh



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**RANCHI** : Jharkhand continued their impressive run in the Women's Under-19 One Day Trophy, registering their second successive victory with a convincing six-wicket win over

Chandigarh at the Sports Galaxy Cricket Ground in Lucknow on Saturday.

Opting to bat first, Chandigarh were bowled out for 168 runs in 49 overs. Taisha Manchanda played a responsible knock of 79 runs to anchor the

innings, while Ahaan Ved contributed 25 runs. However, the Jharkhand bowlers maintained tight control and applied consistent pressure. Rooliya and Vrishti led the bowling attack with three wickets apiece, while Neha and Laxmi chipped in with two wick-

ets each to restrict Chandigarh to a modest total.

In reply, Jharkhand chased down the target with confidence, reaching 171 for four in 41.5 overs. Gurleen Kaur starred with the bat, scoring a composed and match-winning 81 runs, guiding the team steadily towards victory. Priyanka Luthra provided valuable support with a 23-run contribution. For Chandigarh, Tarunika picked up two wickets but was unable to halt Jharkhand's march to the target.

With this victory, Jharkhand strengthened their position in the tournament, displaying a balanced performance with both bat and ball. The team's consistent efforts and collective contribution underlined their growing confidence as they look ahead to the upcoming matches in the Women's Under-19 One Day Trophy.

## RLSY College Athletes Shine at Ranchi University Inter-College Athletics Tournament

**RANCHI** : Athletes of Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College delivered an impressive performance at the Ranchi University Inter-College Athletics Tournament, showcasing excellence and consistency throughout the competition. The college emerged as the champions in the men's category and also secured the overall runners-up position in the tournament.

Adding to the accolades, Ramchandra Sang of Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College was adjudged the Best Athlete in the men's category for his outstanding all-round performance.

The three-day athletics meet witnessed intense competition among participating colleges.

Congratulating the athletes on their remarkable achievement, College Principal Dr. Vishnu Charan Mahato lauded their dedication and discipline, and expressed confidence that the players would continue to improve their performance and bring more laurels to the institution in the future.

Expressing their happiness, Sports In-charge Dr. Deepak Pramanik and Athletics Coach Ram Prasad termed the achievement a major milestone for the college's sports development and hoped it would inspire greater success in the coming years.

On the occasion, all teachers and non-teaching staff of Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College



expressed immense pride and joy over the athletes' commendable performance at the university-level tournament.

# MANU BHAKER, SIMRANPREET KAUR BRAR STRIKE GOLD IN WOMEN'S 25M SPORTS PISTOL IN NATIONAL SHOOTING C'SHIP

**NEW DELHI** : Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker and ISSF World Cup Final 2025 gold medallist Simranpreet Kaur Brar delivered top-class performances to win gold medals in the senior and junior women's 25m sports pistol events, respectively, of the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in Tughlakabad near New Delhi on Monday. Manu shot 36 in the final to secure the gold, finishing four hits clear of Divya T.S. of Karnataka, who bagged silver with 32. Anjali Choudhary claimed the bronze medal after hitting 28 targets. Rhythm Sangwan (22) finished fourth, followed by Arshdeep Kaur (18), Annu Raj Singh (14), and Anuja Verma (11) in fifth, sixth, and seventh positions, respectively, while Parisha Gupta did not start in the final.

Earlier, Divya T.S. topped the qualification round with a score of 587-22x, ahead of Anjali Choudhary (582-19x). Annu Raj Singh finished third with 582-16x, while Manu qualified fourth with 581-19x. Parisha Gupta placed fifth with 581-14x, followed by Rhythm Sangwan (579-17x), with Arshdeep Kaur and Anuja Verma completing the top eight with 578-19x.

In the Junior Women's 25m Sports Pistol final, Simranpreet Kaur Brar continued her impressive run, shooting 39 to claim the gold medal. Dwaram Pranavi won silver, while Palak of Haryana picked up bronze with 20. Tanu Shree Tomar (19) finished fourth after bowing out in the shoot-off, followed by Sejal Raju Kamble (14), Megana



Sadula (11), and Lavanya Kanwar (7). Parisha did not start in the final.

The junior qualification round was topped by Parisha Gupta, with Simranpreet Kaur Brar qualifying second with 578-13x. Palak (575-14x) finished third, followed by Sejal Raju Kamble (575-12x), Tanu Shree Tomar (573-11x), Lavanya Kanwar (572-17x), Megana Sadula (572-13x) and Dwaram Pranavi (572-11x).

In the Women's Team 25m Sports Pistol event, Maharashtra clinched the gold medal with a combined score of 1726-40x, through Shital Preetam Desai (577-12x),

Abhidnya Ashok Patil (575-13x) and Rahi Sarnobat (574-15x). The Army Marksmanship Unit (Anuja Verma, Sejal Raju Kamble, and Anjali Bhagwat) finished second with 1722-44x, while Haryana (Rhythm Sangwan, Vibhuti Bhatia, and Tejaswani) secured the bronze medal with 1718-43x. In the Junior Women's Team event, the Army Marksmanship Unit (Sejal Raju Kamble, Jiya Jakhar, and Anjali Bhagwat) claimed gold with 1714-38x, while Delhi (Parisha Gupta, Kamakshi Kumar, and Naamya Kapoor) secured silver with 1714-36x. Punjab (Simranpreet Kaur Brar, Agam Grewal, and Jasman Kelley) won the bronze medal with 1709-40x.

The championship action continues on Tuesday (December 16, 2025) with the Men's Skeet finals scheduled in New Delhi, while the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women's finals will take place at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy in Bhopal.

Other Results (25m SPW)

**YOUTH WOMEN**  
Sejal Raju Kamble (Army) - Gold (575-12x)  
Lavanya Kanwar (Rajasthan) - Silver (572-17x)  
Manvi Jain (Madhya Pradesh) - Bronze (570-14x)  
**Civilian Championship Women (Individual)**  
Jaspreet Kaur (Punjab) - Gold (575-17x)  
Yashika Goel (Uttar Pradesh) - Silver (573-19x)  
Tanisha Dabodia (Delhi) - Bronze (573-15x)

**CIVILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN (TEAM)**  
Delhi A (Ekta Malik, Kamakshi Kumar, Nayasha Rana) - Gold (1706-40x)  
Delhi B (Tanisha Dabodia, Riya Duggal, Khushi Kapoor) - Silver (1703-44x)  
Punjab (Jaspreet Kaur, Ishneet Aulakh, Ariha Aggarwal) - Bronze (1693-38x)

**CIVILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN (JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL)**  
Tanu Shree Tomar (Uttar Pradesh) - Gold (573-11x)  
Lavanya Kanwar (Rajasthan) - Silver (572-17x)  
Dwaram Pranavi (Andhra Pradesh) - Bronze (572-11x)

**CIVILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN (JUNIOR TEAM)**  
(Kamakshi Kumar, Nayasha Rana, Khushi Kapoor) - Gold (1695-37x)  
Madhya Pradesh (Nancy Solanki, Aaradhya Mishra, Anchal Singh) - Silver (1686-32x)  
Tamil Nadu (Vaishnavi Ramdas, Nithila Ivy Darling, Anya Padma Viji) - Bronze (1685-26x)

**Senior Master Women**  
Sheila Kanungo (Maharashtra) - Gold  
Pushpa Meghwal (Rajasthan) - Silver  
Kunti Malik (Uttar Pradesh) - Bronze

**MASTER WOMEN**  
Anisa Sayyed (Haryana) - Gold  
P. Sofia Lawren (Tamil Nadu) - Silver  
Divya Nagar (Uttar Pradesh) - Bronze  
Super Master Women  
Pushpa Meghwal (Rajasthan) - Gold  
Abha Dhilian (Uttar Pradesh) - Silver

## IPL 2026 Auction: Cameron Green fetches Rs 30 crore from KKR in mock bidding

**NEW DELHI** : Australia's seam bowling all-rounder Cameron Green underlined his status as the most sought-after player ahead of the IPL 2026 auction, fetching Rs 30.5 crore from Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in a mock bidding exercise.

Registered as a batter, owing to a goof-up by his manager during the player auction registration, Green is expected to be hotly pursued by both KKR and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) when the real auction begins at the Etihad Arena in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

"I knew CSK would also go after a middle-order all-rounder. I thought they would go somewhere around 25-28 crore. Realistically, I think they would go up to around Rs 20 crore in the actual auction, because they would want to keep space for other Indian and overseas players as well."

"But in the mock auctions, I was ready to go up to 35 crore for a player like Green. I think Cameron Green should bat at No. 3 in the order," said JioStar expert and former India player Robin Uthappa, who was the KKR representative in the mock auction held on Monday.

In the mock auction, Sri Lanka fast bowler Matheesha Pathirana was picked by KKR for 13 crore. "It's all about planning and keeping things simple. We needed a good death bowler. With the kind of coaching staff KKR have, Pathirana can be very effective at the death. He has been a little off colour recently and has gone back into the auction pool, which I think will make him more motivated to perform."

"A change of franchise can also help. With Pathirana, Varun Chakravarthy and Vaibhav Arora, if you're asking who bats in the first XI, it would be Vaibhav Arora. Also, Varun has been working on his batting, he's not too far away from clearing the ropes either," added Uthappa.

Former India cricketer Suresh Raina, who was CSK's representative in the mock exer-

cise, commented on picking Sarfaraz Khan for Rs 7 crore. "I think he is in great form. We saw earlier that when Venkatesh Iyer was bought for a big amount, the form wasn't quite there. Sarfaraz, on the other hand, is batting really well right now. You don't get that kind of player easily-the range of shots he plays, the confidence he has."

"The form Sarfaraz is in, even if he plays four or six matches and wins you two games, that 7 crore will be fully justified. After his first-class performances, he has also been included in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. He is a former player, following a process. Chennai's wicket is technically sound, and if he gets set in a system like CSK, where the focus is on winning games, I think CSK will benefit greatly from his form."

On CSK's overall auction strategy executed by him, Raina explained picking leg-spinners Rahul Chahar and Wanindu Hasaranga, as well as pacer Anrich Nortje. "I think we have addressed key areas in the auction war room. We picked Rahul Chahar as a leg-spinner and Wanindu Hasaranga because we don't have Jadeja and Ashwin. We also strengthened our pace attack-Anrich Nortje is there, he has pace and can bowl yorkers consistently."

"It was important to bring in Sarfaraz Khan, who is in tremendous form. You'll also see young players like Ayush Mhatre, Dewald Brevis, Sanju Samson and Shivam Dube in the mix. There are a lot of young faces, and that's very important. When new players came in previously, even after losing two or three matches, the youngsters responded really well."

"You need that fire-players who go out and express themselves fearlessly. In the main auction, many more players will be available. CSK may even look to buy Matheesha Pathirana again, given their concern around death bowling. That will be one of their key focus areas," he concluded.

