

Abhishek Attacks BJP Over Singur, Hails SC Order on Voter List Transparency

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Monday launched a sharp political attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the upcoming elections, asserting that Bengal would continue to stand by its “own daughter” and not surrender to what he described as “Delhi-centric politics.” His remarks came amid strong reactions from the Trinamool Congress to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s recent comments on Singur and a significant Supreme Court directive on voter list revisions. Ahead of the elections, the Supreme Court’s recent order has come as a fresh boost for the Trinamool Congress. Addressing a public meeting in Barasat soon after the court issued its directions on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee struck a defiant note, declaring, “We defeated you in court today; we will defeat you at the polls in April. Be prepared.”

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Why Shiv Sena corporators shifted to hotel? asks Raut



Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut

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MI News Service, Mumbai : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Monday questioned the shifting of corporators-elect from ruling ally Shiv Sena to hotels, asserting that no party could easily stake claim to the BMC Mayor's post, going by the mandate in the recent civic polls. In the recently concluded civic polls, the alliance of the BJP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena won a clear majority in the 227-member BMC, securing 89 and 29 seats, respectively. The Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena (UBT) won 65 seats, while its ally MNS emerged victorious on six. The Shiv Sena has shifted all its 29 members to a hotel in Mumbai, ostensibly for an orientation workshop to make them aware of the functioning of the country's richest civic body, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), having annual coffer of over Rs 74,000 crores.

The move followed the declaration of the BMC poll results, which showed that the seats won by Shiv Sena are crucial for the BJP, to draw up its strategy to get Mahayuti's mayor installed. "Shinde has already shifted his corporators to a five-star hotel and, as per my information, the BJP is also planning to move its corporators to a safer place. Who is afraid of whom? You are the government. The Chief minister is watching corporators being shifted while attending the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos (Switzerland). It is amusing," Raut told reporters. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks that the BJP had defeated the Congress in the city where the party was born, Raut said the PM appeared to have ignored history, pointing out that the (then undivided) Shiv Sena controlled the BMC for the last 25 years while the Congress had remained largely marginal in Mumbai politics. The Rajya Sabha member also recalled that the Congress was founded in Mumbai and the Quit India movement had been launched from the city during the freedom struggle, asserting the BJP did not exist during those crucial phases of India's political

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SC directs EC to display names of voters on ‘discrepancies’ list

MI News Service, New Delhi / Kolkata : Hearing pleas alleging arbitrariness and procedural irregularities, the Supreme Court directed the Election Commission (EC) on Monday to display within the next three days the names of those on the “logical discrepancies” list at Gram Panchayat bhavans, Block Development offices of talukas and Ward offices in cities and urban areas in West Bengal, and call them for a hearing within 10 days of publication of the list. The court noted that 1.25 crore voters in the state figure on the “logical discrepancies” list. Logical discrepancies in progeny linking with the 2002 voter list include instances of a mismatch in the parent's name and the age difference between a voter and their parent being less than 15 years or more than 50 years.

On the basis of the alleged arbitrariness and procedural irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in West Bengal, a three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Surya Kant, Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Joymalya Bagchi al-



“The state government shall provide adequate man power to the State Election Commission for the deployment at the panchayat bhavans and block offices, the direction of the Bench said. “In this regard, we direct that every district shall meticulously comply with the directions issued by the ECI or the state government for the staff for smooth functioning,” the Bench added. The court further directed that the Director General of Police (DGP) of West Bengal shall be obligated to ensure that there is no law-and-order problem and that all the activities shall be completed smoothly. The apex court was hearing pleas alleging arbitrariness and procedural irregularities in the ongoing SIR exercise in West Bengal filed by the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) in the state.

lowed notice receivers to seek assistance of any person – a lawyer, a family member, neighbour, or even a political party booth-level agents – during the hearings, but only with proper authorisation. The apex court also directed the poll body to

allow admit cards of secondary exams (Madhyamik), bearing dates of birth, to be considered as a valid SIR document during the hearings. The top court also directed that the office for submitting the documents and objections shall be set up within the Panchayat bhavans, Block Development and Waed offices.

Senior TMC leader and the party's National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee said the Supreme Court's direction was a massive legal victory for them and “two tight slaps on the faces of those who tried to deprive people of their fundamental right to vote.” Speaking at a rally at Barasat in North 24 Parganas district this afternoon, the TMC second in comman after Mamata Banerjee, said this “victory in court” would be followed by the party's “win in polls” likely to take place in April this year.

Referring to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Abhishek Banerjee said, “This is a victory of ‘Maa Mati Manush’ and the people of West Bengal over those who tried to pick and choose one crore citizens and delete their names from electoral rolls.” “We defeated them in court today, we will trounce them during polls in April. Stay prepared, West Bengal is not Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh or Gujarat. This state showed the path to the nation's Independence struggle, its renaissance. We do not bow our heads

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SIR is important, but not being conducted properly Netaji's grandnephew

MI News Service, Kolkata: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's grandnephew Chandra Kumar Bose, who appeared for West Bengal SIR hearings, said on Monday that the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise was “important” but “not being conducted properly”. Bose, who had contested the 2016 Assembly elections and the 2019 Lok Sabha polls on BJP tickets, called the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll “sheer harassment” and claimed that it lacks clarity. The sexagenarian said that he, his wife and daughter appeared for the hearing on January 16, while his two sons, who are abroad, had authorised them to appear on their behalf. Earlier, In a startling development, a few members of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's family had been summoned for the hearing under SIR process of the voter list, triggering widespread criticism and debate.

Chandra Kumar Bose, the grand son of Sarat Chandra Bose and grand nephew of legendary leader- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Convenor of The Open Platform for Netaji, Socio-Political Activist,



Chandra Kumar Bose

former Vice President of BJP, West Bengal, who contested the Assembly elections in 2016 from Bhabanipur and Lok Sabha elections from South Kolkata in 2019 and secured 4.17 lac votes, stated that his name already exists in the 2002 SIR list. Despite this, he has been called for verification in the ongoing SIR hearing. Chandra Kumar Bose, expressed his disbelief saying, “My name exists in the 2002 SIR — still I have been called for the hearing.” He further added sarcastically, “Netaji's grand-nephew also needs authorisation for Indian citizenship — which direction is India moving?” He, however, fully cooperated with the EC and stood in the queue for over an hour to appear for the hearing at the City College in South Kolkata.

HC to pass order on Kuldeep Sengar in death case of Unnao rape survivor's father



Kuldeep Singh Sengar was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2019 for raping a 17-year-old

MI News Service, New Delhi : The Delhi High Court will soon pass an order on a plea by expelled BJP leader Kuldeep Singh Sengar seeking the suspension of his sentence in the case of the death of the Unnao rape survivor's father while in custody. As notified by the High court, Justice Ravinder Dubeja will pronounce the verdict On March 13, 2020, Sengar was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment by the trial court, besides imposition of a fine of Rs 10 lakh, in the case of the death of the survivor's father in custody. The trial court had said “no leniency” could be shown for killing a family's “sole bread earner”. It had also awarded a 10-year jail term to Sen-

gar's brother, Atul Singh Sengar, and five others for their role in the custodial killing of the rape survivor's father. The father of the survivor was arrested at the behest of Sengar under the Arms Act and died in custody on April 9, 2018, owing to police brutalities in custody. Sengar had kidnapped the minor and raped her in 2017.

The trial court, which did not hold the accused guilty of murder under the IPC in the father's case, awarded the maximum sentence for the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder to convicts under Section 304 of the IPC after holding that there was no intention to kill. Sengar's appeals in the main rape case against the December 2019 judgement convicting him and sentencing him to imprisonment for the remainder of his life, as well as the father's case, are pending in the high court. Sengar's sentence was suspended by the High court on December 23, 2025, till the pendency of his appeal challenging his conviction and sentence in the rape case. The suspension was stayed by the Supreme Court on December 29, 2025.

Nitin Nabin files nomination for BJP National President



Nitin Nabin, Working National President of BJP set to assume role as national president of the party.

MI News Service, New Delhi : BJP working president Nitin Nabin filed his nomination here on Monday for the election to the post of the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP National President JP Nadda, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and several other members of the BJP's Parliamentary Board proposed the name of Nitin Nabin for the post of National President. The process of filing nominations concluded this evening. The nomination process began at the party headquarters at 2 PM and continued till 4 PM. After the filing of nominations, scrutiny of nomination papers took place. After that, the process of withdrawal of the nomination papers was conducted. The name of the new BJP President will formally be declared tomorrow on Tuesday. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister

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Goyal discusses bilateral issues with US Ambassador Gor, Senator Steve Daines

MI News Service, New Delhi : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday met the new US Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor, and

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American Senator Steve Daines and discussed important bilateral issues. The meeting is important as India and the US are engaged in negotiating a bilateral trade agreement amidst a steep 50 per cent import duty imposed by the Donald Trump administration on Indian goods since August.

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Gor. Had a productive exchange of views on our bilateral relationship," Goyal said in a social media post this evening. Gor, known to be a key member of US President Donald Trump's inner circle, took over as the US Ambassador in India very recently. In his

arrival speech on January 12, he asserted that both sides are actively engaged to firm up a trade deal. The bilateral ties are strained after Trump imposed a 50 per cent tariff on India,

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Most violence against minorities in Bangladesh were ‘non-communal’, claims govt

MI News Service, Dhaka / New Delhi : The Interim government of Bangladesh claimed here on Monday that majority of incidents involving members of minority communities in the country during 2025 were “criminal in nature” and not driven by communal motives. The statement issued by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus' Press Wing, came days after India pressed Dhaka to “swiftly and firmly” deal with attacks on minorities in Bangladesh and described as “troubling” the attempts to attribute the incidents to extraneous reasons. New Delhi's reaction had come against the backdrop of the killing of several



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Hindu individuals in Bangladesh during the past few weeks. Citing a yearlong review of official police records, the interim government said a total of 645 incidents involving minority communities were recorded between January and December 2025 across Bangladesh. “While every incident is a matter of concern, the data presents a clear and evidence-based picture: the over-

whelming majority of cases were criminal in nature rather than communal,” it said.

According to the statement posted on the Chief Adviser's verified social media handle, of the 645 incidents, 71 were identified as having communal elements. These included 38 cases of temple vandalism, eight of arson, one of theft, one murder and 23 other incidents such as

threats to break idols, provocative social media posts and damage to worship pavilions. Police cases were filed in 50 of these incidents, and arrests were made in an equal number, while other preventive or investigative measures were taken in 21 cases, the statement said. The remaining 574 incidents were linked to criminal or social disputes unrelated to religion, including neighbourhood disputes (51), land-related conflicts (23), theft (106), prior personal enmity (26), rape (58) and 172 cases of unnatural death. Police registered 390 cases in this category, filed

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BM Construction distributes sewing machines, blankets and construction materials

Nurul Islam Khan: BM Construction is a trustworthy construction company. Food, clothing, and shelter are fundamental human rights. Taking these rights as their guiding principle, Bappa Mondal, the head of BM Construction, has been working alongside people for a long time. He continues to perform philanthropic work for the common people out of a sense of social responsibility. On Sunday, the company held a large social program in Smart Village. Alongside this, a grand picnic was organized.



Prominent figures from society were present. The presence of common people was remarkable. Businessmen and dignitaries from Nadia, Howrah, Kolkata and many other districts attended the event in a festive atmosphere. It had truly become a gathering of luminaries. Chairman of the West Bengal Minority Commission, Ahmad Hasan Imran, the MLA of Rajarhat New Town, Tapas Chatterjee, Councillor Aritrika Bhattacharya, Borough Chairman Shahnaz Mondal, Rajarhat Police Station IC Jonaki Bagchi, Hakimul Islam and Mamunur Rashid from Saudi Arabia, District Council member Aftab Uddin, prominent businessman Sheikh Nazrul Islam, Sujoy Basak and others were present. MLA Tapas Chatterjee said that this company is fulfilling its social responsibility by standing by the people alongside its construction work. On this day, sewing machines were handed over to fifteen people in the area, and winter blankets were distributed among many needy people. Additionally, construction materials were given to 100 people for their safety. At the meeting, Ahmed Hasan said that Bappa Mondal and his company will continue to work for the people in the future. The head of BM Construction, Bappa Mondal, said that they have been working alongside common people from the very beginning. Social and philanthropic work, alongside construction work, inspires him. Many have highly praised this event. It goes without saying that many have found their dream homes through this company. It is worth mentioning that Bappa Mondal has set a rare example in the green surroundings of New Town. Sakil Ansari conducted the event. This colourful event featured many captivating segments. Children also enjoyed the lively holiday there.

Worker's death raises alarm

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: A fresh wave of shock and anger has swept across West Bengal following the mysterious death of yet another migrant worker outside the state, even as tensions over a similar recent incident in Jharkhand remain high. This time, the body of a migrant worker from Cooch Behar district was recovered from Assam, triggering allegations of murder and a sharp political confrontation.

The deceased has been identified as Himankar Pal (35), a resident of Kushramari village under Shitalkuchi block in Cooch Behar. His body was found on Sunday beside railway tracks in the Goalpara area of Assam. Family members have categorically ruled out natural causes and demanded a thorough and impartial investigation. According to the family, Himankar had worked as a dyer and painter in Arunachal Pradesh for the past eight to ten years. He had returned home a few days ago but left again on Tuesday in search of work in another state. After failing to secure employment, he decided to return home the next day. That decision was followed by a disturbing final phone call. Himankar's father, Nitish Pal, alleged that his son called him from a driver's mobile phone, claiming that the driver was beating him and demanding money. The family immediately sent money but remain unable to understand why Himankar was allegedly assaulted. The fact that the call came from the driver's phone, and not Himankar's own, has deepened their suspicion. On Sunday morning, Assam police informed the family that Himankar's body had been recovered near the tracks. The family has directly accused the driver of responsibility and claimed that Bengali migrant workers are frequently harassed and targeted outside the state.



ICDS workers held a protest over their various demands at Dharamtala in Kolkata on Monday.

CISF to Flag Off 'Vande Mataram' Coastal Cyclothon from Bakkhali

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has launched the second edition of its nationwide awareness campaign, CISF Vande Mataram Coastal Cyclothon-2026, aimed at strengthening coastal security and fostering national unity through public participation. The cyclothon will commence on January 28 from Bakkhali in South 24 Parganas near the Namkhana police station, with a simultaneous flag-off from Lakhpat Fort in Gujarat's Kachchh district on the western coast. The initiative will be virtually inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai from New Delhi. Addressing a press conference at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, CISF Inspector General Shikhar Sahai said the 25-day journey will cover approximately 6,553 km along India's mainland coastline. Around 130 CISF personnel, including 65 women, are participating, with women comprising nearly half of the cyclists in each team. "The cyclothon is organised under the theme 'Surakshit Tat, Samridh Bharat', reflecting our commitment to secure coasts and a prosperous India," Sahai said. He added that the initiative aims to raise awareness among coastal communities about their vital role in national security. Deputy Inspector General K.P. Singh of the North Eastern Zone-II said the campaign draws inspiration from the patriotic spirit of Vande Mataram and symbolises unity, starting simultaneously from the country's eastern and western coastal extremities. "Both teams will traverse major coastal regions before



converging at Kochi, Kerala, on February 22," he said. On the eastern route, the cyclothon will pass through key locations such as Haldia, Konark, Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Puducherry, and Kanyakumari. The western route will include Surat, Mumbai, Goa, and Mangaluru, among other cities. During the journey, the teams will halt overnight at over 50 coastal villages, engaging with residents, fishermen, and youth to promote vigilance, social harmony, and shared responsibility for safeguarding India's coastline. Currently, the CISF is deployed at 12 major ports nationwide, in addition to the strategically significant Port Blair port. Officials said the cyclothon will highlight the force's role in protecting critical coastal infrastructure while encouraging cooperation between security agencies and local communities. The campaign underscores the CISF's expanding role beyond industrial security, reinforcing its commitment to national integration and coastal resilience.

Caution is the biggest key to safety : Traffic Police

MI News Service, Kharagpur: In the school located in Harirampur area of Daspur police station under West Medinipur district, the traffic police, while running an awareness campaign among the children about following the traffic rules, told the children that if a finger is cut, a person can survive, but without the head, a person cannot survive. Through this simple and effective message, the message of stopping the violation of traffic rules was spread and awareness was spread. It is known that Traffic OC Mrinalkanti Sikdar



Daspur Traffic Police taught life saving lesson to children under awareness campaign

Egg price cited, children served half portions at ICDS centre

MI News Service, Shantipur: Allegations of irregularities in egg distribution have triggered discontent among parents at an ICDS centre in Shantipur, where children are reportedly being served only half an egg on most days for the past three months. According to parents, the centre earlier provided one whole egg to each child twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays. However, over the last month, children are receiving a whole egg only once a week, on Mondays, while half an egg is being served on the remaining days. "This raises serious questions. If egg prices fall, will children be given one-and-a-half eggs? And when will the half egg become a full one again?" asked a parent. ICDS workers at the centre said the decision was taken due to a rise in egg prices, which currently stand at around Rs 9 per piece. "It is not possible to provide whole eggs to all children at this cost. Hence, eggs are being distributed in halves," they said. The explanation, however, has failed to convince parents. The workers also claimed that parents had given written con-



Regular blood donation helps to control excess iron levels, which is good for heart health: Rajesh Shaw

MI News Service, Kolkata: As in previous years, the Khidirpur Utsav (festival) realized the pledge of 'Blood Donation is the Greatest Donation' this year as well, with unprecedented enthusiasm witnessed at the blood donation and health check-up camp held on Sunday, January 18th, at 24A, Hari Sabha Street, Ward 77. A total of 2026 people donated blood at this camp in the new year 2026, expressing their commitment to humanitarian service. Long queues of blood donors were seen at the venue from early morning. The active participation of both young people and senior citizens added special dignity to the program. Hundreds of people also benefited from the health check-up conducted alongside the camp. Rajesh Saw, General Secretary of Khidirpur Utsav, said that blood donation is considered to improve heart health and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. High levels of iron in the blood can increase the risk of heart attacks. Regular blood donation helps control excess iron levels, which is good for heart health. He explained that sometimes the



amount of blood in a patient's body becomes so low that they need to receive blood from another person. In such emergency situations, people should come forward to donate blood to ensure a supply of blood. This will help those in need. He said that in addition to the blood donation camp, a painting competition was organized where thousands of participants showcased their artistic talent. The competition often had different categories based on theme, age group, and medium (such as pencil, crayons, watercolor), and its aim was

to promote creativity, award prizes, and display art. He said that ten thousand needy people were given blankets and sarees were distributed among women. He said that through this social work, people are provided with all kinds of support. A sports competition will be organized from January 31st, in which players from the state as well as other states will participate. Present on the occasion were Snehasish Sur, President of the Kolkata Press Club, Vice President Subhadhyuti Dutta, Treasurer Arjit Dutta, and other senior Trinamool Congress leaders.

Form 7 torn during hearing of SIR at SDO office

MI News Service, Hooghly: Tension flared sharply at the Hooghly Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer's office in Chunchura on Monday after allegations surfaced that Form 7 documents submitted under the SIR process were torn inside the hearing centre, triggering chaos and a political face-off between the Trinamool Congress and the BJP. The controversy erupted around noon when Chunchura Trinamool MLA Asit Majumdar arrived at the SDO office along with party workers to protest what the Trinamool alleged was an attempt to "undemocratically exclude genuine voters" from the electoral rolls through Form 7 submissions. Soon after the MLA and his entourage moved to the upper floor of the administrative building, the situation spiralled out of control. According to allegations, while an individual was submitting Form 7 at the hearing centre, the document was torn in full public view, allegedly by Trinamool workers in the presence of the MLA. The incident led to shouting, scuffles and panic inside the office, bringing official proceedings to a standstill. Though police personnel were present at the spot, they were allegedly reduced to mute spectators as the tension escalated. Additional police forces were rushed to the SDO office after news of the disturbance spread. The Trinamool Congress accused the BJP of orchestrating a large-scale attempt to remove voters' names from the rolls by misusing Form 7. Speaking to reporters, MLA Asit Majumdar said, "Are they trying to forcibly snatch away people's voting rights? This is an attack on democracy. Yesterday, Sukanta Majumdar himself said that the names of 1.26 lakh voters in Hooghly Lok Sabha have been deleted. How did he know this in advance? Does he have agents inside the system or not? We will not allow people's voting rights to be taken away." However, when confronted with allegations that Form 7 papers were torn in his presence, Majumdar distanced himself from the incident. "I did not see anything like that," he said. Despite repeated questions, he maintained, "I do not know who tore the forms." The BJP, on the other hand, alleged intimidation and violence by Trinamool workers. BJP leader Suresh Saha said, "We have been submitting Form 7 for several days in a lawful manner. After arguments with Trinamool leaders, the situation inside the office turned hostile. MLAs arrived with their supporters and attacked our workers. This is nothing but an attempt to block a legal electoral process." The episode has once again raised serious concerns over the politicisation of the SIR process, the security of administrative offices, and the ability of election-related hearings to function without intimidation. As accusations and counter-accusations continue, the incident has left behind a trail of unanswered questions—particularly over how crucial electoral documents could allegedly be destroyed inside a government office in the presence of law enforcement.

SIR related death, family alleges official error

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: Anger and protests over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls continue across West Bengal. Amid this tense atmosphere, a death linked to alleged fear over the SIR process has come to light in Nadia district. A 54-year-old private tutor, identified as Fujir Khan, was found hanging at his residence in Kachuidanga village under Hogolberia police station area of Karimpur on Thursday night. His family has alleged that he took the extreme step due to mental trauma caused by a hearing notice issued in connection with SIR, blaming "official errors" for the harassment. According to family members, the hearing notice was issued in the name of Fujir Khan's wife, Parvina Bibi. Sources said Parvina's name was missing from the 2002 electoral roll, following which she filled up the required

Supreme Court directed Rajganj BDO to surrender by Jan 23 in gold trader murder case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Supreme Court of India on Monday directed Rajganj Block Development Officer (BDO) in Jalpaiguri district Prashant Barman, accused of murder of a gold trader, to surrender by January 23, 2026 upholding a Calcutta High court order of December 22, 2025. BDO Prashant Barman has been accused in a case involving the abduction and murder of a gold trader, Swapan Kamilya, who was found dead near New Town, Kolkata, on October 29, 2025, a day after he was abducted from his home. The Calcutta High Court, in a ruling by Justice Tirthankar Ghosh on December 22, 2025, had earlier cancelled the anticipatory bail granted to him by a lower court (Barasat), calling him the "mastermind" in the murder. After the High Court rejected his bail plea, the BDO moved the Supreme Court, which subsequently issued the surrender

order. Reports said that Barman had been absconding following the cancellation of his bail and allegations of using fake documents. Supreme Court division bench of Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Vijay Bishnoi on Monday while upholding the Calcutta High Court order directing the Rajganj BDO to surrender by January 23, 2026. The judges said the accused must surrender by January 23 and then can apply for bail. The court also said the Police also can file for further remand in order to probe the murder case. On December 22, the Calcutta High Court rejected his anticipatory bail application, which was granted to him by a lower court, and ordered him to surrender within 72 hours. The family of the murdered gold trader, Swapan Kamilya, had filed a complaint against BDO Prashant Barman.

During the investigation, the police obtained several pieces of information indicating the BDO's involvement in the incident. Several individuals close to the BDO were arrested. However, the investigators faced considerable difficulty in arresting the Rajganj BDO. The lower court had granted the application. He later appeared before the Bidhannagar Sub-divisional court to formalise the bail. Following this, the Bidhannagar Police had approached the Calcutta High Court, challenging the lower court's order. They appealed for the cancellation of the anticipatory bail granted to the accused BDO. During the hearing, the Calcutta High Court severely criticised the lower court's order. The high court observed that the lower court (Barasat Court) had failed to consider any of the factors it should have considered when granting bail or anticipatory bail in a murder case.



form and submitted it. Subsequently, she was asked to appear for a hearing as part of the SIR process. The family claims that Parvina had disputes involving her parental family, which, they allege, led to the notice being issued. From that point on, Fujir Khan reportedly remained under severe mental stress. On Thursday night, he allegedly died by suicide inside his home. A suicide note was recovered from the spot, in which he wrote: "I cannot accept that everyone will be punished for my mistake. That is why I have taken this decision." Family members alleged that Fujir was gripped by the fear

that his wife might be declared illegal and deported to Bangladesh. "He kept asking where she would go and how she would survive if that happened," said relatives. His nephew, Ahmed Khan, said, "After my aunt received the hearing notice, my uncle became extremely disturbed. We tried to reassure him that nothing would happen. But the fear never left his mind. He kept saying that he might be jailed or that his wife would be sent to Bangladesh. It was purely the fear related to SIR that drove him to take this step." Police have initiated an inquiry and sent the body for post-mortem examination. The incident has further intensified criticism and public anger over the SIR process, with demands growing for clarity and safeguards to prevent harassment due to alleged administrative lapses.

Double murder shocks Ranaghat; elderly man held for killing daughter-in-law and mother

MI News Service, Ranaghat: A chilling double murder rocked Nadia's Ranaghat on Monday morning, when an elderly man allegedly hacked his daughter-in-law and her mother to death with an axe, police said. The incident took place at Ashutoshpur village under Habibpur gram panchayat of Ranaghat police station area. The accused, identified as Ananta Biswas (75), has been detained. Police have also recovered a bloodstained axe from the house. According to police and local sources, Ananta's wife had died a few days ago. Following her death, their son Patitpaban Biswas's mother-in-law, Swapna Mondal (56), had come to the house for the funeral rituals. Ananta allegedly began suspecting his daughter-in-law Shilpa Biswas (24) and her



mother of being responsible for his wife's death. The accused reportedly believed that the two women had resorted to tantric practices or black magic to grab the family property. Driven by superstition and suspicion, he allegedly nursed a grudge against them. On Monday morning, while Patitpaban had gone to the local market to sell flowers, Shilpa and her mother were asleep inside the house. Police said Ananta allegedly picked up an axe kept for cutting wood and launched a sudden attack. Both women died on the spot after

being struck repeatedly. When Patitpaban returned home, he allegedly found his wife and mother-in-law lying in pools of blood. As he screamed in shock and confronted his father, the elderly man allegedly replied coldly, "I have removed the thorns from your path." Hearing the cries, neighbours rushed in and alerted the police. Officers from Ranaghat police station reached the spot, recovered the bodies and sent them for post-mortem examination. Local residents and a panchayat member said the crime appeared to have been triggered by a mix of property disputes and deep-rooted superstition. Police said a detailed investigation is underway. The son has demanded the strictest punishment for his father for the brutal killing of his wife and mother-in-law.

Bondtite Takes a Bold Leap with Ranbir Kapoor to Redefine the Indian Adhesives Market

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bondtite from Astral Limited, one of India's most trusted adhesive brands with a legacy of over 30 years, is set to take a significant leap forward with the launch of its new brand campaign—marking a decisive step in strengthening its position as a premium challenger brand in the Indian adhesives market. As part of this strategic move, Bondtite has roped in Ranbir Kapoor as its brand face. Known for his credibility, versatility, and wide appeal across generations, Ranbir Kapoor brings a strong sense of trust and relatability—attributes that closely align with Bondtite's brand values. The upcoming campaign places wood adhesives at the



core of its communication, a

category that continues to be a strong growth driver for the brand. Alongside wood adhesives, Bondtite also boasts of robust portfolio of epoxy and cyanoacrylate (quick) adhesives, catering to a wide range of creation and repair needs across industries, trades, and households. Speaking ahead of the campaign launch, Mr. Saumya Engineer - CEO of Astral Limited (Adhesives & Paints) said, "Our vision is to help evolve the Indian adhesives market by building a nationally trusted brand that offers professionals, craftsmen, and consumers a powerful, credible choice. This marks a key step towards deepening our connect across India while expanding our footprint as a

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Place: Nadia

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

SXCCAA Organises Health & Eye Camp

MI News Service, Kolkata: The St. Xavier's College (Calcutta) Alumni Association (SXCCAA), in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, successfully organised the Mega Health & Eye Check-Up Camp 2026 at the Raghobpur Campus of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, reaffirming its guiding motto, "Nihil Ultra" (Nothing Beyond).

The camp benefited over 1,100 residents from Raghobpur and neighbouring villages such as Bakeswar, Magurkhali, Shalpur, Debipur, Gosthomath and Paikhala. Participants received free medical consultations and diagnostic services across Eye Care, ENT, Pediatrics, General Medicine and Dental Care, addressing critical healthcare gaps in these rural communities.

The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College and President of SXCCAA, in the presence of Dilip Mondal, Minister of State for Transport and MLA, Bishnupur (South 24 Parganas). Faculty, student volunteers, alumni members, senior officials, and medical professionals actively participated.

The camp, now in its 12th edition, continues to bridge rural healthcare gaps with free diagnostics, medicines, referrals, follow-ups and corrective eye surgeries, supported by partners including Charnock Hospitals, Ratsa Diagnostics, The HEKA Foundation and the Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata.

Nitin Nabin files nomination for BJP National President

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Mohan Yadav, Goa CM Pramod Sawant and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma were also present. The BJP's National President is elected by an electoral college comprising representatives from the party's national council and state councils. At present, the post is held by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda who was also appointed as the BJP's National Working President in June 2019 before being elected unopposed as the party president in January 2020, succeeding the then President Amit Shah.

Why Shiv Sena corporators shifted to hotel? asks Raut

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history. Asked whether the Shiv Sena (UBT) had decided to sit in the Opposition in the BMC, Raut said no such decision was taken and the party was merely watching the unfolding political developments. "We are enjoying the developments," he quipped. In a sarcastic swipe, Raut remarked that the grand welcome accorded to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Switzerland -- following the party's performance in the BMC and other civic polls -- made it seem as though he was on his way to becoming Prime minister. The Sena (UBT) leader, however, added that he would take pride if a Marathi leader were to hold the post someday. Raut also dismissed speculation about Fadnavis holding talks with Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray. He further alleged that Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was attempting to engineer a split among BJP corporators in the neighbouring Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation (in Thane district) and could try a similar move in Mumbai. Shinde had earlier split the Shiv Sena with the support of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, he charged.



State Minister Indranil Sen and other dignitaries at the press meet regarding the 12 th Children Film Festival at Nandan on Monday.

Abhishek Attacks BJP Over Singur Hails SC Order on Voter List Transparency

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Monday launched a sharp political attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the upcoming elections, asserting that Bengal would continue to stand by its "own daughter" and not surrender to what he described as "Delhi-centric politics." His remarks came amid strong reactions from the Trinamool Congress to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent comments on Singur and a significant Supreme Court directive on voter list revisions.

Ahead of the elections, the Supreme Court's recent order has come as a fresh boost for the Trinamool Congress. Addressing a public meeting in Barasat soon after the court issued its directions on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, TMC national general



secretary Abhishek Banerjee struck a defiant note, declaring, "We defeated you in court today; we will defeat you at the polls in April. Be prepared." Stepping up his attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

Banerjee said Bengal remained an unconquerable stronghold. "The soil of Bengal is not like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh or Gujarat. This land showed the way during the freedom movement and the era of social renaissance," he told the gathering. Mocking the BJP's slogan of "parivartan," he said change was indeed needed, but it would be in Delhi and Gujarat, not in Bengal. Referring to the Supreme Court's order, Banerjee said the country's highest court had accepted the Trinamool Congress's demands and directed that the list of so-called "logical discrepancies" in the voter rolls be made public. He added that the court had also made it clear that BLA-2 representatives would be allowed to remain present during hearings and that voters appearing before authorities must be given proper receipts.

According to him, these directions would ensure transparency and protect the voting rights of citizens. Continuing his sharp criticism of the BJP, Banerjee said the party's alleged attempt to manipulate the SIR process had failed. "The BJP's SIR game is over. Those who planned to remove one crore people from the voter list have been exposed. This victory belongs to Maa, Mati, Manush, and this victory belongs to Bengal," he said.

Accusing the BJP of trying to snatch away the fundamental right to vote, Banerjee claimed that the Supreme Court's ruling had delivered a strong blow to such efforts. "Those who tried to take away our basic democratic right have been firmly rebuked by the highest court of the country," he said, posing a rhetorical question to the Prime Minister.



Minister and MLA, Aroop Biswas inaugurated the renovation and beautification of the 'Taruner Swapno' park in the Netaji Nagar area of Tollygunge, funded by the MLA Area Development Scheme. He was accompanied by the renowned musician Gautam Ghosh and municipal representative Tapan Dasgupta.

Saugata Roy Hospitalised After Sudden Illness

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy has once again been taken ill and is currently undergoing treatment at a reputed private hospital in Kolkata. According to sources close to the family, the veteran parliamentarian was admitted to the hospital late on Sunday night after his health suddenly deteriorated. It is learnt that Roy had attended a social function at a relative's house on Sunday evening, where he had food. After returning home, he complained of severe discomfort and uneasiness. As his condition worsened, family members rushed him to a private hospital, where he was admitted for immediate medical care. He is currently under close observation by a team of specialist doctors.

Hospital sources said that Roy has been suffering from acute diarrhoea and a sudden drop in blood sugar levels. Several medical tests were conducted on him from Sunday night till Monday morning to assess his condition. Doctors



are also closely monitoring his vital parameters. Given his medical history, particular attention is being paid to ensure there are no complications related to his heart condition.

Only a few days ago, the senior MP had undergone a pacemaker implantation procedure. Hospital authorities confirmed that doctors are examining whether the recently implanted pacemaker has caused any complications or whether his current condition is unrelated. "All necessary investigations are being carried out.

Music Artist Killed in Parnasree, Former Caretaker Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shocking murder of a music artist has triggered panic in the Parnasree area of south Kolkata. The incident took place on Becharam Chatterjee Road under the jurisdiction of Parnasree police station. The victim has been identified as 65-year-old Anita Ghosh, a well-known music teacher in the locality. Police said the incident came to light on Monday morning at around 9:30 am, when they received information about an unnatural death at the residence. According to police sources, by the time officers reached the spot, the elderly woman had already been rushed to a nearby hospital by her son in a critical condition. However, doctors declared her brought dead. Preliminary investigations revealed that she had suffered a deep stab injury to her abdomen caused by a sharp weapon. Police have identified a woman named Sanju Sarkar as the prime suspect in the case. She had previously worked as a caretaker at Anita Ghosh's residence around two years ago.

EC Issues SIR Hearing Notices to Former Chief Secy, Chandrakumar Bose and Others

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission is set to issue hearing notices to former West Bengal Chief Secretary Ashok Mohan Chakraborty as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. According to sources in the Election Commission, Chakraborty's name has appeared in the list of voters flagged for "logical discrepancies" in the electoral database. Alongside him, a hearing notice has also been issued to ISF leader and MLA Naushad Siddiqui, officials confirmed. As per sources, Officials said that Chakraborty's name could not be mapped with the 2002 electoral database, making it mandatory for him to appear in the hearing process, similar to other voters flagged during the revision exercise.

The process of issuing hearing notices to "unmapped voters" has already been completed, while scrutiny of entries marked with inconsistent or mismatched data is progressing rapidly. Ashok Mohan Chakraborty's name features in this category, Election Commission

sources said. Chakraborty served as a senior bureaucrat during the tenure of former Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and held the post of Chief Secretary of West Bengal during that period. As part of the ongoing SIR hearing process, the Election Commission has also issued notices to Chandrakumar Bose, grandson of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and members of his family. According to officials, a total of five members of Chandrakumar Bose's family have been asked to participate in the hearing process to clarify discrepancies found in their voter records. In addition to Chandrakumar Bose and his family, the Election Commission has decided to serve a hearing notice to the former Chief Secretary. The SIR process has already seen hearing notices issued to several prominent individuals across the state. Earlier, a notice was sent to Nobel laureate and Bharat Ratna awardee economist Amartya Sen, asking him to appear for an SIR hearing. Monday was scheduled as the date for his appearance as per the notice.

SC directs EC to display names of voters on 'discrepancies' list

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before outsiders," he thundered. West Bengal's draft electoral roll for the first phase of the SIR was released on December 16 where names of over 58 lakh electors of the state have been deleted. Multiple discrepancies were flagged in the electoral rolls: unusually high young deaths, gender bias in deletions, and particular communities facing more deletions than others. On the earlier Supreme Court hearing on SIR on January 13, Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi argued

that the Election Commission's role in the SIR process is limited to verifying citizenship for inclusion in electoral rolls, and it does not automatically lead to deportation. He said that the question of deportation remains under the Centre's domain. Meanwhile, the Election Commission has extended the dates for submitting objections against the SIR process till today (January 19, 2026) as protests broke out in several places over the SIR hearing process, during which two BDO offices were attacked.

SC Allows BLAs at Voter Hearings, TMC Calls It Moral Victory

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Supreme Court on Monday gave its approval to a key demand raised by the Trinamool Congress regarding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, allowing Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to remain present during voter hearings and assist electors. The ruling has been projected by the Trinamool Congress as a moral victory, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has refused to accept it as such, triggering fresh political sparring between the two parties.

The Trinamool Congress also scored a major victory in the Supreme Court over a key electoral issue. The apex court issued clear directions that secondary school admit cards must be accepted as valid documents during the SIR hearings. The case was heard by a division bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant following petitions filed by Trinamool Congress MPs Dola Sen and Derek O'Brien, who had approached the apex court questioning the transparency of the SIR process. During the hearing, the court accepted several demands put forward by the Trinamool Congress. The matter is scheduled to come up for further hearing again after two weeks.

As per the Supreme Court's directions, voters who are summoned for hearings during the revision process will be allowed to take assistance from individuals of their choice. These may include relatives, friends, neighbours, or Booth Level Agents. The court clarified that such assistance would be permitted provided the voter submits a written authorisation bearing either a signature or a thumb impression. With this authorisation, a BLA can legally represent or assist a voter during the hearing. The ruling marks a significant win for the Trinamool



Congress, which has long argued for transparency and participation in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The court's decision ensures that voters can have representation and support during hearings while also confirming the acceptability of secondary school admit cards as valid documents for verification.

Reacting to the verdict, Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said, "We may have lost in court today, but we will defeat them in the elections in April." He described the order as a significant step towards ensuring transparency and safeguarding the voting rights of people in Bengal. Senior advocate and Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee welcomed the ruling, stating that BLAs were earlier being denied entry into hearing centres and that the Election Commission had raised multiple objections. "The court has made it clear that any voter has the right to seek assistance during a hearing. BLAs are also included within that right," he said.

The Trinamool Congress views the order as a major victory in its ongoing battle against what it alleges is an attempt to disenfranchise voters under the pretext of discrepancies in electoral rolls. Party leaders argue that the ruling strengthens democratic safeguards and ensures accountability in the revision process.

Goyal discusses bilateral issues with US Ambassador Gor, Senator Steve Daines

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including a 25 per cent additional import duty for India's purchase of Russian crude oil. Republican Senators Steve Daines of Montana and Kevin Cramer of North Dakota have urged President Trump to push for favourable provisions for pulse crops in any future trade deal with India, saying American producers

face a "significant competitive disadvantage" due to what they described as "unfair" tariffs imposed by New Delhi. In a letter dated Jan 16 addressed to President Trump, the two lawmakers said their states are the top two producers of pulse crops, including peas, while India is the world's largest consumer, accounting for about 27 per cent of global consumption.

Most violence against minorities in Bangladesh were 'non-communal', claims govt

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154 unnatural death reports and made 498 arrests, with additional measures taken in 30 incidents. The interim government said the report "does not deny challenges, nor does it claim perfection; rather, it seeks to provide a factual, evidence-based picture of crime trends affecting minority communities within the broader national context".

"While all crimes are serious and demand accountability, the data demonstrates that most incidents involving minority victims were not driven by communal hostility, but by broader criminal and social factors that affect citizens across religious and ethnic lines," it said.

According to the 2022 census, the Hindu population in Bangladesh was approximately 13.13 million, which accounts for about 7.95% of the country's total population. The Buddhist population is approximately 1.01 million (0.61%), Christians nearly 500,000 and other religions, including Sikh and Animist, approximately 200,000 (0.12%). Earlier this month, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC) in a statement alleged that as the date of the general elections draws nearer, communal violence is increasing at an alarming rate in the country. Parliamentary polls are scheduled on February 12. The forum alleged that the violence is aimed at preventing minority voters from casting votes for candidates of their choice. The Council said it has recorded 51 incidents of communal violence in December 2025 alone. The interim government in the statement reiterated that ensuring safety and justice for all citizens, including Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and people of other beliefs, remains a constitutional and moral obligation. On January 9, reacting to the recent spate of violence targeting Hindus in Bangladesh, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We continue to witness a disturbing pattern of recurring attacks on minorities as well as their homes and businesses by extremists." Such communal incidents need to be dealt with swiftly and firmly, he said adding "We have observed a troubling tendency to attribute such incidents to personal rivalries, political differences, or extraneous reasons". "Such disregard only emboldens the perpetrators and deepens the sense of fear and insecurity among minorities," Jaiswal said.

Name Change
I, APTAR ALI (OLD NAME), S/O- KACHHIMUDDIN MISTRI, Residing at Majherpara,Mukhtarpur,P.O-Nim-daria & P.S-Duttaapur,Dist- North 24 Pgs. W.B.PIN-743294, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as APTAR ALI MIS-TRI (NEW NAME) as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Barasat Court, North 24 Parganas,West Bengal vide affi-davit no 5791 Dated 05/08/2019, APTAR ALI (OLD NAME) and APTAR ALI MISTRI (NEW NAME) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Naim Mallick, S/O- Late Sat-tar Mallick, residing at Nighin Shah Road, Kazipara, P.O - Kazipara, P.S - Barasat, District - 24 Pgs.(N), Kolkata - 125, declare that in my daughter Siuli Khatun's birth certi-ficate (Registration No. - 233, dated 28/12/98) and her W.B.B.S.E. Board Madhyamik Admit Card (Roll 806122N No-0084), my name is mistakenly written as Shyamal Mol-lick. Furthermore, in her PAN Card (No. - E0MPK2732H), my name is mistakenly written as Shamol Mallick. Through an affidavit dated 11/1/25 before the Learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Barasat Court, I, Abdul Naim Mallick, have been declared to be one and the same person as Shyamal Mollick and Shamol Mallick.

Name Change
I, REKHA ALI D/o. Late HEMANTA MONDAL, residing at 89A/1E/1 (Pal Bangla) Cossipore Road P.S. P.O Cossipore Road Kolkata - 700 002, do declare that REKHA ALI & REKHA MONDAL are the name of same and one identical person, vide an affidavit,(no-1923) of the 1st class Judicial Magistrate,...,at Seal-dah, Court On: 17/01/2026 ,

Name Change
I, Neelam Shaw D/o Jawahar Lal, residing at 71A,Hazra Road,P.S.-Ra-bindra Sarabar, Kolkata- 700019, W.B.I declare that my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my adhar card no-3073 0572 8437, Pan no. CZVPS99004, as Ramesh Shaw in place of Jawahar Lal de-clare vide an affidavit Before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Ali-pore Dist-South 24 Parganas, Date. 09.01.2026.Affidavit No.2870.

Name Change
I, Khandekar Kamrul Islam, S/o Khandekar Mohammad Sirajul Islam, residing at Vill. Tola, P.O. Baidyapur, P.S. Kalna, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, PIN - 711312, do hereby declare that in my son Khandekar Fahim Islam's birth certificate (Reg. No. 3914 dated 23.09.2005) my wife's name has been recorded as Mehruressa Islam in place of Junufa Islam On 15.08.2025 vide affidavit no 27 before the court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kalna, I affirm that, Junufa Islam & Mehruressa Islam, W/o Khandekar Kamrul Islam is the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, SIRAJUL ISLAM GAZI, S/o- Late MONAJUT GAZI, R/o- VIII - Balipur, P.O- Soladana, P.S- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that MORIUM KHATUN is my daughter in her Educational Documents in the colum of father's name posted as SIRAJUL GAZI. That SIRAJUL ISLAM GAZI and SIRAJUL GAZI is the same one and identical person vide Affidavit (no. 3091/26) before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court on 17.1.2026.

Name Change
I, MD HAFIJUL ISLAM (Old Name), S/o- LT MOHAMMED KAISED ALI GAZI, R/o- VIII - Rajipur Kalupara, Ward No. 10, P.O + P.S- Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas, Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MOHAMMED HAFIJUL ISLAM (New Name) as declared sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit No. 2956, MD HAFIJUL ISLAM (Old Name) and MOHAMMED HAFIJUL ISLAM (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, RAJAB ALI GAZI, S/O- LT CHAMIR GAZI, R/O- VIII.- Paschim Dandirhat, P.O.- Dandirhat, P.S- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Do hereby declare that my deceased father CHAMIR GAZI and CHAMIR ALI GAZI is same one and identical person vide Affidavit No. 22444 sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat Court on 09-10-2025

Name Change
I, RASIDA BIBI, my name appears as RAZIDA in the birth certificate (Vide Regn No- 1267, dt 31-5-1996 issued by BPHC), and father's name is SIRAJUL SARDAR, On 28/10/ 20396) before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that RASIDA BIBI & RAZIDA is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Tanbir Ahmed, S/o- Late Md Jakir Hossain, R/o- Khamar Nawbad, P.O. & P.S- Shasan, Dist North 24 Parganas, Pin-743423, West Bengal shall be known as Tanbir Hossain, vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat Court, (Affidavit No- 10836) Dated: 26.12.2025. Henceforth, Tanbir Ahmed & Tanbir Hossain is the same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Debdeep Saha, S/O Pradip Saha, R/O 10/7, Thakur Ramkrishna Road, Barrackpore, P.O.-Nonachandrapukur, P.S Pitagor, Kolkata-700122. In my birth certificate my mother's name wrongly recorded as Sabari Saha. But my mother's actual name is Sabori Saha. Vide affidavit no. 188 in the court of Barrackpore, Dt. 7/01/2026 declared that Sabori Saha and Sabari Saha both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Annower Ali Khan (old name) son of Late Abu Hossain Khan, re-siding at W195, S. A. Farooqui Road (Akra Road) Bartala, P.S – Raja Bagan, Kolkata – 700018, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anowar Ali Khan (new name) as sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Ali-pore vide affidavit No. 3540 dated 13/01/2026. Annower Ali Khan (old name) and Anowar Ali Khan (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Utpal Majumder (Old Name) S/o Bimal Kumar Majumder Residing at Southwinds, Block 5, Lobby 1, Flat 1106, 132 Ghoshal Para Lane, Be-side Galleria Mall, Manikpur, Rajpur Sonarpur (M), Po - Harinarvi, Dis-trict - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700148, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Utpal Kumar Ma-jumder (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 52/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Utpal Majumder (Old Name) and Utpal Kumar Majumder (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Marufazaman Mandal (Old Name) S/o Majnu Mandal Residing at Vill - Nagarpota, Po - Ulasi, Hanskhali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Marufuj-man Mandal (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 57/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Marufazaman Mandal (Old Name) and Marufuj-man Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Majnu Mondal, Majlu Hoque Mandal (Old Name) S/o Aijel Mandal Residing at Vill - Nagarpota, Po - Ulasi, Hanskhali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Majnu Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 56/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Majnu Mondal, Majlu Hoque Mandal (Old Name) and Majnu Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jamaluddin Sk (Old Name) S/o Sekh Aresh Residing at Argori, District - Howrah, Pin - 711302, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Jamaladdin (New Name) as declared before the No-tary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 54/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Ja-maluddin Sk (Old Name) and Sekh Jamaladdin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Firoja Begum (Old Name) D/o Naosad Mallick W/o Sekh Jamal-addin Residing at Argori, District - Howrah, Pin - 711302, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Firoja (New Name) as declared be-fore the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 55/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Firoja Begum (Old Name) and Sekh Firoja (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prasanta Mondal (Old Name) S/o Chittaranjan Mondal Residing at 30.3 Shyama Pally, Po - Narendrapur, P.s - Narendrapur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700103, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Prasanta Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Baruiapur vide affidavit no 136 Dated 17-01-2026. Prasanta Mondal (Old Name) and Prasanta Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anita Sarkar (Old Name) W/o Mri-nal Kanti Das D/o Adhir Chandra Sarkar Residing at Flat No. E-1, Samkunj Apartment, Christan Para, Krishnapur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700102, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anita Sarkar Das (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Barasat, vide affidavit no 1517 Dated 15-01-2026. Anita Sarkar (Old Name) and Anita Sarkar Das (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Angana Gupta (Old Name) W/o Arindam Gupta Residing at 1174, Chak Garia Dimension Tower 4th Floor, Flat - 4A Panchasayar, Dis-trict - Kolkata, Pin - 700094, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Angana Gupta Barman (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no 7385 Dated 07-01-2026. Angana Gupta (Old Name) and Angana Gupta Bar-man (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sajid Mondal S/o –Baharul Haque Mondal residing at VILL- Kalupur, P.O- Dattapalla, P.S- Dhantala, Dist- Nadia, Pin: 741504,do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that actual spelling of my father's name is Baharul Haque Mondal which is correctly recorded in my Aadhaar Card No.9972 2046 4492 in my Voter Card No.RHC1850981, INMY Pan Card GBGP45117P,in my Birth Certificate being Registration No SCP2902015,dtate of Registration 17/09/2015, In my father's Voter Card No. RCH2470250, in my father's Aadhaar Card 3670 3094 1736 and my fa-ther's Pan Card No.BFZPM1945K. Due to mistake or oversight n my Passport being No. N6626939, place of issue Kolkata, date of issue 09.02.2016, date of Expiry 08.02.2026, where my fa-ther's name has been recorded Ba-harul Mondal instead Baharul Haque Mondal. By an affidavit in the Court of Ld. Judial Magistrate of Ranaghat on 03.01.2026 that Baharul Haque Mon-dal and Baharul Mondal is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Saifuddin Mallick (old name) S/o. Md Surafuddin Mallick, R/o. Haral Gajirpara, Haral Daspur, Pandua, Hooghly- 712134, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mohammad Saifuddin Mallic to Md Saifuddin Mallick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Saifuddin Mallick in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 13221 sworn before Judicial Mag-istrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 23/12/2025. I, Mohammad Saifu-din Mallick & Md Saifuddin Mallick S/o. Md Surafuddin Mallick both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Bablu Khan (old name) S/O S Khan, residing at 25/195/105, Bagdi Para Road, Badartala, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Chand (new name), as declared Be-fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/01/2026. Md Chand (new name) and Md Bablu Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Jalaluddin Molla And Jalalud-din Mondal (Old Names) Son Of Late Abu Bakkar Mollah, Residing At Vill-Magurkhali, P.O. - Sabdalur, P.S.- Ashoke Nagar, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743222, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jalal Uddin Mollah (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat Vide Affidavit No.50404 On 24/07/2025. Md Jalaluddin Molla And Jalaluddin Mondal (Old Names) And Jalal Uddin Mollah (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Habiba Parveen Bibi (Old Name) Wife Of Sahadat Sekh, Residing At Sekh O Sepai Para Khela Rampur, P.O.- Chak Haturia, P.S.- Usthi, Dist- 24 Parganas (South),Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Habiba Parvin Bibi (New Name) As Declared Before The No-tary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026,Habiba Parveen Bibi (Old Name) And Habiba Parvin Bibi (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sakina Bibi (Old Name) Wife Of Surat Sekh, Residing At Khela Rampur, P.O.- Chak Haturia, P.S.- Usthi, Dist.- 24 Parganas (South), Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shakina Bibi (New Name) As De-clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Sakina Bibi (Old Name) And Shakina Bibi (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Meheraj Ahmed S/o. Firoj Hosen, R/o. Moura, Hanral, Dad-pur, Hooghly-712149, do hereby declare that in my Secondary (W.B.B.S.E.) Pass Certificate (being no. 005942) wherein my father's name has been recorded as Firoj Hossain instead of his original name is Firoj Hosen. That my fa-ther Firoj Hosen & Firoj Hossain is the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 933, sworn be-fore Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly, Court on 13/01/2026.

Name Change
I, Sekh Firoj Mondal S/o. Sekh Kamal Ali Mondal R/o. Rajipur, Kananadi, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly-712302, do hereby declare that in my son's Birth Certificate (Regn. No. 52/2015, dt. 09/10/2015, D.O.B. 02/09/2015), where my son's name & my name has been recorded as Sk. Fardin Mondal S/o. Sk. Firoj Mondal instead of our actual & cor-rect name is Sk Fardin Mondal S/o. Sekh Firoj Mondal. My son & my-self Sk Fardin Mondal S/o. Sekh Firoj Mondal & Sk. Fardin Mondal S/o. Sk. Firoj Mondal is the same & one identical person vide an affi-davit no. 631, sworn before Judi-cial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly, Court on 13/01/2026.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD JAMSED ALI and JAMSED ALI S/o MD ABDUL JALIL SAIKH Residing at, Vill - Madanpur, Post - Madan-pur, Ps- Daulatabad, Dist- Murshid-abad, Pin- 742304, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD JAMSED ALI and JAMSED ALI To MD JAMSED ALI SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD JAMSED ALI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026, MD JAMSED ALI SEKH and MOHAMMAD JAMSED ALI and JAMSED ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SIDDIQUE ALI S/o JAN MAHAMMAD SK Residing at, Kasba, Goas, Islampur, Dist- Mur-shidabad, Pin- 742304, West Ben-gal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SIDDIQUE ALI To SIDDIK SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SIDDIK SK in all pur-pose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026, SIDDIK SK and SIDDIQUE ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dimpal Singh (Old Name) D/o Mohan Prasad Singh Residing at 27 Vivekananda Nagar, M.B. Sarani, V/c - Regent Park S/O District - Kolkata, Pin - 700040, West Ben-gal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dimple Singh (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 53/2026 Dated 19-01-2026. Dimpal Singh (Old Name) and Dimple Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Susanta Manna (old name) S/O Bishnupada Manna, residing at Vill- Kiarana, P.O.- Kiarana, P.S.- Moyna, Dist.- East Medinipur, Pin- 721642, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sushanta Manna (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/01/2026. Sushanta Manna (new name) and Susanta Manna (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Selim Hossain S/O Late Taharzel , declare that my father said name Tahazel Hossain, Taharzel, Tahar-jel Mondal, Taharzel Islam (father old names) residing at Vill.- Chow-moha, P.O.- Mudiहत, P.S.- Shasan, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700028, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Tahazel Hossain (father new name), as de-clared Before The Ld. Judicial Mag-istrate, 1st Class at Barasat, North 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit No. 9975, dated 31/10/2025. Md. Tahajel Islam, Tahazel Hossain, Taharzel, Taharjel Mondal and Taharzel Islam all are same and one identi-cal person (myfather).

Name Change
I, July Prabeen (old name) D/O Ashiq Ali, residing at 16, Priya Manna Basti 4th Bye Lane, P.O.- Shibpur, P.S.- Shibpur, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Julie Parveen (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af-fidavit dated 17/01/2026. Julie Parveen (new name) and July Prabeen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabiul Islam (old name) S/O Kosiuddin SK, residing at Vill.- Maliadangan, P.O.- Bokhara, P.S.- Sagardighi, Dist.- Jangipara, Pin- 742226, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Robiul Islam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/01/2026. Ro-biul Islam (new name) and Rabiul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Wajefa Bibi (Old Name),Wife Of Md Moniruddin,Residing At Vill - Bo-rail-Po. - Kumarganj,Ps - Pukhuria, Malda-732102, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Wajefa Bibi (New Name) And Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026,Wajefa Bibi And Ajea Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Khaledur (Old Name),Son Of Hosen,Residing At Vill & Po - Katla-mari,Ps - Pukhuria,Malda-732102, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Khaledur Rahaman(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be-fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Khaledur And Khaledur Rahaman Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Gulam Rasol (old name) S/O Masud Alam, residing at B23/2,prince dilawar jah lane,garden reach, Kolkata - 700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Gulam Rasool (new name), as declared Before The No-tary Public at Kolkata, vide an affi-davit dated 19/01/2026. Md Gulam Rasool (new name) and Gulam Rasol (old name) both are same and one identical person..

Name Change
I, Sandeep Taparia S/O Madan Gopal taparia, declare that my son said name Hridhan Taparia (son old name), residing at 5 Abani Dutta Road, Salkia, Howrah- 711106, West Bengal, India, I have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Hridhaan Taparia (son new name), as de-clared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/01/2026. Hridhaan Taparia and Hridhan Taparia, both are same and one identical person (myson).

Name Change
I, Rustam Molla (old name) S/O Daud Molla, residing at Dakshin Ramchandrakhalai Mollar Chak-para, Basanti, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743312, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rustam Ali Molla (new name), as declared Be-fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/01/2026. Rustam Ali Molla (new name) and Rustam Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Imtiyaz Khan (old name) S/O Samirullah Khan, residing at 5/21/23,Bhukallash Road, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Imteyaz Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af-fidavit dated 19/01/2026. Imteyaz Khan (new name) and Imtiyaz Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Surafuddin Mallick (old name) S/o. Panchu Mal, R/o. Haral, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Moham-mad Surafuddin Mallick to Md Suraf-uddin Mallick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Surafuddin Mallick in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 616 sworn be-fore Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 19/01/2026. I, Mohammad Surafuddin Mallick & Md Surafud-din Mallick S/o. Panchu Mal both are the same & one identical person.



On the concluding day of the North Kolkata Khadi Fair, organized by the State Khadi and Village Industries Board, the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Women and Child Development, Dr. Shashi Panja, presented certificates of appreciation to the vendors who participated in the fair. Also present were the Board's Chief Executive Officer Mridul Halder, Planning and Development Officer Biswajit Sarkar, the fair's chief manager and municipal representative of Ward No. 8, Pooja Panja, and other dignitaries. This year's fair featured 130 stalls. The fair generated considerable interest among the local people, and the organization of similar fairs in the future was welcomed.

Kolkata felicitates eminent scientists & academicians

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata recently felicitated India's top academicians and scientists. Narteswar Cultural Centre presented its 10th Bhagirath Nritya Yuva Utsav'26 at Yogesh Mime Academy recently. This year the festival felicitated eminent scientists and academicians from various fields and became a host for 8 eminent classical dance performers from across India.

Name Change
I, Sucheta Ganguli (Old Name), D/O, Haridas Ganguli, Residing At 11, Hindusthan Park, Po-Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata-700029 Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sucheta Gangopadhyay (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Vide Affidavit Dated 19/01/2026. Sucheta Ganguli And Sucheta Gangopadhyay both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dipankar Bose (Old Name), Son Of Nripendra Kumar Bose, Residing At Block-Bf 21, Salt Lake City Sector-I, North 24 Parganas-700064, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipankar Kumar Bose (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Dipankar Bose And Di-pankar Kumar Bose Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sirajul Molla S/O Asarat Molla (my & my father old name), residing at Vill- Kiarana, P.O.- Kiarana, P.S.- Moyna, Dist.- East Medinipur, Pin- 721642, West Bengal, India, I have changed my & my father name and we shall henceforth be known as Sirajul Islam Mondal S/O Amarat Mondal (my & my father new name), as declared Before The L.D. JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, 1ST CLASS, BASIRHAT, NORTH24 PGS, vide an affidavit SL No. 1925/23, dated 20/01/2025. Sirajul Islam Mondal and Sirajul Molla both are same and one identical person (my self). Amarat Mondal and Asarat Molla both are same and one identical person (my father).

Name Change
I, Tahamina Khatun & Tahamina Parbhin (old names) W/O Abddul Salam Mondal and D/O Habibur Rahaman Beg, residing at Vill- Mosjid Tola Len 1st, P.O. & P.S.- Pu-jali, Dist- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700138, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Shaniya Parbhin (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magis-trate at Alipore, vide an affidavit No. 5819, dated 16/01/2026. Shaniya Parbhin (new name) and Tahamina Khatun & Tahamina Parbhin (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Putul Halder, Residing At 3/Bh/7 Chatu Babu Lane, Entally, Kolkata - 700014, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Husnband Deepak Sarkar And Michael Sarkar Shall Henceforth Be Known As B. Deepak Michael Sarkar Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Ju-dicial Magistrate At Alipore On 13/01/2026. Deepak Sarkar And Michael Sarkar & Deepak Michael Sarkar All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Lucky Dey (Old Name), Wife Of Bikash Bijoy Dey, Residing At Vivekananda Nagar Po-East Udayra-jpur, Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas-700129, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence-forth Be Known As Laki Rani Dey (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Lucky Dey And Laki Rani Dey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Khodejan Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Mahammad Jummunn Ali, Residing At Mudia, Kirtipur, I, Near 93 Bus Stand, Po-Mudihat, Barasat-I, North 24 Parganas-700128, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Khadija Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/01/2026. Khodejan Bibi And Khadija Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Alipore Zoo Strengthens Safety Measures Amid Nipah Virus Concerns

MI News Service, Kolkata: Alipore Zoo in Kolkata, home to the city's only bat colony, has stepped up health and safety measures following concerns over the Nipah virus. Although no cases have been reported in the city so far, zoo authorities are taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of both staff and visitors. Regular blood tests of the animals have been mandated, and staff are being instructed to follow strict hygiene protocols. Visitors are also being made aware of preventive meas-ures to minimise any poten-tial risk. The Nipah virus is classi-fied as a zoonotic virus, meaning it can be trans-mitted from animals to humans. Bats are considered the pri-mary carriers of the virus. Alipore Zoo houses several bat roosts and is surrounded by numerous fruit-bearing trees, which attract bats dur-ing the fruiting season. Cur-

rently, the zoo is in peak season, receiving thousands of visitors daily. With a signifi-cant number of staff mem-bers working on-site, the zoo authorities are taking all nec-essary precautions to prevent any possible transmission. Speaking to the media, P. Ka-malakanta, Member Secre-tary of the West Bengal Zoo Authority, said, "There is no reason to panic unnecessar-ily at the zoo. We are fully aware of the potential risks. Some animals have been se-lected for regular blood tests, and staff as well as visitors are being educated on safety measures. Fallen fruits should not be touched, and no food should be given to animals by visitors from out-side the enclosures." Experts have highlighted that the virus can also spread indi-rectly if contaminated fruits consumed by bats come into contact with other fresh fruits or vegetables. To address this, the zoo has put in place

strict protocols for the supply and handling of food for ani-mals. Fruits and vegetables brought from outside are thoroughly washed with water before being served to the resident animals, ensuring minimal risk of contamina-tion. In addition, zoo staff are being reminded to maintain heightened vigilance during feeding and cleaning routines. The zoo authority has empha-sised that all fruits dropped from trees must be handled carefully, and animals' en-closures should remain secure to prevent any direct contact with visitors. While the Nipah virus has caused concern in parts of the country, Alipore Zoo is focusing on awareness, hygiene, and preventive measures to safeguard its ani-mals, staff, and the visiting public. Through these efforts, the zoo hopes to maintain a safe environment while con-tinuing to educate and enter-tain its visitors during the busy season.



Rachna Banerjee(TMC MP), Anuradha Mazumdar(poet, author, elocution artist), Sutopa Bandopadhyay(elocutionist, actress), Rahul Burman(actor, director), Madhuchanda Sen(founder- Maya Art Space) and other dignitaries at the inauguration of the book ' Shobdo Bilasi' written by Anuradha Mazumdar at Kolkata Press Club on Monday.

Bangla infiltration: India boosts Nepal border security

MI News Service, New Delhi: India has heightened security along its border with Nepal after central agencies sounded an alert on the pos-sibility of a large number of Bangladeshi nationals infil-trating into India through the porous frontier with the Himalayan nation, sources in the Union home ministry said. "Intelligence reports have suggested that a large number of Bangladeshi na-tionals have taken shelter in Nepal's border areas and are attempting to infiltrate into India with the help of touts. The Nepal route is emerging as a preferred cor-ridor for infiltrators from Bangladesh amid the tight-ening of security along the India-Bangladesh frontier," said a ministry official. Ac-cording to him, touts have been using the Raxaul route in East Champaran district of Bihar to send illegal immi-grants into India. Besides, the traffickers have also

tried to send in illegal immi-grants through Bahraich, Gonda and Balrampur dis-tricts in Uttar Pradesh. "Amid the ongoing volatile situation in Bangladesh, In-dian security agencies, in-cluding the Border Security Force, have foiled several in-filtration attempts into Ben-gal and the northeastern states, prompting traffick-ers to look for alternative Nepal routes to send in ille-gal immigrants from Bangladesh," the official said. On January 1, three Bangladeshi nationals were arrested at the gate of the Raxaul immigration check-point while attempting to enter Indian territory with the help of an Indian mid-dleman using forged Indian visas. They were identified as Shahinur Rahman of Jashore district, Moham-mad Sabuj of Bhola district and Mohammad Firoz Mathbari of Bagerhat dis-trict in Bangladesh.

Kolkata hosts unique printmaking exhibition

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bridging Culture and Arts Foundation (B-CAF), in col-laboration with Lalit Kala Akademi under the purview of the 3rd Print Biennale India, successfully inaugu-rated the printmaking exhibi-tion IN THE NAME OF GOD at B-CAF, Kolkata. Cu-rated by eminent artist and academic Prof. Parag Roy, the exhibition brought to-gether 23 practising print-makers from West Bengal. The exhibition was inaugu-rated in the presence of Mu-nish Jhajharia, Director, Multiwyn Group; Dr R. K. Mohanty, Regional Secre-tary, Lalit Kala Akademi; and Syed Kawsar Jamal, eminent poet and cultural thinker. Speaking on the oc-casion, Curator Prof. Parag Roy said, "This exhibition re-flects on how ideas of faith and divinity have been un-derstood, interpreted and expressed across human history."

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Date: January 20, 2026
Place: Kolkata
Sincerely Authorised Officer,
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Kapil Muni Charitable Trust orchestrated a magnificent celebration in Gangasagar Fair 2026

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: On the occasion of the Gangasagar Fair 2026, Shri Kapil Muni Charitable Trust orchestrated a magnificent celebration of the holy dip in the sacred Ganga and the confluence (sangam) at Gangasagar Island. Millions of devotees flocked to witness the darshan of Lord Kapil Muni, basking in the boundless grace of Lord Kapil Muni and the revered Mahant Shri Gyan Dasji Maharaj.

The Trust ensured a seamless experience with Annappurna (food distribution), cow-mother service (gau-mata seva), and excellent accommodation for pilgrims. Within the Trust's premises, visitors enjoyed comfortable lodging

and delightful meals. Energetic volunteers contributed wholeheartedly—body, mind, and wealth—in service-oriented activities, embodying devotion and reverence.

From 10 to 16 January 2026, the Trust ran a continuous Annappurna Bhandara, offering masala tea, biscuits, snacks, and sattvic meals from 5:30 AM to 11:00 PM without pause. Dedicated service workers tirelessly distributed these offerings.

Gangasagar Island hosts the sole Gau-Seva Dham run by Shri Kapil Muni Charitable Trust. During Makar Sankranti, countless devotees experienced profound fulfillment by viewing and serving



the cow-mother. (Gau Mata) The Trust extends heartfelt gratitude to the Gangasagar building staff, kitchen maharaj, government officials, police, fire department, and

especially the NDRF team for their love, dedication, affection, and cooperation in ensuring safe sagar darshan for all visitors.

To bolster the service program amid biting cold during the fair, the Trust's trustees—Shri Rannivas Jindal, Shri Satyanarayan Dhanewal, Shri Subhash Agrawal, Shri Anil Pasari, Shri Paresh Daftari—alongside devoted servants Shri Hanuman Jindal, Shri Pradeep Gupta, Shri Prem Agrawal, Shri Rambabu Goel, Shri Vijay Agrawal, Shri Saral Jindal, Shri Ramesh Pandey, Shri Gopal, Shri Niraj Mishra, Shri Mukesh Kamdar, Shri Bharat Shah, Hinaben Doshi, and Monabeh Shah—spared no effort.

Protest by various organizations against harassment by SIR

Nurul Islam Khan: Common people are being harassed and persecuted in the name of SIR(Special Intensive Revision). This picture has emerged throughout the state. Keeping this in mind, various organizations gathered near the Tipu Sultan Mosque on Monday to protest against the Election Commission. The main organizer was Mohammad Kamruzzaman of the All Bengal Minority Youth Federation. Mufti Abdul Qayyum, Manik Fakir, Hafez Aziz Uddin, Maulana Anwar Hossain Kashemi and Maulana Nurullah, along with the heads of many other organizations, were present. The procession started from



Members of various Muslim mass organizations took part in a protest rally against SIR during their march to CEO office in Kolkata on Monday. Dharmatala. There, countless people marched together, expressing their anger against the Election Commission and the BJP government.

and second dary school certificates. A delegation from this joint gathering of various organizations submitted a memorandum to the Election Commission. Later, a press conference was held, where they spoke out against the Election Commission and announced plans for a larger movement. The protesters alleged that they will not accept the dirty conspiracy of the Election Commission and the BJP government to declare all Muslim voters as 'D-voters' (doubtful voters). They said that the central BJP government is destroying the pluralism of the country through this undemocratic and unconstitutional act. They chanted slogans like "We don't need the BJP government anymore." Already, many BLOs (Block Level Officers) have committed suicide in various places due to the SIR issue. They also warned that they will not tolerate the shame of even members of families of freedom fighters being issued notices and summoned for hearings.

"Court wants transparency": TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee welcomes SC's directions to ECI for Bengal SIR

MI News Service, New Delhi: Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Kalyan Banerjee on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's decision directing the Election Commission of India (ECI) to display the names of the electors falling under the 'logical discrepancies' category in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) drive in West Bengal.

Speaking to reporters outside the apex court, Banerjee, who is also a Senior Advocate, said the court wants transparency in the SIR exercise and will "interfere" if the process remains opaque.

He said, "The Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission to publish the list of 'logical discrepancies' at Gram Panchayat Bhavans and Block Offices. There should be transparency, and it should be published. Three days after publication of the list, the Election Commission will issue a notice of hearing, which must be completed within 10 days. The BLA-2 was not allowed to assist, but the SC said that they can take assistance from any person or lawyer."

"At the time of the hearing, they have to note the documents that have been submitted before the election officer. We said that the hearing should take place in the Panchayat or Block area. The Supreme Court asked the

Election Commission to accept the Admit Card. If they do not, we will inform the court at the next hearing. Court wants transparency; if something is not transparent, the court will interfere," he added while discussing the decision by the three-judge bench led by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant.

Earlier today, a three-judge bench led by CJI Surya Kant issued directions to the ECI on various pleas alleging procedural illegalities in the SIR exercise in West Bengal.

The apex court noted that the ECI has issued notices to certain persons described as falling under the 'logical discrepancies' category. Thus, with a view to enabling persons included in the category, the Court issued a direction to display the names of such persons at Gram Panchayat Bhavans, Block Offices, and Ward Offices.

The court asked the state government to provide adequate manpower to the ECI and the State Election Commission to entertain the documents and objections and to adhere to the hearing process for persons likely to be affected. In this regard, directions shall be issued by the ECI/State Government for the deployment of adequate personnel.

Persons likely to be affected shall be permitted to submit their documents before the

authorised officers. The apex court instructed that an authority letter be issued in this regard. The bench instructed the persons in the category who have not submitted their claims and objections to do so within 10 days.

TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dasgupta called the decision a "big slap" over the "atrocities" committed by the poll body.

"This is a big slap on the atrocities that the ECI was committing on the people of West Bengal at the instructions of the BJP. We welcome the verdict of the Supreme Court and thank the court for its judgment," she said.

The Electoral Roll Officers' Network (ERONET) portal had flagged more than 1.2 crore names under the 'logical discrepancy' category, sparking a fresh row over the SIR exercise in the state. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had called it a "dubious" category.

The deadline to file claims and objections (new voter name additions via Form 6, deletions via Form 7, and corrections via Form 8) was extended from January 15 to January 19, giving voters extra time to submit their applications. Hearings on these claims and objections will continue up to February 7, 2026. The Final electoral roll for West Bengal will be published on February 14, 2026.

Make suggestions, not petitions: Supreme Court schools man for filing "erroneous" plea seeking judicial reforms

MI News Service, New Delhi: Taking exception to a plea that vaguely sought reforms in the workings of judges and lawyers, along with efficient investigation in certain types of court cases, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the petitioner to make suggestions to the Court in writing rather than filing petitions that take up the courts' valuable time.

A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant schooled the petitioner, Kamlesh Tripathi, and noted that the issues in the petition have been erroneously intermingled.

"If you want judicial reform, then don't file petitions like this. Write a letter to me instead. Standing outside and speaking to the media - this is something I strongly object to. People say the court will decide the matter within a year. How many Courts would we establish? You are trying to link court

proceedings with the investigation process. We do not ask the Investigating Officer every day what he is doing. Demands for those reforms are a separate issue," the court told Tripathi.

The court then proceeded to dismiss Tripathi's plea while granting him the liberty to make suggestions by writing a letter to the CJI. The court noted that if the petitioner made suggestions as directed, the same would be given due consideration by the court.

"The petition has been filed seeking perceived judicial reforms, as well as for efficient investigation in certain types of court cases. It seems to us that the issues are erroneously intermingled. The petitioner may suggest to the Chief Justice of India, suggestions, if any, through a letter. The same shall be given due consideration...Dismissed," CJI Kant said.

EASTERN RAILWAY
e-Tenders are invited by Chief Works Manager, C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah-711204 from Tenderers having experience of fishing for undertaking for the following work : **SI No. 1. Tender No. : AEN-SHOP-STFISHING-25-26R, dated 15.01.2026. Name of work:** License for Fishing right for Railway South Tank at Liluah under CWM/Liluah for a period of five years. **Reserve price :** ₹ 8,88,218/-
Earnest Money : ₹ 88,900/- **SI No. 2. Tender No. : AEN-SHOP-NTFISHING-25-26R, dated 15.01.2026. Name of work:** License for Fishing right for Railway North Tank at Liluah under CWM/Liluah for a period of five years. **Reserve price :** ₹ 12,19,096/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,22,000/- **Cost of Tender form:** 0 for both. **Completion Period :** FIVE Years from date of acceptance for both. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bundh/ 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 tender. However, opening the date of tenders online will be done next working day. **Date and time of closing of tender:** On 09.02.2026 upto 12.00 hrs. for both. The details of tenders are available at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. No manual offer will be accepted.
(MISC-363/2025-26)
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Metro Railway, Kolkata
Dy. Chief Operations Manager/O&M, Metro Railway, Kolkata for & on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tenders against Open Tender due to open on **10.02.2026 at 15:00 hrs.** for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of work:** Design, Supply, Testing, Installation and Commissioning of Automatic Gates (AGs) for AFC-PC System on replacement and addition at Dum Dum, Chandri Chowk, Central, Esplanade, Rabindra Sadan, Kalighat, Mahanayak Uttamkumar, Kavi Nazrul & Kavi Subhash stations of Blue Line Metro corridor. **Tender Value:** ₹ 25,72,77,481/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 14,36,400/- **Cost of Tender Document:** ₹ 0.00; **Completion Period:** 08 months. The tender can be viewed at website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender. **Open Tender Notice No.: OPERATING-AFC-PC-AG-NS-2026 Date: 19.01.2026**
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NOTICE WITHOUT PREJUDICE
To The Shareholders and Stakeholders of Longview Tea Company Limited
Having its Registered Office at Oswal Chamber, 5th Floor, 2, Church Lane, Kolkata 700001
Notice is hereby given that Mr. Pradip Kumar Daga, one of the Directors of **Longview Tea Company Limited** ("Company") died on 18.11.2025 and in the Annual General Meeting of Company held on 28.11.2025, the resolutions for re-appointment of other Directors were not passed by the shareholders, thereby leaving the Company without any directors on its board. In the absence of any director whatsoever since the AGM, the Company Secretary and the CFO of the Company resigned. I, Shantanu Daga, remain in the Company as the CEO, waiting for the reconstitution of the Board of Directors. However, in absence of the Board of Directors, CFO and CS, I am unable to discharge any administrative and statutory obligations as applicable to the company or to carry on any business activities and as such I am not responsible and liable for any non-compliance by the company under any applicable laws.
This notice is being issued to bring the above fact to the notice of shareholders and stakeholders of the company and to the general public. Further, it may be noted that there is a proceeding being C.P. No. 46/KB/2025 (Pradip Kumar Daga & Anr Vs. Longview Tea Company Limited Ors.) pending before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench, Kolkata.
Yours truly,
Shantanu
Shantanu Daga
Date: 19/01/2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)
Notice is hereby given that Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (the Secured Creditor / AARC), having acquired the below-mentioned loan accounts from SBFC Finance Limited under an Assignment of Debt dated 30.09.2025, has issued Demand Notice(s) under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 to the respective borrower(s)/co-borrower(s)/guarantor(s), calling upon them to discharge in full their liabilities to the Secured Creditor within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice(s).
In the event of failure to repay the said dues within the stipulated period, the Secured Creditor shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the Act, including taking possession of the secured assets, without any further notice.
DETAILS OF BORROWERS / ACCOUNTS

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Amount Due (₹)	Date of Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
1	PR00861363	A.K. STORES ANJAN KUMAR SHAW RANJU KUMARI SHAW	3,46,131	19-December-2025	Holding No. G2- 59B/New, Nandatal Chatterjee Road, P.O.- Rajpur, P.S.- Maharashtra, Ward No. 23, Ganigiri Girls High School, Under Maheshtala Municipality, Dist- South 24 Parganas, State- West Bengal, Pincode- 700141. Boundaries: Land - Arjun Hazra Mahasoy's Shop, West- Haran Chandra Sardar's land, North - 12'- 0" feet wide common passage, South - Haran Chandra Sardar's land.	30 September 2025

The amounts mentioned above are due as on the respective dates indicated against each account, together with further interest, penal charges, costs, and expenses thereon till the date of realization.
The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) are hereby cautioned not to deal with or dispose of, by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, or otherwise, the secured asset(s) described above without the prior written consent of the Secured Creditor.
This publication is made in compliance with the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for the information of the borrower(s), guarantor(s), and the general public. In case of any queries, please contact the undersigned at the following contact details: Phone: 011-46562584
Email: admin@alchemistarc.com, ashutosh@alchemistarc.com
Date: 20.01.2026
Place: WEST BENGAL
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
(acting in its capacity as Trustee of Alchemist (LVII) Trust) Secured Creditor

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com
The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (₹)	Name of Branch
1.	Borrower Md Riyazul Alam & (Co Applicant) Rukiyah Begum & (Mortgagor) Rukiyah Begum/ S/o Md Jamrul Huque Ramganj, Hatkhola, Phulhara Ps-Islampur, Poramganj West Bengal Uttar Dinajpur - 733207/ 082505007089	R.S. & L.R. Dag No 2508, L.R. Khatian No 4092, Mouza No 2 Phulhara, Mahol Pargana Suraypur, P.S. & A.D.S.R.O. Islampur, Touji No 7, District Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area Of 11 Decimals) Bounded By : On The North By: Seller's Own On The South By: 8 Feet Wide Kuchra Road On The East By: Gaffur Gong On The West By: Majbul Gong/ Date Of Symbolic : 15/01/2026	28/08/2025 Rs. 24,87,879.00/-	Uttar Dinajpur

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: January 20, 2026
Place: Uttar Dinajpur
Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Installation of Overhead Electrification Masts Progressing Well on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project: Ashwini Vaishnav

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, New Delhi: The Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project is witnessing steady progress with the installation of Overhead Electrification (OHE) masts advancing along the corridor. The development marks an important step towards enabling electric traction for India's first high-speed rail system and reflects consistent on-ground execution under the 'Make in India' initiative. In doing so, it strengthens domestic manufacturing capabilities while adopting globally proven high-speed rail technology.

The installation of OHE masts is underway across key sections of the alignment, including viaduct stretches, to support safe, smooth and efficient high-speed train operations. These masts form a critical part of the traction infrastructure required for reliable power supply to bullet trains running on the corridor.

The OHE masts are being installed on elevated viaducts at significant heights above ground level. In total, more than 20,000 masts, ranging from 9.5 to 14.5 metres, will be installed along the corridor. The masts will support the complete 2x25 kV overhead traction power system, including overhead wires, earthing arrangements, fittings, and other accessories required for bullet train operations.

To ensure uninterrupted traction power, a network of Traction Substations (TSS) and Distribution Substations (DSS) is being developed along the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail corridor.

OHE masts are vertical steel structures installed alongside railway tracks that support overhead electric wires. They maintain the correct height, alignment and tension of the wires, enabling continuous and safe power supply to electric trains.

Once completed, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train will make travel between the two cities faster and more convenient, while improving connectivity across the corridor. The project is expected to benefit passengers, local economies, and Indian industry through job creation and strengthened manufacturing. It also marks an important step towards the adoption of advanced rail technology and the development of world-class rail infrastructure in the country.

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আমোক্তোরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি
এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ২)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৩)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৪)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৫)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৬)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৭)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৮)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ৯)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১০)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১১)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১২)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৩)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৪)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৫)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৬)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৭)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৮)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি কৃষ্ণ বিদ্যায়, ১৯)প্রথম কাল বিদ্যায় স্বামী সত্যজি 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Do you know intermittent fasting protects against liver inflammation liver cancer? Study finds

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY : Fatty liver disease frequently causes chronic liver inflammation and can possibly result in liver cancer. Scientists at the German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ) and the University of Tübingen have demonstrated in mice that intermittent fasting on a 5:2 schedule can block this progression.

Fasting lowers the development of liver cancer in mice who already have liver inflammation. The researchers discovered two proteins in liver cells that are both responsible for the beneficial effect of fasting. An approved medication can partially replicate this effect.

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is the most prevalent chronic liver disorder. It can have catastrophic consequences: unchecked, it can cause liver inflammation (metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis, MASH), cirrhosis, and even

malignancy. Fatty liver disease is often thought to be a direct result of obesity. Obesity has become increasingly common in rising countries such as India and China, in addition to Europe and the United States. As a result, the number of cases of liver failure and cancer is increasing rapidly in the afflicted countries.

"The vicious circle of an unhealthy diet, obesity, liver inflammation and liver cancer is associated with major restrictions and suffering for those affected and also represents a considerable burden on healthcare systems," says Mathias Heikenwalder, DKFZ and University of Tübingen. "We have therefore investigated whether simple dietary changes can specifically interrupt this fatal process."

Intermittent fasting has already been shown in several studies to be an effective means

of reducing weight and alleviating certain metabolic disorders. Heikenwalder's team has now tested in mice whether this approach can also protect the liver from fatty degeneration and chronic inflammation.

The animals were fed with a high-sugar and high-fat diet corresponding to the typical Western diet. One group of mice had constant access to the food. As expected, these animals gained weight and body fat and developed chronic liver inflammation.

The mice in the other group were given nothing to eat on two days a week (5:2 intermittent fasting, or 5:2 IF for short), but were allowed to eat as much as they wished on the other days. Despite the high-calorie diet, these animals did not put on weight, showed fewer signs of liver disease and had lower levels of biomarkers that indicate liver damage. In short.

Researchers find how eye ultrasounds help detecting brain shunt failure in children

WASHINGTON : A recent study suggests that using an ocular ultrasound in the emergency room could help detect children with brain drainage tube failure quickly and safely.

Research presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2024 Meeting in Toronto.

A ventricular shunt is a small plastic tube that is surgically placed to drain excess fluid and relieve pressure on the brain. Ventricular shunts are used on children to treat hydrocephalus, a disorder caused by improper brain fluid drainage or absorption from tumors, brain bleeds, and other sources. According to specialists, within two years following implantation, about 30% of shunts break, become misplaced, or become clogged, and an additional 5% fail annually after that.

When a patient visits the emergency department for potential shunt failure, their symptoms are often nonspecific, including headache, vomiting, and fatigue,



according to researchers. Shunt failure is life threatening, and children with shunts typically undergo multiple computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging scans per year, exposing them to excessive radiation and sedation. A backup of fluid causes the optic nerve sheath

to swell, which researchers can measure with eye ultrasound.

The study found that comparing the diameter of the optic nerve when a patient is symptomatic to the diameter when they are well can help determine if a shunt is blocked.

"The research team is interest-

ed in finding ways to lessen radiation exposure and expedite diagnosing shunt failure in the emergency department," said Adrienne L. Davis, MD, MSc, FRCP, pediatric emergency medicine research director at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and presenting author. "The study uses patients as their own controls by measuring the optic nerve when well and sick--a strategy that individualizes this test for every patient and recognizes that every patient with a shunt has a unique degree of shunt dependence and ability to tolerate high brain pressures."

The researchers studied 76 pairs of eye ultrasounds of nearly 60 children presenting to the Toronto hospital's emergency department with potential shunt failure. Researchers note that while findings are promising, results require further confirmation in a larger population of children with shunts across North America.

Meditation training can support wellbeing in older people: Research

An 18-month meditation programme can increase the wellbeing of older persons, according to a new randomised controlled trial led by an international team co-directed by UCL.

The findings, published in PLOS ONE, show that meditation can improve people's awareness, connection to others, and insight.

While the meditation training did not confer significant benefits on two commonly used measures of psychological wellbeing and quality of life, the researchers say their findings may reveal limitations in existing methods of tracking wellbeing.

Lead author Marco Schlosser (UCL Psychiatry and University of Geneva) said: "As the global population ages, it is increasingly crucial to understand how we can support older adults in maintaining and deepening their psychological wellbeing. In our study, we tested whether long-term meditation training can enhance important dimensions of wellbeing. Our findings suggest that meditation is a promising

non-pharmacological approach to support human flourishing in late life."

The study is the longest randomised meditation training trial conducted to date, and explored the impact of an 18-month meditation programme on the psychological wellbeing of more than 130 healthy French-speaking people aged 65 to 84. The study, led by Principal Investigator Professor Gael Chetelat, took place in Caen, France. It was conducted by the European Union's Horizon 2020-funded Medit-Ageing (Silver Sante Study) research group which involves UCL, Inserm, University of Geneva, Université de Caen Normandy, Lyon Neuroscience Research Center, University of Liege, Technische Universität Dresden, and Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

The researchers compared a meditation programme, which included a nine-month mindfulness module followed by a nine-month loving kindness and compassion module, delivered by weekly group sessions (two hours long), daily home practice (at least 20 minutes), and one retreat day, with a



group that did English language training (as a comparison group) and a no-intervention control group.

The team found that meditation training significantly impacted a global score that measures the wellbeing

dimensions of awareness, connection, and insight. Awareness describes an undistracted and intimate attentiveness to one's thoughts, feelings, and surroundings, which can support a sense of calm and deep satisfaction.

Connection captures feelings such as respect, gratitude, and kinship that can support more positive relationships with others. Insight refers to a self-knowledge and understanding of how thoughts and feelings participate in shaping our perception - and how to transform unhelpful patterns of thought relating to ourselves and the world.

The benefits of meditation training to an established measure of psychological quality of life were not superior to English language training, while neither intervention significantly impacted another widely used measure of psychological wellbeing. The researchers suggest this may be because these two established measures do not cover the qualities and depth of human flourishing that can potentially be cultivated by longer-term meditation training, so benefits to awareness, connection and insight are missed. The programme did not benefit everyone equally, as participants who reported lower levels of psychological wellbeing at the start of the

trial showed greater improvements compared to those who already had higher levels of wellbeing.

Co-author Dr Natalie Marchant (UCL Psychiatry) said: "We hope that further research will clarify which people are most likely to benefit from meditation training, as it may confer stronger benefits on some specific groups. Now that we have evidence that meditation training can help older adults, we hope that further refinements in partnership with colleagues from other research disciplines could make meditation programmes even more beneficial."

Senior author Dr Antoine Lutz (Lyon Neuroscience Research Center, Inserm, France) said: "By showing the potential of meditation programmes, our findings pave the way for more targeted and effective programmes that can help older adults flourish, as we seek to go beyond simply preventing disease or ill-health, and instead take a holistic approach to helping people across the full spectrum of human wellbeing."

Vitamin D medicine do not protect children from bone fractures: Study



A large clinical research sponsored by Queen Mary University of London and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health discovered that vitamin D supplementation do not strengthen bone strength or prevent bone fractures in vitamin D-deficient youngsters. The findings call into question widely held beliefs about vitamin D's benefits on bone health.

Around one-third of children have at least one fracture before the age of 18. This is a major global health issue, as childhood fractures can lead to life years of disability and/or poor quality of life. The potential for vitamin D supplements to improve bone strength has attracted growing interest in recent years, based on vitamin D's role in promoting bone mineralisation. However, clinical trials designed to test whether vitamin D supplements can prevent bone fractures in children have not previously been conducted.

Working with partners in Mongolia, a setting with a particularly high fracture burden and where vitamin D deficiency is highly prevalent, researchers from Queen Mary and Harvard conducted a clinical trial to determine if vitamin D supplementation would decrease risk of bone fractures or increase bone strength in schoolchildren. The study, published today (1 December) in Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology, is the largest randomised controlled trial of vitamin D supplementation ever conducted in children.

Over the course of three years, 8,851 schoolchildren aged 6-13 living in Mongolia received a weekly oral dose of vitamin D supplementation. 95.5% of participants had vitamin D deficiency at

baseline, and study supplements were highly effective in boosting vitamin D levels into the normal range. However, they had no effect on fracture risk or on bone strength, measured in a subset of 1,438 participants using quantitative ultrasound.

The trial findings are likely to prompt scientists, doctors and public health specialists to re-consider the effects of vitamin D supplements on bone health.

Dr Ganmaa Davaasambuu, Associate Professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, said:

"The absence of any effect of sustained, generous vitamin D supplementation on fracture risk or bone strength in vitamin D deficient children is striking. In adults, vitamin D supplementation works best for fracture prevention when calcium is given at the same time - so the fact that we did not offer calcium alongside vitamin D to trial participants may explain the null findings from this study."

Professor Adrian Martineau, Lead of the Centre for Immunobiology at Queen Mary University of London, added:

"It is also important to note that children who were found to have rickets during screening for the trial were excluded from participation, as it would not have been ethical to offer them placebo (dummy medication).

Thus, our findings only have relevance for children with low vitamin D status who have not developed bone complications. The importance of adequate vitamin D intake for prevention of rickets should not be ignored, and UK government guidance recommending a daily intake of 400 IU vitamin D remains important and should still be followed."

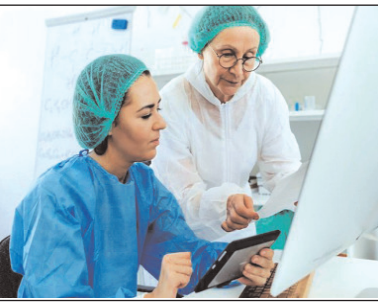
Researchers find link between adverse childhood experiences, muscle dysmorphia

Adolescents and young adults who had adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prior to the age of 18 were shown to have a much higher likelihood of exhibiting signs of muscle dysmorphia, according to a recent study.

The findings were published in the Clinical Social Work Journal.

These new findings emphasize the need for greater understanding of the relationship between muscle dysmorphia, or the pathological pursuit of muscularity, and adverse childhood experiences (such as emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence), as prior research has shown that over half of North American children and adolescents experience at least one adverse childhood experience in their lifetime.

"Those who experience adverse childhood experiences may engage in the pursuit of muscularity to compensate for experiences where they once felt inferior, small, and at risk, as well as to protect against future victimization," says lead author Kyle T. Ganson, PhD, MSW, an assistant professor at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. "The



experience of adverse childhood experiences may also increase body dissatisfaction, specifically muscle dissatisfaction, which is a key feature of muscle dysmorphia." Previous studies have shown that adverse experiences in childhood can lead to harmful health effects. While prior research has demonstrated that adverse childhood experiences are highly common in people with eating disorders and body dysmorphic disorder, few studies have looked at the association between adverse childhood experiences and muscle dysmorphia. The study's researchers analyzed data from over 900 adolescents and young adults

who participated in the Canadian Study of Adolescent Health Behaviors. In total, 16% of participants who experienced five or more adverse childhood experiences were at clinical risk for muscle dysmorphia, underscoring the significant traumatic effects that such experiences can have on mental health and well-being.

"Importantly, our study found that gender was an important factor in the relationship between adverse childhood experiences and muscle dysmorphia symptoms," says Ganson. "Boys and young men in the study who have experienced five or more adverse childhood experiences had significantly greater muscle dysmorphia symptoms when compared to girls and young women."

The authors note that boys and young men who experience adverse childhood experiences may feel that their masculinity was threatened from these experiences. Therefore, they engage in the pursuit of muscularity to demonstrate their adherence to masculine gender norms such as dominance, aggression, and power.

AssetPlus Raises Rs 175 Crores to Build the Future of Assisted Wealth Management in India, led by Nexus Venture Partners

Kolkata : Asset Plus, one of India's largest fully digital-assisted wealth management platforms, has raised Rs 175 crores in a funding round led by Nexus Venture Partners. The round marks a significant step in the company's mission to build a sustainable, distributor-led wealth management infrastructure in India. AssetPlus has also been backed by investors such as Eight Roads Ventures and Rainmatter by Zerodha. While not part of the current round, Bhupinder Singh has also been one of the company's early investors.Founded on the belief that wealth creation cannot be reduced to transactions or tools alone, AssetPlus is building a holistic, assisted wealth management ecosystem where technology amplifies human advice rather than replacing it. The company is focused on enabling trusted, certified distributors to serve Indian households better, consistently, and at scale."Our goal has never been to build just another distribution platform," said Vishranth Suresh, Co-founder and CEO of AssetPlus. "We are building wealth management infrastructure that combines human advice with technology-led scale. This capital allows us to accelerate that vision alongside investors who believe in strengthening India's wealth ecosystem for the long term."The fresh capital will be used to deepen AssetPlus' technology stack, expand product offerings, and strengthen initiatives that support holistic wealth management. While mutual funds remain central to the platform, AssetPlus has offerings that cover health and term plans, enabling distributors to deliver complete financial solutions through a single platform. India's investing landscape is undergoing a structural shift. Participation has widened, awareness has grown, and millions of first-time investors are entering the markets. At the same time, the limitations of a pure DIY approach are becoming more evident. Market volatility, emotional decision-making, fragmented financial products, and the absence of long-term planning have highlighted that access alone is not enough.

Brain waves detected during sleep can protect against epileptic activity: Study

Slow waves, which are normally only present in the brain during sleep, are also present when awake in patients with epilepsy and may protect against the condition's heightened brain excitability, according to a new study led by UCL researchers. The research, published in Nature Communications and involving the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) UCLH Biomedical Research Centre, examined electroencephalogram (EEG) scans from electrodes in the brains of 25 patients with focal epilepsy (a type of epilepsy characterised by seizures arising from a specific part of the brain), while they carried out an associative memory task.

The electrodes had been placed in the patients' brains to localise abnormal activity and inform surgical treatment.

During the task, participants were presented with 27 pairs of images that remained on a screen for six seconds. The images were in nine groups of three - each group featuring a picture of a person, a place and an object. In each case, participants had to remember which images had been grouped together. EEG data were recorded continuously throughout the task.

After reviewing the EEG data, the team found that the brains of people with epilepsy were producing slow waves - lasting less than one second - while they were awake and taking part in the task. The occurrence of these "wake" slow waves increased in line with increases in brain excitability and

decreased the impact of epileptic spikes on brain activity.

In particular, there was a decrease in the "firing" of nerve cells, which the researchers say could protect against epileptic activity. Senior author, Professor Matthew Walker (UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology), said: "Sleep is crucial for repair, maintenance and resetting brain activity. When we are awake we experience a progressive increase in brain excitability, which is redressed during sleep.

"Recent studies have indicated that a specific form of brain activity, slow waves during sleep, play a crucial role in these restorative functions. We wanted to address whether these 'sleep' slow waves could occur during wakefulness in response to abnormal increases in brain activity associated with epilepsy.

"This study unveils, for the first time, a potential protective mechanism, 'wake' slow waves, employed by the brain to counteract epileptic activity. This mechanism takes advantage of protective brain activity that normally occurs during sleep, but, in people with epilepsy, can occur during wakefulness."

As part of the research, the team also wanted to test if the occurrence of "wake" slow waves had any negative effects on cognitive function.

During the memory task, researchers found that the "wake" slow waves reduced nerve cell activity and so affected cognitive performance - increasing the length of time required by patients to complete the task.



Howrah–Kamakhya - Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express set for regular operations

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, Kolkata: In line with his vision of a future-ready and modern railway network, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper train between Howrah & Kamakhya on 17.01.2026. Regular run of 27575/27576 Howrah-Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, marking a significant enhancement in the region's transportation network. The regular run of Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will be operational from Kamakhya end with effect from 22 January and from Howrah end with effect from 23 January 2026, offering passengers a modern, efficient and comfortable travel experience. The introduction of this new Vande Bharat Sleeper Express train is aimed at addressing the rising passenger demand and improving connectivity between East



& North-East region.

27576 Kamakhya – Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will leave Kamakhya at 18:15 hrs. daily (except Wednesday) with effect on & from 22.01.2026 to reach Howrah at 08:15 hrs. on the next day. 27575 Howrah – Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will leave Howrah at 18:20 hrs. daily (except Thursday) with effect from 23.01.2026 to reach Kamakhya at 08:20 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at

Bandel, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Azimganj, New Farakka, Malda Town, Aluabari Road, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Coochbehar, New Alipurduar, New Bangaigaon and Rangia stations enroute in both directions. The train will have Air-conditioned accommodation.

The trains are designed to reduce travel time and offer passengers a superior journey, complete with modern amenities. The Vande Bharat

Sleeper train offers a superior or overnight travel experience with ergonomically designed berths, ample luggage space, modern toilets and divyang-friendliness facilities. It ensures a clean and hygienic journey with local cuisine included in the fare, supported by modular pantries and advanced disinfectant technology. Equipped with the indigenous Kavach system, advanced fire safety features and CCTV surveillance, the train sets new benchmarks in safe, efficient and world-class passenger-centric rail services. The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, making it a popular choice among passengers who seek both comfort and speed.

Booking of 27575 Howrah – Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will be available from 20.01.2026 through PRS & Internet.

Day-long medical screening camps organised at Malda goods sheds under NHRC aegis

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Under the aegis of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and with the constant guidance of Principal Chief Medical Director, Eastern Railway, two medical screening camps were successfully organised on 18.01.2026 at Goods Shed, Malda and Goods Shed, Gour Malda, under the stewardship of the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Malda.

Specialist doctors deputed from Howrah Hospital, B.R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah and Jamalpur Railway Hospital, along with doctors and para-



medical staff of Malda Division, attended the camps. Both camps were conducted throughout the day.

A total of 286 beneficiaries

were medically screened during the camps. Screening led to the detection of 11 and 07 new cases of Hypertension (HTN) and 03 and

05 new cases of Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT) at the two camps respectively. Additionally, around 18 cases of cataract and a few cases of post-cataract visual impairment were identified.

The initiative was made successful with the active cooperation and support of the Security and Commercial Departments of Malda Division.

Eastern Railway remains committed to promoting health awareness and ensuring accessible healthcare services for railway employees and associated personnel.

Regulation of trains due to developmental works in Adra division

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, Kolkata: The following trains will be regulated due to developmental works in Adra division: Cancellation of Trains 68077/68078 Adra-Bhaga-Adra MEMU will remain cancelled on 25.01.2026 18019/18020 Jhargram-Dhanbad-Jhargram Express will remain cancelled on 19.01.2026 Short Termination/Short Origination of Trains 18019/18020 Jhargram-Dhanbad-Jhargram Express, journey commencing on 22.01.2026, will be short terminated at/short-originated from Bokaro Steel City. 13503/13504 Bardhaman-Hatia-Bardhaman MEMU Express, journey commencing on 19.01.2026, 22.01.2026 and 24.01.2026 will be short-terminated at/short originated from NSCB Gomoh. 68090/68089 Adra-Midnapore-Adra MEMU, journey commencing on 23.01.2026 and 25.01.2026 will be short terminated at/short originated from Garbeta. 68056/68060 Tatanagar-Asansol-Barabhum MEMU, journey commencing on 20.01.2026 will be short-terminated at/short-originated from Adra Division of Train 18601 Tatanagar-Hatia Express, journey commencing on 20.01.2026, 21.01.2026 & 24.01.2026 will run on diverted route via Chandil-Gunda Bihar - Muri

Over 200 dead as heavy rains, flooding batter Southern Africa

MI News Service, Johannesburg: Weeks of persistent heavy rainfall and widespread flooding have struck several countries in Southern Africa, including South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, leaving more than 200 people dead, destroying property and prompting large-scale evacuations and rescue operations. South Africa's National Disaster Management Centre declared a national disaster on Sunday as heavy rains and flooding continued to batter northern parts of the country. According to local media reports, continuous rainfall since late December has caused severe flooding in Limpopo Province, where at least 17 people, including two children, have died. Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Velenkosini Hlabisa said in a statement on Sunday that 20 people had been killed in flood-related incidents in Mpumalanga Province.

RPF/ER steps in with swift humanitarian aid under 'Mission Sewa'

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Demonstrating prompt responsiveness and compassion, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, extended timely humanitarian assistance to sick and injured persons under "Mission Sewa" on January 18, 2026, reaffirming its commitment to passenger welfare and human safety within railway premises.

During the day, RPF personnel rescued and assisted two sick/injured male persons and one sick child, and swiftly arranged their transfer to the nearest Gov-



ernment hospitals for necessary medical treatment.

Among the rescued individuals, one male person and an 8-month-old child were found in a sick condition at Sealdah and Kolkata Railway Stations, while one male person was found injured at Hridaypur Railway Station. The RPF staff rendered immediate assistance and ensured safe and timely transportation of all the affected persons to hospitals.

Such compassionate and proactive actions by the RPF highlight Eastern Railway's sustained efforts to ensure safety, security and care for passengers and vulnerable individuals across its network.

Sealdah Division sets new benchmarks with exemplary service during Gangasagar Mela 2026

MI News Service, 19 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Redefining the standards of crowd management, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway has successfully concluded the prestigious Gangasagar Mela, showcasing exemplary dedication and commitment to providing world-class services to millions of pilgrims to make it a grand success. In view of the significant surge in the number of pilgrims, particularly those traveling towards Bihar, Sealdah Division has taken proactive measures to ensure a smooth and comfortable journey for pilgrims.

Special trains to accommodate the massive influx of pilgrims, total no of 352 trains i.e higher than ever are running from Sealdah to Namkhana and Kakdwip during mela days. Stringent measures were implemented to maintain punctuality and ensure the timely arrival of trains at their destinations.

To accommodate the high passenger volume on January 15 and 16, special arrangements have been implemented. Recognizing the sudden spike in Bihar-bound pilgrims on January 15, a special "Scratch Rake" train was promptly assembled

and pressed into service. This emergency measure was taken to clear the extra rush and provide immediate relief to waiting passengers.

To enhance carrying capacity and seamless journey of pilgrims, two additional General Class (GS) coaches have been attached to three major Bihar bound Mail/Express trains on January 15 and 16.

The strategic use of large holding areas proved highly effective in regulating passenger entry. Clear segregation of entry and exit gates successfully streamlined passenger flow, preventing bottlenecks in the circulating areas.

Division set up additional ticket counters to facilitate quick and easy ticket booking. A novel initiative was taken, that is M-UTS where booking clerks visited passengers directly to issue tickets, eliminating the need for long queues. This was particularly beneficial for elderly passengers and needy passengers also. Total no. of passengers during Gangasagar mela 2026 from 11.01.26 to 15.01.26 is approx. 10 lacs with the increase of nearly 25% from previous year.

Division has ensured that thousands of pilgrims reaching the Gangasagar Mela can travel at an extremely nominal cost. Despite the massive distance of over 100 km, maintained a fare of only Rs. 25, making the spiritual journey accessible to the humblest of devotees.

A dedicated security team with double strength from previous year was deployed to manage crowds effectively, facilitate orderly boarding and provide assistance to needy passengers. Security personnel also implemented 24-hour CCTV surveillance to ensure the safety and security of all pilgrims. Security personnel were stationed at boarding and alighting points to maintain order and assist passengers, especially those with disabilities.

DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena said that, Sealdah Division's commitment to providing seamless services during the Gangasagar Mela has been widely appreciated by pilgrims alike. The division's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of its employees, who worked tirelessly to ensure a memorable pilgrimage for millions of devotees.

Bail before conviction is a right: Ex-CJI Chandrachud on Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam

MI News Service, Jaipur: Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Sunday, January 18, said that national security cannot be an umbrella justification for denying bail, adding that bail before conviction is a "matter of right."

He made the remarks at the ongoing Jaipur Literature Festival in response to a question from senior journalist Vir Sanghvi, who raised the issue of the Supreme Court recently denying the bail plea of activist Umar Khalid in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case.

Khalid and fellow activist Sharjeel Imam have been incarcerated since 2020. Denying bail to both, the top court on

January 5 observed that they were involved in the "planning, mobilisation and strategic direction" of the northeast Delhi riots. Faced with the question from Sanghvi during a session titled 'Ideas of Justice', Justice Chandrachud (retired) said, "Bail before conviction should be a matter of right. Our law is based on a presumption, and that presumption is that everyone is innocent until proven guilty."

"Because, if someone remains an undertrial prisoner for five or seven years and is finally proven innocent, how will you compensate for the time lost?" Giving examples from

various cases, the former CJI said that bail can be denied if there is a possibility of the accused returning to society and committing the crime again, tampering with evidence, or using the benefit of bail to escape the clutches of the law.

"If these three grounds are not present, then bail must be granted. I think that where national security is involved, it is the court's duty to examine the case in depth. Otherwise, what is happening is that people remain imprisoned for years," he said.

Justice Chandrachud termed the denial of bail by sessions and district courts a matter of concern and said judges fear

Elon Musk's Acknowledgment of Creator Offers a Counterpoint to Modern Atheism

MI News Service, Washington: Last month, as a prominent Indian cinema personality was preparing to defend atheism in a high-profile debate on "Does God Exist?" with a young Islamic scholar in Asia, on the other side of the globe an American titan of science was shedding his atheism and acknowledging the existence of God.

Javed Akhtar, 80, has carved a niche in Hindi cinema as an acclaimed screenwriter, lyricist, poet and political activist known for advocating secularism, free speech and gender equality.

Elon Musk, 54, however, stands as one of the most influ-

ential minds of the 21st century — a symbol of material progress and a pioneer in physics and space technology. The businessman, entrepreneur and former senior adviser to US President Donald Trump has long shaped modern innovation.

During his December 20 debate with Mufti Shamail Nadwi in New Delhi, the staunch atheist Javed Akhtar failed to convincingly argue against God's existence. Meanwhile, on December 11, Musk — once self-described as "agnostic", "atheist", and "Cultural Christian" — startled the world by affirming belief in a Creator.

In a widely circulated pod-

cast interview with American conservative commentator Katie Miller, the Tesla and SpaceX chief executive was asked if he believes in God. Musk replied, "I believe this universe came from something."

When Miller pressed, "Who do you look up to the most?" he answered, "The Creator." She followed up, "What's your position on God?" Musk stated plainly: "God is the Creator."

Miller persisted: "You don't believe in God though, do you?" Musk responded, "Well, I believe this universe came from something. People have different labels."

With these words, the

world's wealthiest individual has stepped to the threshold of religious acknowledgment.

It is a modern irony that the brilliance of technology has often blinded humanity to deeper insight. Many have claimed that science has buried God, echoing Friedrich Nietzsche's declaration "God is dead". Today, some treat those who build rockets, develop artificial intelligence (AI) and plan Martian settlements as deities. Yet Musk's admission strikes a blow to New Atheism, one that will resonate in the circles of anti-religion advocates such as Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris.

Iranian President warns strikes on Khamenei would lead to 'all-out war'



MI News Service, Tehran: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian warned that any attack on Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei would be considered a declaration of "all-out war" against the Iranian nation, following a sharp exchange of rhetoric with US President Donald Trump.

Pezeshkian's comments, posted on social media platform X, come amid heightened tensions after Trump told Politico on Saturday that it was "time to look for new leadership in Iran."

"Any attack on our great leader will be tantamount to an all-out war against the Iranian nation," Pezeshkian wrote.

The Iranian president also blamed Washington for the country's economic struggles, citing "longstanding hostility" and "inhumane sanctions" imposed by the United States and its allies as the primary drivers of hardship for the Iranian people, Xinhua news agency reported.

The diplomatic spat intensified earlier on Saturday when Khamenei labeled Trump a "criminal," holding him responsible for casualties and damages sustained during recent periods of domestic unrest in Iran.

Trump called for an end to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's decades-long rule, saying the country needs new leadership as it faces sustained public unrest.

Speaking to Politico on Saturday, Trump said, "It's time to look for new leadership in Iran," following weeks of protests that have rocked the Islamic Republic. The demonstrations have been driven by public anger over political repression, economic hardship, and human rights abuses.

Trump strongly criticised Iran's leadership, accusing it of governing through violence and fear. Referring to alleged executions, he told the publication, "The best decision he ever made was not hanging more than 800 people two days ago."

The US president argued that Iran's current leadership depends on repression to remain in power and blamed Khamenei for what he described as the country's downfall. Trump accused the supreme leader of presiding over the "complete destruction of the country" and of using unprecedented levels of violence to suppress dissent.

Relations between Tehran and Washington have remained fraught since Trump's return to the White House, characterized by a continuation of the "maximum pressure" policy and frequent verbal confrontations between the two leaderships.

that their integrity might be questioned. "This is the reason why bail cases reach the Supreme Court," he said.

Expressing concern over the delay in disposal of cases by the Indian criminal justice system, he said the Constitution is the supreme law, and there is no concrete exception in the matter. "If there is a delay in a speedy trial, the accused is entitled to bail."

During Chandrachud's tenure, Umar Khalid's bail plea filed in 2023 in the Supreme Court was deferred several times and adjourned over 10 times. It was later withdrawn in February 2024, with Khalid citing a change of circumstances.

Trump invites PM Modi to join 'board of peace for Gaza' in US-brokered plan

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump has formally invited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to serve on the newly proposed "Board of Peace for Gaza," a key component of Washington's ambitious roadmap to end the Gaza conflict and establish long-term stability in the Middle East.

In a letter dated January 16, 2026, and shared by Ambassador Sergio Goro, Trump described the invitation as "a great honour" and part of a "critically historic and magnificent effort" to solidify peace while pioneering a new model for resolving global conflicts.

He referenced his September 29, 2025, announcement of a comprehensive 20-point plan, which he said was swiftly embraced by leaders from Israel, Arab nations, and Europe. On November 17, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2803, endorsing the vision.

Trump wrote that the Board of Peace would function as a new international organization and transitional governing administration, uniting distinguished nations willing to "lead by example" and invest in a secure, prosperous future for the region.

Besides India, invitations have been extended to Pakistan, Jordan, Greece, Cyprus, Canada, Turkey, Egypt, Paraguay, Argentina, and Albania, according to the Associated Press. The official membership list is expected to be announced soon, possibly during the World Economic Forum in Davos.

On Saturday, the White House detailed the Board's three-tiered structure: a US-led top-level Board of Peace comprising billionaires and figures close to Israel; a Gaza Executive Board; and a Palestinian technocratic administration called the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG), headed

by former PA deputy minister Ali Shaath. Bulgarian diplomat Nickolay Mladenov has been appointed High Representative to oversee the transition from Hamas control.

Critics, including Al Jazeera, noted the conspicuous absence of Palestinian representatives from the highest decision-making body, raising concerns that Palestinians will have limited influence over their own future governance arrangements.

US envoy Steve Witkoff recently launched "phase two" of the plan, following what the administration describes as steps to end Israel's military campaign in Gaza.

The proposal marks a bold—and controversial—attempt by the Trump administration to reshape post-conflict administration in Gaza through an international coalition excluding direct Palestinian leadership at the apex level

Unnao rape: Delhi HC rejects Sengar plea to suspend sentence

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Monday, January 19, refused to suspend the 10-year sentence awarded to expelled BJP leader Kuldeep Singh Sengar in the case of the death of the Unnao rape survivor's father while in custody.

"No grounds are made out for grant relief. The application seeking suspension of sentence is dismissed," said Justice Ravinder Dudeja.

The judge observed that although Sengar had suffered a long incarceration, relief could not be given on grounds of delay, as it was partly because he filed multiple applications in his appeal against his conviction.

"Purposely would be served if the appeal is heard expeditiously," added the court while listing the matter for hearing on February 3.

On March 13, 2020, Sengar was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment by a trial court, besides imposition of a fine of Rs 10 lakh, in the case of the death of the survivor's father in custody.

The trial court had said that "no leniency" could be shown for killing a family's "sole bread earner".

It had also awarded a 10-year jail term to Sengar's brother, Atul Singh Sengar, and five others for their role in the custodial killing of the rape survivor's father.

The father of the survivor was arrested at the behest of Sengar under the Arms Act, and died in custody on April 9, 2018, owing to police brutality.

Sengar had kidnapped the minor and raped her in 2017.

The trial court, which did not

hold the accused guilty of murder under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in the father's case, awarded the maximum sentence for the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder to convicts under Section 304 of the IPC after holding that there was no intention to kill.

Sengar's appeals in the main rape case against the December 2019 judgement convicting him and sentencing him to imprisonment for the remainder of his life, as well as the father's case, are pending in the high court.

His sentence was suspended by the high court on December 23, 2025, till the pendency of his appeal challenging his conviction and sentence in the rape case.

The suspension was stayed by the Supreme Court on December 29, 2025.

USD 1 billion to get on Trump's Gaza 'Board of Peace'

MI News Service, New York: At least six more countries said Sunday, January 18, the United States has invited them to join US President Donald Trump's "Board of Peace," a new body of world leaders meant to oversee next steps in Gaza that's showing ambitions for a broader mandate in global affairs.

A USD 1 billion contribution secures permanent membership on the Trump-led board instead of a three-year appointment, which has no contribution requirement, according to a US official who spoke on condition of anonymity about the charter, which hasn't been made public. The official said the money raised would go to rebuilding Gaza.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has accepted an invitation to join the board, Foreign

Minister Peter Szijarto told state radio on Sunday. Orban is one of Trump's most ardent supporters in Europe.

India has received an invitation, a senior government official with knowledge of the matter said, speaking on condition of anonymity as the information hadn't been made public by authorities.

Jordan, Greece, Cyprus and Pakistan also said Sunday they had received invitations. Canada, Turkey, Egypt, Paraguay, Argentina and Albania have already said they were invited. It was not clear how many have been invited in all.

The US is expected to announce its official list of members in the coming days, likely during the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

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MAIN GOAL IS TO GET IN THE TEAM WHEN THE OLYMPICS IS ROLLING AROUND: STEVE SMITH

NEW DELHI : Australian batting great Steve Smith has come to terms with his omission from Australia's T20 World Cup preliminary squad, but the veteran is far from done with his international 20-20 ambitions. Although missing out on the squad was a setback, Smith remains determined to represent Australia at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

The 38-year-old batter, who is in splendid form in the ongoing Big Bash League (BBL), admitted that even after some amazing knocks, he was not in contention to be a surprise entrant in the national squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup.

The former Australia captain has not yet closed the door on T20I cricket, as he is yet to fulfil his ambition to play at the Olympics, where cricket is making a long-awaited return.

"I always want to play for Australia in big tournaments. But I think that ship's sailed. I reckon they've got two opening batters that are doing pretty well. I'm relaxed doing what I can here and having some fun," Smith said, as quoted by Espnricinfo.

"My main goal, as I've said before, is to get in the team when the Olympics is rolling around. I'd be keen to do that. That'd be pretty cool. Keep doing what I'm doing and you never know," he added.

Smith last played a T20I for Australia in February 2024, and since then, he has averaged 51-plus with a strike rate of 156 in T20s.

The Australian star has been in top form during BBL 2025-26. Rejoining his team, Sydney Sixers, after winning the Ashes, Smith has scored 173 runs in just three matches. He also scored a 41-ball century against the Sydney Thunder at the SCG on January 16.

With Smith's power-hitting, the Sixers have given themselves a chance to reach the final. After the BBL, the Australian star will return to T20 cricket in Major League Cricket, which will be hosted by the USA in June and July.

'HIL helped me grow as a striker, handle pressure moments better': Lalremsiami on how league toughened her for future battles

NEW DELHI : Bengal Tigers forward Lalremsiami shared her thoughts on the team's second-place finish in the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) 2025-26, describing the season as a meaningful learning opportunity for both herself and the team, and expressed confidence that they will improve and reach a higher position next year.

"It was a very good season for us and I got a lot to learn from it. Of course, we wanted to win the title and become champions, but as a team I think we performed really well. Sometimes the final result is not in your control, but overall, I really liked the HIL this time. We enjoyed it a lot and learnt a lot together," Lalremsiami said.

The Tigers played several tense matches that went to penalty shootouts, including the final against SG Pipers. Looking back on those moments, the Indian veteran mentioned that the team prioritised trusting their own strengths rather than over-analysing the results.

"In our matches against the Pipers earlier, one game went to a shootout after we conceded late, and in the other we dominated most of the match but couldn't score. So, we felt the matches were ours to win and that we had let them slip rather than being outplayed. Before the final, the idea was simple - play our game, focus on ourselves and our skills, and try to finish the match in regulation time. Unfortunately, it didn't happen, but the experience was very important for all of us."

Following a sluggish start to the tournament, the Bengal Tigers found consistency and momentum as the league progressed. Lalremsiami attributed this progress to the team's environment, effective communication, and leadership, which fostered strong on-field chemistry in a brief time.

"We didn't have much time to

India's Srishti Kiran clinches the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J30 title in Mexico

BENGALURU : India's young tennis talent Srishti Kiran won the Girls' Singles title at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J30 tournament in Huamantla, Mexico.

The 13-year-old Bengaluru girl, who began her tennis career training at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA), defeated 17-year-old home favourite Tamara Herman (Mexico) 6-4, 6-4 in the championship match to complete a magnificent hat-trick of ITF titles.

Earlier in the draw, she sealed her place in the final with a strong semifinal comeback, winning 10 consecutive games from 2-4 down to beat 16-year-old home favourite Miranda Sofia Escamilla Morales (Mexico) 6-4, 6-0.

With this impressive performance and competing against strong international opponents, she shows strong consistency and confidence while continuing to gain valuable experience and proudly represents India in the



ITF World Junior circuit.

In 2025, Karnataka's teen prodigy secured her first international junior title, winning the ITF J30 at Cabarete in the Dominican Republic. She followed it up by sweeping both the singles and

doubles crowns the following week.

Displaying superb form throughout, Srishti also partnered with Briana Houlgrave of the Bahamas to claim the doubles title, defeating the British duo of

Jessica Morrison and Ava Moss in the final.

Srishti honed her skills at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA), is rapidly establishing herself as one of India's most promising young players. She first came into the spotlight when she remained unbeaten while representing India at the ATF U-12 Girls' Team Championship finals in August 2023.

She played a key role in helping India clinch its first-ever Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) U-12 Girls' Team Championship crown in 2023, where she remained unbeaten. Her performance on the Asian circuit soon caught wider attention, and she was scouted to train at the prestigious RPS Academy in Florida under the mentorship of world-renowned coach Gabe Jaramillo, after being spotted at the Asian Tennis Federation's Orange Ball program.

AUS OPEN: MEDVEDEV RACES INTO SECOND ROUND AFTER BEATING JESPER DE JONG

MELBOURNE : Former World No. 1 Daniil Medvedev showcased strong form on Monday at the Australian Open, comfortably defeating Jesper de Jong 7-5, 6-2, 7-6(2) to advance to the second round.

Medvedev, who started his year by winning the Brisbane International, converted seven out of 13 break points against De Jong. This victory also marks his perfect start of 6-0 for the 2026 season, ATP reports.

Medvedev overcame some inconsistency to defeat the World No. 73 in his first career meeting, winning in two hours and 53 minutes. Despite twice surrendering a break lead in the opening set and failing to serve out the match twice in the third, he maintained control and dominated the deciding tie-break at the Margaret Court Arena.

After a challenging 2025 season that saw just one Grand Slam win, Medvedev ended the year strongly with an ATP 250 title in Almaty. He will face Quentin Halys next, after the Frenchman beat Alejandro Tabilo in straight sets.

"Last year, I lost almost each major in the first round, except here, actually, so I'm happy to win in straight sets, even if some of them were up and down. The conditions felt slow, so we were both breaking each other's serve a lot. The most important (thing) is to win, and hopefully I can play better next round," Medvedev said in his on-court interview.

He added that he was eager to cool down in an ice bath afterwards, explaining, "It is warm, but I felt okay and I think then he was probably struggling a tiny bit more than me... Hopefully it doesn't get worse than what we felt here. For sure, a bit of an ice bath never feels bad after such a warm match."



South Africa posts highest score of 2026 U19 Men's World Cup against Tanzania



WINDHOEK : South Africa smashed their way to posting a mammoth 397/5 against Tanzania, which is now the highest score by a team in the 2026 ICC Men's U-19 Cricket World Cup at the High Performance Oval on Monday. It's also South Africa's best total in their history of participating in the tournament.

South Africa were powered to the gigantic score by centuries from captain Muhammad Bulbulia and Jason Rowles. The score of 397/5 also surpassed South Africa's previous U-19 World Cup record of 359/6 against Namibia in 2012 and eclipsed Sri Lanka's 391 against Japan made earlier in this edition of the competition. It stands as the eighth highest score overall since the tournament's inception. Bulbulia scored a run-a-ball 108 while Rowles remained unbeaten on 125 off 101 balls, a knock laced with ten fours and five sixes, as the pair put together a 201-run third-wicket partnership that left

the Tanzanian bowling attack dazed. South Africa's openers laid the foundation for the huge total with Jorich van Schaikwyk's quick-fire 47 off 34 balls and his opening partner Mogamat Lagadien contributing 32 before Bulbulia and Rowles seized control of the innings.

Even after Bulbulia's dismissal shortly after reaching his century laced with ten fours and a six, South Africa maintained their aggressive approach. Paul James smashed 46 runs off just 18 deliveries in a late cameo studded with two fours and five sixes as the Proteas fell just three runs short of the 400-run mark.

The commanding performance comes after South Africa suffered a tournament opening 28-run defeat to Afghanistan. Tanzania now faces the daunting task of chasing down the target in what shapes as a one-sided contest. South Africa will next face West Indies in their final Group D game at the same venue on January 22.

Aus Open: Auger-Aliassime retires mid-way, De Minaur wins; Pegula prevails



MELBOURNE : Seventh seed Felix Auger-Aliassime was forced to retire with cramp during his first-round match at the Australian Open on Monday, handing Portugal's Nuno Borges a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 lead and a victory.

The 25-year-old Canadian, who reached the US Open semifinals last year, was hoping to carry that momentum into the 2026 season. However, discomfort in his upper left leg slowed him down, prompting a medical timeout late in the third set and further treatment before the fourth. After just two points in the fourth set, Auger-Aliassime was unable to continue.

"I'm okay, but I just started cramping at the start of the third set. It became very difficult to be competitive at this level. I tried for a set, but it wasn't possible today," the Canadian said after the game.

Meanwhile, the home favourite Alex de Minaur wasted little time in reaching the second round as the world No. 6 raced to a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 triumph against Mackenzie McDonald inside Rod Laver Arena.

De Minaur reached the Australian Open quarterfinals for the first time in 2025. His next opponent at this year's edition of his home major will be Hamad Medjedovic, who held off Mariano Navone for a 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-4, 6-2 first-round win.

Elsewhere, in the women's singles game, Auger-Aliassime's fellow countrywoman Jessica Pegula cruised past Anastasia Zakharova 6-2, 6-1 in 66 minutes to reach the second round in Melbourne, WTA reports.

Pegula started her Grand Slam season right away, establishing the pace for a match where she had break points in all eight of Zakharova's service games.

Zakharova, who is ranked No. 105 in the PIF WTA Rankings, successfully defended her serve twice against Pegula in the first set. Trailing 5-1, she saved three set points during a five-deuce game, featuring a notable rally where Pegula hit a ball around the post to stay in the point, before Zakharova confidently finished with a winner into the open court.

Pegula finished the set decisively in the following game and maintained her lead, losing only one more game afterwards before securing the victory with a precise backhand down the line.

The victory advances her to the Round of 64, where she will compete against her compatriot and doubles partner, McCartney Kessler. Pegula holds a 1-0 lead in their head-to-head record, having defeated Kessler in straight sets in last year's Austin final.