

Bhargar blast: Tension spike ahead of polls

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: Bhargar erupt in tension once again on Monday night after a TMC worker was critically injured in a bomb attack, leaving part of hid hand severely brunt. The incident has reignited political unrest in the sensitive region, which has seen reignited political unrest in the sensitive region, which has seen repeated clashes in recent months ahead of the state elections.

The injured, identified as Kamal Purokait, was returning home from Bantala Charmanagri when, according to local sources, a group allegedly hurled a bomb at him near the old Pagla Hat in Chalta Beriya. Witnesses reported that Kamal fell to the ground in a bloody state, with burns exposing bone on his left hand. Residents initially stayed indoors in fear after hearing the explosion but later assisted in taking him to a nearby hospital. Doctors have described his condition as critical. The attack has been linked to ISF members, although the organization has denied any involvement. Local ISF leader Malek Mollah claimed that Trinamool workers were allegedly carrying explosives themselves and that the injury was self-inflicted during unrest, asserting, "The ISF is not involved in this incident." Police from Uttar Kashi-pur Police Station have launched a formal investigation into the incident, with authorities monitoring the area closely. Bhargar has long been considered a politically sensitive zone, witnessing recurring clashes between party cadres, especially as elections approach.

Human remains found in Balurghat, investigation underway

MI News Service, Balurghat: A startling discovery in Balurghat city on Tuesday morning has sent ripples of shock and panic through local residents. A human skeleton was found floating in the Atreyi (Danga) Creek, adjacent to the Balurghat Jora Bridge, prompting an immediate response from the police.

According to reports, the skeleton was spotted by residents early in the morning, triggering alarm in the densely populated area near Andolon Setu. Upon receiving information, a large contingent of officers, including IC Sumanta Biswas of Balurghat police station, rushed to the scene and recovered the remains. Locals expressed a mixture of fear and suspicion. "The skeleton was floating in the river; naturally, everyone panicked. The body had clearly decomposed long ago, but there are questions about whether it is real or part of some test," a resident said. The police confirmed that the skeleton has been recovered and sent for forensic examination to determine its authenticity and the circumstances of death. The investigation is ongoing, with authorities examining whether the remains are of natural origin or connected to any criminal activity. The Atreyi Creek, which flows through the heart of Balurghat, is a major waterway in the city. Incidents like this have heightened public concern over safety and security in densely populated urban areas along the creek. Authorities have urged residents to remain calm while the investigation is underway. "We are treating the matter with the utmost seriousness. A thorough probe will determine the identity and origin of the skeleton," a police official said. This unsettling discovery has once again highlighted the urgent need for vigilance in urban waterways and the importance of rapid forensic intervention in unexplained findings.

Engine van carrying bricks hit tree, driver died



MI News Service, Kharagpur: In Bodai area of Mohanpur police station of West Medinipur district, an engine van laden with bricks collided with a tree on the roadside. Due to which the driver of the engine van died. The name of the deceased driver is Brajopal Das Adhikari (43). He was a resident of Egra area of East Medinipur district. It is known that after loading bricks from a brick kiln in Sonakania area of Dantan police station. While going towards Egra, due to mechanical fault in Bodai area of Mohanpur police station, the engine van lost control and collided with a tree on the side of the state highway. During this, the steering wheel of the engine van got pressed on the chest of the driver, due to which he got badly injured. He was admitted to Bagda Rural Hospital, where the doctor declared him brought dead. Police sent the body for post mortem. At the same time, the police of Mohanpur police station recovered the accident engine van. The police is investigating the incident.



The West Bengal Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union (WBAAWHU-AITUC) held a protest demanding recognition for workers, increased allocations, a minimum wage of ₹62,100 for staff, social security benefits, and other entitlements. The protest was held at Raja Subodh Mallik Square in Kolkata on Tuesday.

NIA investigation can be ordered in Beldanga if Centre wishes: High Court; Directs state govt to use central forces

MI News Service, Murshidabad: The central government can, if it wants, get the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate the Beldanga unrest. This was said by the Calcutta High Court. On Tuesday, a division bench of Chief Justice Sujoy Pal and Justice Parthasarathy Sen said that the state can ask for more forces from the center if necessary. There is no obstacle in that. Not only that, it is the responsibility of the Murshidabad Superintendent of Police and the District Magistrate to ensure that no one's life, dignity and property are endangered in Beldanga. The High Court ordered the state government to file an affidavit in this regard within 15 days. The court further directed that the state government should use the central forces present in the area.

Beldanga in Murshidabad became turbulent over the death of a migrant worker in Jharkhand. Tension flared up repeatedly last Friday and Saturday. There were incidents of vandalism, rail blockades,



protests on national highways, and journalists being beaten up. The police had to resort to lathicharge to bring the situation under control. Several public interest litigations were filed in the Calcutta High Court regarding the Beldanga unrest. The case was also filed by the Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Shuvendu Adhikari. All the cases were heard together on Tuesday by the Chief Justice of the High Court. The plaintiffs said in the court that the area is very sensitive. Railways, national highways, and police vehicles were vandalized during the unrest.

Police officer slaps woman during Jalpaiguri hearing

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Tensions escalated at a Special Intensified Revision (SIR) hearing in Belakoba, Jalpaiguri, on Tuesday when a woman attending the hearing was slapped by a police officer, leaving her with visible bruises on her cheek. The incident has sparked outrage among locals and raised questions about the handling of voters

during the SIR process. The woman, identified as Nur Banu Begum, was summoned to the hearing due to discrepancies in records arising from the number of siblings in her family. She arrived at the hearing center on time and submitted her forms. However, she was initially denied a receipt copy for her submission.

Total arrests rise to 11 in a minor murder case

MI News Service, Kaliganj: After nearly eight months in hiding, another accused in the Kaliganj bypoll bombing case has finally been arrested.

Police late on Monday night apprehended the accused from near the Kona Expressway. With this arrest, the total number of people held in connection with the murder of nine-year-old Tamanna Khatun has gone up to 11.

The incident dates back to June 23, 2025, the day the results of the Kaliganj Assembly by-election were declared. Around noon, a bomb explosion in Molandi village claimed the life of Tamanna Khatun, a Class IV student, triggering widespread outrage across the state.

Soon after the incident, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took to X (formerly Twitter), directing the police to immediately arrest those responsible and ensure the strictest punishment. Acting swiftly, the police arrested three accused within 24 hours

Kaliganj Bombing Case of the incident. In the following weeks, seven more accused were taken into custody. However, the FIR in the case named 24 individuals, and the failure to arrest all the accused for a prolonged period led to allegations of police negligence by the victim's family, particularly Tamanna's mother.

Amid the prolonged wait for

justice, Tamanna's mother, Sabina Khatun, recently attempted suicide, unable to cope with the trauma of losing her daughter. She survived and, after being discharged from hospital, expressed her desire to meet Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to seek justice for her child. Just days after her appeal, police arrested another accused, identified as Sabirul Sheikh. According to sources, Sabirul had been absconding since the day of the bombing and had been avoiding the area to evade arrest.

Police officials said further efforts are underway to trace and apprehend the remaining accused named in the case, while the investigation continues.

Mystery deepening surrounding death of college student

MI News Service, Howrah: A sensation has spread in Belur, Howrah, centering on the unnatural death of a college student. Her bloody body was recovered from the bottom of a multi-story building there. The police's initial assumption is that she died after falling from the roof of the building. Investigators are examining whether it was a suicide or if there was any other reason behind the student's death.

The deceased has been identified as Shipra Singh (19). According to local sources,

she was a resident of Karalicharan Road in Belur. As usual, she had gone for tuition on Girish Ghosh Road on Monday afternoon. Her tutor lives in a multi-story building in that area. Shipra's body was recovered from the bottom of that building in the afternoon.

During the investigation, the police found Shipra's bag of books and notebooks on the roof of the building. Her shoes were neatly placed on the railing. The police initially believe that Shipra committed suicide by jumping from the

roof. However, the police have started an investigation into why she chose to commit suicide. Investigators believe that academic pressure may also be a reason behind the suicide. During questioning, the police learned that Shipra's younger sister died two years ago due to illness. She could not accept this death. She had been mentally disturbed ever since. However, the police said that there are also investigating whether there was any incident of conflict during the tuition class on Monday afternoon.

Md Shami concludes SIR hearing, says "not something that will harm you"

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian pacer Mohammed Shami on Tuesday left from the Election Commission office in Kolkata after concluding his Special Intensive Revision (SIR) hearing, asserting that there was no problem during the process.

Shami also urged citizens to come forward and participate in the ongoing SIR exercise, stressing that it will not harm anyone.

"There was no problem... The SIR is not something that will harm you... Those who do not have an SIR form should also come," Shami told reporters after his SIR hearing.

According to the media reports, the enumeration form filled up by Shami had discrepancies in some places, because of which he was summoned for the hearing.

Shami, who hails from Uttar

Pradesh, has been residing in West Bengal for his cricketing career. He also represents the Bengal team in the Ranji Trophy.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress (TMC) 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.

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 category of 'logical discrepancies'. Thus, with a view to enabling persons included in the category, the Court issued a

direction to publish 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.

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.

TMC National General Secretary and MP, Abhishek Banerjee, termed it a defeat for the

College Student's Mysterious Death: 1 Nabbed, Area Deputy Head on Run

MI News Service, Basirhat: Salmal Mondal has been arrested in connection with the mysterious death of a college student in Basirhat. On Tuesday, the police produced him in court and requested 14 days of custody. However, the judge granted 10 days of police custody. The police are searching for the reason behind the death.

Riyaz Mondal, a 22-year-old resident of Sithulia village under Chapapukur Gram Panchayat of Matia Police Station, had been missing for about four days. A missing person report had been filed at the police station. On Monday, some villagers discovered the young man's body in an abandoned pond inside a local

mango orchard. Upon receiving the news, Riyaz's relatives rushed to the scene. They claimed that the college student had been murdered. There were multiple injury marks on his body.

As soon as the news of Riyaz's death spread, the Matia police station area of North 24 Parganas became tense. The deceased's family alleged that Pintu Mondal, the deputy head of the panchayat and a Trinamool Congress leader, was trying to shield the accused. As the news spread, tension escalated in the area. Besides protesting against the police, a group of people attacked the deputy head's house. It is alleged that vandalism took place there. The Trinamool



Salman Mondal been arrested in connection with the murder of Riyaz Mondal. leader's car was set on fire.

Suspecting Salmal's involvement in Riyaz's disappearance, villagers apprehended him and another person last Sunday. They were handed over to the police. The police detained them and took them to the police station. However, they were later released. Locals

allege that Deputy Head Pintu did not allow the police to interrogate Salmal and others. He allegedly got them released from the police station. Questions have been raised about why he did this.

Then, on Monday, Riyaz's body was recovered. The deceased's family claims that Pintu is the 'main killer'. As tension escalated, Pintu left the area with his family. On Monday night, the police arrested Salmal again. The police are investigating whether it was a murder or if there was another reason behind Riyaz's death. Investigators are trying to find the answers to all the unanswered questions by interrogating Salmal.

Rs 4 lakh road collapses in Sonamukhi, corruption alleged

MI News Service, Bakura: Serious questions have been raised over the quality and accountability and rural infrastructure works in Bakura, after a concrete road constructed under the "Amader Para, Amader Samadhan" scheme developed extensive cracks and potholes within just 15 days of completion. The incident has triggered public outrage and fresh allegations pf corruption, placing the project and its execution under sharp scrutiny.

The road, built at a cost of approximately Rs4 lakh, is located in Muslo village under

Kochdihi gram panchayat of Sonamukho block. Locals allege that the concrete surface has already begun to crumble, with deep cracks forming across the stretch. Residents claim that potholes appear even under minimal pressure, alleging that the road was constructed using sub-standard materials. Villagers have openly questioned the durability and sustainability of infrastructure that fails within weeks of construction. "If a concrete road collapse in just 15 days, what will happen after one monsoon?" asked a local resident, expressing wide-

spread frustration. The issue has swiftly taken on political overtones. Local BJP MLA Dibakar Gharami accused the ruling party of misappropriating public funds, alleging that money allocated under the 'Amadar Samadhan' scheme was siphoned off ahead of elections, resulting in compromised construction quality. According to him, the deteriorating road stands as visible evidence of corruption and misuse of government funds. The ruling TMC, however, decline to comment on the allegations. Meanwhile, the administration has offered cautions

assurances. Sonamukhi Block Development officer Nilptal Chakraborty, when contact, said that no written complaint had been formally received so far. He added that appropriate action would be taken after an investigation if a complaint is submitted. As cracks widen on the newly built road, so do concerns over transparency, monitoring and quality control in public works. The incident has once again raised uncomfortable questions about the implementation of flagship rural development schemes and the accountability of those responsible for excuting them.

SIR triggers fresh unrest: Vandalism, road blockades rock South Bengal

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs/Hooghly: Fresh tensions erupted across multiple districts of West Bengal on Tuesday over the SIR of the electoral rolls, as allegations of large-scale harassment of ordinary citizens triggered protests, vandalism, the road blockades. Incidents were reported from Basanti in South 24 parganas, Dholahat, and Polba in Hooghly, with the ruling TMC leading demonstrations over the controversial issuance of from -7 notice.

In South 24 Parganas' Basanti, the situation turned volatile when a section of the agitating crowd allegedly vandalised the Block Development Office (BDO), which also houses the SIR hearing centre. According to local sources, people summoned for hearings accused officials of unnecessary harassment, claiming they were being served notices without adequate explanation and forced to wait for hours in long queues. The protest escalated on Tuesday morning when demonstrators stormed the BDO premises, damaging property and disrupting official work. For a brief period, chaos prevailed inside the hearing centre. Subsequently, protesters blocked the Basanti State Road, bringing traffic to a standstill for nearly an hour from around 10 a.m. Police personnel later reached the spot and cleared the blockade, restoring normal movement. Similar scenes of unrest were witnessed in Dholahat, where angry residents staged protests by burning tyres, alleging that the SIR process had turned into a tool of intimidation rather than verification. In Polba, Hooghly district, TMC workers held demonstrations against the use of Form-7, accusing the authorities of targeting voters selectively under the guise of electoral revision.

Since its inception, the SIR exercise has been mired in controversy, with repeated complaints from the public that genuine voters are being dragged into hearings without cause. Many allege that the process lacks transparency and sensitivity, particularly affecting the elderly, daily wage earners, and migrant families. With tempers flaring across districts and political protests intensifying, the SIR process has once again come under sharp scrutiny, raising serious questions about its implementation and impact on ground-level public confidence in the electoral system.

Anwar Hossain Nominated for International Award in Thailand

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kamarhati witnessed a vibrant celebration of sports, discipline and inclusive education as Allama Iqbal International School successfully organized its Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm and community participation.

The highlight of the event was the presence of World Karate Champion His Royal highness Prince Dr. M.A. Ali as the Chief Guest. Addressing students, parents and guests, Dr. Ali highly appreciated the vision and efforts of the school's Principal, Management and Trust Patron Anwar Ali, praising their commitment to promoting quality education at an affordable cost.

Dr. Ali said that Allama Iqbal International School is setting a strong example by taking forward the mission of "Education for All", providing quality and value-based education with nominal minimum fees. He not-



ed that the foundation of such institutions plays a vital role in empowering underprivileged sections of society through education and sports.

Speaking further, Dr. M.A. Ali, who is not only an internationally acclaimed karate champion but also associated with royal lineage from Indonesia, announced that Anwar Hussain of Kamarhati Kolkata is nominated for King Sany Wi-

jaya international award on 7 June 2026 at Royal Thai Army Club Bangkok Thailand. For his outstanding contribution in spreading education through Allama Iqbal International School.

The Sports Day featured impressive performances, athletic competitions and demonstrations that reflected discipline, teamwork and confidence among students. Parents and guests lauded the school's balanced focus on academics, sports and character-building.

The event concluded with a strong message that education combined with sports can shape a healthier, more empowered future, reinforcing Allama Iqbal International School's role as a beacon of inclusive and progressive education in the region. Free karate training upto Black Belt will be introduced in the school Curriculum from April 2026 said School Md Salim.

Writ petition filed in Calcutta High Court against Vice-Chancellor of Burdwan University and two others

MI News Service, Burdwan: A writ petition has been filed in the Calcutta High Court against the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and Finance Officer of Burdwan University. The petition has been filed based on four allegations. The main allegations include financial irregularities amounting to crores of rupees during the Vice-Chancellor's tenure, gross mismanagement in the university's administration, abuse of power, and irregularities in promotions and appointments. The case is likely to be heard this week.

Firstly, Burdwan University's

Rajbati campus is a heritage campus. Selling scrap materials from this campus requires adherence to the state government's rules from 2015, 2016, and 2021. An e-auction must be conducted, and the contract awarded to the highest bidder. However, it is alleged that none of these procedures were followed during the current Vice-Chancellor's tenure. On March 6th of last year, a notice was issued through an internal committee. The very next day, March 7th, a spot auction was held. Instead of awarding the contract to the highest bidder

(52 lakhs) or the second highest bidder (48 lakhs), it was given to the third bidder (36 lakhs). This raised questions. Following this, allegations of violating rules were leveled against the Vice-Chancellor and the internal committee.

Secondly, in the 2023 audit, the Accountant General of West Bengal (AG Bengal) identified financial irregularities amounting to approximately 10 to 12 crore rupees in various departments of the university and instructed that these be rectified. However, it is alleged that these instructions were not followed.

Counting of herbivorous and carnivorous animals begun in Buxa forest! Royal Bengal tiger made its presence

MI News Service, Buxa: Like the rest of the country, a census has begun in the Buxa Tiger Reserve after four years. The counting of herbivores and the survey of carnivore signs will continue for six consecutive days. A total of 80 areas have been marked inside the forest, where forest workers are walking and collecting and documenting various signs, including footprints of wild animals. Forest workers have spotted fresh tiger footprints during the survey. These signs deep inside the forest indicate that Royal Bengal tigers are still roaming in the deep

forests of Buxa.

According to the forest department, approximately 200 forest workers are participating in this survey. With the help of modern technology, all the information is being recorded in the 'M-Stripes Ecology' app on mobile phones. More than 250 cameras have already been installed inside the forest. By analyzing the images captured by these cameras, the actual number of tigers and other wild animals in the Buxa forest will be known.

Debashis Sharma, Deputy Field Director (East) of the Buxa Tiger Reserve, said,

"Like the rest of the country, this survey is conducted every four years in the Buxa Tiger Reserve. The counting of herbivores and the survey of carnivore signs will continue for six consecutive days. On the very first day of the survey, forest workers spotted a tiger's footprint."

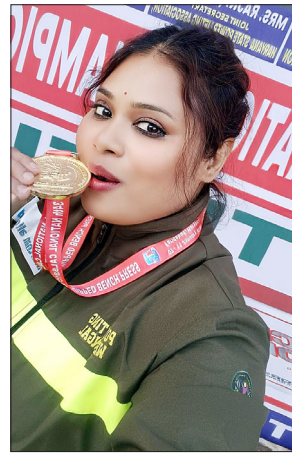
After the Neora Valley National Park, a tiger's picture was captured in the forests of the Buxa Tiger Reserve. In this tiger reserve, after 1998, a tiger's picture was captured by a trap camera in 2021 and finally in 2023. Now, tiger footprints have also been found.

Asansol's Jayeeta Sarkar wins Gold Medal in National Bench Press Championship

MI News Service, Asansol: Jayeeta Sarkar, a school teacher of Mithani High School, Kulti, Asansol, has brought pride to West Bengal by winning the Gold Medal in the 76 kg Master-1 (Classic Bench Press) category at the 34th National Bench Press Championship, held from 7-11 January 2026 in Faridabad, Haryana.

Earlier, she secured the Silver Medal at the 51st Eastern India Powerlifting Championship (Senior - Men & Women) held in Andul, Howrah, in December 2025.

She is also a multiple-time District Gold Medalist and a State-level Gold Medalist.



Despite managing a full-time

teaching job from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., she continued disciplined training in the demanding sport of powerlifting.

In 2026, she has received the opportunity to represent India at the Asian Pacific Powerlifting Championships (South Africa), Asian Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships (Qatar), and the Commonwealth Games (Canada).

Participation in these prestigious international competitions would be greatly supported by appropriate financial assistance and sponsorship, enabling her to compete and represent the country at the highest level.

Tamil Nadu Governor storms out of assembly after 'insult' to National Anthem

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mental Constitutional Duty disregarded," it said in a statement. The state anthem "Tamil Thai Vazthu" is played at the beginning of a session, and the National Anthem at the end. Ravi has, since 2025, insisted that the National Anthem be played at the beginning too. The Governor's office said Ravi's mic was repeatedly switched off, and he was not allowed to speak. It added that the speech he refused to read contained unsubstantiated claims and misleading statements. The statement said women's safety was ignored and the prevalence of narcotics and attacks against Dalits were bypassed, apart from a decline in the standard of education.

"Claims that the state attracted huge investments to the tune of over 12 lakh crores are far from the truth," the statement said. It added that crucial High court directions on the restoration and preservation of ancient temples have not been implemented even after five years. "Several thousand temples in the state are without a Board of Trustees and are directly administered by the state government. Millions and millions of devotees are deeply hurt and frustrated with the mismanagement of temples. Sentiments of devotees callously ignored," the Governor's office said. Speaker M Appavu read the speech in Tamil after Ravi walked out, urging the BJP-led Union government to release funds due to Tamil Nadu. "It is a matter of grave concern that the Union government has been adopting an adverse attitude towards the state government, leading to the continued denial of approvals and financial allocations for several essential projects," the speech prepared for the Governor said.

SIR is 'Software Intensive Rigging' of ECI, alleges TMC

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using? Why is it being revised constantly? We asked who makes this software? Come, tell us," O'Brien said. The Supreme Court said on Monday that the SIR process in West Bengal should be transparent and not cause inconvenience to people, and directed the EC to display the names of those on the "logical discrepancies" list at gram Panchayat bhavans, Block Development and Ward offices, where documents and objections will also be submitted. Logical discrepancies in progeny linking with the 2002 voter list include instances, such as a mismatch in the parent's name and the age difference between a voter and his parent being less than 15 years or more than 50 years. In his plea before the apex court, O'Brien has alleged arbitrariness and procedural irregularities in the SIR of the electoral rolls in the state.

Slight respite from freezing cold conditions in Kashmir

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minus 1.6 degree Celsius, they added. Kashmir valley is currently in the midst of 'Chilla-i-Kalan', 40 days of extreme cold, during which night temperatures often drop several degrees below the freezing point, and the chances of snowfall are the highest. 'Chilla-i-Kalan', which began on December 21 last year, ends on January 30.

India is not in a rush to get on board with Trump's 'Board of Peace' for Gaza

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Executive Board to operationalise the 'Board of Peace's' vision. The members of this committee include US secretary of state Marco Rubio, former British premier Tony Blair, US special envoy to the Middle East, Steve Witkoff, Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and World Bank President Ajay Banga, among others.

Mamata to Launch Housing Aid for 16 Lakh Families at Singur

MI News Service, Kolkata: According to sources at Nabanna, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to hold an administrative meeting at Singur on Wednesday, January 28, barring any last-minute changes. From the Singur platform, the Chief Minister is expected to launch the disbursement of the first instalment of funds for the construction of houses for an additional 1.6 million families across the state.

The announcement that the state government would provide financial assistance to 16 lakh families for building houses has already been made, and the scheme has generated significant expectations, particularly among economically weaker sections in rural areas. While the scale of the initiative may not be fully realised from an urban perspective, district-level rural populations are looking at it as a major



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relief. Officials estimate that between 6 to 8 million people will benefit, gaining access to permanent housing. Under the scheme, each beneficiary family will receive ₹1.20 lakh directly into their bank accounts. This will amount to a total expenditure of ₹19,200 crore solely

for housing assistance, with additional administrative costs to be incurred by the state government. Overall spending on the project is expected to exceed ₹19,000 crore.

Government officials noted that no previous state administration in West Bengal has spent such a mas-

sive amount on a single project within such a short time frame, making the initiative a landmark welfare move. Political observers have drawn comparisons with Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, which was widely regarded as a game-changing announcement during the state's Assembly elections. Under that scheme, 1.2 crore women received ₹10,000 each, costing the Bihar government ₹12,000 crore. Analysts believe that the scheme played a decisive role in the electoral outcome. In contrast, the Mamata Banerjee government's housing initiative involves a significantly higher financial outlay. Notably, ₹14,500 crore has already been allocated in the current financial year to cover 12 lakh families under the same scheme, underscoring the state's commitment to housing for all.



The much acclaimed book 'Chobiwalar Golpo' published by Mandas Publication was released at Press Club in Kolkata on Tuesday. Eminent personalities like Gautam Ghosh, Kunal Ghosh, Debasish Bhattacharya, Biswa Majumder along with several other dignitaries can be seen at the auspicious occasion.

Cal HC Orders Deployment of CAPF in Beldanga to Maintain Law and Order

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday expressed concern over the prevailing unrest in Beldanga, Murshidabad, and directed that Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) already stationed in the district be deployed in the affected area to ensure normalcy. The Division Bench comprising Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya instructed the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police to take all necessary steps to maintain law and order. In its order, the court noted that five companies of central forces are already present in Murshidabad. Emphasising the need to protect "life and livelihood," the Chief Justice stated that these forces should be effectively utilised to deal with the situation. The court further observed that if the existing strength of central forces proves insufficient, the state government may seek approval from the Centre for the deployment of additional personnel.

The direction came while hearing two public interest litigations (PILs) filed on Monday seeking deployment of central forces in Beldanga. During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel alleged that despite the presence of central forces in Murshidabad, they were not deployed promptly during the outbreak of violence. It was also claimed that extensive damage to public and

private property had taken place in the name of protest, including vandalism of railway property, assault on journalists and blockage of a national highway. The petitioner further argued that the violence was pre-planned, a fact allegedly acknowledged by the district's Superintendent of Police. Drawing attention to previous incidents, the petitioner pointed out that central forces had been deployed during similar unrest in July last year, but were not effectively used this time despite being stationed in areas such as Samsheganj and Dhulian. The petitioner also urged the court to direct the imposition of prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (equivalent to Section 144 of the CrPC).

Another significant issue raised was the demand for an NIA probe, with the petitioner alleging that foreign funding might have been involved in disturbing national peace. The court observed that if the Centre deems an NIA investigation necessary, it would have full liberty to proceed independently. Representing the state, senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee informed the court that over 500 arrests had been made in earlier incidents and displaced residents had been rehabilitated. He said 31 arrests were made in the present case, four FIRs were registered and CAPF personnel were conducting area patrols.

Cal HC Takes Suo Motu Cognisance of Kolkata Pollution

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the growing pollution problem in Kolkata and registered a case in this regard. On Monday, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice T. S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya stated that the matter had been formally taken up by the court. The Bench also informed that notices have already been issued to both the Central and the State governments seeking their responses. The Additional Solicitor General, appearing on behalf of the Centre, acknowledged receipt of the court's notice. The Bench further directed that two other public interest litigations related to



pollution issues be clubbed with the suo motu case. The High Court fixed January 28 as the date for hearing of all the matters. During the proceedings, the court took note of the fact

that the Kolkata Police collect fines amounting to several lakhs of rupees every year for violations of environmental laws and pollution control norms. However, data submitted by the Kolkata Police's Anti-Pollution Cell reportedly indicates that sufficient public awareness on pollution-related issues is yet to be achieved. Kolkata and neighbouring Howrah have frequently featured at the centre of discussions on air and noise pollution. In earlier hearings, concerns were raised over the lack of coordinated efforts by the police and administrative authorities to effectively control air and sound pollution, despite multiple directives issued by the National Green Tribunal.

ICG Rescues Bangladeshi Fisherman Near IMBL



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of its ongoing IMBL surveillance on January 18, 2026, Indian Coast Guard Ship Kamla Devi recovered a fisherman at sea after spotting him near the international maritime boundary. The individual was recovered with the assistance of a life buoy and later identified as Abdul Manna, a 22-year-old Bangladeshi national. He reported that he fell overboard after his fishing vessel made a sudden manoeuvre and managed to stay afloat by swimming. Acting in accordance with the India-Bangladesh Coast Guard Memorandum of Understanding on maritime search and rescue, the rescued fisherman was safely handed over to Bangladesh Coast Guard Ship Padma on January 19.

ED Raids Across 3 States in GST Scam Probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: Central investigative agencies carried out early morning searches once again in the city, with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducting raids in connection with a massive financial irregularity linked to GST and Input Tax Credit (ITC). The operation began on Tuesday morning and is being carried out simultaneously at multiple locations across West Bengal, Jharkhand and Manipur. According to ED sources, the investigation pertains to an alleged financial scam amounting to over ₹650 crore. Several individuals

and companies are suspected to be involved in the case. The searches are aimed at identifying the key masterminds behind the alleged scam and tracing the flow of illicit funds. The operation is being led by a team from the ED's Itanagar zonal office. Officials stated that the agency had earlier received complaints regarding large-scale misuse of the Input Tax Credit mechanism through the creation of fake companies, primarily in eastern India. The ED had been closely monitoring suspicious financial transactions for a considerable period.

49th IKBF to kick off on Jan 21

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata is all set to host the 49th International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF) 2026, with the inauguration scheduled for January 21 at 4 pm. The ceremony will be graced by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, along with Argentine Tagore scholar Gustavo Canzobre, H.E. Mr Mariano Agustín Caucino, Ambassador of Argentina, Shri Swapnamoy Chakraborti, government ministers, and other dignitaries. During the inaugural event, Shri Swapnamoy Chakraborti will be conferred the Guild Lifetime Literary Award worth ₹2 lakh. The Kolkata Literature Festival (KLF) will be held on January 24-25 at the auditorium, featuring sessions with literary luminaries including Amitav Ghosh, Goutam Ghose, Devdutt Pattanaik, Shireshendu Mukhopadhyay, Kiran Desai, and Durjoy Datta. Cultural events include a star performance by Ustad Nishat Khan, musical shows by university students, and a performance by Anupam Roy. Senior Citizen's Day will be celebrated on January 30 at 4:30 pm, honouring poet Mridul Dasgupta, publisher Rajendra Kumar Mehra of Rupa, and reader Nirmal Bhattacharya. The 49th IKBF, a flagship cultural event of the city, promises a vibrant confluence of literature, art, and music, celebrating global and Bengali literary heritage. The Guild of Publishers welcomes everyone to participate and make the fair a grand success.

12th KICFF to Begin on Jan 23

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 12th edition of the Kolkata International Children's Film Festival (KICFF) is set to begin on January 23 and will continue till January 29. Organised by the Children and Youth Academy under the Information and Cultural Affairs Department of the West Bengal government, the festival has been held regularly for the past 11 years. A press conference was held earlier this week at Nandan, attended by Minister of State for Information and Cultural Affairs Indranil Sen and Academy Chairperson Arpita Ghosh. This year's festival theme is "Treasure Hunt". Over the seven-day event, audiences will get to watch around 180 films from 32 countries. The opening film will be Satyajit Ray's iconic classic Sonar Kella, while the closing film will be Pakhira Dim, directed by Soukarya Ghosal.

Screenings will take place across nine venues, including Nandan 1, 2 and 3, Rabindra Sadan, Sisir Mancha, Chalachitra Satbarshiki Bhavan, Rabindra Okakura Bhavan, Rabindra Tirtha and Ek-tara Open Stage. Films will be screened daily at 12 noon, 3 pm and 6 pm.



Indian cricketer MD Shami appeared at the SIR hearing in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Abhishek Banerjee to Meet West Bengal CEO on Jan 27

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee will visit the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal on January 27 to hold discussions with CEO Manoj Agarwal. He will be accompanied by a 10-member delegation of the ruling party. The visit comes a day after the party claimed a major legal victory in the Supreme Court in connection with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls.

According to party sources, the Trinamool Congress on Monday sent an official email to the CEO's office seeking an appointment, shortly after the Supreme Court delivered its order on the SIR-related matter. While the email does not spell out the agenda in detail, it states that the delegation intends to discuss several "important issues" with the election authorities. The proposed meeting has triggered political interest, with speculation mounting over the subjects likely to be raised. Sources indicated that the request for the meeting is closely linked to the ongoing special revision of the voters' list in West Bengal. On December 31, Abhishek Banerjee had led a similar 10-member dele-



gation to New Delhi, where they met Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Following that meeting, the Trinamool Congress accused the Election Commission of harassing voters under the pretext of "logical discrepancies" during the revision process. The party had also demanded that booth-level agents, known as BLA-2s, be allowed to remain present at hearing centres during the SIR process. That demand received significant backing on Monday when the Supreme Court, in an order passed by a bench led by the Chief Justice of India, ruled that voters may be accompanied by their BLA-2 representatives during SIR hearings if they so wish. Soon after the court's order, Abhishek Banerjee addressed a public meeting in Barasat, striking a combative note.

Massive search operation to hunt down Pak terrorists in J-K

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grenades, injuring seven soldiers, before escaping. Later, one of the soldiers, Havildar Gajendra Singh, died of his injuries. The hideout's discovery has exposed a local support network. Security agencies believe that without local support it was not easy to construct such a fortified bunker with several entry points and then dump large quantities of rations and other eatables to survive winter months. Security agencies have swung into action to bust the overground network supporting these terrorists operating at such heights. In this connection, four locals have been detained for questioning. The security forces have

launched 'Operation Trashil' to flush out terrorists in Kishtwar. The massive hunt entered the third day on Tuesday. It followed a major counter-terrorist operation launched in the forest belts of the Jammu region in December last year to eliminate nearly three dozen holed-up terrorists. Operations have been further intensified in the run-up to Republic Day to ensure peaceful celebrations, amid intelligence inputs about desperate attempts by Pakistan-based handlers to push more terrorists into the region. Police personnel check a vehicle on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway ahead of Republic Day, at Qazigund in Kulgam district, Jammu and Kashmir.

Nitin Nabin takes over as BJP National President

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contrasts sharply with arch-rivals Congress continuing to be led by 84-year-old veteran politician Mallikarjun Kharge. Sources within the BJP, particularly those who have worked closely with him in the past, describe Nabin as a hardworking and politically curious individual with a party-first mindset. He is seen as grounded and accessible, and a man of 'samanvay' or coordination. He comes from the Kayastha community in Bihar, an upper caste group widely seen as politically neutral and not in direct conflict with other groups - worked in his favour too. Most significant, perhaps, is an assurance Nabin "understands the leadership's way of working and will not cross the line... and will take everyone, especially seniors, along", meaning feathers won't be ruffled and the boat earlier captained by Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah won't turn turtle. But the appointment isn't just about ensuring all members of the BJP's top leadership - which includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah - is aligned on ideology. Despite his age, Nabin brings nearly two decades of organisational experience, having risen from the party's youth wing in Bihar to handling and fulfilling key election duties, one of which was dismantling the Congress in Chhattisgarh and bringing the BJP back to power in the state. And, to top it off, Nabin is already a five-time MLA; he won Bihar's now-defunct Patna West seat in 2006 and then won four times on the trot from Bankipur. And he also has experience as a minister, having briefly held Bihar's Law, Roadways, and Urban Development departments.

Name Change
I, Bappi Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik (old name), R/o. Bahira, Digra, Balagarh, Hooghly-721512, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Bappi Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik to Bappi Mallick S/o. Jaynal Mallick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Bappi Mallick S/o. Jaynal Mallick in all purpose, E.C No. 847 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 19/01/2026. I, Bappi Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik & Bappi Mallick all are the same & one identical person. My correct D.O.B. is 13/08/1986.

Name Change
I, Hasan Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik (old name), R/o. Bahira, Digra, Balagarh, Hooghly-721512, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Hasan Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik to Hasan Mallick S/o. Jaynal Mallick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Hasan Mallick S/o. Jaynal Mallick in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 846 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 19/01/2026. I, Hasan Malik S/o. Jaynal Malik & Hasan Mallick S/o. Jaynal Mallick both are the same & one identical person. My wife Tazmira Begam & Tazmira Bibi both are the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, IMTIJAZ ALI, S/O- SAHARUDDIN, residing at VIII, & P.O- Ghoragachha, P.S- Kalyani, Dist.- Nadia, PIN- 741245, W.B., do hereby declare that in 2002 Voter List 82 Chakdaha Assemble Part No.157, Serial No.325, E.C No. WB/12/082/453428 my father's name has been recorded as SAHARUDDIN MONDAL. On 20.01.2026 vide an Affidavit before the Court of 1st Class A.C.J.M-II, Kalyani, Nadia, I affirm that SAHARUDDIN & SAHARUDDIN MONDAL is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SHAWKAT ALI SEKH, S/O- LT ZAHURUL HAQUE SEKH, do hereby declare that on 16/01/26 vide an Affidavit (no. 2716) before Basirhat 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court I affirm that SHAKAT ALI SEKH & SHAWKAT ALI, MD SHAWKAT ALI is the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sentu Sarkar, s/o Lt. Mahendra Sarkar, R/D at Vill- Sbadalpur, P.O. Aranghata, P.S.- Dhanata, Dist-Nadia, Pin- 741501. Vide Affidavit Sworn before the court of Id. Judicial 1st Class Magistrate at Ranaghat on 16/01/2026. That my father Lt. Mahendra Sarkar, Mahendra Nait Sarkar and Mahendra Chandra Sarkar was the Same and one identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sampa Basu (old name), w/o Sukharajan Basu, R/D at Gopalnagar Road, P.O.- P.S.- Ranaghat, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741201. Nabin Basu is my son. Shall henceforth be known as Shampa Basu (New Name) declared before the court of Id. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Ranaghat Nadia, W.B. Vide Affidavit No-2298, on 16/01/2026. That I Sampa Basu (old name) and Shampa Basu (New Name) both are Same and identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mitu Pal, (old name) D/O- Ananda Pal, (old name) residing at Vill- Dakshin Garibpur, P/O-Garibpur, P/S- Domkal, Dist- Murshidabad. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mitu Mondal, W/O- Riasop Mondal as declared before the Id.1st class J.M at Berhampore vide Affidavit No.- 263 dt-14/01/2026 Mitu Pal (old name), & Mitu Mondal (New name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, ABDUL SALIM MONDAL, S/O- LT ABDUL HAMID, residing at Vill.- Moleypur Purbapara, P.O- Raghunathpur, P.S- Baduria, North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that my actual name ABDUL SALIM MONDAL is recorded in my Aadhaar Card (6213 7378 6909) and in my Voter Card (HCT 0299107). But in 2002 Voter Card (WB/14/094/141086) serial no. 739 the name is recorded as RAJU MONDAL. On 20-11-25 vide an Affidavit (No. 27335/25) before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate I affirm that ABDUL SALIM MONDAL & RAJU MONDAL is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SEIKH SANJIBAR RAHAMAN (Old Name), S/O- LATE SK ATIAR RAHAMAN, R/o- Vill- Bagpukur, P.O- Zafarpur, P.S- Matia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743428. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK SANJIBAR RAHAMAN (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Basirhat Court Affidavit No. 11903/2025 dt. 21-11-2025. SEIKH SANJIBAR RAHAMAN (Old Name) and SK SANJIBAR RAHAMAN (New Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, ROMJAN GAZI, S/O KASEM GAJI, do hereby declare that in my name appears as ROMJAN ALI GAZI S/O AH: KACHEM GAZI in my birth certificate (Regn No-2037 16-04-2002 HADIPUR JHKRA-2512 Panchayat). On 03/01/2026 vide affidavit no. 556, before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that ROMJAN GAZI, S/O KASEM GAJI and ROMJAN ALI GAZI S/O AH: KACHEM GAZI both are the same & one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sheikh Anwar Hussain S/o Late Sheikh Noor Mohammad, residing at Bamnaria, Panchberia, Ward No- 4, P.O.- Inda, P.S.- Kharagpur (T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, W.B, PIN- 721305 shall henceforth be known as Sk. Anwar Hussain S/o Late Sk. Noor Mohammad as declared in the Court of Id. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur vide Affidavit No. 574 Dated 16/01/2026. Sheikh Anwar Hussain S/o Late Sheikh Noor Mohammad and Sk. Anwar Hussain S/o Late Sk. Noor Mohammad both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Anrab Bhadra (Old Name) S/o Pratul Kumar Bhadra Residing at 25/A Kamini Road, Pramatha Nagar, Jamshedpur, Haludhani, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand - 831002, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arnab Bhadra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no. 832/2026 Dated 20-01-2026. Anrab Bhadra (Old Name) and Arnab Bhadra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sayera Bibi (Old Name) W/o Md Ibrahim Molla Residing at Natakupur, P.O- Pittha Pukuria, P.S- Kashipur District- South 24 Parganas, India, Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saira Khatun (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Sayera Bibi (Old Name) and Saira Khatun (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Paresh Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Late Gouranga Chandra Ghosh Residing at 22/1, Khetra Nitra Lane, P.o- Sarkia, P.s - Golabari, District-Howrah, Pin- 711106, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Paresh Chandra Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Paresh Ghosh (Old Name) and Paresh Chandra Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Papiya Bibi (Old Name) W/o Md Hasanur Rahaman Residing at Natakupur, P.o- Pittha Pukuria, P.S- Kashipur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Papiya Khatun (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Papiya Bibi (Old Name) and Papiya Khatun (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjukta Mondal (Old Name) W/o Dilip Kumar Mondal Residing at Shanti Apartment, Flat No. G2, Ramkrishna Road, Burdwan, District - Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713101, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjukta Biswas Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Id. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Purba Bardhaman vide affidavit no 6138 Dated 10-12-2025. Sanjukta Mondal (Old Name) and Sanjukta Biswas Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mollika Mukherjee (Old Name) Wife Of Anantan Chakraborty, Residing At 135, Shyamnagar Road, P.O- Bangur Avenue, P.S.- Nager Bazar, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mallika Chakraborty (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Barasat On 22/12/2025. Mollika Mukherjee (Old Name) And Mallika Chakraborty (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bimal Mondal (Old Name) S/o Banamali Mondal Residing at Peyara Bagan, Muragachha, P.o - Jugberia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700110, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimal Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Bimal Mondal (Old Name) and Bimal Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Vijay Kumar Nigam (Old Name) S/o Santeshwar Nath Nigam Residing at 122B, Ananda Palit Road, House No 2, District - Kolkata, Pin 700014, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vinay Kumar Nigam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Vijay Kumar Nigam (Old Name) and Vinay Kumar Nigam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sujit Kumar Laskar (Old Name) S/o Late Manindra Chandra Laskar Residing at Krishna Nagar, Pragati Road, Agartala, West Tripura - 799001, Tripura, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sujit Kumar Laskar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-01-2026. Sujit Kumar Laskar (Old Name) and Sujit Kumar Laskar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kazi Ajijul Haque S/o. Kazi Abdul Gafur, R/o. Bantika Musalmanpara, Boinch, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B., do hereby declare that in my Voter Card where my name has been recorded as Ajijul Hak Kaji & also in my Aadhaar Card & in my Pan Card where my name has been recorded as Kazi Azizul Haque. That I, Kazi Ajijul Haque, Ajijul Hak Kaji & Kazi Azizul Haque S/o. Kazi Abdul Gafur all are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 533 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/01/2026.

Name Change
I, Kaji Samsul Haque S/o. Kazi Ajijul Haque, R/o. Bantika Musalmanpara, Boinch, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B., do hereby declare that in my Aadhaar Card where my father's name has been recorded as Kazi Ajijul Haque & also in my Voter Card where my father's name has been recorded as Kazi Ajijul Haque. That my father Kazi Ajijul Haque, Kazi Azizul Haque & Kazi Ajijul Haque S/o. Kazi Abdul Gafur, all are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 532 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/01/2026.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) TAJEMADDIN SK S/O- HAFEJUDDIN SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Harinagar, Post - Natungram, P.S- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from TAJEMADDIN SK To TAZEMUDDIN SEIKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD TAZEMUDDIN SEIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026, TAZEMUDDIN SEIKH and TAJEMADDIN SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SABINA YESMIN W/o- HANNAN KHAN Residing at, Vill- Dhekabich Kandi, Post- Ekgharia, P.S- Burwan, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742143, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SABINA YESMIN To NAHERA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NAHERA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026, NAHERA BIBI and SABINA YESMIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) NITAI BISWAS S/O- DEBENDRA BISWAS Residing at, Vill - Goyalbari, Post - Chaugachha, P.S- Chakdaha, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741222, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NITAI BISWAS To NITACHANDRA BISWAS (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NITACHANDRA BISWAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026, NITACHANDRA BISWAS and NITAI BISWAS both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Gulnaz Hossain, Daughter Of Late Sabdar Hossain, Residing At S/A, Chamru Singh Lane, P.S- Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Father's Name Sk Manu And Sabdur Hossain (Old Names) To Sabdar Hossain (New Name) My Father's Name Wrongly Entered His Death Certificate And Voter Id Vide Voter Id Card No. Wb/22/155/129535. Sk Manu And My Birth Certificate Sabdur Hossain Instead Of Sabdar Hossain. He Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sabdar Hossain Vide An Affidavit No 12828 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah On 19/11/2025. Sk Manu, Sabdur Hossain And Sabdar Hossain All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Imran Hossain, Son Of Late Sabdar Hossain, Residing At S/A, Chamru Singh Lane, P.S- Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Father Name Sk Manu And Sabdur Hossain (Old Names) To Sabdar Hossain (New Name) My Father's Name Wrongly Entered His Death Certificate And Voter Id Vide Voter Id Card No. Wb/22/155/129535 Sk Manu Instead Of Sabdar Hossain And He Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sabdar Hossain Vide An Affidavit No 12827 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Sealdah On 19/11/2025. Sk Manu, Sabdar Hossain And Sabdur Hossain All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hazra Naushad (old name) daughter of Md. Zaki and wife of Naushad Shaikh, residing at 45/2B, Bright Street, Circus Avenue, Kolkata - 700017, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hajra Naushad (new name) as sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit No. 30 dated 19/01/2026. Hajra Naushad (old name) and Hajra Naushad (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bijay Kumar Jain (Old Name) S/o Bhanwarlal Kashwail Residing at Kalibari Road, Railway Colony Ward 06, Dimapur Sadar, Dimapur, Nagaland - 797112, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Bijay Kumar Kashwail (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-09-2025. Bijay Kumar Jain (Old Name) and Bijay Kumar Kashwail (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ahsan (Old Name) S/o Md Mansur Residing at Mallikpur, Mallikpur (CT), Mallickpore, Baruipur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700145 West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Md Ehasan (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit no 91/2026 Dated 20-01-2026. Md Ahsan (Old Name) and Md Ehasan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, P K Bhadra (Old Name) S/o Guru Pado Bhadra Residing at 25/A Kamini Road, Pramatha Nagar, Jamshedpur, Haludhani, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831002, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pratul Kumar Bhadra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 90/2026 Dated 20-01-2026. P K Bhadra (Old Name) and Pratul Kumar Bhadra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Selima Mondal (Old Name), Wife Of Ahid Mondal, Residing At Vill-Jaigir Ghat, Po-Joka, Ps-Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700104, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Selina Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 8081 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 20/01/2026.Selima Mondal And Selina Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ohid Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Jaynal Mondal, Residing At Vill-Jaigir Ghat, Po-Joka, Ps-Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700104, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ahid Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 8082 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 20/01/2026. Ohid Mondal And Ahid Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pamoli Banerjee (old name) W/O Santanu Chakraborty, residing at Balaji Residency-F-4A, 5 Nrisingha Dutta Road, Kolkata- 700008, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pamoli Banerjee Chakraborty (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/01/2026. Pamoli Banerjee Chakraborty (new name) and Pamoli Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradip Kumar Deb (old name) S/O Binode Behari Deb, residing at 5 Hospital Link Road, Eastern Park, Survey Park, Kolkata- 700075, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Deb (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/01/2026. Pradip Deb (new name) and Pradip Kumar Deb (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mamataj Minya (Old Name), Wife Of Kalam Purkait, Residing At Sarat Pally, Joynagar-II, Po-Sarat Pally, Ps-Kultiati, Baruipur- 743349, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mamtaj Purkait (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Mamataj Minya And Mamtaj Purkait Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Morsalim Minya (Old Name), Son Of Kalam Purkait, Residing At Sarat Pally, Joynagar-II, Po-Sarat Pally, Ps-Kultiati, Baruipur- 743349, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Morselim Purkait (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Morsalim Minya And Morselim Purkait Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mafaja Minya (Old Name), Wife Of Morselim Purkait, Residing At Sarat Pally, Joynagar-II, Po-Sarat Pally, Ps-Kultiati, Baruipur- 743349, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mafuja Purkait (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Mafaja Minya And Mafuja Purkait Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kalam Minya (Old Name), Son Of Arfat Purkait, Residing At Sarat Pally, Joynagar-II, Po-Sarat Pally, Ps-Kultiati, Baruipur- 743349, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kalam Purkait (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Kalam Minya And Kalam Purkait Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rahul Kumar Jaiswal (Old Name), Son Of Rajendra Prasad Jaiswal, Residing At R.G.M.15-11/1, Mondal Para, Jyanga, Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), North 24 Parganas-700059, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rahul Jaiswal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/01/2026. Rahul Kumar Jaiswal And Rahul Jaiswal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Krishna Paul, Wife Of Goutam Paul, Di No Wb-0520170013029, Residing At 582/1 Purbok Purbu Jadavpur, Kolkata- 700099, West Bengal, In My Driving Licence My Husband's Name Recorded As G Paul As Father Name G Paul And Goutam Paul Same And One Identical Person Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 19/01/2025.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SEIKH HANIF and HASIF SK S/O- AYANADDI SK Residing at, Vill - Purbagram, Post - Salar, P.S- Salari, Dist- Murshidabad, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SEIKH HANIF and HASIF SK To NUR ALAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NUR ALAM in all purpose vide an affidavit Sworn before the Judicial Magistrate at Kandi Murshidabad On 11/02/2013. NUR ALAM and SEIKH HANIF and HASIF SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) CHAMELI BIBI W/O MIA KHANDRAK MOJIBAR RAHAMAN and KHANDAKAR MAJIBAR RAHAMAN is recorded in my Aadhaar card and Voter List, Residing at Vill - Firojpur, Post - Dangapara, Ps-Islampur, Dist- Murshidabad, West Bengal, Shall henceforth be known as (New Name) HASENURA BIBI W/O KHANDAKAR MOJIBAR RAHAMAN That my name HASENURA BIBI and CHAMELI BIBI and that my Husband name KHANDAKAR MOJIBAR RAHAMAN and MIA KHANDRAK MOJIBAR RAHAMAN and KHANDAKAR MAJIBAR RAHAMAN is the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit sworn before the S.D.E.M at Domkal Murshidabad.

Eastern Railway Organises Asansol & Malda Divisional Committee Meeting With Members Of Parliament At Asansol

MI News Service, Kolkata, 20 Jan.26 : Eastern Railway organised a high-level Divisional Committee Meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament of the Asansol and Malda Divisional network today (20.01.2026) at Asansol, in the august presence of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway. The meeting was convened to deliberate on key issues and major developmental initiatives pertaining to Asansol and Malda Divisions.

During the meeting, detailed presentations were made highlighting extensive infrastructure upgradation, passenger-centric initiatives and operational improvements undertaken by both divisions over the past year. These initiatives were highly appreciated by the Chairperson of the meeting, Shri Shatrughan Sinha, particularly the large-scale provision of lifts and escalators, redevelopment of stations and significant enhancement of passenger amenities.

Principal Heads of Departments of Eastern Railway, including CAO (Construction), PCE, PCCM, PCOM, CAO (Construction-RSP), PCEE, PCSTE, PCME and IG-cum-PCSC, along with the Divisional Railway Managers of Asansol and Malda Divisions and DGM (G), Eastern Railway, were present during the meeting.

Several Hon'ble Members of Parliament participated in the meeting including Shri Shatrughan Sinha (Asansol), Shri Giridhari Yadav (Banka), Shri Nalin Soren (Dumka), Shri



Ajay Kumar Mandal (Bhagalpur) and Dr. Sarfraz Ahmad, Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha. Representatives of other Hon'ble Members of Parliament from Jamui, Durgapur, Dhanbad, Giridih, Birbhum, Malda, Uttar Malda, Koderma, Godda and Jangipur were also present.

The Divisional Railway Managers of Asansol and Malda apprised the Hon'ble Members about several landmark works and achievements, including redevelopment of major stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme with modern concourses, improved waiting halls, upgraded circulating areas and Divyangjan-friendly facilities.

Extensive installation of lifts and escalators at key stations of both divisions was highlighted, significantly improving accessibility for senior citizens, women and Divyangjan passengers. This initiative received special appreciation from the Chairperson of the meeting.

The meeting was also informed about the introduction and extension of new train services, including Amrit Bharat Express trains, and conversion of

several long-distance trains to LHB rakes. A historic milestone was noted with the inauguration of India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train passing through Malda Division, along with Amrit Bharat Express services, flagged off by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Other major initiatives discussed included commissioning of Electronic Interlocking systems, yard remodelling, safety fencing for 130 kmph operations, strengthening of signalling and telecom assets, and enhancement of passenger amenities such as Coach Indication Boards, Train Indication Boards, CCTV surveillance, mechanised cleaning, free Wi-Fi, baby feeding rooms, water vending machines, One Station One Product (OSOP) stalls and PMBJK facilities.

It was highlighted that a large number of new train stoppages were provided during the last year at stations across both divisions, addressing long-pending public demands. Hon'ble Members of Parliament and their representatives offered constructive suggestions for additional stoppages at certain stations, which were wel-

comed for further examination.

Both divisions also successfully operated a large number of festival special trains, including Shrawani Mela, summer and festive specials, ensuring smooth travel during peak demand periods. These services greatly benefited pilgrims, migrant workers and long-distance passengers across Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Hon'ble Members of Parliament expressed satisfaction over the pace of development and appreciated Eastern Railway's proactive approach. Suggestions were made regarding enhanced connectivity, additional stoppages, replacement of rakes, introduction of new services, construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and further improvement of passenger amenities.

Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, assured the Hon'ble Members that all suggestions would be examined from technical and economic perspectives and pursued with the Railway Board, reaffirming Eastern Railway's commitment to safety, passenger convenience and inclusive development.

Schedule For Regular Run Of Amrit Bharat Express Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata, 20 Jan.26 : Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated 16107/16108 Tambaram-Santragachi-Tambaram, 20604/20603 Nagercoil-New Jalpaiguri-Nagercoil and 20610/20609 Tiruchchirappalli-New Jalpaiguri-Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express which will run on regular basis as per the following schedule:

16107/16108 Tambaram-Santragachi-Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express will run on regular basis as per the following schedule:
16107 Tambaram-Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express will leave Tambaram every Friday w.e.f at 23.01.2026 from Tambaram 15:30 hrs and will reach Santragachi at 20:15

hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 16108 Santragachi - Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express will leave Santragachi every Saturday w.e.f 24.01.2026 from Santragachi at 23:55 hrs and will arrive Tambaram at 09:15 hrs, the third day.

20610/20609 Tiruchchirappalli-New Jalpaiguri-Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express will leave Tiruchchirappalli every Wednesday w.e.f 28.01.2026 from Tiruchchirappalli at 05:45 hrs and will reach New Jalpaiguri at 05:00 hrs, the third day. In the return direction, 20609 New Jalpaiguri-Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express will leave New Jalpaiguri every Friday w.e.f 30.01.2026 from New Jalpaiguri at 16:45 hrs and will arrive Tiruchchirappalli at 16:15 hrs, the third day.

20604 Nagercoil-New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express will leave Nagercoil every Sunday w.e.f 25.01.2026 from Nagercoil at 23:00 hrs and will reach New Jalpaiguri at 05:00 hrs, the fourth day. In the return direction, 20603 New Jalpaiguri-Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express will leave New Jalpaiguri every Wednesday w.e.f

Regular Run Of SMVT Bengaluru-Balurghat- Smvt Bengaluru Express

MI News Service, Kolkata, 20 Jan.26 : SMVT Bengaluru-Balurghat-SMVT Bengaluru Express will run



Name Change
I, Putul Sarkar, Residing At 3/Bh7 Chatu Babu Lane, Entally, Kolkata - 700014, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Husbnd Deepak Sarkar And Michael Sarkar Shall Henceforth Be Known As Deepak Michael Sarkar Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial 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, Mahabbat Sekh S/O Alauddin, declare that in my said name Rosdul Sekh (son old name), residing at Vill-Chandpal, P.S.- Falta, Dist.- South 24 parganas, West Bengal, India, I have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Rosdul Sekh (son new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Diamond Harbour, vide an affidavit dated 02/08/2025. Rosdul Sekh and Rosdul Sekh, both are same and one identical person (myson).

Name Change
I, Sima Mirani (Old Name), Wife Of Rajesh Mirani, Residing At 3, Nanda Lal Jew Road, Kalighat, Kolkata- 700026, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Seema Mirani (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/01/2026. Sima Mirani And Seema Mirani Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Afrin Khatun (Old Name), Wife Of Saif Khan, Residing At 4 No Kajipara Road, Parnasree Pally, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Afreen Khatun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/01/2026. Afrin Khatun And Afreen Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shyamol Saha (Old Name), Son Of Late Nara Gopal Saha, Residing At 13/4b, Arif Road, Po & Ps- Uliadanga, Kolkata- 700067, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shyamal Saha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/01/2026. Shyamol Saha And Shyamal Saha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Date : January 21, 2026
Place : Raiganj

Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051.

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091.

Annexure 54
Notice for Disclosure of Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Overdraft 161805500831 (Credit facility) was granted to Subrata Sarkar (Proprietorship Firm). Late Sarkar along with the deceased Subrata Sarkar by ICICI Bank Ltd. (The Bank). The said credit facility is secured by Subrata Sarkar by creation of the security interest by way of mortgage, with respect to the property situated at L.R. Dag No. 2010, L.R. Khatian No. 1635 Mouza Kosha Mahasho, P.O. Mirul, Kamalbari-Grom Panchayat, JL No. 176

North-East youth set to showcase skills at India Skills Regional Competition 2025-26

MI News Service, Guwahati: Youth from eight North-Eastern states are gearing up to compete across 26 skill categories as the IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2025-26 was inaugurated on Tuesday at Gauhati University by Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Government of India.

For the first time, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) as its partner, is bringing India's premier skilling championship to the North-East, providing local talent a national platform closer to home.

Addressing the gathering, Chaudhary said, "IndiaSkills is not merely a competition; it is a celebration of excellence, discipline, and the dig-

nity of work. The North-East has immense talent, and this platform reflects our confidence that youth from this region are ready to lead India's skilled workforce."

The event has attracted 162 participants from all eight states, covering diverse skills such as Cloud Computing, Automobile Technology, Welding, Bakery and Patisserie, Fashion Technology, Health and Social Care, and Visual Merchandising.

Housefull: Vande Bharat Sleeper Tickets sold out within hours

MINewsService, 20Jan2026, Maligaon: The first commercial run of the Vande Bharat Sleeper train (Train No. 27576) between Kamakhya (KYQ) and Howrah (HWH) has received an overwhelming response from passengers. With all seats getting booked within a few hours of opening the ticket reservation through PRS and other sites. The swift sell-out vividly reflects passengers' eagerness to experience the speed, comfort and modern amenities of the Vande Bharat Sleeper inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 17th January, 2026.

The train is scheduled to commence its maiden commercial journey with effect from 22nd January 2026 from Kamakhya & with effect from 23rd January 2026 from Howrah. The ticket booking windows for this new service opened on 19th January 2026 at 08:00 hours. Within less than 24 hours, tickets across all classes were completely sold out, reflecting the tremendous public enthusiasm for the premium semi-high-speed service introduced.

This remarkable response for its very first commercial run underlines the growing preference of passengers for faster, safer and more com-

fortable rail travel options. The Kamakhya - Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper is expected to significantly enhance connectivity between the Northeast and Eastern India, offering modern amenities, improved travel time and a world-class overnight travel experience.

The fully booked status within hours stands as a strong testament to the trust and excitement of passengers towards modern train services being introduced by Northeast Frontier Railway, marking a new chapter in premium rail connectivity for the region.

JHR Royal City maintain points table summit post win over Kopa Tigers Birbhum

MI News Service, Bolpur: JHR Royal City FC continued their commanding march to remain at the top of the table with an emphatic 4-1 victory over Kopa Tigers Birbhum at the Bolpur Stadium on January 19. A brace from Bayi Kamo Stephane and a compact performance from Man of the Match Sajjan Sahani ensured JHR Royal City FC tightened their grip at the top of the points table.

The one-sided contest once again underlined why JHR Royal City FC have been the benchmark side this season. With just one match left to play, the league leaders have now accumulated 26 points from 13 matches, showcasing remarkable consistency and tactical clarity. Their ability to press high, control midfield transitions and convert chances efficiently has separated them from the rest of the pack.

Speaking after the match, Alvitto D'Cunha, who was a Match expert, said, "What we're seeing on the pitch is very much a reflection of Saheed Ramon's work."

EASTERN RAILWAY
e-Tender Notice No.: ELD-300-WC-33-2025-26, dated 14.01.2026. e-Tender is invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Sealdah, Eastern Railway, Control Building, 1st Floor, DRM office, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work : **Tender No. : ELD-300-WC-33-2025-26. Name of Work :** 25KV OHE and allied electrical works in connection with "Elimination of Level Crossing Gate No. 94, 96, 97, 98, 119, 122, 141/1, 152 and 163 by constructing Limited Height Subway (LHS) by RCC Boxes in Krishnanagar City Jn-Lalgola Section". **Tender value :** ₹ 1,25,83,208/- . **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,12,900/- . **Cost of Tender Document :** Nil. **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. **Date of closing :** 10.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs. Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.ireps.gov.in (SDAH-357/2025-26)
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.einindianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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EASTERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION
Awarding contracts for different stores over Howrah Division
E-Auction Notice No.: COM/PUB/HWH/25/56 Dtd.: 16.01.2026
E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah Division, New DRM Building, 4th Floor, near Rail Museum, Howrah - 711101 for **Awarding contract for Setting up, Operation and Maintenance of Medical Store (Nabadwip Dham & Pakur) and Retail Store (Bolpur Shantiniketan, Nabadwip Dham, Bandel, Bardhaman & Tarakeswar) over Howrah Division.** The Auction Catalogue have been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in
• **Catalogue No. : PUB-HWH-25-56. • Auction start date & time :** 03.02.2026 at 12.00 hrs. **Seq. No.; Lot No.; Description : AA/1; MSS-HWH-NDAE-MedStn-53-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Medical facilities at station);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation & maintenance of Medical Store at Nabadwip Dham station of Howrah Division for a period of five (05) years. **AA/2; MSS-HWH-PKR-MedStn-35-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Medical facilities at station);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation & maintenance of Medical Store at Pakur Station of Howrah Division for a period of five (05) years. **AB/1; MSS-HWH-BHP-STGen-47-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Static General);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation and maintenance of Retail Store at Bolpur Railway station for a period of ten (10) years. **AB/2; MSS-HWH-NDAE-STGen-48-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation and maintenance of Retail Store at Nabadwip Dham Railway station for a period of ten (10) years. **AB/3; MSS-HWH-BDC-STGen-58-26-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation and maintenance of Retail Store at Bandel Railway Station for a period of ten (10) years. **AB/4; MSS-HWH-BWN-STGen-59-26-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation and maintenance of Retail Store at Bardhaman Railway Station for a period of ten (10) years. **AB/5; MSS-HWH-TAK-STGen-60-26-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Static General);** Awarding rights for setting up, operation and maintenance of Retail Store at Tarakeswar Railway station for a period of ten (10) years. (HWH-550/2025-26)
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.einindianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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One Station One Product: Celebrating Regional Identity Through Indian Railways

MINewsService, 20Jan2026, New Delhi: Indian Railways' One Station One Product (OSOP) scheme has emerged as a powerful platform for promoting local craftsmanship. It is promoting grassroots entrepreneurship across the country. The initiative seeks to transform railway stations into vibrant showcases of India's rich regional diversity.

By integrating local heritage with the national railway network, OSOP not only enhances passenger experience but also supports inclusive economic growth.

As of 19 January 2026, OSOP outlets have been established at 2,002 stations, with a total of 2,326 outlets operational. These outlets have become a source of livelihood for thousands of local artisans, weavers, and small producers who now have a direct connection with millions of passengers every day. Moreover, since the launch of OSOP in 2022, the initiative has created direct economic opportuni-



Tenkasi Jn. Railway Station, Tamil Nadu

ties for more than 1.32 lakh beneficiaries across India. Beyond numbers, OSOP is helping revive traditional crafts and regional specialties that were once losing prominence. From handmade pottery and bamboo work in the Northeast to spices, handlooms, and local sweets in other regions, the products bring the essence of each area

to travelers.

By integrating commerce with culture, Indian Railways has transformed stations into hubs of local enterprise. The One Station One Product initiative stands as a true example of "Vocal for Local", empowering communities while enriching the travel experience for passengers across the nation.

Two Amrit Bharat Express set for regular operations from Sealdah and Howrah

MI News Service, 20 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off two Amrit Bharat Express trains between Sealdah & Banaras and Howrah & Anand Vihar on 18.01.2026. With this, the regular operation of 22587/22588 Sealdah - Banaras-Sealdah Amrit Bharat Express (tri-weekly) and 13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar-Howrah Amrit Bharat Express (weekly) has been introduced, marking a significant strengthening of the region's rail connectivity. These regular services will offer passengers a modern, efficient and comfortable travel option while addressing growing passenger demand and improving long-distance connectivity.

22588 Banaras - Sealdah Amrit Bharat Express (tri-

weekly) will leave Banaras at 22:10 hrs. on every Friday, Sunday and Tuesday with effect on & from 23.01.2026 to reach Sealdah at 09:55 hrs. on the next day. 22587 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express (tri - weekly) will leave Sealdah at 19:30 hrs. on every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday with effect on & from 24.01.2026 to reach Banaras at 07:20 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 07 stations including Durgapur, Asansol, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class & Sleeper Class accommodations.

13065 Howrah - Anand Vihar Amrit Bharat Express (weekly) will leave Howrah at 23:10 hrs. on every Thurs-

day with effect on & from 22.01.2026 to reach Anand Vihar at 02:50 hrs. on the 3rd day. 13066 Anand Vihar - Howrah Amrit Bharat Express (weekly) will leave Anand Vihar at 05:15 hrs. on every Saturday with effect on & from 24.01.2026 to reach Howrah at 10:50 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 26 stations including Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class & Sleeper Class accommodations.

Booking of 22587 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express and 13065 Howrah - Anand Vihar Amrit Bharat Express is available through PRS & Internet.

"Who will answer?" Owaisi hits out at Centre over border fencing, Bangladesh, China ties

MI News Service, Hyderabad: Amid Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong warning against infiltrators, asserting that India cannot allow illegal entrants to snatch the rights of its poor and youth, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday launched a sharp counterattack on the BJP-led Centre, questioning its failure to fence the India-Bangladesh border despite being in power for the last 11 years.

Speaking to ANI exclusively, Owaisi also raised concerns over instability in Bangladesh, India's trade diplomacy with the United States, and the government's push to attract Chinese investment, alleging contradictions in New Delhi's foreign and security policies.

"The BJP has been in power for the last 11 years, but they are not able to do fencing on the India-Bangladesh border. Instability in Bangladesh is not good for us...Trump's representative says that because Modi ji did not call, the trade deal did not happen. We are asking China to invest in India, the China that during the operation Sindoor helped Pakistan by all means and technology....Who will answer these questions?" he said.

Addressing a gathering at the BJP headquarters in the national capital PM Modi warned about infiltrators across the country, saying, "We must continue to face every challenge with our full strength. Today, a very significant challenge before the country is that of infiltrators. No one in the world accepts infiltrators in their country, and India too cannot allow infiltrators to rob its poor and youth of their rights."

Responding to allegations against AIMIM over the presence of Rohingyas in Telangana, Owaisi rejected the charge and accused the BJP of politi-

cising the issue. Referring to the situation in Bihar, he said the BJP had raised similar claims without taking any formal steps.

"In Bihar, the BJP talked about infiltrators. They did not submit even one Form 7 there, and dishonoured the people of Seemanchal there by making this an issue," he said.

Questioning the intent behind the allegations, Owaisi said authorities had a legal mechanism if there were genuine concerns.

"Who is stopping them? If there are Rohingyas in Telangana, then submit Form 7, and if their names are in the voters' list, delete their names. Making this an issue and defaming a community and a part of the city is not right," Owaisi added.

On the question of whether the AIMIM will content election in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, Owaisi said the party would take a decision after holding consultations with senior leaders and MLAs.

"Will talk to various members of the party, Adil Hassan, Akhtar Iman, who is Bihar AIMIM in-charge, Tausif Alam, Murshid Alam and many more MLAs are in-charge. Tausif Alam, Murshid Alam and many more MLAs are there. We will have a discussion and then decide on it. After speaking to our party leaders, we will take the right decision at the right time," Owaisi said.

Asaduddin Owaisi further said that his party should not be viewed through a religious lens, asserting that it works for people from all communities.

"If anyone sees AIMIM through the lens of religion, then they are making a big mistake. We are working for everyone. Even among the people gathered outside to seek resolution of their issues from me...right now, there may be around 300 people, and nearly 100 of them would be Hindus," Owaisi said.

Google keen to partner with Telangana in solving agriculture & climate change-related issues

MI News Service, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led 'Telangana Rising' delegation held a comprehensive discussion on finding solutions to solve the issue of climate change, its impact on agriculture, as well as the adverse effects of pollution on urban areas. According to the Telangana government, in a meeting with Google's APAC President Sanjay Gupta, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy explained about the state's CURE, PURE, RARE framework for

regional economic growth and plans to make core Hyderabad pollution-free.

He also highlighted potential areas of engagement, such as traffic control, cybersecurity, and further support for startup innovation. The Chief Minister thanked the Google team for setting up the first-ever Google for Startups hub in Hyderabad.

The delegation spoke about the issue of overuse of fertiliser and the need for educating farmers. The Chief Minister said there is a need to work on preventive

steps for solving issues related to soil and farming.

Google's APAC President, Sanjay Gupta, said the organisation would be happy to fully support Telangana in traffic control, cybersecurity, agriculture, startups, and climate change.

Minister D. Sridhar Babu mentioned the wide-ranging skilling initiatives taken up by the Telangana government - Young India Skills University, BFSI Skilling, partnerships with Khan Academy & Physicswallah, and AI curriculum.

Additional stoppage of Sahibganj - Danapur - Sahibganj Express at Shivrinarayanpur Station

MI News Service, 20 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13235/13236 Sahibganj-Danapur Sahibganj Express at Shivrinarayanpur Station on an experimental basis. 13235 Sahibganj - Danapur Express (journey commencing on & from 21.01.2026) will arrive Shivrinarayanpur at 15:46 hrs. to leave at 15:47 hrs. and 13236 Danapur - Sahibganj Express (journey commencing on & from 22.01.2026) will arrive Shivrinarayanpur at 12:33 hrs. to leave at 12:34 hrs.

HANTAL ANANTABATI GRAM PANCHAYAT
Vill + P.O.-Hantal,Anantabati Dist.-Howrah, Pin-711404
E-Tender Notice
Pradhan, Hantal Anantabati Gram Panchayat under Jagatballypur Block, Hantal invites E-Tender Reference No. HAGP/NieT/48/2026 - 20/01/2026, HAGP/NieT/49/2026 - 20/01/2026. Last date of Submission of Bid-27/01/2026 and 31/01/2026. For more information visit <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in>
Pradha Hantal Anantabati G.P. Hantal, Howrah

NOTICE
This is to inform that, my client 1). **Sudhir Chandra Maity +2),Sudha Krishna Maity S/o Lt. Jhapar Chandra Maity, 3). Bhadrabati Maity W/o Lt. Sudhod Chandra Maity, 4). Murari Mohan Maity S/o Lt. Sudhod Chandra Maity, 5). Sephali Dhara W/o Jagadish Chandra Dhara, 6). Ha Roy W/o Laxmi Kanta Roy, 7). Mithu Samanta W/o Raghunath Samanta, 8). Mitali Manna W/o Keshab Chandra Manna, 9). Shila Samanta W/o Bibhas Kumar Samanta** executed General Power of Attorney in respect of **91Dec.** property, vide Deed No IV-25/8/2010 on 23/11/2010 at Kharagpur A.D.S.R in favour of **Mukunda Maity S/o Lt. Sudhod Chandra Maity** in respect of **91 Dec.** Property, R.S. Plot No. 261, Khatian No. 303, 312 & 313 L.R. & R.S-139, J.L. No. 308, Mouza- Madhan Mohan, P.S.- KGP (L), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur. Then said attorney are sold out approx **11 Dec.** area of the said property to **Mousumi Day W/o Bimal Kanti Day R/o Bulbulchati, P.O. : KGP, P.S.- KGP (T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, WB-721301,** through the Deed No. I-34 94/11 on 27/05/2011 at Kharagpur A.D.S.R. That, if any person have any objection, then he/she may communicate with me within **30 days** after publication otherwise his/her claim shall not be entitled as per law.
BRAJAJADU ADHIKARI
Advocate, Enro : F/683/1144/2014 KGP SDO Court, Paschim Medinipur

NOTICE
This is to inform that, my client 1). **Menoka Dhal @ Shit, 2). Sabita Shit, 3). Manju Das, 4). Dharendra Nath Dhal @ Shit, 5). Usharani Parh** executed General Power of Attorney in respect of **0.75 Dec.** property, vide Deed No IV- 219/12 on 13/ 09/12 at Kharagpur A.D.S.R in favour of **Chandan Shit @ Dhal S/o Lt. Birendra Nath Shit @ Dhal** in respect of **0.75 Dec.** property, Plot No. RS-565, LR-1617 Khatian No. RS- 152, J.L. No. 311, Mouza- Kaushally, P.S.- KGP(T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur. And 1). **Banamali Dhal, 2). Chatrapati Dhal, 3). Sanjay Dhal, 4). Bhabani Dhal, 5). Kanai Dhal, 6). Laxmikanta Dhal, 7). Indrajit Dhal, 8). Biswajit Dhal, 9). Tara rani Das (Dhal), 10). Rita Gayan (Dhal), 11). Tapati Dhal @ Shit, 12). Sonali Shit** executed General Power of Attorney in respect of **0.75 Dec.** property, vide Deed No IV- 290/13 on 05/ 08/13 in favour of **Biswanath Dhal S/o Lt. Amullya Charan Dhal** in respect of **0.75 Dec.** property, Plot No. RS-565, LR-1617 Khatian No. RS- 152, J.L. No. 311, Mouza- Kaushally, P.S.- KGP (T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur. Then said both attorney are sold out approx **1.50 (0.75+0.75) Dec.** area of the said property to **Binay Krishna Jana S/o Lt. Debendra Nath Jana, R/o Kaushally, P.S.- KGP(T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur-721301,** through the Deed No. I-1883/24 & I-1884/24 on 05/03/2024 at Kharagpur A.D.S.R. That, if any person have any objection, then he/she may communicate with me within **30 days** after publication otherwise his/her claim shall not be entitled as per law.
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আমোক্তারনামা
এতদ্বারা স্বকসারগণ জনপদকে জানাইতেছি যে সোনামুখী মেজার J.L.NO-188 LR-Plot No-2041, LR Khatian No-2860, 2861, 2862, 2863, 2864, (১) দেবের নাথ বার, (২) সীতের নাথ বার (৩) দেবের নাথ বার, (৪) কামোজের নাথ বার এবং ইন্দ্রনাথ বার, স্বামী, আশিক নাথ বার নিজা-হরনাথ বার এদের নামে কেরাভুক্ত সম্পত্তি ছিল, তারা মারা যেতে তাদের গারামি মূল্যে আজিঞ্জি মুদ্রাপাণ্ডার, ইলা মুদ্রাপাণ্ডার এবং আসলক মুদ্রাপাণ্ডার এবং দেলো মূল্যে এই সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় হইল। দীর্ঘ কৃতকার হরনাথবাবু, পিতা- কামোজের নাথ জগদগোপাল কে IV-191-22/09/2008 তারিখে আমোক্তারনামা মূলে সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিবার অনুমতি প্রদান করিয়া থাকে তাহাতে দীর্ঘকাল কামার জগদগোপাল ছিল দীর্ঘকাল মূল্যে সেই সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিবার দকে তাহাতে সম্পত্তি জবাজি বা অশীলার এর কোনো আপত্তি থাকিলে BL & L.R.O Kharagpur-1 দপ্তরে ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে লিখিত আপত্তি জানাইতে হইবে, নচেৎ পরবর্তীকালে কোন ওজর আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
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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 / ARC), having acquired the below-mentioned loan accounts from **SBFIC 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 13(2) Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
1	PR01155960	Sanjay Bastralya Sanjay Kanwar Ila Dhole	11,37,532	19-December-2025	1 Mouza Kadamtala, bargangogochallya, j.l no 27, 40 LR Khatian No. 78, 355 Rs. LR Dag No 340, 341, 342, 344, 345, 2030,2032, ps Bishnupur, South 24 parganas Near Kadamtala Primary School, Bishnupur, Baripur West Bengal 743503, Bounded By - East - Ganga Kanwar, West - Village Road, North - Passage then Badal Kanwar, South - Common Passage.	30 September 2025
2	PR01259896	YAKUB SARDAR Sherina Sardar	14,68,788	19-December-2025	J.L.No.126, R.S.No.62, 158, Touzi no.297, R.S. Khatian No.250 & L.R. Khatian No.387 (Krishi) Under r.s.dag no.517, &l.r.dag no.634, Jheranah, Baripur Talai West Bengal - 743 376.	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: 21.01.2026
Place: WEST BENGAL
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
(acting in its capacity as Trustee of Alchemist XLVII Trust) Secured Creditor

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICI Bank
Branch Office: ICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icibank.com
The Authorised ICI 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 Notices 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 ICI Bank Limited.

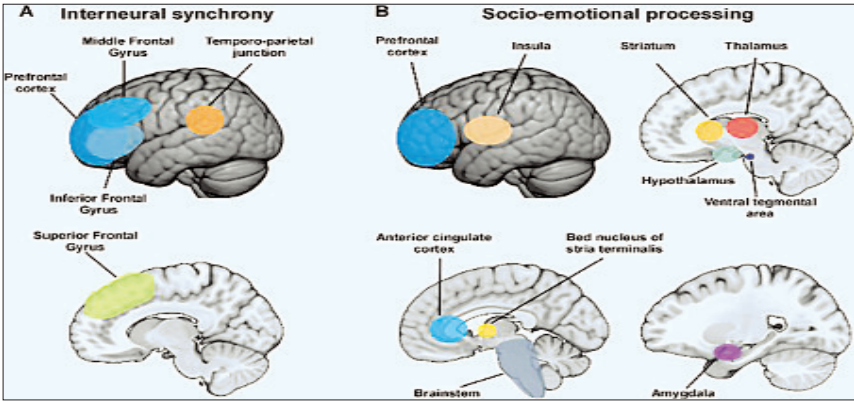
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Soma Mistry/ Narayan Mistry/ Basak Bagan South Dum Dum Sreebhumi District. North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 700048/ TBICAL00006946110/ LBCAL00006965171	Kalindi Twin, Flat No. G4, Ground Floor, S.K.B. Sarani Premises No. 501 Near 737/17, RS and LR Dag No. 4837,4848, 4839, 4940 Under Khatian No. 1069, 1070, 618, 1787, J.L. No. 23, Mouza Kalidaha, Sahid Khudimur Bose Sarani, Municipal Holding No. 737/17, Formerly 737, Municipal Ward No. 17, South Dum Dum Municipality, P.S. Dum Dum, District. North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Kolkata- 700030, Owned By Soma Mistry (Admeasuring An Area of 517 Sq.ft. Super Built Up Area, 380 Sq.ft. Carpet Area On The Ground Floor Along With an undivided Proportionate Share and Interest of The Land North by Municipal Road South by Municipal Road East by 5 Storied Ownership Building West by Pond/ Date of Symbolic 16/01/2026	October 14,2025 Rs. 17,41,991.00/-	Kolkata
2.	Mampi Pan/ Suraj Dey/ Sukumar Dey/ Dongalon P.O. Saspur, Thana Indus, District Bankura West Bengalbankura- 722205/ LBBKU00006133296/ LBBKU00006185274	Deed No. 12/2013 Sabek Hal Dag No. 1595, Hal Khatian No. 241, Touzi No. 17, J.L. No. 91, Mouza Dongalon, Pargana Bishnupur, Thana Indus, A.D.S.R. Office Indus, B.L. and L.R.O. Indus, District Bankura, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 3 Satak, Deed No. 1875 Dag No. 1594, 1595, 1599, Khatian No. 926, 704, J.L. No. 91, Hal Touzi No. 17, Mouza Dongalon, Paragana Bishnupur, Thana and Sub-Registry Office Indus, District Bankura, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 6 3/5 Satak, Date of Symbolic 16/01/2026	May 27, 2025 Rs. 10,38,137.00/-	Kolkata & Bankura

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 21, 2026
Place: Kolkata & Bankura
Sincerely Authorised Officer
For IICI Bank Ltd.

Study sheds light on the brain's role in emotion regulation

A recent study led by a team of experts has uncovered fascinating insights into the human brain's ability to regulate emotions, potentially paving the way for innovative therapeutic approaches. The findings of the study shed light on the distinct areas of the brain responsible for emotion regulation, particularly within the anterior prefrontal cortex and other higher-level cortical hierarchies. These regions, crucial for abstract thought and long-term representations of the future, were found to play a pivotal role in enabling individuals to activate emotion regulation-selective brain regions, thereby enhancing resilience against negative experiences.

Co-author Peter Gianaros from the University of Pittsburgh spearheaded the analysis of two independent datasets of fMRI studies. Participants were subjected to fMRI scans while being exposed to stimuli designed to elicit negative emotions, such as distressing images. What sets this study apart is the participants' subsequent task of recontextualizing the stimuli by generating alternative thoughts to mitigate



their aversiveness. The researchers then meticulously examined the neural activity to discern the specific brain regions involved in emotion regulation versus emotion generation.

The study also unraveled the intricate interplay between neurotransmitters and emotion regulation systems. Neurotransmitters such as dopamine and serotonin were identified as key players in

shaping neural communication and influencing the brain's capacity for self-regulation. Remarkably, the researchers discovered that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5H2A, were notably abundant in areas involved in emotion regulation. These findings raise thought-provoking questions about the potential long-term effects of drugs that bind to these receptors on individuals'

ability to self-regulate.

Senior author Tor Wager, the Diana L. Taylor Distinguished Professor in Neuroscience and director of the Dartmouth Brain Imaging Center at Dartmouth, emphasized the significance of these findings. He stated, "Our results showed that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5H2A, were especially rich in areas that are involved in emotion regulation. When drugs that bind to these receptors are taken, they are preferentially affecting the emotion regulation system, which raises questions about their potential for long-term effects on our capacity to self-regulate."

Furthermore, the study shed light on the potential implications for mental health treatments, particularly in the context of depression and psychedelic drugs. The serotonin receptor 5H2A, strongly affected by psychedelic drugs, holds promise for altering individuals' ability to self-regulate and may offer insights into the inefficacy of these drugs without appropriate psychological support.

Researchers discover genetic code of rare kidney cancer



For the first time, the inherited characteristics of reninoma, a rare form of kidney cancer, have been investigated. Researchers from the Wellcome Sanger Institute, Great Ormond Street Hospital, and The Royal Free Hospital also identified a potential pharmacological target that may be used as an alternative to surgery in the new report.

The findings were published in Nature Communications.

Reninoma is one of the rarest cancers in humans, with just about 100 instances having been identified globally to date (1). Even though surgery can usually treat it, it can still spread and generate metastases or cause severe hypertension. Reninoma is currently managed only by surgery since there are no available medication treatments. It was unknown till now.

Researchers discovered that the development of this rare cancer is caused by a specific error in the genetic code of the cancer gene NOTCH1.

The team examined two cancer samples - from a young adult and a child (2) - with advanced genomic techniques, known as whole genome and single nuclear sequencing (3). Their findings suggest that the use of existing drugs targeting this specific gene is a possible solution to treating reninoma for patients where surgery is not a viable option.

Taryn Treger, first author of the study and The Little Princess Trust Fellow at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, said: "Many

cancerous tumours have already been deciphered with genomic technologies, however, this is not so true in rare cancers, particularly those affecting children. Our work aims to fill that gap. This is the first time that we have identified the drivers for reninoma and we hope that our work continues to pave the way towards new therapies for childhood cancers."

Dr. Tanzina Chowdhury, co-lead author of the study, at Great Ormond Street Hospital, said: "Rare kidney cancers known as reninomas do not respond to conventional anti-cancer therapies.

The only known treatment at the moment is surgery. Our study shows that, actually, there is a specific and well-studied gene that drives this rare cancer. If we use already known drugs that affect this gene, we might be able to treat it without the need for an invasive technique such as surgery." Dr. Sam Behjati, co-lead author of the study, Wellcome Senior Research Fellow at the Wellcome Sanger Institute and Honorary Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, said: "Rare cancers are exceedingly challenging to study, and patients with such tumours may therefore not benefit from cancer research. Here, we have a powerful example of cutting-edge science rewriting our understanding of an ultra rare tumour type, reninoma, whilst delivering a finding that potentially has immediate clinical benefits for patients."

Adults with intellectual disabilities are at risk for dementia

Intellectual disability (ID) is thought to be associated with an increased risk of dementia and its onset is influenced by both inherited and acquired factors. It is also known that a lower cognitive reserve-the capacity for thinking developed by learning and deliberate mental effort-increases the risk of dementia in the general population.

It is hypothesised that dementia is more common in people with ID given the likelihood of a shorter educational lifespan and a reduced intellectual capacity.

The prevalence of dementia among individuals with ID without Down syndrome (DS) in comparison to the general population is unknown, and the risk variables that affect dementia risk aren't fully understood.

Recently, researchers uncovered the prevalence of dementia and identified the risk factors that can lead to dementia among people with ID in Japan. The team was led by Professor Shintaro Takenoshita, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry at Okayama University Hospital, Japan. Their findings were published in the journal Alzheimer's Research & Therapy on 18 July 2023.

"Diagnosing dementia in people with ID is difficult owing to the mixed effects of innate cognitive decline and the cognitive decline that occurs over time due to dementia. However, it is quite possible to diagnose dementia if cognitive and lifestyle functions are assessed chronologically based on information from family and other support persons. We believe that even in persons with intellectual disabilities, dementia needs to be properly evaluated," explains Prof. Takenoshita regarding the group's motivation to pursue the study.

The team surveyed the severity of ID, educational history, and comorbidities across 1,831 participants in residen-



tial treatment facilities spread across Japan. The relevant data was collected by interviewing caregivers of all the participants, and a direct examination was performed-using clinical criteria for dementia and neurocognitive disorders-for participants suspected of having cognitive decline.

Emphasizing the report's key findings, Prof. Takenoshita says, "We found that 6.44% of the participants were diagnosed with dementia. Furthermore, our analyses revealed that dementia was more prevalent in younger people with ID compared to the general population. Lastly, we pinpointed seven factors with significant links to dementia. These were hypertension, depression, stroke, age, severity of ID, duration of education, and traumatic brain injury."

These findings are expected to enable better screening for dementia and improve the support and medical care for people with ID. It is important to note that some of the risk factors are modifiable. Therefore, depending on a patient's profile, providing adequate education, preventing head trauma and stroke, and making hypertension and depression medications readily available could be the first steps in preventing the onset of dementia in people with ID.

"This is the largest study that explores the prevalence of dementia in a population with ID. Additionally, we minimized the study's bias by surveying participants from a wide geographic range. This implies that the risk factors we identified are reliable targets for designing interventions intended to minimize the risk of dementia in people with ID," explains Prof. Takenoshita.

Moving forward, Prof. Takenoshita is confident that future studies can build on the scope of his team's work. As the understanding of dementia evolves, public health recommendations in medical policies can be developed specifically for people diagnosed with ID. Along these lines, the insights on the modifiable risk factors can potentially help catch the onset of dementia and ensure that people with ID do not miss out on treatment or interventions that are readily available.

Cough sound analysis assists in determining severity of Covid-19 patients

While most persons infected with COVID-19 experience minor symptoms and recover in a matter of weeks, the global pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus remains a significant health danger.

Some of those infected may develop more severe illness and pneumonia, resulting in a more bleak outlook.

Although techniques for assessing patients' risk have been created, diagnostic and prognostic tools rely mostly on expensive and less accessible imaging technologies such as radiography, ultrasonography, or computed tomography (CT).

As a result, there is a need for the development of a simpler and more easily accessible prognostic tool that allows healthcare providers to identify individuals who have developed or are at risk of getting severe disease. This would simplify patient triage and allow for earlier intervention, even at home or in primary care settings.

In the early stages of COVID-19, a research team directed by IBEC and Hospital del Mar, with support from the Universitat Politècnica de

Catalunya (UPC), CIBER-BBN, and CIBERES, conducted a study based on the analysis and interpretation of cough sounds.

This method is given as a potentially predictive, straightforward, and user-friendly tool for assessing the risk of severe pneumonia.

The study included smartphone recordings of voluntarily coughing sounds from 70 patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection, all taken within the first 24 hours of their hospitalisation.

IBEC performed an acoustic analysis of these recordings, which revealed significant changes in cough sounds depending on the severity of the respiratory ailment, which had previously been confirmed by imaging tests and the requirement for supplemental oxygen.

According to the findings, this approach might be utilised to classify COVID-19 patients as mild, moderate, or severe, as well as to monitor patients with chronic COVID-19. The study used data obtained at Hospital del Mar between April 2020 and May 2021, and the results were published in the European Respiratory Journal Open Research.



Identification of brain signals for improved memory

Memory performance varies widely between people. Now, scientists at the University of Basel have found that specific brain signals are connected to these variations.

While it is well known that certain brain regions play a crucial role in memory processes, so far it has not been clear whether these regions exhibit different activities when it comes to storing information in people with better or worse memory performance.

Having investigated this matter, a research team led by Professor Dominique de Quervain and Professor Andreas Papassotiropoulos has now published its results in the journal Nature Communications.

In the world's largest functional imaging study on memory, they asked nearly 1,500 participants between the ages of 18 and 35 to look at and memorize a total of 72 images. During this process, the researchers recorded the subjects' brain activity using fMRI. The participants were then asked to recall as many of the images as possible - and as in the general population, there were considerable differences in memory performance among them.

Signals in brain regions and networks

In certain brain regions including the hippocampus, the researchers found a direct association between brain activity during the memorization process and subsequent mem-



ory performance. Individuals with a better memory showed a stronger activation of these brain areas. No such associa-

tion was found for other memory-relevant brain areas in the occipital cortex - they were equally active in individuals with all levels of memory performance.

The researchers were also able to identify functional networks in the brain that were linked to memory performance. These networks comprise different brain regions that communicate with each other to enable complex processes such as the storage of information.

"The findings help us to better understand how differences in memory performance occur between one individual and another," said Dr. Léonie Geissmann, the study's first author, adding that the brain signals of a single individual do not allow for any conclusions to be drawn about their memory performance, however.

According to the researchers, the results are of great importance for future research aimed at linking biological characteristics such as genetic markers to brain signals.

Basel-based research on memory

The current study forms part of a large-scale research project conducted by the Research Cluster Molecular and Cognitive Neurosciences (MCN) at the University of Basel's Department of Biomedicine and the University Psychiatric Clinics (UPK) Basel. The aim of this project is to gain a better understanding of memory processes and to transfer the findings from basic research into clinical applications.

Do you know cognitive behavioral therapy comforts fibromyalgia pain experienced by brain? Study finds

Patients with fibromyalgia (FM), a condition that mostly affects women and is marked by chronic pain, tiredness, and brain fog, usually have limited access to treatment options and explanations for their symptoms.

Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), according to researchers at Mass General Brigham, can significantly lessen the burden of FM by, among other things, reducing pain-catastrophizing, a detrimental cognitive and emotional response that can exacerbate pain by way of helplessness, rumination, and intrusive thoughts. Neuroimaging research that demonstrates a decline in connection between brain regions associated with self-awareness, pain, and emotional processing lends support to this conclusion.

The findings of the study were published in Arthritis & Rheumatology.

"In this study, we looked at the interplay between psychological processes and the brain's connectivity patterns in response to pain," said co-senior author Robert Edwards, PhD, a clinical psychologist in the Department of

Anesthesiology, Perioperative & Pain Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system. "We wanted to explore how CBT, a talk therapy aimed at combatting maladaptive thoughts, can enhance individuals' daily functioning and alter the brain's processing of pain-related information."

Edwards explains that CBT can reduce negative cognitive and emotional responses to pain. He says that while these responses are normal, they can amplify the disabling effects of chronic pain, and make conditions like FM more burdensome.

The research team for the study included researchers from three Mass General Brigham members: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Massachusetts General Hospital. Mass General Brigham brings together 16 member institutions, including academic medical centers, top-tier specialty hospitals, community hospitals and more. Research that spans more than one of these entities is more than

the sum of its parts, helping to provide insights and unique perspectives from multiple settings and areas of expertise.

Researchers recruited 98 women, randomly assigning 64 to a treatment group receiving CBT and 34 to a control group that received education about FM and chronic pain but was not taught specific CBT techniques. All participants were between 18 and 75 years old and had a confirmed FM diagnosis for at least six months. To collect baseline data, all participants completed several validated pain and quality of life questionnaires.

Each group participated in eight intervention sessions, con-

sisting of 60-75-minute visits with a licensed mental health provider. Participants were primarily assessed for their levels of pain interference, or a measure of how much their pain disrupted their daily activities, pain catastrophizing, pain severity and the overall impact FM had on patients' quality of life.

Results demonstrated that those who underwent CBT experienced significantly greater reductions in pain interference. CBT participants also exhibited significantly less pain catastrophizing and reported that their FM symptoms had significantly less impact on their daily lives.

The team saw evidence that after undergoing CBT, patients experienced changes in the activities of all three networks that suggested a diminished focus on pain.

"Prior to participants undergoing CBT, we saw that certain parts of the brain linked to self-awareness and sensation were very connected, suggesting patients were pertinently aware of the pain sensation they were experiencing and internalized these symptoms," said co-first author Jeungchan

Lee, PhD, an instructor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation based at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and the Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital. "After CBT, these connections were significantly less strong, suggesting that patients were better at separating themselves from their pain after therapy."

This study was limited to women, partly because of its high prevalence, and partly to eliminate confounding gender differences in brain activity. In the future, the researchers hope to collect data from men and non-binary patients with FM. Additionally, CBT includes several therapeutic components, and these results cannot be generalized to assess the impact across all forms of CBT on reducing FM chronic pain.

Both Lee and Edwards agree that these findings ultimately suggest that complex chronic pain conditions like fibromyalgia should be addressed with a multitude of pharmacological and cognitive therapies.



Israel begins dismantling of banned UN organisation's Jerusalem headquarters

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli security forces on Tuesday arrived to evacuate and destroy the UNRWA (UN Relief Works Agency) headquarters in Ammunition Hill in northern Jerusalem. This is the central headquarters from which all of the organisation's activities in Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem are managed, and within which UNRWA's main logistical infrastructure is concentrated.

Since the beginning of the war, UNRWA's ties with the terrorist organisation Hamas have been exposed, and it was discovered that some UNRWA operatives even took part in the October 7 massacre. In addition, numerous tunnels and terrorist infrastructures were found under buildings belonging to UNRWA in the Gaza Strip.

The measures against UNRWA began in late 2024 with Israel's decision to outlaw all of the organisation's activities within the country's borders.

In December 2025, the Knesset voted to disconnect UNRWA facilities from water and electricity.

Less than two weeks ago, Israeli forces arrived to evacuate the UNRWA facility in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

US Senator Daines concludes 'productive' India visit, advances bilateral ties

MI News Service, New Delhi: US Senator Steve Daines, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, concluded a productive visit to India on January 17-19 which included meetings in Delhi with External Affairs Minister Jai Shankar, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, members of parliament, and US and Indian business leaders, a statement by the US Embassy in Delhi said.

Reflecting on his visit, Daines said, "I came to India to reaffirm our two countries' shared values and strategic partnership and to advocate on behalf of Montana's pulse crop farmers. I appreciated Minister Goyal for listening to our farmers' concerns and will continue to work with President Trump to press this important priority."

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gorr added, "As we work to take the partnership between our two nations to the next level in cooperation, I will ensure that senior government officials will regularly travel to India. As a key member of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-



mittee with extensive experience in Asia, Senator Daines' meetings with official and private sector stakeholders in New Delhi were instrumental in advancing our bilateral relationship."

During meetings with senior Indian officials and parliamentari-

ans, Sen. Daines discussed growing US-India defence cooperation, mutual efforts to secure supply chains, and the importance of the US-India strategic partnership to ensuring our shared security and preserving a stable and open Indo-Pacific region.

While in India, Daines pursued the interests of the Trump Administration and the people of Montana, including urging favourable pulse crop provisions in any future trade agreements between the United States and India. Montana is the top pulse crop producer in the United States, and India is the world's top consumer.

Daines sought to accelerate the active and ongoing talks toward concluding a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade deal.

Daines spoke with representatives of the business community to highlight the many opportunities to deepen cooperation on advanced technologies and expand trade and investment ties to enhance prosperity in both the United States and India, as per the statement.

High Patronization Of Howrah – Kamakhya – Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

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MI News Service, Kolkata, 20 Jan.26 : The Howrah – Kamakhya – Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, which was introduced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17th January 2026, starting its regular commercial run from Howrah w.e.f. 23.1.2026 and from Kamakhya w.e.f. 22.1.2026. Howrah–Kamakhya–Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express (27575/27576) will be a six day service on every week and will start on all days except Thursdays from Howrah & except Wednesdays from Kamakhya. The booking for 27575 Howrah – Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper train has started from today (20.01.2026) and within a few hours the berths are near exhaustion till January 26, 2026, indicating the high tourism potential of this train. The coming weekend a



high opportunity comprising holidays & National holidays, the Bengal travel enthusiasts likes to enjoy at the fullest by travelling with Vande Bharat Sleeper comfort from South Bengal to the Himalayan serenity of North Bengal & Assam. 27575 Kamakhya–Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper has 24 Nos. of 1AC accommodation, 188 Nos. of 2AC accommodation and 611 Nos. of 3AC accommodation, thus having a total of 823 berths. The occupancy position on 23 & 24 January 2026 indicating near 100%,

opening the future potential of Vande Bharat Sleeper services as the most popular travel option for the passengers and travel enthusiasts. The train with its high speed also reach its destination at reduced time creating possibility of siphoning off the passengers from airline sector.

The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express with its better cushioning and its cozy berths, provides better comfort on board than any other option attracting passengers from all other modes of transport.

Protest March in Furfura Against SIR

Mohammad Nurul Islam:

The state election commission is harassing people in the name of SIR (Special Inquiry Report). Even after verifying proper documents, valid voters are being continuously issued notices and summoned for hearings. Millions of people from various districts have fallen victim to this. This includes elderly citizens of the country, some as old as 90 years, former army personnel, and members of families of freedom fighters. Even accomplished citizens of the country have received these hearing notices. This allegation has been raised by Pirzada Saferi Siddiqui, Pirzada Sowban Siddiqui, Pirzada Ammar Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, and Pirzada Imad Siddiqui, among others. Now, the Pirsahibs (religious leaders) of Furfura Sharif, a sacred and renowned religious site in the country, are also being harassed. Despite their names being on the voter list since 2002 and also appearing in the first draft report of the voter list, they have been issued notices and summoned for hearings! Numerous Pirsahibs called for a protest march on Tuesday against this harassment. The march started from Ujjal Pukur and ended at Taltala Haat. Ordinary villagers also joined the march. Later, in a meeting, the Pirsahibs stated that they are not against SIR itself, but demanded an end to the harassment of valid voters despite having sufficient proof, and called for panchayat-level hearings. They questioned why the public should pay the price for the mistakes of election officials. They specifically highlighted that families with more children, especially Muslim families, are being targeted with notices and harassed in the name of hearings. They also warned against the conspiracy to turn them into second-class citizens. The Pirsahibs further stated that Muslims have a glorious history in the country, from the freedom struggle to the overall development of the nation. However, the BJP government at the center, with the support of the RSS, is desperately trying to target the minority community and erase their existence. The Pirsahibs asserted that their movement and struggle will continue to protect the country's democratic secularism, pluralism, and democracy. Furfura Sharif resonated with slogans like "No more need for the BJP government."



Trump threatens 200pc tariffs on French wine post Macron's refusal to sit in Gaza Board of Peace

MI News Service, Washington DC: US President Donald Trump on Monday (local time) floated the proposal of imposing 200% tariff on French wine and champagne after French President Emmanuel Macron's reported refusal to sit on the so-called Board of Peace, an initiative created by Trump to mediate global conflict, EuroNews reported.

"Nobody wants him because he's going to be out of office very soon," Trump said after hearing from a reporter that Macron would not join the board. "I'll put a 200% tariff on his wines and champagnes and he'll join, but he doesn't have to join," Trump said.

Macron's five-year presidential term is due to end in May 2027, and he cannot run again for a third term in accordance with French law, as per EuroNews. The Board of Peace was an idea initially proposed by President Trump last September as part of his plan to end the war in Gaza, although the initiative now seems to be aimed at mediating global conflict more broadly.

Macron invited US President Donald Trump for a G7 meeting after the World Economic Forum, as per a screenshot of both their chats shared by the latter on Truth Social. Macron affirmed that France and the US were in line on Syria and could do great things in Iran, but do not understand his stance on Greenland.

Trump confirms inviting Putin to join Gaza Board of Peace

MI News Service, Washington DC: US President Donald Trump on Monday (local time) confirmed that Russian President Vladimir Putin has been invited to join the proposed Gaza Board of Peace, describing him as one of several world leaders considered for the initiative.

The formation of the Gaza Board of Peace, as part of Phase 2 of the 20-Point Peace Plan to end the conflict in the Middle East, aims to promote stability and oversee post-conflict reconstruction in the Gaza Strip.

Responding to questions from reporters during a media gaggle, Trump said that Putin was among those invited to participate in the board, which he claimed would work toward peace and stability in Gaza.

When asked directly whether he had invited President Putin to join the Board of Peace, Trump replied, "Yes, he's one of the people. These are world leaders. And the answer is yes."

The Board of Peace was proposed by Trump last September as part of his plan to end the war in Gaza, although the initiative now seems to be aimed at medi-



ating global conflict more broadly.

The high-profile international effort invites world leaders of 60 countries to join a new body aimed at promoting stability and overseeing post-conflict reconstruction, especially in the Gaza Strip. According to a White House statement, the proposed Executive Board members will oversee portfolios critical to Gaza's stabilisation and long-term success. These include governance capacity-building, regional relations, reconstruction, investment attraction, large-scale funding, and capital mobilisation.

Prime Minister Modi has been invited by Trump to serve on the Gaza Peace Board. However, countries that

commit USD 1 billion would secure permanent seats on the board, while those that do not pay could still join for a three-year term. Meanwhile, Trump, during the same gaggle, had floated the proposal of imposing a 200 per cent tariff on French wine and champagne exported to the US after French President Emmanuel Macron reportedly refused to sit on the Board of Peace.

"Nobody wants him because he's going to be out of office very soon," Trump said in response to reporters stating that Macron would not join the board. "I'll put a 200 per cent tariff on his wines and champagnes, and he'll join, but he doesn't have to join," Trump said.

Russia encourages India's message of 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam': Third Secy in Russian Embassy

MI News Service, New Delhi: Amid current global uncertainties, Russia has encouraged India's message of "VasudaivaKutumbakam", meaning 'the world is one family', emphasising unity on the world stage, said Mikhail Antsiferov, Third Secretary at the Russian Embassy in India.

Speaking during the Ram Katha discourse by renowned spiritual leader MorariBapu, organised by Jain Acharya Lokesh at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, Antsiferov highlighted the enduring ties between India and Russia, noting the "stable and strong" friendship between the two nations.

"The friendship between India and Russia will always remain stable and strong. There is a

strong connection between the people of Russia and India," he said. Referring to the current international situation, Antsiferov noted, "We are witnessing a lot of tensions on the global stage, but we encourage India's message for the world, 'VasudaivaKutumbakam', meaning 'the world is one family', and we thank you all for this message of peace."

The event was attended by the ambassadors of Russia and Panama, reflecting its international significance. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Russia has long been a trusted and reliable partner of India, with bilateral ties forming a central pillar of India's foreign policy.

Since the signing of the Declaration on the India-Russia Strategic Partnership in October 2000,

relations between the two countries have taken on a new dimension, marked by deeper cooperation across a wide range of areas, including politics, security, defence, trade and the economy, science and technology, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. This partnership was further strengthened during the Russian President's visit to India in December 2010, when it was elevated to a "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership".

Last month, Russian President Putin visited India for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit. During the visit, India and Russia expanded cooperation across multiple sectors, going beyond their defence and energy ties.

Achiever Site's Career Guidance Seminar held in Raghunathganj, Murshidabad

Sajjad Hasan: Achiever Site is one of the leading NEET institutes in West Bengal, located in Birshibpur, Howrah district. This institution is an ideal educational center for NEET, JEE, English medium classes 11 and 12, and Bengali medium classes 11 and 12. Established in 2020, this institution provides opportunities for many students to pursue medical studies every year. Notably, a career guidance seminar was held on January 14th at Rabinra Bhavan in Raghunathganj, Murshidabad. Many students from various parts of the state, including Malda, Murshidabad, and Dinajpur, were present at this event. The event was presided over by Dr. Mohammad Badruddoza. The chief guest was former MLA and Murshidabad Zilla Parishad mentor, Sohrab Ali. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Nurul Mostafa, Professor Mahammad Sabulul Haque, Dr. Mo-



hammad Yusuf Ali, educationist Sheikh Mohammad Furqan, Mohammad Ashraf Haque, Advocate Syed Sadiq, Mohammad Asadul Haque, Dr. Mohammad Rafiq, Sirajul Haque, Dr. Hasina Sultana, educationist Wahed Ali, Saiful Islam, and Dulal Islam. Achiever Site's Director, Irfan Khan, stated that this educational institution has been achieving outstanding results in the All India Medical Entrance Examination since its inception. Many students have secured admission to medical colleges this year. Students have gained admission to various med-

ical colleges across India, including AIIMS. Students come from various districts of West Bengal, and also from neighboring states. We hope that the students of our institution will achieve even better results next year. This year, we have started Bengali medium classes for grades 11 and 12. English medium classes for grades 11 and 12 have been offered since the beginning. All the guests praised Achiever Site in their speeches and offered suggestions for achieving even better results. The presence of students and guardians was remarkable.

Bangladesh court begins trial against Chinmoy Kumar Das

MI News Service, Dhaka: In a court in the port city of Chattogram, Bangladesh, the trial has begun through the framing of charges against Chinmoy Kumar Das, the spokesperson of the SanataniJagaranJote, along with 49 others in the murder case of lawyer Saiful Islam.

On Monday, at the Chattogram Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal, Judge ZahidulHaque ordered the commencement of the trial at the conclusion of the hearing.

ChinmoyDas's lawyer, Aburbo Kumar Bhat-tacharya, informed ANI on Tuesday that the trial has begun. The trial of Chinmoy Kumar Das has started in the speedy trial court, and witness testimony will be recorded on the upcoming February 2.

Chinmoy's lawyer has certainly claimed his innocence and filed a petition to acquit him of the



charges. The prosecution, however, raised objections. After hearing both sides, charges were formally framed against all 39 accused. When presented in court, Chinmoy Das stated that he is innocent and has no involvement whatsoever in the incident, arguing that the charge sheet is flawed.

Last year, on July 1, the investigating officer submitted a charge sheet

istrate's court to the speedy trial tribunal.

The incident dates back to November 26, 2024, when lawyer Saiful was beaten and hacked to death in a clash over ChinmoyDas's bail. Following this murder, Saiful's father, Jamal Uddin, filed a murder case naming 31 people.

On May 6, 2025, Bangladesh Chamber Court ordered a stay on the bail granted to Hindu priest Chinmoy Krishna Das, lawyers said.

"We told the Chamber court that if Chinmoy Krishna Das is released on bail, the investigation of the case will be hampered. There is a possibility that he will flee. The court has ordered to stay the bail," Aneek R Haque, Additional Attorney General, told ANI after hearing.

Das's lawyer said he would file a regular appeal against this stay order.

Willing to find way forward with Trump on Greenland: NATO Secy Gen

MI News Service, Washington DC: NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte on Tuesday told US President Donald Trump that he was willing to find a way forward on the Greenland issue, while praising him for "what he has accomplished in Syria."

The message by Rutte was shared by the US president on the social media platform Truth Social. In the message, Rutte said he would use his media engagements to highlight Trump's work in Gaza and Ukraine.

The message in full read: "Mr. President, dear Donald – what you accomplished in Syria today is incredible. I will use my media engagements in Davos to highlight your work there, in Gaza, and in Ukraine. I am committed to finding a way forward on Greenland. Can't wait to

NATHAN ELLIS RULED OUT OF HOBART'S BBL KNOCKOUT CLASH

HOBART : Hobart Hurricanes have been dealt a significant setback ahead of their BBL Knockout clash with Melbourne Stars, with skipper Nathan Ellis sidelined for the crucial encounter.

The Hurricanes confirmed Ellis sustained an injury during their match against the Brisbane Heat, though the exact details were not disclosed. The club added that his status for the rest of the finals series will be assessed in the coming days.

"The Hurricanes squad for the Knockout sees two changes from their match against the Heat. Hurricanes captain Nathan Ellis will miss the Knockout following an injury sustained against the Heat. His availability for the remainder of the Finals will be determined over the coming days," the team said in a statement.

The Hurricanes face elimination if they lose to the Stars on Wednesday. However, a win, or even a rain-affected no result, with showers forecast, would be enough to send them through to Friday's Challenger final, where either Perth Scorchers or Sydney Sixers await.

The team also mentioned that Rehan Ahmed and Jake Weatherald will also remain unavailable for the side.

"Rehan Ahmed, after featuring in every regular season match for the Hurricanes, has now joined England's World Cup squad and will miss the BBL15 Finals. Jake Weatherald will also be unavailable," they said.

Ben McDermott will lead Hurricanes in Ellis's absence. Their loss to Brisbane Heat, where they had a comfortable chase but lost in the final moments when Zaman Khan defended six runs in the last over, resulted in missing the opportunity to host the Qualifier final. On Monday, Australia's selectors announced that Ellis, who has become a crucial cog in Australia's T20 attack, would be rested, along with Glenn Maxwell, for the three-match T20I series in Pakistan, which serves as preparation for next month's World Cup.



U19 WC: REHAAN AHTIF REPLACES DYLAN THAKRAR IN TANZANIA'S SQUAD

DUBAI : Rehaan Ahtif has replaced Dylan Thakrar in Tanzania's U19 World Cup squad after the latter was ruled out due to an injury to his left middle finger during their second Group D match against South Africa and was unable to continue his participation in the remainder of the tournament.

The Event Technical Committee of the U19 Men's Cricket World Cup approved Ahtif as a replacement for Thakrar in the team's squad. Replacing a player requires prior approval from the Committee before the new player can be officially added to the squad.

The Event Technical Committee for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026 includes Wasim Khan (Chair and ICC General Manager - Cricket), Sarah Edgar (ICC Senior Manager - Events),



Hamilton Masakadza (Zimbabwe Cricket Tournament Director), and Tash Farrant (independent nomi-

South Africa Women to host India for five T20Is in April



JOHANNESBURG : Cricket South Africa (CSA) on Tuesday announced that they will host world champions India for a five-match T20I series, scheduled to take place in Durban, Johannesburg and Benoni from April 17 to 27.

The T20I series begins with two matches at Kingsmead Stadium on April 17 and 19. The action will then shift to the Wanderers Stadium for consecutive games on April 22 and 25. The series will conclude with the fifth and final T20I at Willowmoore Park in Benoni on April 27.

This series will be the Proteas Women's last official assignment before the Women's T20 World Cup 2026, starting on June 12 in England. At the global tournament, South Africa are placed in Group 1 with Australia, Pakistan, India, and two qualifier teams.

"Facing a team of India's quality so close to a World Cup is exactly what the Proteas Women need at this stage of the preparation. It gives them an opportunity to test themselves against a top-level opponent, fine-tune their combinations and ensure they are executing their plans under pressure. This series will play a key role in sharpening the team's readiness ahead of the T20 World Cup," said Enoch Nkwe, CSA's Director of National Teams and High Performance.

This will also be the first international meeting between the two teams since India's 52-run victory over the Laura Wolvaardt-led side in the final of the ODI World Cup in November 2025. Harmanpreet Kaur & Co. scripted history as they clinched their first-ever ICC silverware, ending years of waiting.

South Africa vs India schedule:

- 1st T20I at Kingsmead, Durban, on April 17
- 2nd T20I at Kingsmead, Durban, on April 19
- 3rd T20I at Wanderers, Johannesburg, on April 22
- 4th T20I at Wanderers, Johannesburg, on April 25
- 5th T20I at Willowmoore Park, Benoni, on April 27

Aus Open: Jannik Sinner moves into second round after French opponent Gaston retires hurt

MELBOURNE : Jannik Sinner regained his winning streak at Melbourne Park on Tuesday after Hugo Gaston retired unexpectedly once the Italian, a two-time defending Australian Open champion, took a commanding lead of two sets to love at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

The match ended abruptly after just over an hour when the injured French World No. 93 retired despite receiving medical treatment. Jannik Sinner dominated early, leading 6-2, 6-1, and the French player left the court visibly devastated. Despite the short contest, Sinner reinforced his status as the leading title contender in Melbourne.

The second seed has won 15 straight matches at Melbourne Park and is chasing a historic third consecutive Australian Open title. A third win would make him only the second man in the Open era, after Novak Djokovic,

to achieve this feat. Sinner will next face either Dino Prizmic or James Duckworth.

Later, in his on-court interview, Sinner mentioned that although Gaston's retirement caught him off guard, he had observed that his French opponent wasn't performing at his best.

"I saw that he was not serving with a very high pace, especially in the second set, but it's not the way you want to win a match," said Sinner, who has n't dropped a set in his past 11 matches. "He's such a talented player. He has incredible touch and moves very, very well, so I knew starting from the beginning that I had to play a very high level of tennis, trying to be as aggressive as possible, which I've done, so I'm very happy," he added.

"I felt very well prepared. We worked a lot physically and on the

court (during the off-season). I had one great (practice) match with Felix (Auger-Aliassime), even though it's an exhibition, we went 'full.' The official matches are always very different, and I'm very happy with how I started today. A bit of tension, but now it's time to enjoy. The hard work is done. We practice for moments like this, so I'm happy to be back," he said.

Despite Gaston's physical problems, the matchup was always tough, and Sinner quickly took control. Aside from an early 0-40 scare that Sinner escaped with aces, Gaston had few chances. Sinner broke repeatedly with strong baseline play and passing shots, winning six straight games to lead by a set and 2-0. The contest stayed one-sided, with Gaston briefly holding serve to avoid a bagel before Sinner sealed the match, which ended in just 68 minutes.



PRAGGNANANDHAA RAMESHBABU CONFIRMED FOR NORWAY CHESS 2026

STAVANGER (NORWAY) : Indian star Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu has been confirmed for the upcoming 2026 edition of Norway Chess to be played in Oslo in May and June 2026.

One of the leading talents of the new generation, Praggnanandhaa qualified for the 2026 Candidates Tournament after winning the 2025 FIDE Circuit and continues to establish himself among the very best chess players in the world.

"Looking forward to being back in Norway Chess, I enjoyed playing in 2024. Most exciting format I have played!" says Praggnanandhaa.

"Praggnanandhaa delivered some memorable moments at Norway Chess in 2024, and it's great to welcome him back," said Benedicte Westre Skog, COO of Norway Chess.

"From qualifying for the Candidates to achieving major results on the world stage, his consistency and ambition make

him an exciting player for both fans and competitors. We're looking forward to seeing what he brings to the tournament in 2026."

Praggnanandhaa's rise in elite chess has been marked by a series of historic milestones. He became a grandmaster at just 12 years and 10 months and first made global headlines two years earlier, when he set the record at the time as the youngest International Master in history.

He later became the youngest player ever to reach a FIDE World Cup final, earning qualification for the 2024 Candidates Tournament and further cementing his reputation as one of the most exciting competitors on the international circuit.

Praggnanandhaa first made his mark at the Norway Chess in 2022, when he won the Open title, earning his place among the tournament's rising talents.

In 2024, Praggnanandhaa claimed his first classical victory



over Magnus Carlsen at Norway Chess - a breakthrough moment that underlined his ability to compete with the very best. The same year, he was part of India's gold medal-winning team at the Chess Olympiad, contributing to one of the most successful chapters in Indian chess history.

His consistent performances

have led him to a career-high world ranking of number four and a peak rating of 2785. With Praggnanandhaa returning to Norway Chess 2026, fans can look forward to another exciting chapter in his rapidly developing career. Norway Chess 2026 will take place from May 25 to June 5 at Deichman Bjorvika in Oslo.

YOU PUSHED INDIAN BADMINTON FORWARD: YUVRAJ HAILS SAINA NEHWAL'S 'INCREDIBLE CAREER'

NEW DELHI : Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh congratulated Olympic medalist Saina Nehwal, one of India's most outstanding badminton players, who has announced her retirement from competitive sports after nearly two years of absence due to a chronic knee issue.

The 2012 London Olympics bronze medalist last played a competitive badminton match at the 2023 Singapore Open and had not officially announced her retirement until Monday, when, during a podcast, the ace shuttler mentioned that she had left the court on her own terms and "there was no need to announce it."

"Well played, Saina! Congratulations on an incredible career. You pushed Indian badminton forward and inspired a generation. Wishing you the very best for what's next," Yuvraj wrote on X, congratulating the badminton ace on a remarkable career.

Nehwal revealed that a degeneration of cartilage in her knees forced her to take the tough call after discussions with her family and coaches, stating, "Your cartilage has totally degenerated, you have arthritis... I just told them, 'Now probably I can't do it anymore, it is difficult.'"

Nehwal mentioned that her body could no longer handle the strain of elite badminton, leading her to retire. "You train eight to nine hours to be the best in the world. Now, my knees would give out in one or two hours. It was swelling, and it became very tough to push after that. So I thought it was enough. I can't push it anymore," she said.

The shuttler from Hissar gained international recognition in 2008 by winning the junior world championship and making history as the first Indian woman to reach the singles quarterfinals at the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

In 2009, she made history as the first Indian to win a BWF Super Series tournament by securing the Indonesia Open. A year later, she achieved the status of a Commonwealth Games champion.

During London 2012, Nehwal achieved a historic milestone as India's first Olympic badminton medalist by winning a bronze in women's singles after her semi-final.

In 2015, she achieved a historic milestone by becoming the world No. 1 in singles badminton rankings, making her the first Indian woman to do so and only the second Indian shuttler, after Prakash Padukone, to reach the top. That year, she also reached the final of the BWF World Championships, being the first from India to do so, but took home silver after losing to Carolina Marin.

'We cannot be pressurised to play in India....' says Bangladesh govt's sports advisor on T20 WC row

CHITTAGONG : Asif Nazrul, the Sports Advisor for Bangladesh's government, stated on Tuesday that Bangladesh has remained firm in its position and is opposed to travelling to India for their T20 World Cup matches.

Bangladesh are refusing to play their T20 World Cup matches in India, citing security concerns, and have asked the ICC to move their matches to co-hosting nation Sri Lanka, after the BCCI asked Kolkata Knight Riders to release their pacer Mustafizur Rahman for the upcoming IPL 2026 amid prevailing political tensions between the two countries.

Nazrul said that Bangladesh will not accept any unreasonable conditions if the International Cricket Council (ICC) imposes them under pressure from India.

"If the International Cricket Council (ICC) bows to pressure from the Indian Cricket Board and tries to impose any illogical condition on us, we will not accept," Nazrul told reporters on Tuesday.

"In the past there are examples where Pakistan said that they will not travel to India, and ICC changed the venue. We have asked to change the venue on logical grounds, and we cannot be pressurised to play in



India by putting illogical pressure," he added.

It has been learnt that the ICC will make a final decision on Bangladesh's request by January 21. Over the weekend, the ICC and the Bangladesh Cricket Board held a meeting, at which both parties maintained their respective positions.

Bangladesh had also suggested to the ICC that it consider moving its team to Group B, swapping places with Ireland,

which plays its group matches in Sri Lanka. The ICC has reportedly assured Ireland that no such move will be made.

The ICC officials are irked by the BCB's stance, as they understand the BCB has assured them there is no security threat to Bangladesh. It has also impressed upon Bangladesh that if they withdraw, then they will nominate a replacement team, with Scotland currently next in line based on rankings.

MI wicketkeeper Kamalini ruled out of remainder of WPL, Vaishnavi named replacement

MUMBAI : Mumbai Indians (MI) wicketkeeper-batter G Kamalini has been ruled out of the remainder of the WPL season due to an injury, with defending champions MI picking Vaishnavi Sharma as a replacement for the remainder of the WPL 2026.

Seventeen-year-old Kamalini had played 5 matches in the ongoing season before being ruled out of the season due to an injury.

"Mumbai Indians (MI) picked Vaishnavi Sharma as a replacement for G Kamalini for the remainder of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026. Vaishnavi Sharma will join MI for Rs 30 Lakh, WPL said in a release.

The left-arm spinner Vaishnavi, who was a member of India's triumphant ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup squad of 2025, has played 5 T20Is for India, scalping five wickets from the same.

MI had a shaky start to their WPL campaign, as they have managed to register just two wins in five games. Despite the last two results not quite going their way, the defending champions managed to hold onto the number two spot on the points table, thanks to their superior net run-rate.

With three league games remaining before the playoffs, MI quickly need to get the pieces of this puzzle together when they



play bottom placed Delhi Capitals at the BCA Stadium, Kotambi on Tuesday.

Notably, Kamalini and left-arm spinner Vaishnavi, both of whom were part of the T20I side that played Sri Lanka in December last year, have earned maiden ODI call-ups for the white-ball tour of Australia next month.

India will play three T20Is and as many ODIs on the white-ball tour between February 15 and March 1, with the one-off Test scheduled to run from March 6 to 9 in Perth. The squad for the one-off test is yet to be named.