

Mamata Inaugurates 49th Kolkata Book Fair, Highlights SIR Issue...

The 49th Kolkata International Book Fair officially began on Thursday, with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurating the event, continuing the tradition of her annual presence. The fair will run until February 3, 2026. During her inaugural speech, the Chief Minister addressed the ongoing controversy surrounding SIR, stating, "There has never been a logical discrepancy in SIR. This is happening only in Bengal and nowhere else, even after the provisional lists were released. Those who are yet to receive their SIR will get it; authorized persons may also collect it on their behalf if necessary." She also highlighted the hardships faced by citizens, saying, "About 110 people have passed away while waiting. People are spending 5-6 hours daily in queues, and we must remember their struggles." Speaking on the confusion around the spelling of names in official records, she remarked, "For example, if I write Mamata Banerjee in Bengali, it is Mamata Bandyopadhyay."

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MI News Service, Kozhikode : Noted NASA astronaut Sunita Williams has arrived here to attend the Kerala Literature Festival (KLF) organised by DC Books. Williams arrived in Kozhikode on Wednesday night and is expected to take part in various events of the festival till January 25. In accordance with the KLF schedule, she attended the inaugural event on Thursday evening along with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The organisers of the Kerala Literature Festival (KLF) have announced the participation of NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, one of the world's most accomplished explorers and a global icon of space science, at its 2026 edition of the Kozhikode beach.

The legendary astronaut joined the event. She is well-known for her significant contributions to space exploration, achieving a record as the first woman to fly on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft during its initial crewed test flight. She is among the most experienced space walkers and the first person ever to run a marathon in space. Williams is expected to share her stories on exploration, perseverance, and human resilience. "The Kerala Literature Festival has always believed in expanding the idea of the fest to include science, discovery, leadership, and the human spirit. Sunita Williams represents the courage to explore the unknown and the discipline required to stretch human boundaries." She has also been a well-wisher of DC Books and KLF, which makes her presence at the festival especially meaningful. Her participation will inspire audiences across generations," said Ravi DeeCee, Managing Director of DC Books and chief facilitator at KLF. In June last year, Williams embarked on her third ISS mission with Butch Wilmore and, over 286 days in space, made history by setting the record for the most space-walking time by a woman. The 2026 Kerala Literature Festival will host a diverse array of speakers, including Nobel laureates and Booker Prize winners, emphasising the importance of the exchange of ideas and the power of words with Germany as this year's guest nation.



The 49th International Kolkata Book Fair was inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by sounding the gong at the Mela Ground on Thursday. This year's Book Fair is featuring Argentina as the Focal Theme Country with over 20 other nations participating. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

20 years on, Singur once again takes centre stage before elections



In late 2006, Mamata Banerjee began her anti-land acquisition movement against the proposed Tata Motors plant at Singur.

MI News Service, Kolkata : After decades of stagnant industrial and economic growth during the later half of

34 years of Left Front rule in West Bengal, the proposed Tata plant in Singur in Hooghly district ended up bringing

The books will be distributed among households with multiple voters. We will also distribute the books among influential people in the wards, those whose opinion can influence how people vote

a young Trinamool councillor

down the Left citadel and propelling Mamata Banerjee to power. Now, the barren landscape of nearly 1000 acres of land in Singur just off the Durgapur Expressway, where the Tatas abandoned the project to build the world's cheapest car, is once again at the centre of Bengal politics. It was billed as

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Violence-hit Kokrajhar in Assam limps back to normal



Army trucks are patrolling in violence hit Kokrajhar district of Assam on Thursday

MI News Service, Guwahati : The violence-hit Kokrajhar district of Assam is limping back to normal with security personnel, including the Army, patrolling sensitive areas on Thursday, official sources said.

Two persons were killed in clashes between the Bodos and Adivasis in the district following a road accident on Monday. There has been no fresh violence in the district since Tuesday evening, the sources claimed.

Four columns of the Army have been deployed, and they are patrolling sensitive areas, the sources said adding the CRPF and Assam Police are also patrolling the affected areas. Over 1,000 people have taken shelter in relief camps set up in five schools, with the district administration making efforts to ensure that they soon return to their homes, a senior government official said. Prohibitory orders under

section 163 of the BNSS remain in place, with internet services suspended. The internet has also been blocked in neighbouring Chirang district.

On Monday night, a vehicle with three Bodos on board hit two Adivasi persons on Mansingh Road in the Karigaon area. The three Bodo persons were reportedly beaten up by local Adivasis, and the vehicle was torched, officials said. One person died soon after the attack, and another succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment, they said.

On Tuesday, the situation flared with Bodo and Adivasi communities blocking a national highway, burning tyres, setting ablaze a government office and attacking the Karigaon police outpost, they added. The police baton-charged the protesters and fired tear gas shells to disperse the crowd, in which several people, including a few police personnel, were injured, officials said.

Govt wants to do with workers what it did with farmers: Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Continuing his tirade against the Narendra Modi government, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed that the Modi government's objectives are the same in repealing MGNREGA as they were in bringing the "three black farm laws", while urging poor people to stand united against the move to bring the VB G RAM G Act. Addressing the National MGNREGA Workers' Convention, organised by the Rachnatmak Congress, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said the concept of MGNREGA was to give rights to the poor.

"The thinking was to provide work to those who need it. This scheme was to be run through the third tier of government - Panchayati Raj. The word rights was important. All poor people had the



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Rahul Gandhi

right to work under MGNREGA and PM Modi-BJP wants to finish that concept," said Rahul Gandhi. Some years ago they brought in the "three black farm laws" but farmers stopped that after "all of us unitedly put pressure" on the Union government, the former Congress chief said.

"We all put pressure and got the laws repealed. They are doing the same thing with workers that they did with farmers as they brought the three black farm laws," Rahul Gandhi reiterated.

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Mumbai to have woman Mayor from general category

MI News Service, Mumbai : The next Mayor of Mumbai - the financial capital of India - will be a woman from the general category, as determined by a lottery conducted by the Maharashtra Urban Development Department on Thursday, official sources said. The procedure was, however, opposed by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and former Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar, who claimed that the rules to arrive at this decision were changed without informing anyone. She said the last two Mayors were also from the general category, so the new Mayor should have been from the Other Backward Classes (OBC) or the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category. "We condemn the way the procedure (of lottery) was conducted," Pednekar said. The lottery determines the category for which the Mayor's post will be reserved, such as general, women, SC, ST, and OBC categories. Once the category is announced, eligible candidates file their nominations. Elections to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and 28 other civic bodies in the state were held on January 15.

Fresh encounter breaks out in J-K's Kishtwar

MI News Service, Jammu : A fresh encounter broke out between security forces and holed up terrorists during an ongoing search operation in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday, official sources said. The operation was launched in Sonnar village

near Mandral-Singhpura in Chatroo belt on Sunday, leading to a gunfight that left one paratrooper dead and seven other soldiers injured. A fresh contact was established with the holed up terrorists in the dense forests of Singhpora this

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Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on their way to the site of encounter between security forces and terrorists, in Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir, on Thursday.

Four Ex PMs in fray for Mar 5 polls in Nepal



From left, Baburam Bhattarai, KP Sharma Oli, Madhav Kumar Nepal and Pushpa Kamal Dahal. all former Nepal PM's.

MI News Service, Kathmandu : Months after the Gen Z protests in Nepal, as many as four former Prime ministers have filed their nomination papers from different constituencies for the March 5 general elections.

Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) chair and deposed Prime Minister K P Sharma

Oli, is contesting from Jhapa-5, while former Prime minister Pushpakamal Dahal 'Prachanda' of Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) has filed nomination from Rukum East. Two other former Prime ministers Madhav Kumar Nepal of Nepali

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India among those absent at signing ceremony of Trump's 'Board of Peace'

MI News Service, New Delhi / Davos : India was among the countries not present in Davos on Thursday when US President Donald Trump unveiled his "Board of Peace" that seeks to work towards bringing lasting peace to Gaza and possibly resolve global conflicts. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among numerous global leaders that the US President has invited to join the board that was announced under the second phase of a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. France, the United Kingdom, China, Germany and many other leading nations also skipped the signing ceremony for Trump's "Board of Peace".

Trump hosted the ceremony on the margins of annual World Eco-



U.S. President Donald Trump holds up his signature during a signing ceremony for the "Board of Peace" at the World Economic Forum (WEF) on January 22, 2026 in Davos, Switzerland. The annual meeting of political and business leaders comes amid rising global tensions.

omic Forum in the Swiss mountain resort. India is yet to take a call on it, people familiar with the matter said when asked about Trump's invite to PM Modi. New Delhi is considering various aspects as the initiative involves sensitive issues, it is learnt. India has been pushing for a "two-State solution" to the Palestine question with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security within recognised borders.

The countries that joined the Board of Peace included Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Egypt, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. A number of countries including Germany, Italy, Paraguay, Russia, Slovenia, Türkiye, and

Ukraine have remained non-committal on the invitation. Trump's "Board of Peace" is being projected by Washington as a new international body to usher in peace and stability in Gaza and beyond, triggering speculations that it could throw a challenge to the United Nations. Originally, the new body was to be tasked to oversee governance and coordinate funding for Gaza's redevelopment as the strip was devastated during the two years of Israeli military offensive.

However, the "charter" of the board says it is "an international organisation that seeks to promote stability, restore dependable and lawful governance, and secure enduring peace in areas affected or

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses the gathering at the 49th International Kolkata Book Fair 2026, held at Boimela Prangan, Kolkata, on Thursday.

Bangladeshi barge sinks near Kachhuberia

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: South 24 parganas witnessed a disturbing maritime incident late at night as a Bangladeshi barge carrying fly ash sank in the Muriganga river, triggering serious concerns over river pollution and navigational safety. The barge, identified as MV Tamjid Nasir, went down following a collision near the riverbank between Kachhuberia and lot Eight, an ecologically sensitive stretch of the delta.

According to official sources, the barge was loaded with fly ash when it reportedly lost balance due to low tide conditions after departing from Buzbuz, ultimately colliding with the riverbank and sinking. Nearly 90 percent of the vessel is now submerged, raising the spectre of fly-ash contamination in the river. Here were 11 crew members on board at the time of the incident—10 Bangladeshi nationals and one Indian sailor. Swift administrative and police intervention ensured that all crew members were rescued



safely during the night. They were later transferred to another Bangladesh-bound vessel and have since returned safely, officials confirmed. However, the relief over the successful rescue has been overshadowed by grave environmental concerns. Fly ash, a known industrial pollutant, poses a serious threat to river ecology if released into the water. Local fishermen have expressed deep anxiety, warning that contamination could severely impact fish populations and livelihoods dependent on the river. "This is not the first time such an incident has occurred in Muriganga," locals pointed out. Several Bangladeshi fly-ash-laden vessels have sunk in the river in the past, repeatedly raising questions about safety standards, monitoring, and long-term environmental damage. The Kolkata Port Trust has been

informed and has initiated steps to investigate the incident in detail. Efforts are also underway to ensure that the submerged barge does not obstruct the vessel movement route, a crucial inland waterway. Officials from the Irrigation Department have visited the site to assess the situation. The sinking of MV Tamjid Nasir has once again exposed the fragile balance between inland navigation and environmental safety in the Sundarbans delta region. Residents and environmental observers are demanding urgent removal of the fly ash and stricter regulation of cargo vessels to prevent further disasters. As panic spreads along the riverbanks, one question looms large: how many more such incidents will it take before decisive action is enforced to protect Muriganga's waters?

Young man commits suicide fearing 'digital arrest'

MI News Service, Ashoknagar: Intense tension erupted in Rajberia village of Beraberia Panchayat in Ashoknagar following the recovery of the body of a young man found hanging. The deceased was identified as Monirul Golder (37). His body was found hanging from a mango tree near his house. The family alleges that the incident was triggered by the fear of 'digital arrest'. Although no phone calls or social media contact were involved in this case, a notice was sent to his home alleging that he had committed a crime using a SIM card. Monirul was worried about this notice, and his family claims that this is the reason behind the incident. A complaint has already been filed at the local Ashoknagar police station. Police have started an investigation based on the complaint. They are investigating who sent the notice.

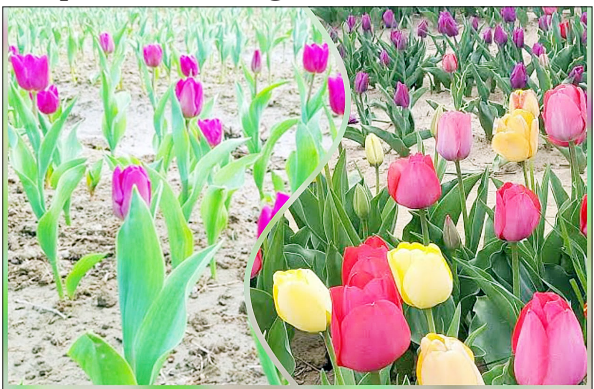


trader by profession. It is learned that he received the notice at his home on January 8th. A neighbor of Monirul, Mokedesh Mandal, said, "The notice arrived via post office, supposedly from the Pune City Cyber Police Station in Maharashtra. It stated that a SIM card had been registered in Monirul's name and used for criminal activities. He was instructed to contact them within seven days. Since then, Monirul was very anxious. He had also reported the incident

to the police." It is learned that Monirul had left his home on Wednesday night after packing his clothes in a bag, saying he was going elsewhere for honey collection. His hanging body was found the following morning, Thursday, on a mango tree behind a tea stall near the Suria playground, a short distance from his home. Following this, his family and acquaintances raised their voices, alleging that the young man committed suicide because he was threatened with digital arrest through a notice. Regarding this, Gupti Majumdar, the Trinamool Congress chairman of Habra 2 Panchayat Samiti, said, "The young man became terrified after receiving the notice. His family members have said that Monirul had been using the same mobile number from the beginning. A complaint has been filed at the police station detailing everything. The truth will come out through the police investigation." The incident has cast a shadow of grief over the family.

Cold regions' tulip flowers grown in Nadia

MI News Service, Shantipur: Tulip flowers, typically grown in colder regions such as the Netherlands and Kashmir, have been successfully cultivated in Phulia town of Nadia district by a local resident.



The initiative was undertaken by Abhinab Basak, a handloom weaver from Chatkatala area under Shantipur police station. Basak planted tulip bulbs at his residence and achieved flowering despite the region's relatively warm climate.

According to Basak, he first observed tulips during a work-related visit to Delhi last year. Motivated by the possibility of growing the flower outside traditionally cold regions, he decided to experiment with tulip cultivation in Nadia.

In the first week of December, Basak ordered 125 tulip bulbs through an online platform. He followed standard cultivation guidelines obtained from online sources and provided daily care to the plants. Flowering occurred

within 32 days of planting. At present, approximately 18 plants are in bloom. Although bulbs of three different colours were planted, only white tulips have flowered so far.

Tulips generally require low temperatures and controlled conditions for optimal growth. Basak stated that regular monitoring and maintenance helped overcome climatic limitations. His residence already has a variety of

flowering, fruit and ornamental plants, though he said tulip cultivation was undertaken primarily as an experiment.

The flowering of tulips in Phulia has drawn interest from local residents, as the flower is rarely seen in the region. The initiative has highlighted the role of accessible information and adaptive cultivation techniques in expanding horticultural possibilities in non-traditional climates.

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These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or guarantor(s) (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: January 23, 2026
Place: Calcutta (Kolkata)

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Worker's body found after 8 days

MI News Service, Malda: The mysterious death of a migrant worker from West Bengal has once again brought the issue of migrant labour safety into sharp focus. Alamgir Alam (29), a resident of Mashaldaha Bazar under Harishchandrapur police station in Malda district, was found dead eight days after he went missing in Chennai. His severely injured body was recovered from beside a railway track, triggering allegations of murder and a fresh political confrontation in the state. Alamgir, the sole earning member of his family, had migrated to Chennai in search of livelihood. According to family sources, he had recently secured a new job and was scheduled to travel to

Hyderabad. On the day of his disappearance, Alamgir spoke to his wife over the phone shortly before boarding a train. That was the last time the family heard from him. Repeated attempts to contact his mobile phone thereafter proved futile.

Eight days later, Alamgir's mutilated body was discovered near a forested stretch adjacent to the railway tracks close to the Chennai station from where he was supposed to begin his journey. The circumstances surrounding his death remain unclear, deepening the mystery. The family has alleged foul play, claiming that Alamgir was murdered and his body dumped near the tracks to mislead investigators.

Mahestala molestation shock: Repeat offender teacher in custody

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: In a chilling breach of trust that has ignited fury across the community, a Bengali teacher at a local school has been arrested for allegedly molesting a fourth-grade girl on school premises. The predator lured the child to the deserted second floor under the pretext of handing her a storybook, exploiting the absence of witnesses to perpetrate the assault.

The victim's harrowing account, confided to her mother upon returning home, unleashed a storm of parental wrath. Family members rallied, prompting a swift complaint at Maheshala police station. Officers registered a case under the stringent POCSO Act and launched a probe, apprehending the accused within hours. Enraged parents descended

ed on the school, besieging the premises in a volatile protest that plunged the campus into chaos. Their voices thundered with a single, searing question: How could a known offender – with a prior complaint languishing in court – remain in a position to prey on innocent children? Police sources reveal a damning history: the teacher faces earlier allegations of similar depravity, yet evaded accountability. As the investigation intensifies, the scandal exposes gaping voids in school safety protocols and oversight, leaving families to grapple with a betrayal that strikes at the heart of childhood sanctuary. Authorities vow a thorough inquiry, but the damage is done – a stark reminder that vigilance must trump complacency in protecting the vulnerable.

Cong may contest Bengal assembly polls on its own

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Congress is exploring its options for poll-bound West Bengal and could decide to go alone in the Assembly elections in the state with no talks held so far for alliance with Left parties, party sources said here on Thursday.

Sources said several leaders in the Bengal party unit are keen that the party goes alone in the polls as it has been weakened by contesting polls mostly in alliance for over decades.

They said there is still no clarity on the party's stance even as Trinamool Congress and BJP have plunged into the campaign.

The sources said that the party is likely to fight the forthcoming

polls on its own.

The Left-Congress-Indian Secular Front (ISF) alliance had performed very poorly in the last polls, winning only one seat. The BJP emerged as the main opposition party in the state, which had long been dominated by the Left and the Congress.

Congress sources said that a section of the Bengal unit feels that the party will not be able to grow in an alliance and will be decimated in areas it has not contested for a long time.

They feel that the party should use the forthcoming assembly polls, likely to be held in March-April, to build its base across the state.

INSV Kaundinya reaches Oman after historic 17-day voyage from Gujarat

MI News Service, Kolkata: INSV Kaundinya reached Muscat after a 17-day voyage from Porbandar, highlighting India's

ancient shipbuilding, traditional navigation, and 5,000-year-old maritime ties while strengthening maritime diplomacy with Oman.

Bandhan Bank announces its Q3 FY26 results

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank on Thursday announced its financial results for the third quarter of the financial year 2025–26, reporting steady growth across key business parameters. The bank's total business grew by 11 per cent year-on-year to Rs 3.02 lakh crore. Retail deposits now account for 72 per cent of the bank's total deposit base. The growth in the third quarter was driven by an expanded distribution network, improved operational efficiency, and a favourable business environment.

Bandhan Bank currently serves around 3.25 crore customers through more than 6,350 banking outlets across 35 of the 36 states and Union Territories of India. The bank has a workforce of over 74,500 employees.

During Q3 FY26, the bank recorded an 11 per cent year-on-year growth in deposits, with the deposit book standing at Rs 1.57 lakh crore. Total advances during the same period reached Rs 1.45 lakh crore. The Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) ra-

tio stood at 27.3 per cent. The Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), an important indicator of financial strength, remained robust at 17.8 per cent, well above the regulatory requirement.

Commenting on the performance, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Partha Pratim Sengupta said, "Bandhan Bank's third-quarter performance over the last few quarters reflects strengthening fundamentals and a steady turnaround. In Q4, we plan to accelerate multiple digital initiatives aimed at enhancing customer experience, improving operational efficiency, and supporting scalability. We remain fully committed to building a strong, resilient, and diversified bank, positioning us for sustainable and profitable growth going forward."

The bank continues to focus on diversifying its asset base, with a strategic emphasis on expanding its retail portfolio. Accelerated digitisation remains a key priority to drive efficiency, boost productivity, and further enhance the overall customer experience.



West Bengal Chief Minister takes a tour of book stalls at the International Kolkata Book Fair (IKBF) as the prestigious fair kicks off at the Boi Mela Prangan in Kolkata on Thursday.

EPIC card emerges after soil digging

MI News Service, Hooghly: Afresh controversy has erupted in Hooghly after a large number of voter identity cards were found buried near the open courtyard of the BDO office in Chanditala-II, raising serious questions over the handling and disposal of sensitive electoral documents. The voter cards surface when soil was removed when soil was removed during ground-leveling work near the BDO office premises. The work was reportedly undertaken to prepare the area in connection with an ongoing SIR hearing, during which the uneven land was being flattened.

As the soil was disturbed, bundles of EPIC doc-

uments reportedly emerged, drawing immediate attention and concern. Responding to the incident, Praveen Ghosh, Superintendent of the Public Health Department of Chanditala-II Panchayat Samiti, claimed that all the voter cards recovered were "invalid" and no longer in use. According to him, the cards belonged to deceased voters or individuals who had already transitioned to digital voter identification systems. These EPIC cards had been submitted to the office earlier. Since they were no longer valid, they were disposed of by burying them underground," Ghosh said.

When Bengal meet Rajasthan: Heritage, sustainability take centre stage

MI News Service, Kolkata: Heritage conservation emerged as a central pillar of sustainable development at the NDTV Conclave "Raising Rajasthan – Vikas Bhai, Virasat Bhi", organized by the Government of Rajasthan on December 24 at the historic Mandawa Castle. The conclave sent a clear message from one of India's most heritage-rich states: economic growth and cultural preservation must progress together.

A major highlight was the high-powered panel discussion "Haveli Se Hariyali Tak", which explored Rajasthan's approach to conserving the famed painted havelis of Shekhawati while aligning urban development with ecological responsibility. The session brought together policymakers and conservation experts, including Arjit Banerjee (IFS, Head of Forest Force, Rajasthan;

Dr. Shikha Jain, Founder-Director of DRONAH; Durga Singhji, conservationist and tourism expert; and Dr. Shruti Poddar, INTACH Convenor, Shekhawati Chapter. Representing Bengal's conservation legacy, Sandip Nowlakha—Founding Member of the Murshidabad Heritage Development Society and Founder-President of Atuniya Virasat Manyata Sansthan (AVMS)—was invited for his sustained contributions to heritage preservation. His participation highlighted growing inter-state knowledge exchange. Drawing parallels with Murshidabad, home to 97 identified heritage sites, he emphasized community-led, multi-stakeholder conservation models and the strategic use of festivals to build cultural ownership. Discussions focused on positioning Shekhawati's havelis as potential UNE-

SCO World Heritage Sites, while protecting their cultural and natural ecosystems. The havelis were described as open-air art galleries, preserving frescoes that document trade, social life and religious traditions. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma reaffirmed the state's commitment to integrating heritage within Rajasthan's development roadmap. A significant moment saw the AVMS plaque presented to Dr. Shruti Poddar by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari and Sandip Nowlakha. Concluding, Sandip Nowlakha noted that while Rajasthan's stone architecture offers durability, true conservation depends on community pride. Without public engagement, even well-funded efforts cannot endure—underscoring a people-centric future for heritage conservation in India.

No tips to pay by motorcycle commuters at Burdwan - Nadia ferry communication

MI News Service, Shantipur: Motorcycle commuters using the Kalna-Narsinghpur ferry service will no longer be required to pay mandatory tips to boatmen for loading or unloading their vehicles. Ferry ghat authorities have issued a formal notice clarifying that any tip paid to boatmen must be purely voluntary.



The Kalna-Narsinghpur ferry ghat serves as a crucial transport link between Nadia and Purba Bardhaman districts, with thousands of passengers crossing the river daily. Along with passengers, bicycles and motorcycles are routinely ferried across. Due to the weight of motorcycles, commuters often seek assistance from boatmen while boarding and disembarking, which had reportedly led to the practice of charging an additional amount—usually rupees 5 per motorcycle—over and above the prescribed fare.

According to a notice recently displayed at the ghat by the leaseholder, boatmen are not permitted to demand or forcibly collect

any tip from motorcycle users. The notice clearly states that tips may only be accepted if offered willingly by commuters.

To address grievances, ferry authorities have also provided helpline numbers for passengers to report any instance of coercion. Complaints can be lodged at 9800242828 or 6294212539.

Regular commuters have welcomed the decision, stating that daily travel costs already include

passenger and vehicle fares, which amount to a significant monthly expense. Many daily wage earners said the removal of compulsory tipping would help ease their financial burden.

However, several commuters also noted that they continue to offer tips voluntarily when boatmen assist them, adding that the new directive ensures transparency and prevents forced payments.

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Date: January 23, 2026
Place: Calcutta

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For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Name Change
I, Kashem Molla (Old Name), Son Of Late Mahammad Ali Molla, Residing At Vill - Mathbari, Po - Malancha, Ps- Minakhan, Dist- 24 Parganas North, Pin -743425, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abul Kashem Molla (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/01/2026. Kashem Molla (Old Name) And Abul Kashem Molla (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mst Arefa Naima Khatun (Old Name) W/o Elias Mondal Residing at Golabati, Mondal Para, Jaynagar Majlipur, Tajpur Fatepur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743337, West Bengal, India, Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arefa Naima Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 22-01-2026. Mst Arefa Naima Khatun (Old Name) and Arefa Naima Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Sahinuddin Mohinuddin (old name) S/o. Sk Mahinuddin, R/o. Majher Para Niala, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sk Sahinuddin Mohinuddin to Sk Sahinuddin (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Sahinuddin in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 35 sworn before S.D.E.M., Sadar, Hooghly Court on 21/01/2026. I, Sk Sahinuddin Mohinuddin & Sk Sahinuddin S/o. Sk Mahinuddin both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manoj Kumar Chittayil, S/O Kilkote Bhaskaran, R/O- 248A/1, Motilal Gupta Road, Haridevpur, Kolkata-700082 Have Changed My Name To Chittayil Manoj Kumar Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 20/01/2026 At Kolkata, Manoj Kumar Chittayil Henceforth Be Known As Chittayil Manoj Kumar For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bhavik Ondhiya, S/o Late Dinesh Ondhiya, residing at Merlin Nikot, 88C, Baburam Ghosh Road, Kolkata 40, do hereby declare that during his lifetime my father was known, called, and recognized as Dinesh Thacker and Dinesh Ondhiya. That Dinesh Thacker and Dinesh Ondhiya are one and the same person and not two different persons, as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Banksal Court vide Affidavit No. 1953 dated 22/01/2026.

Name Change
I, Sandip Mondal (old name) S/o. Late Ratan Mondal, R/o. Keota Shyamandarpur, Sahaganj, Chinsurah, Hooghly- 712104, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sandip Mondal to Sandip Francis Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sandip Francis Mondal in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 7248 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 11/08/2025. I, Sandip Mondal & Sandip Francis Mondal W/o. Late Ratan Mondal both are the same & one identical person. Mathew Snehasis Mondal is my son.

NAME CHANGE
I, Syeed Rizwan Khan, S/O- Lt. Sarof Rajali, residing at Vill.- R.N. Mukherjee, P.O.- Basirhat, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- 24 PGS (N). have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Sayeed Rizwan as declared before Notary Public 24 PGS (N) vide affidavit no. 1080 dated 20/01/2026 Syeed Rizwan Khan and Sayeed Rizwan both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Pavin Shayena Khan, W/O- Lt. Sarof Rajali, residing at Vill.- R.N. Mukherjee, P.O.- Basirhat, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- 24 PGS (N), have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Parvin Shayena as declared before Notary Public 24 PGS (N) vide affidavit no. 1079 dated 20/01/2026 Pavin Shayena Khan and Parvin Shayena both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SANJU UPADHYAYA, SANJU UPADHYA, SANJU UPADHYA W/o Late Brijesh Upadhyay R/o 14/1, Kundu Lane, P.O.-Bhowanipore, P.S.-Kalighat, Kol-700025 have changed my name to SANJU UPADHYAY vide affidavit no.6563 dated 17.01.26 at Alipore Court all are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SANJU UPYADHYAY W/o Late Brijesh Upadhyay R/o 14/1, Kundu Lane, P.O.-Bhowanipore, P.S.-Kalighat, Kol-700025 declared that my husband name has been wrongly recorded BRIJESH KUMAR UPADHYAYA, BRIJESH KR. UPADHYAY and BRIJESH KUMAR UPADHYAY instead of BRIJESH UPADHYAY all are same & one identical person.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE
I, Naim Hossain, S/o.- Late Mehdi Hossain R/o. 11/1/H/6, Moulana Md. Ali Road, Khidderpore, Kol-23, do hereby declare that the DOB of my son SK SUFYAAN NAIM has been wrongly mentioned as 05.09.2009 in his class X Admit Card & Marksheet issued by ICSE in the year 2025. The Correct DOB is 22.01.2009, vide Affidavit No. 8583 dated 20.01.2026 sworn before Ld Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Alipore.

Name Change
I, Lakshmi Adhikari Manna W/o. Bholanath Manna, R/o. Sananda Apartment, Rammandir, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, do hereby declare that asper the permission of Hon'ble Ld. Court order, on 28/07/2025, my husband Bholanath Manna adopt my daughter Sneha Biswas and my daughter change her name from Sneha Biswas to Sneha Manna through affidavit vide no. 20 sworn before the Ld. Court of Executive Magistrate, Hooghly at Chinsurah and recognised every where as Sneha Manna. Sneha Manna & Sneha Biswas both are same & identical person and her entire documents will be rectified accordingly. This notice is being published for kind information of concerned authorities.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SK SARIFUL ALAM is recorded in my Elicition Commission voter list 65 kandi bidhan sava list of 2002 Part no 137, S/o- AATAHARAA ALI Residing at Vill - Jakkharda, Post - Mahalandi, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, West Bengal. Shall henceforth be known as (New Name) SARIFUL ALAM That my name SARIFUL ALAM and SK SARIFUL ALAM and MD SARIFUL ALAM is the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kandi Murshidabad.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANOYAR SEKH S/o-KHALILUR is recorded in my 68 bharatpur Vidhansava Nirbachak list of 2002 Part no 159, Residing at Vill - Purbagram, Post - Talipukur, Ps- Salat, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742401, West Bengal. Shall henceforth be known as (New Name) ABUSATTAR S/o-KHALILUR RAHAMAN That my name ABUSATTAR and ANOYAR SEKH and that My Father name KHALILUR RAHAMAN and KHALILUR is the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kandi Murshidabad.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MURSHIDA BIBI W/o- TAJEMUDDIN SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Harinagar, Post - Harinagar, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MURSHIDA BIBI To MURSHIDA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MURSHIDA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 12 January 2026. MURSHIDA KHATUN and MURSHIDA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

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

Name Change
I, Smt. Sushma Roy, W/o - Late Gouranga Roy, residing at 5, Mohan Bagan Lane, P.S. Shyampukur, Calcutta - 700004, do hereby declare that in my husband's EPF & other documents my name has been mistakenly mentioned as Parulbala Roy. On 08/03/2010 vide an affidavit before the Metropolitan Magistrate, 8th Court, Calcutta, I affirm that Smt. Sushma Roy & Smt. Parulbala Roy is the same one & identical person.

Name Change
I, Mihir Chatterjee (Old Name), Son Of Late Khudiram Chatterjee, Residing At Vill-Gurupalli South,Vic Syambati, Po- Santiniketan, Birbhum-731235, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mihir Kumar Chatterjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/01/2026. Mihir Chatterjee And Mihir Kumar Chatterjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ziaul Mollick (Old Name), Son Of Yousof Ali Mollick, Residing At Vill & Post - Rabibhag, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711312, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ziaul Mollick (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/01/2026. Ziaul Mollick (Old Name) And Ziaul Mollick (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Momtaj Begum (Old Name) Wife Of Kazi Saogat Rahaman, Residing At Vill & Post - Rabibhag, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711312, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mantaj Begum (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/01/2026. Mantaj Begum (Old Name) And Mantaj Begum (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mamtag Begum (Old Name) Wife Of Kazi Saogat Rahaman, Residing At Vill & Post - Rabibhag, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711312, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mantaj Begum (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/01/2026. Mamtag Begum (Old Name) And Mamtag Begum (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Trucks-on-Trains: A Strategic Modal Shift Led by Indian Railways' Dedicated Freight Corridor

● **By Combining Road Agility with Rail Efficiency, Trucks on Train Optimizes Long-Haul Freight through Multimodal Integration, Reducing Emissions, Congestion, and Logistics Costs**

MI News Service, New Delhi, 22 Jan.26 : As India's economy grows and consumption diversifies, freight movement has increased sharply, straining roads, fuel use, and air quality. To address this, Indian Railways, through its visionary Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) initiative, has introduced the innovative Trucks-on-Trains (ToT) service. Conceived as part of Indian Railways' long-term freight transformation strategy, the DFC network provides the backbone that enables new-generation multimodal logistics.

ToT integrates the flexibility of road transport with the efficiency and environmental benefits of electrified rail infrastructure developed under Indian Railways' Dedicated Freight Corridor program. The service allows loaded trucks to be carried on specially modified flat wagons along the dedicated freight corridor. Trucks avoid long, congested highway journeys and travel by rail for the main haul. They then complete only short first- and last-mile road movements.

Economic Yet Reliable
At present, the ToT service operates between New Rewari and New Palanpur on the Western DFC network. It will be extended to additional sections as infrastructure development progresses. On the New Palanpur-New Rewari corridor, the service spans approximately 636 kilometres, cutting end-to-end transit time from nearly 30 hours by road to around 12 hours via the ToT service. This integrated road-rail solution enhances transit reliability, shortens turnaround times, and reduces overall logistics costs, while shielding long-haul freight movement from many of the uncertainties inherent in highway transport.

A key strength of the ToT lies in its simple and

competitive pricing structure. Freight is charged on transparent weight slabs, ₹25,543 per wagon for trucks up to 25 tonnes, ₹29,191 for 25-45 tonnes, and ₹32,000 for 45-58 tonnes, while empty trucks are carried at only ₹21,894 per wagon. To further support the dairy sector, no GST is levied on milk tankers, making the service especially attractive for time-sensitive and perishable cargo. Enhancing operational flexibility, Open Indent booking has been available since January 2024, allowing customers to plan movements in line with their dynamic logistics requirements.

Operational data from the current financial year clearly reflects the growing traction of the service. During FY 2025 (April-December), the Trucks-on-Trains service handled a total of 545 rakes, moving more than 3 lakh tonnes of freight and generating revenue of ₹36.95 crore. This volume underscores ToT's emergence as a commercially viable and scalable logistics product rather than a pilot-stage innovation.

A closer look at origin-wise performance further highlights its strength. New Palanpur alone accounted for 273 rakes, handling about more than 2 lakh tonnes and generating revenue of ₹20.18 crore, demonstrating strong adoption from western India's freight clusters, particularly in dairy and FMCG segments. New Rewari contributed almost equally in operational terms, with 272 rakes, moving around 0.1004 million tonnes and generating ₹16.76 crore in revenue. Together, these terminals illustrate how strategically located nodes on the DFC can anchor sustained multimodal freight flows and drive corridor-based logistics efficiency. The service has witnessed strong patronage from western India's freight clusters, particularly from major customers such as the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul) for milk and dairy products, along with other logistics service providers.



The relaunch of the Trucks-on-Trains service through a Memorandum of Understanding with GCMMF in June 2023 significantly reinforced industry confidence and helped anchor regular volumes from the dairy sector.

Pioneering Modal Shift
One of the most significant strategic outcomes of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Trucks-on-Trains service is the modal shift of long-haul freight from road to rail. By transferring the longest and most energy-intensive segment of truck journeys to electrified, high-capacity dedicated freight corridors, the ToT model helps decongest highways, reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels, and optimise national logistics costs. Each freight train has the potential to replace dozens of long-haul trucks, resulting in smoother traffic flow, lower accident risks, reduced diesel consumption, and diminished wear and tear on road infrastructure.

An important economic advantage for transporters is the avoidance of highway toll costs. Long-distance trucking on national highways involves significant expenditure on toll plazas, which escalates logistics costs and increases trip uncertainty. By shifting the long-haul segment to rail, Trucks-on-Trains enables operators to bypass these recurring toll expenses entirely, improving cost predictability and margins, particularly for high-frequency and long-distance movements.

Cleaner & Safer Transport

The environmental gains are reinforced by the fact that the entire DFC network is fully electrified.

Shifting trucks from road to rail significantly reduces emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and particulate matter. As India's power generation mix progressively incorporates higher shares of renewable energy, the carbon footprint of rail-based freight under the ToT model is expected to decline further. Beyond tailpipe emissions, Trucks-on-Trains also addresses the often-overlooked issue of road dust pollution. Heavy truck traffic is a major contributor to dust generation on highways, adversely affecting public health, agriculture, and roadside ecosystems. By moving truck traffic to rail corridors, ToT helps improve air quality for communities living along major transport routes. The tangible impact of this shift is clearly visible on the Palanpur-Rewari corridor, spanning approximately 636 kilometres. When trucking over this stretch is shifted to rail, nearly 48875 trucks are effectively removed from highways for the core journey, operating only for first- and last-mile delivery. This transition results in estimated diesel savings of about 88,81,285 litres, while preventing the emission of approximately 2,30,91,343 kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO₂). These figures demonstrate how corridor-based modal shift delivers measurable environmental and energy benefits at scale.

Another critical advantage of the service is its resilience to adverse weather conditions. Road transport in many parts of India is highly vulnerable to fog, heavy rainfall, extreme heat, and poor visibility, particularly in

northern regions during winter months, where dense fog frequently disrupts highway movement and increases accident risks. Rail operations on dedicated freight corridors, equipped with advanced signalling and controlled right-of-way, are far less susceptible to such disruptions. By shifting the longest journey segment to rail, ToT enhances schedule reliability and ensures continuity of supply chains even under challenging weather conditions.

Long-distance truck driving is physically demanding and accident-prone. By reducing continuous and long driving hours, the ToT model lowers driver fatigue, improves working conditions, and contributes to safer highways with fewer collisions and casualties. Reduced road traffic also translates into lower infrastructure damage and reduced public expenditure on road maintenance.

A New Revenue Stream for Rail-Based Logistics

From a commercial perspective, Trucks-on-Trains has emerged a new and sustainable revenue stream for rail-based logistics. Since inception, the service has completed over 1,955 trips, handled more than a million tonnes of freight, and generated cumulative revenue exceeding ₹131 crore. Strong uptake from sectors such as dairy, automobiles, Fast-Moving Consumer Goods and food processing reflects growing industry confidence in the model. The relaunch of the service through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) in June 2023 further reinforced its credibility among large institutional shippers.

Looking ahead, scalability is being strengthened through the development of new-generation wagon designs under the Flat Multipurpose (FMP) platform, engineered to carry trucks more efficiently, safely, and at higher payloads.

Howrah Division Conducts RailOne App Awareness Campaign



MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Jan.26 : Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted a promotional and awareness campaign on the RailOne mobile application on 21 January 2026 at Hindi University and Salkia Kedarnath Babulal Rajgarhia Girls' High School.

During the programme, Railway officials interacted with students and explained the key features and benefits of the RailOne App, highlighting its role as a single digital

platform for multiple railway passenger services. Live demonstrations were also given to familiarise students with the app.

Students were encouraged to adopt the app and act as awareness multipliers by sharing information about RailOne with their families and friends. The campaign received positive participation and reflected Howrah Division's continued efforts towards Digital India and improved passenger convenience.

Regulation Of Trains For Bridge Maintenance Work In Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Jan.26 : For launching of girders of Bridge No. X-25 in Kankurgachi Road - Ballygunge section over Sealdah Division, 23 hours (from 22:00 hrs. of 24.1.2026 to 21:00 hrs. of 25.1.2026) traffic and power block has been planned on 24/25.1.2026 (Saturday/Sunday). Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:-
Cancellation of trains on 25.1.2026
● Budge Budge - Naihati : 31053 UP
● Naihati - Sealdah : 31422 DN, 31442 DN, 31446 DN / 31431 UP
● Madhyamgram - Majerhat: 30358 DN / 30357 UP
● Canning - Barasat: 33061 UP
● Naihati - Majerhat : 30152 DN, 30154 DN / 30123 UP
● Majerhat - Ranaghat: 30135 UP,
● Budge Budge - Sealdah: 34157 UP, 34117 UP
● Majerhat - Hasnabad: 30321 UP
Diversion of trains on 25.1.2026
● 34052 Naihati - Budge Budge local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
● 31051 Budge Budge - Naihati local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (S).
● 34056 Kalyani Simanta - Budge Budge

local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
● 30346 Bangaon - Majerhat local will be short terminated at Barasat.
● 30361 Majerhat - Hasnabad local will be short originated from Barasat.
● 30142 Gede - Majerhat local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Jn.
● 30333 Majerhat - Hasnabad local will be short originated from Barasat.
● 34062 Bangaon - Canning local will be short terminated at Barasat.
● 34054 Naihati - Budge Budge local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
● 31055 Budge Budge - Naihati local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (S).
● 30112 Barrackpore - Ballygunge local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
Moreover, 30552 Ballygunge - Ghutuari Sharif local will be originated from Majerhat at 19:30 hrs. with stoppages at all stations between Majerhat & Ballygunge. One Sealdah - Ranaghat passenger special will leave Sealdah at 15:05 hrs. and will leave Naihati at 16:07 hrs.. This special will stop at all stations enroute between Naihati & Ranaghat.

Magistrate Ticket Checking Drive Conducted at Howrah Station



MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Jan.26 : On 22 January 2026, Howrah Division, Eastern Railway conducted a Magistrate Ticket Checking Drive at Howrah Station with the objective of strengthening ticketing discipline and ensuring strict compliance with railway rules. The drive was led by the Railway Magistrate and supported by a dedicated enforcement team comprising 44 Ticket Checking Staff (TTEs), 9

per extant Railway rules, underscoring the seriousness of maintaining ticketing discipline and cleanliness within railway premises.

The drive reflects Howrah Division's continued commitment to preventing revenue leakage, promoting responsible travel behaviour, and maintaining a clean, safe, and orderly station environment for passengers.

Howrah Division, Eastern Railway urges all passengers to travel with proper and valid tickets and strictly adhere to railway rules to avoid inconvenience and penalties. Passengers are also encouraged to use the RailOne App, the unified digital platform of Indian Railways, for seamless, convenient, and efficient online ticket booking and other passenger services. Such enforcement drives will continue regularly in the interest of genuine passengers and disciplined rail travel.

Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel, and 1 Government Railway Police Force (GRPF) personnel, ensuring effective coordination and robust enforcement during the operation.

During the drive, a total of 587 cases of ticketing irregularities were detected. These included 388 cases of ticketless travel, 156 cases of unbooked luggage, and 43 cases of littering. All offenders were penalized as

Regulation Of Trains For Development Work

MI News Service, Kolkata, 22 Jan.26 : In connection with engineering and Over Head Equipment (OHE) maintenance work in Howrah - Bandel Section over Howrah Division, 08 nights Traffic and Power Block has been planned from 23.1.2026 to 31.01.2026. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:-
Cancellation of trains ● 37212 Bandel - Howrah local will remain cancelled on 27.01.2026. ● 37213 Howrah - Bandel local will remain cancelled on 27.01.2026. Diversion of trains 63501 Howrah - Barddhaman MEMU (journey commencing on 25.01.2026, 26.01.2026, 29.01.2026 and 30.01.2026) will be diverted via Howrah - Bandel Chord. Rescheduling of trains ● 13034 Katihar - Howrah Express (journey commencing on 26.01.2026) will leave Katihar at 18:30 hrs. instead of 15:30 hrs. ● 13024 Gaya - Howrah Express (journey commencing on 26.01.2026) will leave Gaya at 14:10 hrs. instead of 12:10 hrs.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand 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 ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Borrower R S Steel Furniture & (Co Applicant) Sefali Begam SK & SK Chand Mohammad & (Mortgagor) SK Chand Mohammad/ Represented By Proprietor SK Chand Mohammad 598 Khandaghosh Kamolpur Bospora Purba Bardhaman Bardhaman - 713101/ 100205500512	L.R. Khatian No. 7173 & 7174, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 2679, Mouza Kamalpur, Mouza Kamalpur, J.L. No. 74, P.S., A.D.S.R.O., B.L. & L.R.O. Khandaghosh, District East Bardhaman, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 19 Decimal) Bounded By: On The North By: Property of Asgar Mallick of The South By: 15 Ft Wide Pokka Road on The East By: Property of Sekh Samser Alam on The West By: Property of Sekh Hakim & Sekh Manik/ Date of Symbolic: 20/01/2026	03/05/2025 Rs. 30,61,707.80/-	Bardhaman

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(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 23, 2026
Place: Bardhaman

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Revised schedule for stoppage of Hatebazare Express at Dhulianganga

MI News Service, 22 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Additional stoppage of 13163/13164 Sealdah - Saharsa - Sealdah Hatebazare Express at Dhulianganga station which was earlier informed through Press Release, has been revised. 13163 Sealdah - Saharsa Hatebazare Express (journey commencing on & from 24.01.2026) will arrive at Dhulianganga at 03:02 hrs & will depart from there at 03:04 hrs. 13164 Saharsa - Sealdah Hatebazare Express (journey commencing on & from 24.01.2026) will arrive at Dhulianganga at 23:33 hrs. & will depart from there at 23:35 hrs.

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan condoles death of soldiers in Doda road accident

MI News Service, New Delhi : Vice President C P Radhakrishna on Thursday expressed grief over the tragic road accident that claimed the lives of 10 Army personnel in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. In a post shared on X, the Vice President said, "Deeply saddened by the tragic road accident in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir. My heartfelt condolences to the families of the brave soldiers who lost their lives, and I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured. The nation stands with the Armed Forces and their families in this time of grief." Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday expressed deep anguish over the Doda road accident, extending condolences to the families of the soldiers who lost their lives in the incident.

Experimental Stoppage of Visakha and Falaknuma Express at Khallikot Station

MI News Service, 22 Jan 2026, Bhubaneswar: In a significant move aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and improving rail connectivity in the region, East Coast Railway has introduced an experimental stoppage of Train No. 17015/17016 Bhubaneswar New-Secunderabad-Bhubaneswar New-Visakha Express and Train No. 12703/12704 Howrah-Secunderabad-Howrah Falaknuma Express at Khallikot railway station under Khurda Road Division of East

Eastern Railway, Sealdah division undertakes 23-Hour Mega Block for Bridge Up gradation

MI News Service, 22 Jan 2026, Kolkata: To ensure the highest standards of structural safety and to facilitate faster train movement, Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division is undertaking a major 23-hour Traffic and Power block for the launching of new girders at Bridge No. X-25. The work will take place between Kankurgachi (KKG) and Ballygunge (BLN) stations on the UP and DN Chord Lines from 22:00 hrs. of 24.1.2026 to 21:00 hrs. of 25.1.2026 (Saturday/Sunday).

The existing girders, having served their lifespan, are being replaced as part of a proactive safety initiative. The installation of modern, robust girders will not only reinforce the structural integrity of the bridge but also pave the way for enhanced train speeds and smoother operations in this vital section. Divisional authorities have meticulously planned this mega block during the weekend (Saturday night and Sunday). As Sunday is a public holiday, the impact on daily commuters and office-goers will be significantly reduced.

Due to block on the chord line, passengers traveling from the

Sealdah North section to Sealdah South section are requested to interchange at Sealdah Station to continue their journey. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:-
Cancellation of trains on 25.1.2026
* Budge Budge - Naihati : 31053 UP
* Naihati - Sealdah : 31422 DN, 31442 DN, 31446 DN / 31431 UP
* Madhyamgram - Majerhat: 30358 DN / 30357 UP
* Canning - Barasat: 33061 UP
* Naihati - Majerhat : 30152 DN,

30154 DN/ 30123 UP
* Majerhat - Ranaghat: 30135 UP
* Budge Budge - Sealdah: 34157 UP, 34117 UP
* Majerhat - Hasnabad: 30321 UP
Division of trains on 25.1.2026
* 34052 Naihati - Budge Budge local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
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* 34056 Kalyani Simanta - Budge Budge local will be diverted and terminated at Sealdah (N).
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Passengers applaud regular run of Kamakhya – Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

MI News Service, 22 Jan 2026, Kolkata: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper train between Howrah & Kamakhya on 17.01.2026. In line with the vision of a future-ready and modern railway network, Indian Railways is now operating India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper train on a regular basis between Kamakhya & Howrah. The regular run of 27576 Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express commenced today (22.01.2026) from Kamakhya station with much enthusiasm and zeal of the passengers witnessing the auspicious occasion. From Howrah end the First Vande Bharat Sleeper Express will start its commercial run on and from today (23.1.2026).

Passengers have shown great enthusiasm for travelling on the train, and the service is receiving a highly positive response. Passengers travelling on the service have expressed strong appreciation for the upgraded overnight travel experience. The modern interiors, superior riding comfort, reduced travel fatigue and

premium ambience have been widely welcomed, making the train a preferred choice for long-distance overnight journeys. The service is proving particularly beneficial for passengers travelling between the Eastern and North-Eastern regions, offering both time efficiency and enhanced comfort. The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has been introduced to cater to rising passenger demand while significantly strengthening rail connectivity between the East and North-East. Its overnight schedule allows passengers to utilise daytime hours effectively while enjoying a safe, punctual and comfortable journey.

27576 Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express departs Kamakhya at 18:15 hrs daily (except Wednesday) and arrives at Howrah at 08:15 hrs the following day. The train will stop at New Jalpaiguri (Arr/Dep.- 23:30 hrs/23:40 hrs.), Malda Town (Arr/Dep.- 03:25 hrs/03:35 hrs.), New Farakka Jn. (Arr/Dep.- 04:02 hrs/04:04 hrs.), Azimganj (Arr/Dep.- 04:57 hrs/05:02 hrs.),

Katwa (Arr/Dep.- 05:46 hrs/05:48 hrs.), Nabadwip Dham (Arr/Dep.- 06:13 hrs/06:15 hrs.) and Bandel (Arr/Dep.- 06:58 hrs/07:00 hrs.). The train offers AC First Class, AC 2-Tier and AC 3-Tier accommodation, meeting the needs of a wide range of passengers.

Travellers have particularly welcomed the emphasis on cleanliness and onboard services. The train ensures a hygienic travel environment, with local cuisine included in the fare, supported by modular pantries and advanced disinfectant technology. Safety remains a key feature of the service, with the train equipped with the indigenous Kavach system, advanced fire safety arrangements and CCTV surveillance, enhancing passenger confidence throughout the journey.

With its state-of-the-art amenities, smooth ride quality and strong focus on passenger comfort and safety, the Vande Bharat Sleeper Express is setting new

benchmarks in regular overnight rail travel. The encouraging passenger response reflects growing trust in modern, indigenous rail

solutions and reaffirms Indian Railways' commitment to delivering world-class, passenger-centric services.

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IIT Bombay's new smart platform to help researchers decode brain diseases



New Delhi : A team of bioengineers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has developed new smart platforms --BrainProt and DrugProtAI -- that unify data on scattered brain diseases to help researchers find markers, explore treatments, and pinpoint drug-gable targets.

BrainProt v3.0 is a database that combines various types of biological data -- from genes to proteins -- into a single platform to enable systematic insights into human brain function in both healthy and diseased states.

It is the first system to integrate multi-disease data from genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and biomarker research and multi-database information into one portal.

"BrainProt also includes resources to identify and understand protein expression differences between the left and right hemispheres of the human brain across 20 neuroanatomical regions. This is the first resource of its kind," said Prof. Sanjeeva Srivastava from the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Bombay. BrainProt includes data on 56

human brain diseases and 52 multi-omics datasets derived from more than 1,800 patient samples. These datasets include transcriptomic data for 11 diseases and proteomic data for six diseases.

For each disease, users can examine genes and proteins frequently associated with the disease, assess how strongly these genes and proteins are already supported by existing medical and scientific databases, and how their activity levels change in patient samples. DrugProtAI was developed to understand whether a protein can be druggable (has the biological and physical characteristics needed to be a useful drug target) before doing costly experiments. This is crucial because only about 10 per cent of human proteins currently have an FDA-approved drug, with another 3-4 per cent under investigation. "Before investing years of work in a protein target, DrugProtAI predicts whether the protein is druggable by looking beyond the protein's sequence, such as cellular location, structural attributes, and other unique characteristics it has," said Dr. Ankit Halder, co-author of the study. The tool generates a "druggability index" -- a probability score indicating how likely a protein is to be druggable. A higher score suggests that the protein shares many properties with proteins that already have approved drugs, while a lower score indicates that drug development would be more challenging.

"By integrating DrugProtAI directly into BrainProt, we created a pipeline where researchers can move from identifying a disease marker to examining its expression patterns to evaluating its druggability and exploring existing compounds or clinical trials, all within an hour," Halder said.

Female representation in STEM highest in India, workforce participation lags: Report

New Delhi : Even though India has outpaced many developed countries in terms of gender equality in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, the lesser participation of women in the workforce remains a concern, according to a report.

The report by EY India highlighted progressive policies and industry interventions that led to the advancement of women in STEM fields.



However, it also highlighted systemic challenges that continue to affect higher numbers in the workforce, especially in leadership positions. It called for multifaceted efforts to bridge the gender gap. Citing education as the cornerstone for women's rise in STEM education, the report mentioned the vital role of government initiatives such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Vigyan Jyoti, and the Pragati Scholarship in increasing female enrollment in STEM education. "India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has further emphasised skill-based learning and inclusivity, laying the groundwork for a more diverse and competitive workforce. Several corporates have also supported female enrollment in STEM courses through earmarked scholarships under their CSR programmes to encourage more women to pursue STEM courses," Aashish Kasad, National Leader - Chemicals and Agriculture sector,

EY India. "As a result, India now exceeds global averages in female STEM graduates. However, there remains a stark gap between education and employment, with many women not transitioning into STEM careers," she added.

Kasad attributed the STEM gap to "unconscious bias and workplace culture, where women in STEM face unequal pay and limited leadership opportunities; work-life balance pressures, lack of mentorship and networking, and restricted access to crucial career progression support".

The report cited the 2024 LinkedIn dataset, where women represented 41.2 per cent of the overall workforce, with sectors such as retail/e-commerce, healthcare, pharma, and IT, leading the way in hiring STEM-qualified women. It pointed to a positive momentum toward

bridging gender disparities in these industries. The report noted that many corporate-led initiatives are now providing resources offering career support and mentorship programmes, helping women navigate challenges in STEM careers and achieve professional goals.

"Addressing gender diversity in STEM can unlock immense potential for innovation and economic growth for the country," said Kasad. She added that fostering an inclusive environment, encouraging mentorship, and challenging societal stereotypes can be crucial to boost the share of women in STEM careers in India. Kasad called for "continued efforts in policymaking, corporate leadership, and societal transformation" to help shape the future of STEM careers for women.

India delivers 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines in Afghanistan

New Delhi : India on Thursday delivered 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines in Kabul to address the needs of cancer patients in Afghanistan.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "India delivers 7.5 tonnes of life-saving cancer medicines to Kabul to address the urgent needs of cancer patients. India remains committed to supporting the friendly people of Afghanistan."

In December, Afghanistan's Minister of Public Health, Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, held a meeting with Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda in New Delhi and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in the healthcare sector.

"The talks focused on boosting health cooperation, sharing expertise between medical professionals, building the capacity of Afghan health workers, and ensuring the supply of quality medicines to Afghanistan. Cancer treatment, medical visas for Afghan patients, and support for health facilities were also discussed," Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health posted on X.

Jalali thanked India for its recent support in the health sector and outlined additional needs to improve Afghanistan's healthcare system.

During the meeting, Nadda reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to supporting the Afghan people, including through the supply of medicines and vaccines. He confirmed that a CT scan machine, along with medicines and vaccines, would soon be sent to a children's hospital in Kabul.

Nadda added that India would work to ease access to medical treatment for Afghan patients and stood ready to extend further assistance.

Following the talks with the Afghan Health Minister, Nadda in a post on X wrote, "Held a productive meeting with Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, Afghan Minister

of Public Health. Reaffirmed India's commitment to continued humanitarian assistance and healthcare cooperation with Afghanistan and discussed avenues to further strengthen this collaboration with particular focus on long term supply of medicines."

"Made a symbolic handover of cancer medicines and vaccines, reflecting India's commitment to support the medical needs of the Afghan people. A larger consignment of medicines, vaccines, and a 128-slice CT scanner is also being dispatched to Afghanistan," he added.

Nadda noted that India has supplied 327 tonnes of medicines and vaccines to Afghanistan over the past four years. Proposals from the Afghan side for a radiotherapy machine and additional medical supplies are also being processed.

Afghan Health Minister Jalali also met Minister for AYUSH (Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy), Prataprao Jadhav, during which the two sides discussed setting up a traditional medicine institute and research centre in Kabul, training practitioners, and signing a bilateral cooperation agreement.

"Jalali said standardising traditional medicine was essential and noted that Afghanistan had begun regulating the sector, adding that India's experience made its support especially valuable," said the Afghan Ministry of Public Health.

According to the Afghan Ministry, Jadhav pledged support for establishing research centres, developing curricula and expanding cooperation in traditional medicine in the future. Taking to X, Jadhav wrote, "Strengthening bilateral healthcare ties! Held a productive meeting with H.E. Mawlawi Noor Jalal Jalali, Minister of Public Health of Afghanistan, and Karan Yadav, Cd'A, Embassy of India, Kabul. We discussed enhancing cooperation in Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy for mutual well-being."

New Chinese app looks to tackle global loneliness crisis

New Delhi : Amid falling marriages and birth rates, and many living an isolated life in China, a new app is seeking to fight loneliness, according to a media report.

The Are You Dead? app developed by a company called Moonscape Technologies enables individuals living alone or single to be in touch with a designated emergency contact, the Guardian reported.

The company, which describes it as "a lightweight safety tool crafted for solo dwellers", allows users to check in once a day by clicking a large green button. If the user misses two consecutive days of check-ins, the app will send an automated alert to a designated emergency contact.

The app comes as more people in their 20s and 30s are living alone in China. The report noted that in 2024, a record low of 6.1 million couples got married in the country, while 2.6 million couples filed for divorce.

In addition, the country is witnessing a significant decline in birthrate, creating demographic challenges as the population shrinks each year. By 2030, there could be as many as 200 million single-person households, according to Chinese state media.

In such a scenario, the Are You Dead?app has tapped into people's anxiety of dying alone, with no one even to bury them.

"This app makes people feel alive. It is an interesting phenomenon that reflects and combats the loneliness of young people today," the report quoted a user on RedNote, a social media platform that is predominantly used by women, as saying.

According to Ian Lü, one of the co-founders of Moonscape Technologies, the idea for Are You Dead? came to him while browsing on Chinese social media.

"In recent years, there has been wide and heated discussion about a hypothetical 'are you dead' app," Lü said. "For example, something with features like: if you don't check in for 48 hours, someone will come and collect your body."

The report also cited China's notorious "996" work culture -- meaning workers toil from 9 am to 9 pm, six days a week -- as a major factor for stress and social isolation.

TTK Healthcare's Q3 profit drops 34 pc, margins shrink

Mumbai : TTK Healthcare Limited on Thursday reported a 34.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline for the December quarter of the current financial year (Q3 FY26).

TTK Healthcare's net profit declined to Rs 10.5 crore in Q3, compared with Rs 16.7 crore in the same quarter last financial year (Q3 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing.

Revenue growth remained muted during the quarter. The company's revenue rose marginally by 2.2 per cent to Rs 209 crore from Rs 205 crore a year ago.

Operating performance also weakened. EBITDA fell 6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 7.2 crore from

Rs 8 crore in the corresponding quarter last financial year, as per its filing.

Due to this, operating margins narrowed to 3.5 per cent from 3.9 per cent in Q3 FY25.

Following the result announcement, Shares of TTK Healthcare Limited slipped over 3 per cent during intra-day trading session. However, it recovered later and was trading 1.96 per cent lower at Rs 982 around 3:25 pm.

Over the last five days, it has declined 0.78 per cent. In the past one month, the share price has dropped 5.93 per cent, or Rs 61.90.

Over six months, the stock is down 27.57 per cent, losing Rs

373. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, it has fallen nearly 4 per cent, while over the past one year, the stock has declined 26.56 per cent, or Rs 356.5.

TTK Healthcare is part of the well-known TTK Group, which has a legacy of over nine decades.

The group was founded in 1928 by T. T. Krishnamachari, who later served as India's Union Minister for finance, industry and commerce.

Over the years, the TTK Group has built a strong reputation for quality consumer products at affordable prices.

It was among the earliest companies to introduce products such as soaps, chocolates, pens, clocks, cosmetics and condoms in India,

India 2nd country globally to integrate Mobile Stroke Units with emergency medical services: ICMR

New Delhi : India is the second country globally to integrate Mobile Stroke Units with emergency medical services to boost treatment in rural areas, said Dr Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, ICMR. Bahl stated this as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) handed over two Mobile Stroke Units (MSUs) to the Assam government, marking a major shift from stroke patients in remote areas having to travel to hospitals to hospitals reaching patients. The initiative is part of an ICMR-funded initiative to study 'Stroke Care Pathways' in the region. After the pilot phase ended,

the ICMR donated the units to ensure that people of Assam continue to receive rapid treatment for cerebrovascular emergencies. "Mobile Stroke Units were first developed in Germany and later evaluated in major global cities. India has evaluated such units in rural, remote, and difficult terrain in Northeast India. We are also the second country globally to report successful integration of an MSU with emergency medical services for treating rural acute ischemic stroke patients," Bahl said. Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and long-term disability in India and requires timely care within the golden hour. "The handover

strengthens Assam's emergency response system and ensures continuity of this life-saving service under state ownership," said P. Ashok Babu, Secretary & Commissioner, Health, Assam. He noted that the collaboration with ICMR has enabled faster treatment, better coordination, and improved outcomes for stroke patients, and provides a strong foundation for expansion. The MSU is a mobile hospital on wheels, equipped with a CT scanner, teleconsultation with specialists, point-of-care laboratory, and clot-busting drugs, enabling early diagnosis and treatment of stroke at or near the patient's home.

Children's brains are altered by the time they spent on electronic devices

WASHINGTON : According to a review of 23 years of neuroimaging research, time spent watching television or playing computer games has significant and long-term implications on children's brain function, which, while exhibiting some negative effects, also shows some favourable ones.

The researchers, however, stop short of endorsing screen time limits, which they believe can lead to conflict. Instead, they advocate for legislators to assist parents in navigating the digital world by promoting programmes that promote positive brain development.

The evidence review, which was published today in the peer-reviewed journal Early Education and Development, is an examination of 33 research pieces that used neuroimaging technology to assess the influence of digital technology on the brains of children under the age of 12. There are almost 30,000 participants in all.

The study discovered that screen usage causes alterations in the pre-frontal cortex of the brain, which is the foundation of executive skills including working memory and the ability to plan or respond flexibly to situations.

It also discovers effects on the parietal lobe, which aids in the

processing of touch, pressure, heat, cold, and pain; the temporal lobe, which aids in memory, hearing, and language; and the occipital lobe, which aids in the interpretation of visual information.

"It should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences," said the study's corresponding author, Chair Professor Hui Li, from the Faculty of Education and Human Development Faculty of Education and Human Development, at The Education University of Hong Kong.

"Limiting their screen time is an effective but confronting way, and more innovative, friendly, and practical strategies could be developed and implemented.

"Those in policymaking positions should supply suitable guidance, involvement and backing for children's digital use."

The research team, which as well as experts from the Education University of Hong Kong, included those from the Shanghai Normal University in China and Macquarie University in Australia, wanted to know how digital activity affected the brain's plasticity - or malleability - during critical periods of development. It



is known that visual development mostly takes place before the age of eight, while the key time for language acquisition is up to 12.

They synthesized and evaluated studies on children's digital use and associated brain development published between January 2000 and April 2023, with the ages of participants ranging from six months upwards.

Screen-based media were the most commonly used by the participants, followed by games, virtual visual scenes, video viewing

and editing, and internet or pad use.

The paper concludes that these early digital experiences are having a significant impact on the shape of children's brains and their functioning.

This was deemed as both potentially positive and negative, but mainly more negative.

For example, negative impacts were witnessed in some studies on how screen time influences the brain function required for attention, executive control abilities,

inhibitory control, cognitive processes, and functional connectivity. Other studies suggested that higher screen time is associated with lower functional connectivity in brain areas related to language and cognitive control, potentially adversely affecting cognitive development.

Some device-based research was assessed in the research pool. Tablet device users were found to have worse brain function and problem-solving tasks. Video gaming and high internet users were

found, in four studies, to produce negative changes in brain areas, impacting intelligence scores and brain volume.

General "intensive media usage" was shown to potentially impact visual processing and higher cognitive function regions.

There were six studies, however, demonstrating how these digital experiences can positively impact a child's brain functionality.

Such as, one found improved focusing and learning abilities in the frontal lobe of the brain. Meanwhile, another study suggested playing video games can increase cognitive demand, potentially enhancing children's executive functions and cognitive skills.

Overall Chair Professor Li's team conclude that policymakers must act on these findings to support evidence-based practice for teachers and parents.

Lead author, DrDandan Wu of the Education University of Hong Kong, states: "This investigation contains significant implications for practical improvement and policymaking. Foremost, it should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences. As such, they should supply

suitable guidance, involvement, and backing for children's digital use.

"It is imperative for policymakers to develop and execute policies grounded in empirical evidence to safeguard and enhance brain development in children as they navigate the digital era.

"This could involve offering resources and incentives for the creation and examination of digital interventions aimed at bolstering brain growth in children."

A limitation of the study, the authors comment, is the lack of research reviewed, which they state maybe because this topic is "novel and emerging, and research technologies are also evolving". Additionally, "this scoping review", they add, "has not addressed the critical questions, such as whether it is the early digital use (for example, screen time) or the cognitive processes (i.e., learning experience) that have driven the change of brain function and structure, and whether there are different effects of digital equipment types and the mode of use."

Therefore, the authors recommend future research should explore techniques such as longitudinal research on the impact of screens on brain functions.

MP: SC allows Hindus to pray at Bhojshala mosque on Basant Panchami

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court has allowed Hindu prayers from sunrise to sunset on Basant Panchami on Friday, January 23, at the disputed Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, while permitting Muslims to offer namaz from 1 pm to 3 pm on the day.

The top court on Thursday, January 22, also directed that a list of persons from the Muslim community coming for namaz be given to the district administration.

Hindu and Muslim groups have sought nod for religious activities at the Bhojshala complex on January 23, a Friday when Saraswati Puja will also be held on the occasion of Basant Panchami.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pandhori made an appeal to both sides to observe mutual respect and cooperate



with the state and district administration for maintenance of law and order.

"A fair suggestion was given that in the afternoon, for namaz within 1 and 3 pm, an exclusive and separate area within the same compound, including separate ingress and egress within the same compound, shall be made available so that namaz can be performed.

"Similarly, a separate space shall be made available to the Hindu community to hold traditional ceremonies on the occasion of Basant Panchami," the

Supreme Court bench said. It directed the district administration to make law and order arrangements at the site for offering of prayers.

Hindus consider Bhojshala, an Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)-protected 11th-century monument, to be a temple dedicated to Vagdevi (Goddess Saraswati), while the Muslim community calls it Kamal Maula mosque.

Under an arrangement made by the ASI on April 7, 2003, Hindus perform puja on the Bhojshala premises on Tuesdays and Muslims

offer namaz in the complex on Fridays.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by the Hindu Front for Justice seeking exclusive rights for Hindus to offer prayers on Basant Panchami. The plea filed through advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain was mentioned for urgent hearing on Tuesday.

Jain had said that the ASI's 2003 order does not address situations where Basant Panchami coincides with Friday prayers and sought exclusive, uninterrupted worship rights for Hindus for the entire day on Basant Panchami.

During the hearing on Thursday, Jain submitted that there will be pujas and havans from sunrise to sunset and sought permission for worship throughout the day.

Senior advocate Salman Khurshid, for the mosque committee, submitted that the Friday namaz takes place between 1 pm and 3 pm, and the premises can

be vacated after that.

Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, for the Centre and ASI, assured the court that the district administration will take care of the law and order situation.

The apex court directed the high court that the matter may be taken up by a division bench headed by one of the senior-most judges of the High Court.

Noting that ASI has completed the scientific survey and has submitted its report in a sealed cover to the High Court, the top court directed the High Court to unseal the report and be supplied to the parties, who can file objections to it.

Soon after the Supreme Court ruling, nearly 8,000 police personnel, including those from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Rapid Action Force, have been deployed throughout Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh, officials said.

Israeli strikes escalate tensions in Lebanon despite ceasefire

MI News Service, Jerusalem: On Wednesday, Israel conducted airstrikes on four border crossings along the Syria-Lebanon frontier in the Hermel area, claiming they were used by Hezbollah to smuggle weapons.

The Israeli military also announced the elimination of Muhammad Awasha, described as a key Hezbollah weapons smuggler operating in the Sidon region of southern Lebanon. The attacks followed earlier strikes in southern Lebanon that killed at least two people and wounded nearly 20. Lebanese health authorities reported one fatality from a strike on a vehicle in Zahran (Sidon district) and another in Bazuriyeh (Tyre district).

In Qanarit, airstrikes injured 19 people, with reports of bombings in villages including al-Kharayeb, al-Ansar, Kfour, and Jarjoh. The Israeli army issued prior evacuation warnings for some targets. These incidents occurred despite a U.S.-brokered ceasefire signed in November 2024,



which ended over a year of intense fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

Lebanon accuses Israel of repeated violations, with over 350 deaths reported in the country since the truce began, according to AFP tallies. Lebanese President Joseph Aoun condemned the strikes as a "policy of systematic aggression," stating they targeted inhabited villages and directly endangered civilians in a "dangerous escalation." He accused Israel of refusing to honor its obligations under the cessation of hostilities agreement.

The Lebanese Army denounced the attacks on civilian buildings and homes as a "blatant violation" of Lebanese sovereignty and the ceasefire. Officials warned that such actions hinder the Lebanese military's disarmament efforts against Hezbollah, a key provision of the deal. Hezbollah has rejected demands to surrender its weapons amid ongoing Israeli operations. The strikes highlight persistent friction, with both sides trading accusations of truce breaches as efforts continue to implement full withdrawal and disarmament terms.

UP couple found dead behind temple, honour killing suspected



MI News Service, Moradabad: Bodies of a 24-year-old Muslim man and an 18-year-old Hindu woman were found behind a temple in what is suspected to be an honour killing in Umri village of Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district.

According to the Moradabad senior superintendent of police (SSP) Satpal, a missing persons complaint was filed by Mohammed Arman's family on January 20, followed by the disappearance of the woman, Kajal Saini, also reported at the Pakwada

police station.

"This morning (Wednesday, January 21), a complaint of a young woman's disappearance was also received from her family. The station house officer (SHO) thoroughly investigated both complaints and questioned both families and other witnesses," SSP Satpal said in a video statement posted on X.

Further investigation revealed that both were acquainted with each other.

When Kajal's family was being questioned, it

was known that her brothers allegedly murdered both her and Arman.

"The brothers disclosed the location of the bodies, where a shovel used to commit the murder was also recovered," said the SSP.

Following a written complaint from the man's family, a case was registered, the police said.

"A case, FIR No. 18/26, has been registered against three brothers in Pakwada police station under sections 103(1) (punishment for murder) and 238 (disappearance of evidence or giving false information) of the BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita)," he added.

Two of Kajal's brothers have been taken into custody, the police said.

It was further mentioned that the bodies of the victims were exhumed in the presence of the district magistrate, and identification marks of the accused were recovered.

"A postmortem is being conducted with a panel and videographic evidence," said SSP Satpal.

Trump to lead signing of charter for Gaza 'Board of Peace' in Davos

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump is set to formally announce the first charter of his so-called "Board of Peace", a body for resolving international conflicts with a \$1bn price tag for permanent membership. The board, which Trump will launch in what has been billed as a signing ceremony in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday, was originally conceived to oversee the rebuilding of Gaza.

But a draft of the charter does not appear to limit its role to the Palestinian territory. A senior White House official said on Wednesday that about 35 world leaders have so far committed to joining the Board of Peace out of the 50 or so invitations that were sent.

These include Middle East allies such



as Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan, Qatar and Egypt. NATO members Turkiye and Hungary, whose nationalist leaders have cultivated good personal ties with Trump, have also agreed to take part, as have Morocco, Pakistan, Indonesia, Kosovo, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, and Vietnam.

A War on Iran Now Appears Increasingly Inevitable

Syed Khalid Husain: The world focus has shifted to powerful 'locked and loaded' USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier with 100 fighter jets, set to reach Iran from South China Sea. US attack on Iran seems now inevitable. The nuclear powered aircraft warship is almost aka a military base carrying 5000 personnel, but it is also a fact that US had to withdraw it, from Yemen, as Iran supported Houthis were to target it. The obvious target is Iran's supreme leader Ayatullah Khamenei, whom US wants to dislodge and engineer a regime change, after US and Israel sponsored unrest inside Iran was successfully quelled by Iran. Iran has captured hundreds of Israel intelligence agency Mossad operatives in the last one month who were involved in the riots and arson across in Iran.

The attack was to come a few days earlier, but US desisted, on Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu advise, which was nothing but a war strategy, as now US is back to flex its military muscle. Its C-17, F-15 are all in place! US President Donald Trump who is riding the ultimate crest of power, after US kidnapped Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro, had cautioned Netanyahu, that after the US strike, many cities of Israel would be left vulnerable to Iran's missile attacks.

Netanyahu, has now report-



edly said that Israel is ready for eventualty, but it is not to be a short-term war, but a long sustained war, which has to see, the desired US/Israel results happen. Netanyahu had spoken to Israel parliament, at a 40-signature debate, which the opposition can call once a month and which the prime minister has to attend. Israel and Iran had gone for a 12-day war in June during which Israel incurred a lot of losses owing to Iran use of hundreds of ballistic missiles. It is also learnt, as per The Jerusalem Post 1, that US has just given three more new F-35 jets to Israel. Now Israel air fleet has grown to 48 aircrafts. These new additions have reached Israel Nevatim Air Force Base on January 18.

The world alternate powers

like Russia and China, in support of Iran, are also in close-watch of US military movement. China, which had cut a sorry-figure, after Maduro was kidnapped as its envoy had met him only an hour before, will be the first nation, to see Abraham Lincoln scuttled, if not destroyed, as Iran too is expected to use its missiles on it. Lincoln has been moved from monitoring China over Taiwan, and it is here China wants to equal the game! Iran has warned of a devastating attack much more than what had taken place in June last.

It is understood that China has provided its technological prowess to Iran. Russia too had helped Iran thwart Elon Musk Starlink internet apparatus which proved to be a pivot against the ri-

oters inside Iran as Iran had blocked internet services. Iran has now supposedly caught the huge Mossad network inside its territories. There were also reports that Iran's former foreign minister Javed Zarif and former president Hassan Rouhani were under house arrest, but it proved to be wrong, as both were seen in public! A user Holly Dagres has posted it on X 3. Iran has, to an extent, been able to contain internal strife, and its army is now focused totally on US. Its army chief has warned US that if Ayatullah Khamenei is touched, Iran would burn the whole US world.

What has also come as a complete surprise, in this whole melee, is a news from DefenceSecurityAsia 4 , that Iran's Member of Parliament Mohsin Zanganeh, has gone on record to state that Iran has made a successful 10,000km ICBM test. This is what will have profound implications for US as this capability would place US firmly within theoretical striking distance of Iran.

This year and perhaps the next year, will see intense fighting in Middle East. To expect any posturing against US by Arab states would be crude fantasy. No Arab state will help Iran, in fact, soon it would turn out that all 22-Arab states, with Turkey too, will make a beeline towards US, as has happened in context to Gaza in Palestine

WEF, Davos: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's interview with WION

Sidhant Sibal: With me is Minister Ashwani Vashnav who has been wearing several hats. Sir, welcome to WION here in Davos. And the first question to you is the big India message from Davos. What is it? We have a big pavilion. We have the message of 'Partner with India' but if you can talk much more about India's presence here at Davos.

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw: The entire world is going through a very serious turbulence. The old rules are changing. The old alliances and the partnerships are changing. Under such circumstances, India is today seen as a trusted value chain partner, as a very vibrant democracy, as a country which delivers, as a leadership which is focused on inclusive growth. So, that is the main message which the world today is giving to us in panel after panel, discussion after discussion, meeting after meeting. People trust India as a country with which they can work, co-create, co-develop new technologies, new solutions, and a country with which they can work very comfortably.

Reporter (Sidhant Sibal): Sir, breaking into various things: one is AI which is a dominating issue here and globally as well. India is taking a lead on it. In fact, one of your clips is going viral from earlier today, your meeting there. But what's the vision of India when it comes to AI and leading it at a time when this is the buzzword everywhere.

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw: So, if you look at the AI stack, it's in five layers. The top layer is the application layer. How do you use AI to get your return on investment? How do you use AI to have that efficiency gain, that productivity gain, that multiplier that AI can bring? That is where our IT companies have taken a big pivot, away from the old software services model. And now they are working towards providing AI based solutions to the world. We are definitely going to be the leader in this, first.

Second layer is the models layer. Models today have become commodities. A model of 50



billion parameters can do 95% of the work that is required to be done and you don't need a very large infrastructure to run a 50 billion parameter model. We are developing a bouquet of 12 sovereign models which will be focused on very specific types of problems that they can solve. And that is giving us a huge capability. Many of these models have already been tested in real environments and the results are very good.

The third layer is the chip layer. The semiconductor ecosystem is developing very good. We had a semiconductor round table yesterday. Each and every semiconductor industry leader was

super happy with the performance. And it's a very complex thing. So, we are cognizant of the difficulties that we are facing and working meticulously to solve those.

The fourth layer is the infra layer. Today we have confirmed investments of \$70 billion in the AI data centres. And hopefully in the coming months, we'll have another \$50 billion investment coming into India. So, that will take the investment in AI data centres to \$120 bil-

Australian PM apologizes for failing to protect victims of Bondi Beach attack

MI News Service, Sydney: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Thursday night apologized for being unable to protect the victims of the December terror attack at Bondi Beach. Addressing a memorial service at the Sydney Opera House for the 15 victims of the attack, Albanese praised the Jewish Australian community for its "profound strength" in response to the mass shooting that targeted a Hanukkah event at the iconic beach on Dec. 14. "I am deeply and profoundly sorry that we could not protect your loved ones from this evil," he said. Albanese said that the attack, which authorities have said was motivated by Islamic State ideology, was "anything but random" and targeted Jewish Australians because of their faith.

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2.	Nilesh Kumar Shaw/ Pawan Kumar Gupta/ Bunty Shaw/ Hatiara, Babur Bagan Rajarhat Gopalpur District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700157/ LBHOW00005395001	C.S. Dag No. 4116, R.S./ L.R. Dag No. 4126, Hatiara Babur Bagan Sardar Park, R.S. Khatian No. 760, L.R. Khatian No. 19218, K.B. Khatian No. 9162, 9163, 9164, Touzi No. 169, J.L. No. 14, Resa No. 188, Ward No. 14, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Mouza Hatiara, District 24 Parganas (north), Kolkata 700157, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area Of Land Measuring 1 Cottah 8 Chittack More Or Less With Brick Built Residential Structure Having Ground Floor Area About 452 Sq. Ft., First Floor Area About 697 Sq. Ft. And Second Floor Area About 317 Sq. Ft. More Or Less Northby 12 Ft. Wide Common Passage South: By R.s. Dag No. 4125 Eastby 8 Ft. Wide Common Passage And Samir Ranjan Banerjee And Ranjan Banerjee And Nanda Dulal Jana West: R.s. Dag No. 4118 And 4128/ Date of Physical 20/01/2026	October 21,2024/ Rs. 20,12,951.78/-	Kolkata
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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(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 23, 2026
Place: Kolkata

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

ENGLAND SELEC-TOR LUKE WRIGHT TO STEP DOWN AFTER 2026 MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

LONDON : Luke Wright will step down from his role as England men's selector after the upcoming T20 World Cup, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said on Thursday. Wright, who has served in the position for three years after assuming charge in November 2022, informed the board of his decision made with an eye to having less travel and spending more time with his young family. His departure comes in the wake of England's 4-1 Ashes defeat in Australia. "It has been a true honour and privilege to serve as an England Men's Selector over the past three years. I have fully immersed myself in the role and am incredibly proud of the players we have brought through. "The role demands significant travel and time away from home, and with a young family, the time feels right to pass the baton on to the next person. I now look forward with real interest and enthusiasm to whatever cricketing roles the future may hold.

"I would like to say a big thank you to my colleagues at the ECB, the players and coaches I've worked alongside and especially Rob Key, who trusted me with such a responsibility," said Wright in the ECB statement.

Wright, 40, retired from a two-decade professional career for England and Sussex when he was appointed as the national men's team selector. He was part of England's T20 World Cup-winning side in 2010.

During his tenure as the selector, England handed debuts across formats to Jacob Bethell, Jamie Smith, Gus Atkinson, and Shoab Bashir. Fast bowlers Josh Tongue and Brydon Carse earned their first Test caps, with the latter also making his T20I debut.

"I have absolutely loved working with Luke. His contribution to English cricket has been exceptional, and I trust his judgement as much as anyone. He has added so much more to this role than just being a selector.

"I'm very sad to see him go, and I wish him and his family all the best for the future. I have no doubt that at some stage down the road, he will enhance English cricket once again," said Rob Key, ECB Men's Managing Director.



Barcelona star Pedri Gonzalez set to miss 7-10 matches after hamstringing injury

BARCELONA : Football giant Barcelona have been dealt a major injury blow after their 2-0 win over Slavia Prague on Wednesday night, as their mid-field linchpin Pedri Gonzalez has been injured and set to be out for a long time.

The Spanish international was forced off shortly after the hour mark and is scheduled to undergo detailed medical assessments in Barcelona on Friday. Early indications suggest the injury is not severe, though reports in Spanish media indicate a minor hamstring tear that could sideline him for five weeks.

If the diagnosis is confirmed, Pedri is expected to miss a significant portion of Barcelona's upcoming fixtures, potentially ruling him out of six to seven matches across competitions over the next month. The club faces a congested schedule that includes domestic league action, European commitments, and Copa del Rey fixtures.

Barcelona are set to host Real Oviedo this weekend before concluding the Champions League group phase against Copenhagen. Domestic cup ties against Elche and Albacete follow, along with league matches versus Mallorca at home and away trips to Girona and Levante. A return could be possible in early February if recovery progresses without com-

WPL 2026: Unchanged UP Warriorz elect to bowl first against Gujarat Giants

VADODARA : An unchanged UP Warriorz have won the toss and elected to bowl first against Gujarat Giants in the 2026 Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 clash at the BCA Stadium, Kotambi, in Vadodara on Thursday. Whoever wins Thursday's clash will go to second place in the points table. Third-placed UP Warriorz have emerged from a three-match losing streak to register consecutive victories. Fifth-ranked Gujarat Giants are looking to break their three-game losing streak after starting with two successive victories.

"If we can put Gujarat under some pressure early, it will be nice. It's a bit dewy already. We had a couple of days off, you know, straight after our last game, which was nice because it was a pretty hectic period. So, back into training the last couple of days, the group's really focused. We've got tonight's game, they're pretty high

stakes. "So we need to play well and put out our best performance. Assessing the conditions is really important anywhere you go. Perhaps not as much bounce here as there was in Navi Mumbai, but we're on a new wicket today. So we need to, as I said, assess what the best way to go about it is, firstly with the ball and then chase it down later on," said UPW captain Meg Lanning. GG skipper Ashleigh Gardner said top-order batter Danni Wyatt-Hodge comes in for leg-spinner Georgia Wareham, while left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad is also included in place of Tanuja Kanwer. "We were going to bowl as well, but I think if we look at the three games at the start of our tournament, when we almost scored 200 in every game batting first, we obviously have to take a lot of confidence out of that. Obviously, a different venue, so



that poses a different challenge, but hopefully we can set the tone really early here. You probably have to play a lot straighter for longer. "That seems really simple, but I think also being able to invest a couple of balls at the start of your innings is super important, knowing that at these grounds, obviously, the outfields are so fast and quick that you can always catch up. So, even if you feel like you're behind the eight ball, it certainly doesn't take too many shots to kind of get back in front. "So, I guess for us, it's trying to be really clinical in our decision-making, which over the last couple of games, maybe we haven't been. But I think it's a real positive tonight that we can try and go out there and set the tone early. Obviously, we know that we've got three games left. We obviously want to win three as well. "So, I think, if we can just focus on the positives for us, there's

obviously been a lot of chat around that, and it's almost like restarting our tournament now with the teams that we play at the back end here are all on the same points. So, it's almost like forgetting, I guess, the top of the ladder and just focusing on what I guess we can control, and that's playing really good cricket and then hopefully putting some wins on the board," she said. Playing XIs: Gujarat Giants: Beth Mooney (wk), Sophie Devine, Danni Wyatt-Hodge, Anushka Sharma, Ashleigh Gardner (c), Kanika Ahuja, Bharti Fulmali, Kashvee Gautam, Happy Kumari, Renuka Singh Thakur, Rajeshwari Gayakwad UP Warriorz: Meg Lanning (c), Kiran Navgire, Phoebe Litchfield, Harleen Deol, Chloe Tryon, Shweta Sehrawat (wk), Sophie Ecclestone, Deepti Sharma, Asha Sobhana Joy, Shikha Pandey, Kranti Gaud

Pune Grand Tour 2026: Cameron Scott wins Stage 3 as Luke Mudgway retains Yellow Jersey to tighten grip on overall lead

PUNE : Cameron Nicholas Scott, representing Li Ning Star of China, emerged strong as the riders surged into Baramati and approached the finish at Vidya Pratishthan, Pencil Chowk, coming on top of a ferocious sprint after hours of attrition to win the third stage of the Pune Grand Tour 2026 in Pune on Thursday.

Scott clocked at 03:04:13 to win the stage, but his teammate Luke Mudgway retained the Yellow Jersey of the race leader going into the final stage of India's most prominent cycle race.

Dutch prospect Viego Tijssen of Wielerploeg Groot Amsterdam, Netherlands, once again claimed the White Jersey as the Best Young Rider (U-23), while Harshveer Singh Sekhon of the Indian National Team reclaimed the Blue Jersey after emerging as India's Leading Performer on the day.

Scott's acceleration proved decisive in the final metres, edging out Georgios Bouglas (03:04:13) of Burgos Burpellet BH, Spain, who had led for long stretches, only to be caught in the final kick. Timothy Dupont (03:04:13) of Tarteletto-Isorex, Belgium, completed the podium, whereas Zeb Kyffin of Terengganu Cycling team, Malaysia, finished fourth.

Just behind the leading quadruple, Clement Alleno (03:04:13) of Burgos Burpellet BH, Spain, crossed the line in fourth, having topped the overall King of the Mountains standings and winning the Polka Dot Jersey. Stage One and Two winner Luke Mudgway (03:04:13) could not match the pace at the sharp end this time, finishing sixth.

Despite missing out on the podium, Mudgway limited his losses expertly as he won the Green Jersey for the Best Sprinter, and more importantly, retained the 'Yellow Jersey' as overall General Qualification leader.

After three stages, Mudgway sits atop the general classification with a



cumulative time of 07:36:10, holding a slender 14-second advantage over Carter Alan Bettles of Roojai Insurance Winspace, Thailand. Yorben Lauryssen, of Tarteletto-Isorex, Belgium, remains firmly in the mix, just 17 seconds off the lead.

The early climbs immediately stretched the bunch, while repeated accelerations from rival teams ensured there was little opportunity for recovery. Riders were forced into single file over exposed sections, with crosswinds adding more difficulty to the route, which flattened briefly before rising again.

After the finish, Cameron Scott admitted the stage had been tougher than many anticipated, "I think it was a lot harder than people expected," he said. "The first two climbs were quite tough, and the pace really stayed on over the top. There were lots of attacks from the other teams, and the race didn't really stop until

we got through the next town and onto the straight roads, but even then, it was a little bit crosswind, so it was actually quite a tough day." Asked what stood out most, Scott highlighted the twisting roads over the crest of the climbs, "The roads over the top of the climb," he said. "They were really twisty, and I had a lot of fun, actually. Lots of corners and just high-speed single file." Away from the stage win, the secondary classifications continued to evolve. The Orange Jersey for the 'Best Asian Rider' remained with Jambaljamts Sainbayar of Burgos Burpellet BH, whose consistency across all terrains has made him one of the revelations of the tour. With three stages completed, the Pune Grand Tour now turns toward its conclusion. Stage Four, the Pune Pride Loop, will cover 95 kilometres with an elevation of 578 metres, threading through the city's modern

avenues and historic landmarks, including Shaniwar Wada. Technical sections and a likely high-speed finish promise one last opportunity for drama. The Yellow Jersey remains on Luke Mudgway's shoulders, but with gaps measured in seconds, the Bajaj Pune Grand Tour's final chapter is still wide open. Results-Stage 3 Yellow Jersey - MUDGWAY Luke - LI NING STAR Green Jersey - A BOUGLAS Georgios - BURGOS BURPELLET BH Polka Dot Jersey - (King of Mountains) - ALLENO Clement - BURGOS BURPELLET BH Orange Jersey - A SAINBAYAR Jambaljamts - BURGOS BURPELLET BH White Jersey - TIJSSEN Viego - WIELERPLOEG GROOT AMSTERDAM Blue Jersey - SEKHON Harshveer Singh - INDIAN CYCLING TEAM

NORWAY CHESS WOMEN 2026: ANNA MUZYCHUK RETURNS FOR TITLE DEFENCE

STAVANGER (NORWAY) : Reigning champion Anna Muzychuk is set to return to defend her Norway Chess Women's title and possibly win for the second time in a row. Since the tournament started in 2024, Muzychuk has participated in both editions and has emerged as a key figure in the competition.

Muzychuk, a three-time world champion in fast chess, secured the Women's World Rapid Championship title in 2016 and the Women's World Blitz Championship twice, in 2014 and 2016. She has also been a Women's World Championship finalist and is one of just six women in chess history to have surpassed a rating of 2600.

"Norway Chess is a truly special event that combines a prestigious and challenging tournament with memorable friendly activities. I'm really looking forward to the new edition!" says Muzychuk.

During her victory speech in 2025, Muzychuk emphasised the significance of Norway Chess Women for female players and firmly supported the tournament's continuation, calling it "really very important" for women's chess.

Muzychuk has rapidly established herself at Norway Chess. She was the runner-up in the first Norway Chess Women's event in 2024 and then won the title in 2025, solidifying her position at the top. Her steady participation and impressive results have made her a key competitor in the tournament.

"Anna has been a key part of Norway Chess Women since the very beginning, and her level of play continues to set the standard. Having the reigning champion return adds both sporting quality and continuity to the tournament, and we're excited to welcome her back to Oslo," said Benedicte Westre Skog, COO of Norway Chess.

Norway Chess Women was introduced in 2024 as the world's first fully inclusive super tournament for women in chess. Held alongside Norway Chess, it used the same format, number of players, playing conditions, and prize fund as the main event. This initiative represented a significant advance for gender equality in professional chess and has now become a regular feature on the international calendar.

With Anna Muzychuk back as the defending champion, the stage is ready for another thrilling chapter in the growing history of the women's tournament. The question is whether she can win her second consecutive Norway Chess Women's title.

AUS OPEN: SINNER, FRITZ THROUGH TO THIRD ROUND, OSAKA SURVIVES ANOTHER THREE-SET SCARE

MELBOURNE : World No. 2 Jannik Sinner, No. 9 Taylor Fritz, and Japanese star Naomi Osaka secured victories in their second-round matches on the fifth day of the Australian Open to storm into the third round of the first Grand Slam of the season.

While Sinner defeated wildcard entrant James Duckworth 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 in an hour and 49 minutes at the Rod Laver Arena, Fritz beat the Czech Republic's Vit Koprivá 6-1, 6-4, 7-6(4) in an hour and 58 minutes at the John Cain Arena in the night session.

Osaka, who stunned her fans with a head-turning entry onto the court wearing a veil and carrying a white umbrella in her campaign opener, overcame Romania's Sorana Cirstea in a close three-setter. Sinner maintained his steady progress towards a possible third consecutive Australian Open title on Thursday, demonstrating precise and efficient play. The second seed was unstoppable, extending his perfect 9-0 record against Australian players at Grand Slam tournaments. The Italian encountered minimal difficulty on his serve, successfully nullifying all three break points he faced, and confirmed a third-round match against American Eliot Spizzirri. Although the beginning of the



year hasn't been very convincing for the former world number four, Fritz demonstrated his skill on the court. He started aggressively, quickly securing the first set, and faced a bit more resistance in the second. Throughout the match, he remained in control, even as his Czech opponent's intensity increased and approached Fritz's level. The former quarter-finalist was all in to secure his spot in the third round for the third year in a row. Fritz, recognised for his powerful serve, hit 15 aces com-

pared to Koprivá's three. He successfully converted 79% of his first serves and efficiently broke his opponent four times out of seven opportunities. In the women's game, Osaka demonstrated that timing was crucial for her success. For the second consecutive match, she was pushed to three sets. Each time, she raised her level at the right moments, ultimately defeating Sorana Cirstea 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in exactly two hours. The outcome was a revenge years in the making. In 2015, a

17-year-old from Osaka debuted in Grand Slam qualifying at Wimbledon, facing Cirstea, a former Top 30 player returning from injury. Cirstea won that match 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Interestingly, they did not face each other again until this week. The World No. 16 will next encounter the only remaining home player in the women's draw, Australian qualifier Maddison Inglis, as she aims to reach the Australian Open fourth round for the first time since winning the title in 2021.