

AITC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee paid tribute to eminent Indian jurist Justice Radhabinod Pal on his birth anniversary, highlighting his enduring contribution to international law. In a post on his social media, Banerjee described Justice Pal as a "towering figure whose courage, intellect, and moral clarity continue to inspire generations." Recalling his visit to Japan in May 2025, Banerjee noted that he had the privilege of paying respects at Justice Pal's shrine in Tokyo. The visit was part of an all-party delegation leading India's global outreach against terrorism. "It was a profoundly humbling moment to stand before the legacy of a son of Bengal whose principled stand at the Tokyo Trials affirmed India's commitment to justice, dignity, and independent thought on the world stage," Banerjee wrote. He emphasized that Justice Pal's life serves as a powerful reminder that true greatness is measured not merely by one's position, but by the courage to uphold conscience in the face of challenges.

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Fresh snowfall in Kashmir; Srinagar-Jammu highway closed

MI News Service, Srinagar : After a respite for only a couple of days, Kashmir was once again draped in white on Tuesday as both the upper and central regions of the valley received fresh snowfall leading to a sudden closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway besides disrupting the flight operations.

Most parts of Kashmir received fresh overnight snowfall as a western disturbance affected the region. The plains of the valley, including Srinagar, recorded moderate to heavy snow, while the higher reaches received heavy snow falls. The new bout of snowfall also turned tourists resorts of Sonamarg, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam into winter won-



derlands, the official sources said.

As a result of the sudden change in weather system, the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) has been closed for traffic on Monday following fresh snowfall in and around the Navyug Tunnel, the sources said. An official said, no vehicular movement is being allowed from Jammu towards Srinagar or vice versa. In addition, the Mughal Road, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) Road and Sinthan Road are already closed due to adverse weather and slippery road conditions. Authorities have advised people not to travel on these routes until the roads are fully restored and declared safe for vehicular movement. Commuters have also been cautioned against believing rumours and urged to rely only on official traffic updates. For authentic information, people have been asked to check the Traffic Police Twitter handle @Traffic_hqrs, Facebook page facebook.com/jammuandkashmirtrafficpolice, or contact the Traffic Control Units (TCUs) at Jammu, Srinagar and

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CM Mamata may visit Delhi in February to protest SIR



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is addressing a press conference on various issues at state Secretariat Nabanna on Tuesday

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to visit Delhi in February to register a major protest against the Election Commission of India (EC) over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. The move comes amid an ongoing political clash in the state over the SIR exercise.

According to informed sources, Mamata Banerjee is upset about the alleged deaths linked to the SIR process in the poll-bound state. Despite writing several letters to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), she is dissat-

isfied with the response from the poll body. Party insiders say this has pushed her to take the protest to the national stage.

Top Trinamool Congress leaders said that Mamata Banerjee's planned visit to the national capital will also be aimed at building a broader opposition consensus against the SIR. However, the date of her visit has not yet been finalised. However, some within the party said that she might visit Delhi while the Parliament session is underway. The SIR process began in West Bengal on November 4 and the same

“Can you summon — the way you are doing — persons above 85, 90, 95 years of age, and even physically challenged persons to physically appear before you to prove their credentials?”

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

day, Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee led a march on the streets of Kolkata. Recently, the TMC National General Secretary hinted that the party chief would visit Delhi to highlight the situation in the state and intensify political attacks on Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee on Sunday described as a "tragic farce" the Election Commission's celebration of National Voters' Day at a time, she said, it was "snatching away people's voting rights" through the SIR at the behest of the BJP. "Election Commission of India is celebrating National Voters' Day today, and what a tragic farce that is!" the Chief minister, a fierce critic of the rushed and shoddy conduct of the SIR in poll-bound states from Bihar to Bengal, said on X. "The Commission — working as His Master's Voice — is busy now in snatching away people's voting rights, and they have

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PM Modi announces signing of India-EU Free Trade Agreement

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced the signing of the much-awaited India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), saying it accounts for as much as 25 per cent of global GDP and one-third of global trade.

Addressing the Indian Energy Week virtually, PM Modi congratulated all on the EU-India trade deal and said, "I am informing you about a big development... a significant agreement was signed between India and Europe yesterday (Monday)." People are discussing it as a "mother of all deals", and this agreement has brought a lot of opportunities for 140 crore Indians and crores of Europeans, he said. "This is an excellent example of coordination between two economies of the world. This agreement represents 25 per cent of the global GDP and one third of the global trade," he said. He suggested that the free trade agreement with the EU will complement earlier agreements with Great Britain



EU and India conclude trade negotiations after nearly two decades of on-off negotiations

“This free trade agreement will strengthen confidence in India for every business and every investor in the world. India is working extensively on global partnerships in all sectors

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). This will strengthen both global trade and the supply chain. He congratulated the youth and all colleagues associated with sectors such as textiles, gems and jewellery, leather, and shoes. The agreement will prove very helpful for you, he stated, adding that it will not only

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Bengal Interim Budget to be tabled on Feb 5

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Interim Budget of West Bengal for the next fiscal will be tabled in the state Assembly on February 5. Speaker Biman Banerjee announced here on Tuesday. As Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to travel to New Delhi next week amid TMC's protest over the ongoing SIR exercise, it has been decided to table the state's Interim Budget on February 5. The schedule for the interim budget session of the 294-member West Bengal Legislative Assembly, which is due to go to the polls in about three months, has also been officially revised, with the session now beginning on February 3 instead of January 31. The vote-on-account budget, earlier scheduled to be presented on February 2, will now be tabled on February 5. "The budget will now be tabled on February 5. The session will begin on February 3," Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee told reporters today. Incidentally, despite being Sunday, Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will place the Union Budget for '26-27 in Parliament on February 1.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin tours Durgapur, Asansol on his maiden Bengal visit

MI News Service, Kolkata : With the assembly polls on the horizon, BJP National President Nitin Nabin on his first visit to West Bengal after taking charge of the party last week, arrives here on Tuesday.

During his two-day tour of the industrial belt of Durgapur and Asansol, Nitin Nabin after his arrival at Andal airport in the evening, takes part in a number of programmes tonight and tomorrow in West Burdwan district. BJP sources said his itinerary is entirely centred on organisational meetings and cadre mobilisation, underlining the party's renewed focus on strengthening its grassroots machinery ahead of the polls.

Meanwhile, the Bengal BJP is also gearing for a busy January-end with Nitin Nabin and his political mentor and Union home minister Amit Shah planning to strengthen the party's support base in Durgapur and Asansol belts which have sizeable populations of non-Bengali voters, many with their roots in Bihar. After Nabin, Amit Shah is also likely to attend multiple meetings and political programmes in both north and south Bengal during



BJP national president Nitin Nabin.

his visit, expected on the last two days of the month. "We believe the busy period, beginning this week, will continue until the elections are over," a senior BJP leader said. Nabin on his arrival, first visited the Kalam Mela in Durgapur tonight before attending an organisational meeting at a private hotel in the industrial town. Tomorrow on Wednesday, he will visit the Bhiring Kali Mandir in Durgapur, following it up with two meetings with the party rank and file in Durgapur and Asansol. These areas in West Burd-

wan were once a BJP stronghold, and the party hopes that Nabin's visit would galvanise the large numbers of Bihar voters who live there, sources said.

The BJP had bagged both seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, with S.S. Ahluwalia winning from Burdwan-Durgapur and Babul Supriyo — now with Trinamool — from Asansol. But in 2024, though, both seats went to Trinamool Congress. Trinamool Congress MPs Kirti Azad (Burdwan-Durgapur) and Shastrughan Sinha (Asansol) are both

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a senior BJP leader

from Bihar, too. In the 2021 Assembly elections, TMC won six of the nine Assembly seats in West Burdwan. "So, there is scope for a revival for the BJP. The party believes that with proper concentration on this particular zone, it can win at least six Assembly seats from the Durgapur and Asansol areas," a senior BJP leader said. "That is why Nabinji's maiden visit to this zone and his meetings with local leaders are very important." A section of political observers in Bengal believes that Nabin, an organisation man from Bihar, "can motivate and

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee welcomes Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav before their meeting at Nabanna on Tuesday.

Akhilesh Yadav meets Mamata at Nabanna

MI News Service, Kolkata : Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the state secretariat 'Nabanna' on Tuesday afternoon amid the charged political atmosphere in the poll-bound state over the SIR exercise.

Also former Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yadav, who is on a personal trip to Kolkata with wife and Lok Sabha MP Dimple Yadav, arrived at state secretariat 'Nabanna' around 1.40 pm for the important meeting, a senior official said.

"This is a courtesy meeting. The two leaders are holding discussions at the CM's chamber," he said without elaborating further.

Later speaking to newsmen the Samajwadi Party chief hailed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the only opposition leader in the entire India who is "effectively countering the BJP", and said that the saf-

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Akhilesh Yadav, Samajwadi Party president

ron camp is now aiming for a "respectable defeat" in the upcoming state elections. Yadav, accompanied by his party's senior leader Kiranmoy Nanda, met Mamata Banerjee at the state secretariat Nabanna amid a charged political atmosphere in the poll-bound state over the controversial SIR exercise, and lauded the TMC supremo for her "courage in countering the BJP's onslaughts".

"If in the entire country, someone is effectively countering the BJP, it is West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. And the BJP can only be truly opposed by the way she is doing it," the former Uttar

Pradesh CM told reporters after the meeting, which lasted for about 40 minutes, with Banerjee standing next to him. "With supreme courage she has already defeated the ED and is all set to defeat the BJP in the coming assembly elections", yadav said.

He also congratulated Mamata Banerjee for continuously protesting against the alleged wrongdoings of the EC in the name of the implementation of SIR of the electoral rolls of the state, which has only been harassing the common people in the name of preparing proper voters list. Later

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India's energy sector offers USD 500 billion investment opportunities: PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India's energy sector offers USD 500 billion investment opportunities and urged global investors to invest in the country.

Addressing the India Energy Week 2026, here today he said, "India is a land of opportunities for the energy sector as demand is continuously increasing... India will soon become the world's largest oil refining hub"

The Prime Minister said the nation is targeting USD 100 billion investments in the oil and gas sector by 2030, and the oil refining capacity will be expanded from 260 million tonnes per annum to 300 MTPA. The Prime Minister said, "Our energy sector is at the heart of our aspirations. It offers investment opportunities worth USD 500 billion. Therefore, my appeal is: Make in India, Innovate in India, Scale with India, Invest in India."

He pointed out that India is among the top five exporters in the energy sector. "If I talk about the energy sector, there are immense investment opportunities across the energy value chain. Take the exploration sector, for example: India has opened it considerably, he stated. "You are also aware of our deep-sea exploration efforts, the 'Samudra Manthan' project", he noted and said "We are trying to increase investments in our oil and gas sector to USD 100 billion by the end of this decade. Our goal is also to expand the scope of explo-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addresses a gathering during the inauguration of India Energy Week 2026.

“Whatever suggestions were made during the last edition of IEW, we have made changes to our rules. If you invest in the exploration sector, the profitability of your company is bound to increase

PM Narendra Modi

ration to one million square kilometres. With this vision, more than 170 blocks have already been awarded here". The Andaman and Nicobar basin is also becoming our next hydrocarbon hope, he noted. The Prime minister also discussed the implementation of numerous reforms in the exploration sector and noted that the no-go areas have been significantly reduced. "Whatever suggestions were made

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Nationwide bank strike hits operations across India

MI News Service, Kolkata : The nationwide bank strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), on Tuesday witnessed near-total participation, with around 8 lakh bank employees and officers staying away from work across the country, according to a press statement by the bank unions. The UFBU — an umbrella body of nine unions representing bank employees and officers — said the strike was observed in all public sector banks, private sector banks, foreign banks, regional rural banks, and cooperative banks. The forum termed the strike a "total success", claiming normal banking operations were severely affected nationwide. The strike was called to press for the long-pending demand for a five-day work in a week in the banking industry, including declaring all Saturdays as bank holidays. At present, only the second and fourth Saturdays of every month are bank holidays. "The strike was forced on us as the government has failed to grant approval for implementation of the five-day banking week despite repeated assurances and formal agreements," UFBU said in a statement. The unions pointed out that the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) had recommended the five-day work week based on a memorandum of understanding signed with UFBU on December 7, 2023, and the subsequent settlement and joint note dated March

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SIR protest rally by Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, led by its president and West Bengal minister Siddiqullah Chowdhury, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Academia-Industry Meet Highlights Role of 3D Printing in Manufacturing Future



MI News Service, Kalyani: An Academia-Industry Meet 2026 on 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing was held on Tuesday at the 3D Printing Project Centre of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT), West Bengal, underscoring the growing importance of additive manufacturing in innovation, skilling and industrial growth.

try alignment in additive manufacturing, highlighting emerging research trends, real-world applications and human-centric product design. Participants also visited the Centre of Excellence and witnessed live demonstrations of 3D printing infrastructure and processes.

Maoist posters calling for armed struggle surface on Republic day

MI News Service, Bakura: Poster allegedly propagating Maoist ideology and calling for an "armed struggle against the fascist state" were found pasted across multiple locations in Bakura district on Republic Day, triggering concern among investigation into their origin.

slain top Maoist leader Madvi H-dama, accusing the state of "terrorism against innocent tribals" in Chhattisgarh. They demanded an immediate halt to alleged repression, called for the release of those detained on suspicious of Maoist links, and openly exhorted people to build an armed resistance against what they described as a "fascist govt."

Alleged Death of Minor on Operation Table Sparks Violent Protest; Four Policemen Injured



MI News Service, Kharagpur: There was an uproar over the death of a minor youth injured in an accident in the operation table in a non-government nursing home in Gaura area of West Medinipur district. While trying to control the situation, there was a clash between the protesting people and the police. During this, four policemen were injured. The name of the deceased is Sushant alias Shantanu Majhi (17 years). He was a resident of Sahapur area of Daspur police station. He was appearing for Higher Secondary Examination this year. It is known that Sushant was badly injured in a road accident. He was admitted to a nursing

home located in Gaura area for treatment. The family members of the deceased alleged medical negligence and said that he died shortly after being taken to the operation theatre. But no one in the family was given information about the patient's health. Despite his death, the truth was kept suppressed. After installing the machine, only Shantanu's heartbeat was shown, but Sushant had died long ago. It was told that a huge protest started in the nursing home premises, the road was blocked in the area, due to which the traffic in the area was disrupted. The police tried to intervene in the matter. During this, the protesters threw bricks at the police, due to which four policemen got injured. After which the situation became very violent. After the police came into action mood, the situation in the area normalized. A large number of policemen were deployed in the area including the nursing home. The uncle of the deceased, Gopal Maiti says, "My nephew died due to wrong treatment. But the nursing home did not declare him dead. Chief Health Officer of West Medinipur district, Dr. Soumyashankar Sarangi says that information about the incident has been received. The incident will be investigated.

Robin Hood Army Serves 500+ Tribal Families on Republic Day



MI News Service, Kolkata: Robin Hood Army (RHA) Kolkata, a zero-funds, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to combating hunger, marked the 77th Republic Day of India with a large-scale humanitarian drive in the tribal village of Shantiniketan Birbhum. As part of initiative, RHA Kolkata distributed essential grains kits to over 500 tribal families. Each kit included rice, dal, chira, salt, biscuit, and chana, aimed at supporting household food security. In addition, blankets were distributed to all beneficiary families to help them cope with the winter season. The drive was carried out by a team of 40 volunteers who travelled from Kolkata

to Shantiniketan to ensure smooth and dignified distribution of the relief material. Robin Hood Army is a global, zero-funds organization that redistributes surplus food from restaurants and households to people in need. Beyond hunger relief, its education wing, Robin Hood Academy, works to empower children from underserved communities through consistent learning support and mentorship. RHA's received international recognition and has been featured as a case study by Harvard Business School. In 2024, Robin Hood Army celebrated 10 years of impact, with its presence spanning 13 countries and over 400 cities worldwide.

Blood Donation Camp Organized in Ward 63 on Republic Day



MI News Service, Kolkata: A blood donation camp was organized on Republic Day by members of the Collin Street Welfare Committee and Trinamool Congress leader Abdul Qayyum. Another blood donation camp was also held on Rafi Ahmed Kidwai

President and MP Subrata Bakshi honored the men and women who participated in the blood donation camp by presenting them with certificates. Trinamool Congress Ward President Bablu Pyne, Trinamool Youth President Vishal Khatrik, former Youth President Sheikh Alijan, Haji Mukhtar, Anwar Bhai, and other party workers were also present at the camp. Flag hoisting ceremonies were reportedly held at several other locations within Ward 63 on Republic Day, including Loudon Street, Camac Street, Mirza Ghalib Street, and Sudder Street, marking the occasion with patriotic fervor across the area.

Families in Agony as missing workers from Anandapur remain untraced

MI News Service, East Medinipore: Nearly 36 hours after the devastating fire in Anandapur, families of workers from West Medinipur continue to live in anguish and uncertainty, with no news of their loved ones who were trapped in the blaze. The tragedy has cast a deep shadow of grief over the Maligeri area of Pingla police station, where three youths—Anup Pradhan, Krishmandu Dhara, and Biswajit Sau—left their homes to work as flower-growers in Kolkata and are now missing.



Forensic team members examine the site of the fire incident at Anandapur in Kolkata on Tuesday.



On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, Entally MLA Swarna Kamal Saha hoisted the national flag at Bibi Bagan Rang Kal Mor, accompanied by youth leader Hasnain Qureshi, Rajeshwar Sahu, and others

On Republic Day, 'Aparajito' organized free health camp for brick kiln workers and children



MI News Service, Kalyani: 'Aparajita' is a social service organization. For the past year, the organization has been playing a leading role in social service activities. On January 26th, Republic Day, they organized a free health check-up camp for approximately 300 laborers and children at a brick kiln in Kalyani. Volunteers from the Aparajita group, including doctor Tarak Naskar, participated in the camp held at a brick kiln near Rath Tala in Kalyani, along the banks of the Ganges. Children and adults alike received health check-ups at this camp. Approximately 300 people from the brick kiln received medical services through this camp. Along with health check-ups, necessary medicines were also provided free of charge. In addition, the organization distributed fruits and Horlicks to the children. They also celebrated Republic Day by giving the children tricolor bands and candies. 'Aparajita' began its journey about a year ago with a sense of responsibility towards society and a commitment to standing by the helpless. The organization has already taken a leading role in various types

During Republic day addressing administration stresses in saving environment

MI News Service, Kalyani: Stressing the urgent need for environmental responsibility, the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Kalyani Abhijit Samanta on Sunday appealed to the citizens to reduce plastic usage and actively support proper solid waste management, stating that sustainable practices have become indispensable in everyday life. The appeal was made while addressing the 77th Republic Day celebration in Nadia's Kalyani.



The SDO said that the Solid Waste Management projects have already been initiated across all municipalities and gram panchayats in the sub-division, and urged residents to give priority to waste segregation and environmental responsible behaviour by standing shoulder to shoulder with the administration. Addressing a gathering comprising police officials, administrative officers, representatives of various government departments, clubs, social organisations, media personnel and students, the SDO expressed gratitude to all stakeholders for their continued cooperation in governance and social development.

However, reflecting on the significance of January 26, the SDO recalled that the Constitution of India, adopted on November 26, 1949, came into effect on this day in 1950. "Republic Day reminds us of the core democratic values of liberty, equality and fraternity, and gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to the spirit of India and Indian identity," the SDO said. Highlighting the subdivision's developmental progress over the past year, the administration informed that 152 freehold title deeds were distributed through the North, Block and Rehabilitation departments, while an additional 50 land pattas were issued by the Land and Land Reforms department. During the current financial year, 2,463 caste certificate applications were approved. Under various social welfare schemes, 8,037 girl students received scholarships under the Kanyashree project, while 4,302 students were distributed to bicycles under the Sabuj Sathi scheme. As many as 75,000 beneficiaries availed assistance under the Lakshmi Bhandar scheme, while 3,071 people benefited from the Taposili Bandhu and Jai Johar schemes. In addition, 8,736 beneficiaries received old-age and widow pensions. The SDO said the subdivision administration continues to work relentlessly to ensure inclusive growth and equitable development across all sections of society. Drawing attention to social challenges, the SDO urged residents to take a proactive role in preventing child marriage, describing it as a social evil. He noted that several instances of child marriage were recently averted with the active cooperation of the police and local administration. Emphasising public safety, the SDO appealed to citizens to strictly follow traffic rules and adopt the message of "Safe Drive, Save Life" in their daily lives. Concluding the address, he extended warm Republic Day greetings to all residents and appealed to citizens to uphold their constitutional duties, respect the fundamental rights of others and work collectively towards building a stronger and more responsible India for future generations.

Dept of Sanskrit, Nehru Gram Bharti Deemed Univ, Prayagraj organized distinguished lecture on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji's Philosophy



MI News Service, Kolkata: Department of Sanskrit, Nehru Gram Bharti Deemed University, Prayagraj organized a distinguished lecture on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji's Philosophy. Founder of Ananda Marga, Dr. Kshama, HoD, Department of Sanskrit was organiser of the program. Dr. Balendra Shukla, Dr. Yasmeen Bano, Dr. Sadhana Tripathi, Dr. Mohammed Waqif and Dr. Alok Kumar Mishra and Sanskrit

Physical force emanated from physical clash, psychic force resultant from psychic clash and spiritual force resultant from attraction of the great. He further explained the concept of Brahma. The combination of Shiva and Shakti is Brahma. Brahma means great, the entity who is great and makes all other entities great. The fulfillment of Shiva and Shakti is in the process of Sanchar and Pratisanchar. Here Sanchar means Centrifugal movement and Pratisanchar means Centripetal movement. The Centrifugal movement means from subtle to crude or One to many whereas the Centripetal movement means crude to subtle. Acharyaji also explained the meaning of Ananda. He said that infinite pleasure is bliss and this infinite bliss is Brahma. Ananda and Brahma are one and the same according to Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji. In Upanishad it is said, one is not subjected to fear at any time if one knows the bliss that is Brahma. Man becomes fearless when he can realize that Brahma is bliss.

Republic Day celebrated at Furfura Madrasa



Nurul Islam Khan: The 77th Republic Day of the country was celebrated at the traditional institution, Furfura Fatehia Kharijia Darul Hadith Madrasa, built at the residence of the renowned Sufi saint Pir Abu Bakr. Present were Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Headmaster Najmus Sayadat, and other teachers of the institution. On this day, the program concluded with a closing speech addressed to the countrymen, emphasizing the commitment to upholding the constitution regardless of caste, creed, or religion.

Police Celebrate Foundation Day



Nurul Islam Khan: The 107th Foundation Day of the West Bengal Police Association was celebrated with due solemnity and dignity under the auspices of the Jhargram District Branch of the West Bengal Police Association. The event, held at the Jhargram District Police Lines premises, was attended by the General Secretary of the West Bengal

Inauguration of Multi-faceted Healthcare Services at Das Institute

Nurul Islam Khan: Recently, the Integrated Medical Institution of 'Das Institute of Medical Science and Research (DIMS)' was inaugurated at Salua Market in Rajarhat. This multi-faceted healthcare institution offers innovative services such as Allopathy, Homeopathy, Ayurveda, and Yoga therapy under one roof.



Present at the event were Suparnananda Maharaj, Kamalananda Maharaj, Muhammad Hannan, advocate Lakshmi Gupta, Samaresh Maharaj, and others. The founders of the institution, Professor Dr. Ashok Kumar Das, along with Dr. Abhik Kumar Das, Souvik Kumar Das, and Archana Das, were also present. Professor Dr. Subhash Singh, former Director of the National Institute of Homeopathy, Kolkata, local councilor Nandini Banerjee,

and other prominent personalities and doctors were also in attendance. Highlighting the importance of this medical institution, Dr. Ashok Kumar Das said that just as Allopathy is important in the field of medicine, so is Homeopathy, Ayurveda and Yoga are also essential. Our main goal is to cure the patient by any means necessary. Therefore, these services have been arranged. There will be outpatient services from doctors of all four disciplines under one roof. Inpatient services are also available. All kinds of diagnostic tests will also be provided. He stated that doctors will provide medical services using these four methods. The dignitaries present emphasized the importance of this hospital.



CM Mamata Banerjee during the 77th Republic Day Parade at Red Road in Kolkata on Monday.



Governor C V Ananda Bose hoists the National Flag during the 77th Republic Day Parade at Red Road in Kolkata on Monday.



Indian Army Ranjeet (ATV) vehicle during the Republic Day celebrations at Red Road in Kolkata on Monday.

Tracing History Along the Ganga: Students Take Part in the "Going with Ganga" Heritage Walk



MI News Service, Kolkata: The historic lanes of Chitpur-Rabindra Sarani in north Kolkata recently witnessed a unique exploration of heritage, as the city became a living classroom for young learners. Stepping beyond textbooks and into history itself, Nopany High School organized a special heritage walk titled "Going with Ganga." The 2.2-kilometre walk began on a January morning from Minerva Theatre and saw enthusiastic participation from students of Classes VI to IX. Founded 72 years ago and located in the Rambagan area, Nopany High School designed this initiative to connect students with the cultural and social roots of the city. At the very start of the walk, school principal Dibyendu Sen Sharma spoke about Kolkata's rich theatrical tradition—highlighting the contributions of Girish Chandra Ghosh, the urban evolution of folk theatre such as jatra, and the once-famous Barudkhana festivals, which served as centres of social interaction. Passing through Rabindra Kanan Park, the historic building of Nopany High School, and Charnock-Lohia Hospital, the walk concluded at the iconic Jorasanko Thakur Bari. Along the way, teachers narrated stories hidden in the narrow lanes of north Kolkata—where the Ganga once stood at the heart of everyday life, and where markets, ghats, and temples still carry centuries of layered history.

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm at Gun & Shell Factory (GSF), Cossipore



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm at Gun & Shell Factory (GSF), Cossipore. The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm at Gun & Shell Factory (GSF), Cossipore. Shri Subir Kumar Saha, IOFS, Chief General Manager, unfurled the national flag in the morning, marking the patriotic occasion. A march past by Defence Security Corps (DSC) personnel and Durwans preceded the flag-unfurling ceremony at the GSF premises. Wristwatches and cash awards were presented to deserving employees in recognition of their exemplary service and dedication. The Chief General Manager's Challenge Shield was awarded to the best cleaned section.

Mamata Urges Peace Ahead of Bengal Elections

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of the upcoming elections in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday urged the people to maintain peace in the state, warning against attempts to create unrest. Speaking from Nabanna, the state secretariat, she laid the foundation stone for a new crematorium at Doighat in Wataganj and also virtually inaugurated the newly constructed City Mahashmashan. While addressing the gathering, she expressed concern over the possibility of attempts to incite disorder in the state ahead of the elections. The Chief Minister also highlighted the plight of migrant workers from West Bengal facing harassment in other states. "Around one and a half crore workers from Bengal are employed in other states. Here in Bengal, nobody troubles them, but when our workers go outside, they face severe mistreatment," she said. Banerjee

urged migrant workers to return to Bengal, assuring them of job opportunities within the state.

With elections just months away, the Chief Minister warned the public not to fall prey to provocations that could trigger communal or social unrest. "If even 30 percent of a community feels aggrieved, they can block roads and create disturbances. There are communities that make up 26 percent as Scheduled Castes, and 6 percent as tribal populations. Even minor incidents among tribal groups can lead to train blockades," she said. However, she emphasized that such incidents were not desirable. "I want everyone to live together harmoniously," Banerjee added, stressing the importance of unity among communities. The Chief Minister also cautioned that some elements were deliberately trying to instigate riots for electoral gains. "Some people are trying

to create disturbances for votes. But we have to be vigilant 365 days a year," she said, appealing to the public to uphold law and order. "This Bengal belongs to everyone," she added, while not specifying who might be behind the attempts to create unrest. By combining her administrative duties with these political warnings, Mamata Banerjee sought to send a clear message that maintaining peace and communal harmony is crucial in the months leading to the state elections. Her remarks also reinforced the government's commitment to protecting the rights and welfare of migrant workers, highlighting the contrast between treatment within Bengal and in other states. Through her speech and the inauguration, the Chief Minister emphasized coexistence, community harmony, and the importance of a peaceful environment as the state moves closer to its electoral exercise.



Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav offers prayers with his wife at Kalighat Temple in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Bandhan Bank Lowers Savings Account Balance for Greater Inclusion

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank, on the occasion of India's 77th Republic Day, has announced a significant step toward greater financial inclusion. The bank will lower the Monthly Average Balance (MAB) requirement for its Standard Savings Account, making banking more accessible to millions of customers, while retaining all the account's existing features and benefits. Effective February 1, 2026, the MAB requirement for the Standard Savings Account will be reduced from ₹5,000 to ₹2,000. Despite this reduction, the account's benefits, including full-service features, remain unchanged. This move is aimed at making banking more affordable and convenient for millions of customers across India, particularly those residing in semi-urban and rural areas. By lowering the balance requirement, Bandhan Bank intends to ensure that every individual can enjoy the full range of savings account facilities without financial strain. The bank's initiative seeks to promote financial inclusion and empower more people to participate in the formal banking system. Speaking on the occasion, Executive Director and Chief Business Officer Rajinder Kumar Babbar said, "Republic Day is a celebration of equality and empowerment. At Bandhan Bank, we believe financial inclusion is a cornerstone of that vision. By reducing the MAB requirement, we are making banking more accessible and helping customers save and grow without barriers."

TMC Steps Up Surveillance on Leaders, Signals Action Against Non-Performers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress has begun close monitoring of its elected representatives and party office-bearers amid preparations for the upcoming Assembly elections, signalling a tougher organisational stance against leaders accused of neglecting their responsibilities. The party's top leadership has indicated that strict action may be taken against those found to be underperforming or displaying complacency. In Indian politics, both Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are considered crucial, as they determine governance at the Centre and in the states respectively. For the ruling Trinamool Congress, the Assembly elections carry added significance, as retaining power in the state depends entirely on securing a strong mandate. Political observers note that for a party already in power, sustained public support and organisational discipline are key to electoral success. With this in mind, the Trinamool Congress has initiated early preparations for the Assembly polls and instructed its leaders and workers to intensify grassroots-level engagement.

According to sources, such an attitude runs contrary to the organisation's strategy. The party has made it clear that the next three to four months are critical and that all leaders and workers must work collectively and consistently on the ground. The leadership has indicated that individuals who fail to take their responsibilities seriously or attempt to evade work are being closely tracked. Party insiders say this period is being viewed as a test of commitment, with performance evaluations likely to influence future organisational roles. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee are reportedly receiving regular updates through internal channels on the performance of party leaders and representatives. In addition, the party's strategy and advisory agency, I-PAC, has been tasked with collecting detailed ground-level reports. The agency is also monitoring whether assigned tasks and outreach programmes are being implemented effectively. Sources said I-PAC is preparing daily reports based on field feedback. Moreover, Assembly-wise war rooms have been set up, from which regular reports are being sent to the state leadership. During recent party meetings, Abhishek Banerjee reportedly made it clear that accountability will be strictly enforced. With organisational discipline now a top priority, the Trinamool Congress has adopted a more stringent approach. Party sources have indicated that leaders who fail to perform or neglect their duties in the coming months could face disciplinary action.

Abhishek Pays Tribute to Justice Radhabinod Pal on Birth Anniv



MI News Service, Kolkata: AITC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee paid tribute to eminent Indian jurist Justice Radhabinod Pal on his birth anniversary, highlighting his enduring contribution to international law. In a post on his social media, Banerjee described Justice Pal as a "towering figure whose courage, intellect, and moral clarity continue to inspire generations." Recalling his visit to Japan in May 2025, Banerjee noted that he had the privilege of paying respects at Justice Pal's shrine in Tokyo. The visit was part of an all-party delegation leading India's global outreach against terrorism. "It was a profoundly humbling moment to stand before the legacy of a son of Bengal whose principled stand at the Tokyo Trials affirmed India's commitment to justice, dignity, and independent thought on the world stage," Banerjee wrote.

Kolkata hosts mega stipend distribution ceremony

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata hosted a mega 'Stipend Distribution Ceremony' on Tuesday where 463 students from 48 schools were provided stipend from Paschim Bangiya Marwari Sammelan Shiksha Kosh (PBMSK). It was the 36th Stipend Distribution Ceremony. Vivek Gupta (MLA), Swami Biswatmananda (Bharat Sevashram Sangha) along with other distinguished personalities like Sajan Kumar Bansal, Kunj Behari Agarwal, Bishambhar Newar, Shankar Lal Gupta, Keshab Bubna, Narayan Prasad Dalmia, Ratan Shah, Nirmal Kumar Agarwala, Saroj Kumar Agarwal were present at the auspicious occasion. PBMSK has benefited more than 17,000 students in West Bengal. 20,000 students from Sunderbans have also received dresses through the philanthropic efforts of PBMSK.

PM Modi announces signing of India-EU Free Trade Agreement

From PG 1 said. This landmark trade deal between India and the European Union came after nearly two decades of on-off talks, as both sides aimed to deepen ties amid tensions with the US. On Monday India's Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal said that negotiations had been wrapped up and the deal finalised adding that agreement would be signed in presence of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Luís Santos da Costa are in Delhi. Both India and the EU are seeking to strengthen strategic and trade ties with the rest of the world as they contend with economic and geopolitical pressure from the US. The EU has just emerged from a stressful week after Trump threatened to escalate his trade war with European allies for opposing a US take-over of Greenland before backing off, after a larger geopolitical context was evident in recent statements made by leaders on both sides.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin tours Durgapur, Asansol on his maiden Bengal visit

From PG 1 reactivate the party ranks in this zone through his connection with Bihar. "I think the newly elected BJP president has deliberately chosen Durgapur and Asansol for his maiden visit for this very reason," they said. Senior BJP leader and former state unit president Rahul Sinha said: "During his visit, he (Nabin) will be introduced to the Bengal unit leaders and will outline organisational strategies."

The Bengal BJP is yet to finalise Shah's programmes. The dates are "almost fixed" but official confirmation from Shah's office is yet to come, Union minister of state Sukanta Majumdar said. "If everything goes as planned, Amit Shahji will visit the state on January 30 and 31. He is likely to hold one meeting in any of the north Bengal districts and another in south Bengal," Majumdar said.

Nationwide bank strike hits operations across India

From PG 1 8, 2024. Under the agreement, daily working hours from Monday to Friday were to be increased by 40 minutes to compensate for Saturdays being declared holidays.

Fresh snowfall in Kashmir; Srinagar-Jammu highway closed

From PG 1 Ramban. (KNC) Meanwhile reports from Dehradun also said fresh snowfall took place in the high-altitude areas of Uttarakhand on Tuesday, marking the second such spell in the state in past few days. Intermittent snowfall has been continuing since Monday night in Badrinath in Chamoli district and in Kedarnath and surrounding peaks in Rudrapur district. Snowfall has also been reported from the high peaks of Bandarpunch and other mountains in the Uttarkashi district, the reports said.

India's energy sector offers USD 500 billion investment opportunities: PM Modi

From PG 1 during the last edition of IEW, we have made changes to our rules. If you invest in the exploration sector, the profitability of your company is bound to increase," he said. Another characteristic of India makes investment in the energy sector highly profitable. It has a very large refining capacity. The nation is the second largest in the world in terms of refining capacity, he noted. "Soon we will be number one. Today, India's refining capacity is approximately 260 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). There is a continuous effort to increase this to over 300 million TPA. This is a huge advantage for investors," PM Modi said. He also noted that the demand for LNG in India is continuously increasing. India has set a target to meet 15 per cent of its total energy demand through LNG. "Therefore, we need to work on the entire LNG value chain. India is also working on transportation on a very large scale. We are working on manufacturing the vessels required for LNG transportation right here in India," he said. Recently, a programme worth Rs 70,000 crore has been launched in

India for shipbuilding, he noted. Additionally, there are many investment opportunities in the construction of terminals and LNG ports across the country. There are also great opportunities for you to invest in projects related to re-gasification, he urged investors. India also needs a very large pipeline network to transport LNG. It has invested heavily in this over the past few years, but there are still opportunities for large-scale investment, he stated. The city gas distribution network has reached many cities in India, and India is rapidly connecting to other cities as well. The city gas distribution sector is also very attractive for your investment, he stated. India has a large population and its economy is constantly growing, so the demand for petrochemical products will also increase, he pointed out. Therefore, we will need a very large energy infrastructure, and your investment in this will also give you significant growth, he urged investors. Apart from all this, there are many investment opportunities in downstream activities in India, he suggested.

Akhilesh Yadav meets Mamata at Nabanna

From PG 1 the Chief minister echoing similar sentiments also lambasted the EC for causing supreme harassment to the people and announced her plan to take her protest to Delhi soon. Earlier this morning on his arrival from Lucknow Akhilesh Yadav and his wife visited the Kalighat temple in south Kolkata. A senior Samajwadi Party leader had earlier said Akhilesh Yadav was scheduled to meet Mamata Banerjee at her residence in March as the SP will organise its two-day national executive in Kolkata from March 18 to discuss policies and strategies for assembly elections in three Hindi heartland

states later this year. Apart from the Chief Minister, Trinamool Congress national General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee is reportedly to be present" in the meeting, TMC sources said. "The issue of central agencies threatening opposition parties might also come up during the meeting," the TMC leader said as Mamata Banerjee and Yadav share a very cordial relationship. Even during the 2021 Bengal assembly polls, Yadav had announced his support for the TMC, which was reciprocated by the Chief minister when she campaigned for the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister during the 2022 elections in that state.

CM Mamata may visit Delhi in February to protest SIR

From PG 1 the temerity to celebrate Voters' Day! I am deeply distressed and disturbed by their conduct today," she wrote. "Instead of complying with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's verdict and working as per rules and norms to provide and protect the democratic voting rights of people, ECI is finding newer and newer pretexts in the name of logical discrepancy to harass the people and try to deny them and take away from them their electoral rights!" "On behalf of BJP, their Master, they are busy in bulldozing the Opposition and destroying the foundation of Indian democracy, and yet they have the guts to celebrate Voters' Day!!" Mamata sees the SIR as a high-tech and opaque exercise aimed at disenfranchising millions in Bengal under Union home minister Amit Shah's "dubiously favoured" chief election commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar. National Voters' Day is celebrated on January 25 to mark the birth of the Election Commission of India on that date in 1950. At a Voters' Day event in Delhi, Kumar said all democracies worldwide recognise that a clean voter list is the cornerstone of a strong democracy. "To fulfil this fundamental objective, the EC has launched a special intensive revision to ensure that no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible person is included in the electoral rolls," he said. Mamata wrote: "ECI, you are torturing people today in an unprecedented manner. More than 130 persons have died because of your tortures." Mamata Banerjee added: "Can you summon — the way you are doing — persons above 85, 90, 95 years of age, and even physically challenged persons to physically appear before you to prove their credentials?" "The stress caused by this kind of illegal pressure is leading to series of suicides and deaths, and yet you are continuing to do this at the behest of your political masters. "You have made it NRC trial for citizens, including particularly those belonging to minorities, scheduled castes and tribes." The reference was to the process to update the National Register of Citizens in Assam, which has excluded 19 lakh people, leaving them liable to be detained and deported, and led to multiple suicides.

Name Change

I, Sanjib Kumar Shaw S/O Pannalal Shaw Residing at 29 Uma Das Lane, P.S.- New Market, Kolkata- 700016, in few of my documents as well as in few documents of My major Daughter named nidhi shaw viz in her madhyamik certificate; pan card and voter identity card my name is recorded as Sanjib Shaw instead of Sanjib Kumar Shaw vide an affidavit before the learned 1st class Judicial magistrate at Alipore, Date-27.01.2026. Affidavit no.4871 it has been affirmed and declared that Sanjib Shaw and Sanjib Kumar Shaw both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Paromita Chakraborty Bhattacharjee (Old Name) W/o Soumit Chakraborty Residing at 138 Rabindranagar, Po+Ps- Chakdaha, District- Nadia, Pin- 741222, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Paromita Bhattacharjee (New Name) as declared before the Ld. A.C.J.M.-II (1st Class) at Kalyani, Nadia vide affidavit no 63 Dated 09.01.2026. Paromita Chakraborty Bhattacharjee (Old Name) and Paromita Bhattacharjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) BELAL HOSEN S/O- ABUBAKKAR HAJI Residing at, Vill - Benipur, Post - Akhriganj, P.S.- Ranitala, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from BELAL HOSEN To BELLA HOSSAIN (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) BELLA HOSSAIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 January 2026. BELLA HOSSAIN and BELAL HOSEN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Abul Kalam (Old Name), Son Of Solaiman Peada, Residing At Kautala, Musalman Para, Kautala, Kashinagar, South 24 Parganas- 743349, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abul Kalam Azad Peada (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Md Abul Kalam And Abul Kalam Azad Peada Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Rupashi Muhuri (old name) D/O Late Swarup Muhuri, residing at 6, Tara Road, P.O.- Kalighat, P.S.- Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700026, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rupasi Muhuri (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. Rupasi Muhuri (old name) and Rupashi Muhuri (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Barat Ray (Old Name), Son Of Bishnudem Ray, Residing At 151/11, Rishi Bankim Chandra Road, V/c - Dum Dum (M) Po- Dum Dum, Kolkata- 700028, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As. Bharat Ray. (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Barat Ray And Bharat Ray, Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ranjit Roy (Old Name), Son Of Rash Mohan Roy, Residing At Layek Para, Po - Isoba Mandalai, Ps - Pandua, Hooghly, 712146, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ranajit Roy (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/01/2026. Ranjit Roy And Ranajit Roy Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Goutam Ghosh (old name) S/O Prabr Chandra Ghosh, residing at Sankarara Tamluk, Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721606, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Goutam Kumar Ghosh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. Goutam Kumar Ghosh (new name) and Goutam Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Aditi Agarwal, D/o Pawan Agarwal, R/o 11/1 Sunny Park, 3rd floor Kolkata, West Bengal - 700019. P.O. & P.S. Ballygunge do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Aditi Agarwal to Sidhi Agarwal and henceforth I shall be known as Sidhi Agarwal in all purposes vide affidavit in the court of Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta, Incharge of Affidavit Section on 22.09.2024.

Name Change

I, Kishna Sikdar (old name) W/O Tamay Sikdar, residing at Vill & P.O. Abujhati, P.S.- Jamalpur, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713166, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Krishna Sikdar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. Krishna Sikdar (new name) and Kishna Sikdar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, PRATICK BARMAN (old name) S/O LATE PABITRA BURMAN, residing at 63/B, COLLEGE STREET, POCHITTARANJAN AVENUE, Kolkata, 700073, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRATICK BURMAN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. PRATICK BURMAN (old name) and PRATICK BARMAN (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sahadev Chatterjee And Sahadeb Chatterjee (Old Names) Son Of Harendra Chattopadhyay, Residing At N0045, Bayalar Inspektorat Barir O Goshomare, Ebang Bamoik, Asansol Sadar, Dist - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713347, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sahadeb Chattopadhyay (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Sahadev Chatterjee And Sahadeb Chatterjee (Old Names) And Sahadeb Chattopadhyay (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Rajshree Rungta (Old Name) Wife Of Bajrang Lal Rungta Residing At Karbala Road, Manindra Nagar, Gossimbazar, Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742102, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rajshree Rungta (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Rajshree Rungta (Old Name) And Rajshree Rungta (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Subhra Ray (Old Name) Wife Of Mirinal Kanti Ray, Residing At C-4, Aurobinda Park, Po- Purba Puturi, Ps- Regent Park, Kolkata- 700093, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Subhra Ray (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/01/2026. Subhra Ray (Old Name) And Subhra Ray (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Swati Mukherjee Sen (Old Name) Wife Of Apurba Krishna Sen, Residing At A-5/31, Nandan Kanan, Santoshpur, Kolkata- 700075, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Swati Mukherjee (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Swati Mukherjee Sen (Old Name) And Swati Mukherjee (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

77th R-Day celebrated at ECL

MI News Service, Sanctoria: Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) celebrated the 77th Republic Day at its Headquarters, Sanctoria, Satish Jha, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, ECL, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was attended by Md. Anzar Alam, Director (Finance); Niladri Roy, Director (Technical/Operations); Girish Gopinathan Nair, Director (Technical/Planning & Projects); Deepthi Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer; and Kiran Jha, President, Shatakshi Mahila Mandal. Also present were the Chairpersons— Jirak Begum and Geetha Radhamani—along with other dignitaries. The programme also featured cultural performances by children from nearby schools, as well as a demonstration by CISF showcasing the successful rescue of hostages from terrorists. On the occasion, the ECL management felicitated employees for their outstanding performance.

Name Change

I, ATIFUR RAHAMAN MOLLA (old name) S/O CHABIR AHAMMED MOLYA, residing at VILL-MADARI, PO- MALANCHANG, PS-MINAKHAN, NORTH 24 PARGANAS- 743425, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ATIFUR RAHAMAN MOLYA (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. ATIFUR RAHAMAN MOLYA (new name) and ATIFUR RAHAMAN MOLLA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Tanmay Das Biswas (Old Name), Son Of Lakhmi Narayan Das Biswas, Di No Wb-1720160019290, Residing At Bamunari, Dankuni, Hooghly- 712250, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tanmay Das Biswas (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 22/01/2026. Tanmay Das Biswas And Tanmay Das Biswas Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Noor Islam Molla (Old Name), Son Of Sademani Molla, Residing At Vill Hpo- Dakshin Santoshpur, Ps-Jagatballapurhowrah-711404, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nur Islam Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/01/2026. Noor Islam Molla And Nur Islam Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Somejed Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Nabab Ali Mondal, Residing At Vill- Ballavpur, Po- Chakla, North 24 Parganas, 743424, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Momejed Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Somejed Mondal And Momejed Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ashadul Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Momejed Mondal, Residing At Vill-Ballavpur, Po-Chakla, North 24 Parganas, 743424, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Asadul Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/01/2026. Ashadul Mondal And Asadul Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Jumman Shaikh S/O Islam Sk, declare that my father said name Nurislam Sekh (father old name) residing at Vill. & P.O.- Gandhabaduli, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist. South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Islam Sk (father new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. Islam Sk and Nurislam Sekh both are same and one identical person (my father).

Name Change

I, Sawnakh Kumar Roy (old name) S/O Ashis Roy, residing at Flat No. 404, Tapanee Apartment, New Town, Tarulia, P.O.- Krishnapur, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sawnakh Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 27/01/2026. Sawnakh Kumar Roy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Anil Mishra (Old Name), son of Ram Jiyawan Mishra, residing at pure shiv dayal, Ganjehri, Sohgaoli, P.O Sohgaoli, Dist. Sutanpur, Uttar Pradesh 228155, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anil Kumar Mishra (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/01/2026. Anil Mishra and Anil kumar Mishra both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Devbrata Halder (Old Name), son of Sreekantha Halder, residing at C-56, Sabuj Pally, Post - Chowbaga, Kolkata, West Bengal 700105, have changed/corrected my name and shall henceforth be known as Devbrat Halder (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/01/2026. Devbrata Halder and Devbrat Halder both are the same and one identical person.

Eastern Railway Celebrated 77th Republic Day

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : Eastern Railway celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit at its Sports Complex, James Long Sarani, Behala, Kolkata on Monday, 26th January 2026. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, unfurled the National Flag and received the salute of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) contingent on the occasion.



Addressing railwaymen and their family members, Shri Milind Deouskar appreciated the dedication and sincerity of officers and employees of Eastern Railway in discharging their duties and responsibilities. He emphasized that safety in train operations remains the top priority of Eastern Railway.

Highlighting safety achievements, the General Manager informed that Eastern Railway was conferred the Safety Shield for 2025 by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways at the Ati Vishisht Seva Purashkar Ceremony held recently in New Delhi. He added that the Kavach Train Collision Avoidance System has been successfully commissioned in the Howrah-Burdwan section, while work is at an advanced stage in the Burdwan-Chhota Ambana section. Kavach has also been fitted in 425 locomotives, and 178 locomotives have been provided with Head on Generation (HOG) equipment to save diesel consumption.

During the year, Eastern Railway introduced 26 Mail Regulation Of Trains For Rolling Block Programme In Adra Division Over South Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : Due to one week rolling block programme in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway from 26.01.2026 to 01.02.2026, following trains will be regulated as under: CANCELLATION: 68046/68045 Asansol - Adra - Asansol MEMU Passenger (journey commencing on 27.01.2026 & 29.01.2026) will remain cancelled.

SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION: 1. 13503/13504 Bardhaman - Hatia - Bardhaman MEMU Express (journey commencing on 27.01.2026 & 29.01.2026) will be short terminated at/short originated from Gomoh. Service between Gomoh & Hatia will remain cancelled. 2. 68056/68060 Tatanagar - Asansol - Barabhum MEMU Passenger (journey commencing on 30.01.2026) will be short terminated at/short originated from Adra. Service between Adra & Asansol will remain cancelled.

DIVERSION: 18601 Tatanagar - Hatia Express (journey commencing on 27.01.2026, 28.01.2026 & 31.01.2026) will be diverted via Chandil - Goonda Bihar - Muri instead of Chandil - Purulia - Kotshila - Muri. Moreover, 18184 Buxar - Tatanagar Express (journey commencing on 27.01.2026 & 29.01.2026) will be rescheduled by 60 minutes from Buxar.

NSE sets up a stall at IKBF 2026 MI News Service, Kolkata: NSE under the aegis of SEBI in collaboration with other MIs, NISM and AMFI has set up a pavilion (stall no - 249) at 49th International Kolkata Book Fair 2026 at Boimela Prangan, Bidhanagar, Kolkata for a period of 14 days from January 22, 2026. Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member, SEBI inaugurated the pavilion. Jeevan Sonparote, Executive Director, SEBI, Vikas SS, Regional Director, SEBI and other senior representatives of all participating institutions were present on the occasion. Varshney also unveiled a booklet covering essential guidance on investing in the securities market and fraud & scam prevention. Visitors of the pavilion at IKBF can engage in exciting initiatives planned by NSE such as 'Wheel of Financial Freedom' game (a spin the wheel game aiming to spread awareness based on different aspects of investing).

and Express train services, including 2 Rajdhani Express services, 2 Vande Bharat Sleeper (Full AC) services, 12 Amrit Bharat services, and 10 other Express services. Additionally, 10 passenger train services and 43 suburban services, including 10 AC EMU train services, were commenced. The Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off the Howrah - Kamakhya - Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper Express on 17.01.2026. To enhance passenger comfort and safety, 20 Mail/Express train services were converted from ICF to LHB coaches, and 22 conventional passenger services were converted to MEMU services.

On the freight front, after achieving the milestone loading of 100 million tonnes in 2024-25, Eastern Railway is making concerted efforts to further improve freight loading in 2025-26. Two Gatishakti Cargo Terminals

at Andal and Salanpur were commissioned, which will significantly boost freight operations.

In infrastructure development, 22 Limited Height Subways and 55 platform sheds were constructed across the four divisions of Eastern Railway. Moreover, 46 stations were made fully Divyangjan-friendly during the year. Passenger amenities were further enhanced with the installation of 1,453 CCTV cameras, 16 Train Indication Boards, and 2 Coach Indication Boards at various stations.

In the environmental domain, Eastern Railway received a Certificate of Excellence from the Indian Green Building Council in June 2025. Tree plantation drives resulted in the planting of 10.2 lakh saplings during the year.

The General Manager lauded the commendable work of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in ensuring passenger safety. From April to December 2025, under Operation 'Nanhe Farishtey', 1,040 children were rescued and rehabilitated. Under Operation 'Amanat', RPF personnel retrieved passengers' belongings worth ₹4.44 crore and returned them to their rightful owners. Under Mission 'Jeevan Raksha', RPF saved the lives of 29 passengers by preventing accidents, suicides, and trespassing incidents. Additionally, under Operation 'Yatri Suraksha', 315 criminals involved in passenger-related crimes were arrested.

ERWWO Reaffirms Commitment To Education, Healthcare And Community Welfare On 77th Republic Day

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO) celebrated the 77th Republic Day on 26th January, 2026, at Arunodaya Ghoshapur School, Behala. The National Flag was unfurled by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President/ERWWO, in the presence of Shri Milind K. Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, along with Principal Heads of Departments, officers of Eastern Railway, ERWWO members, students and teachers. Students presented a vibrant cultural programme on the occasion. GM Eastern Railway, President, ERWWO, Sr officers distributed food packets and chocolates among the students. Staff members who contributed significantly to ERWWO's welfare initiatives were also felicitated.



On the occasion, the General Manager, Eastern Railway, addressed the students, motivating them with his inspiring and encouraging words. As part of its humanitarian outreach, ERWWO donated three patient-carrying trolleys and one stretcher to B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, to strengthen patient care facilities. On the same occasion, Smt. Seema Deouskar inaugurated the Central Monitoring System and a Neonatal Incubator-cum-Radiant Warmer at the hospital in the presence of the General Manager, Eastern Railway. ERWWO members also visited admitted patients and extended care and support, reaffirming the organisation's commitment to social welfare and community service.

Metro Railway Observes 77th Republic Day

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : Today, on 26th January, 2026, Metro Railway, Kolkata observed the 77th Republic Day with enthusiasm and fervour. Shri Subhansu S. Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway unfurled the National Flag at Metro Rail Bhavan this morning and took the Guard of Honour from Metro RPF.



In his address to the officers & staff of Metro Railway and Media persons, he spoke about the various achievements of Metro Railway in different spheres and highlighted the growth in passenger traffic and earnings. Metro Railway is contributing to urban mobility by providing comfortable and reliable journey to lakhs of commuters. General Manager highlighted about recently introduced Return journey QR code based paper ticket and assured that mobile wallet ticketing and ticketing through payment app will be introduced shortly with provision of cancellation of tickets. In his speech Shri

Misra mentioned about the plan for technology induction like development of a DC-DC converter for the use in BHEL rake through IIT Kharagpur, development of Linear Induction Motor-based propulsion system for Metro coaches through IIT Madras and Battery Energy Storage System. Towards the end of the function Metro Railway staff presented a cultural programme. Republic Day was also observed at other Metro Railway branch offices and stations.

Tara Sutaria praises Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Actress Tara Sutaria has expressed her profuse affection and praise for Bengal and Bengali culture. She made a brief visit to Kolkata during her recent launch event in Kolkata for Sennes. Sennes, the contemporary lifestyle brand from the House of Senco, marked its much-anticipated launch in Kolkata with an elegant and high-energy launch party.

NAME CHANGE

I Deepak Murarka son of Sanwarml Murarka residing at Lake District, BL-5, 5F, 74 Narkeldanga Main Road, Kolkata -700054 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Deepak Kumar Murarka as declared before the first class Judicial Magistrate Alipur Court West Bengal vide affidavit no 39104 dt 07.12.2016. Deepak Murarka and Deepak Kumar Murarka both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Yash Mehta, (DOB 15th October 1988), son of Balwant Mehta and Shila Mehta, residing at Karunamoyee Apartment, 25/7 Mahendra Nath Sen Lane, Kolkata-700040, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Yash Mehta and Yash Balwant Rai Mehta refer to the same person, myself via affidavit before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 27th January 2026.

Name Change

I, Rajib Hossain Mondal, S/O- Lal Mohammod Mondal, Residing, at Vill-Ghoragachha, P.O-Ghoragachha, P.S.-Kalyani Dist-Nadia, pin-741245, W.B do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as Tajibhossen Mandal in 2002 Voter Id Card & Voter List Being Voter Card No. CR22714160 and also wrongly recorded as Rajib Hossen in my daughter's Madhyamik Admit Card and also wrongly recorded as Rajib Hossen in my son's Madhyamik Admit Card. On 21/01/2026 vide affidavit no 106 before the Court of 1st Class A.C.J.M.-II, Kalyani, Nadia, I affirm that Rajib Hossain Mondal, Tajibhossen Mandal, Rajib Hossen & Rajib Hossen all are the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Biswajit Chanda, S/O- Pranay Chanda (Old Name), R/o-Barajaguli, Bhownick para, ward no.-15, P.O.- Barajaguli, P.S.-Haringhata, Dist.-Nadia-741221, WB, India, have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Biswajit Chanda, S/O.- Lt. Pranay Kumar Chanda (New Name), vide Affidavit Sl.No.-25, 07.01.2026, in the Court of LD. A.C.J.M.-II (1st Class) at Kalyani, Nadia. That, Biswajit Chanda, S/O.- Pranay Chanda (Old Name) & Biswajit Chanda S/O.- Lt. Pranay Kumar Chanda (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I SK ALI ASGAR S/O- SK TOUFIC AHAMED Of Tulapatit Itinda Road, Basirhat, 24 Pgs(N), PIN- 743411. In my Aadhaar, EPIC, Ration Card the name spelling of my Father is SK TOUFIC AHAMED. But in my all Educational Documents and OBC Certificate my father's name shown as SK TAUFIC AHAMED. By the vide Affidavit(Sl. 4166 dated- 22/11/26) before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat Court my Father SK TOUFIC AHAMED and SK TAUFIC AHAMED is the same and one identical person in the eye of Law.

NAME CHANGE

I, ABDUL KADER MONDAL, do hereby declare that in my daughter's (SABIKUN NAHAR) Birth Certificate (Regd. No. WB_BR_2015/20062/1/682) her mother's name wrongly recorded as BEAUTY BIBI. In an Affidavit (No.- 30792, dated-10.12.2025) submitted in front of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat Court, BEAUTY KHATUN & BEAUTY BIBI will be considered as one and same identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Asis Kumar Choudhury, S/O- Akhil Chaudhuri, residing at 7/48, Bijoigarh, Jadavpur Central Road, PS Golf Green, PO Jadavpur, Kolkata- 700032, W.B., India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asis Kumar Chaudhuri as declared before the Notary Public at Sealdah Court vide affidavit no. 011173 dated 22/01/2026 Asis Kumar Choudhury and Asis Kumar Chaudhuri both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Anshita Chowdhury, D/O- Asis Kumar Chaudhuri and Sanghita Choudhury, residing at 7/48, Bijoigarh, Jadavpur Central Road, Kolkata- 700032, PO Jadavpur, PS Golf Green, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anshita Choudhury as declared before Notary Public Sealdah Court vide affidavit no.004143 dated 13/01/2026. Anshita Choudhury both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Bhavesh Chovatia, (DOB 26th February 1965), son of Rajnikant D Chovatia and Bharti R Chovatia, residing at Flat 6A, 45/4A, Chakrabortia Road South, Bhawanipur, Kolkata-700025, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Bhavesh Chovatia, Bhavesh Ranjankant Chovatia, Bhavesh R Chovatia refer to the same person, myself via affidavit before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 20th January 2026.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sk Ahamed Ali Sarkar, Sekh Ahammed Ali Sarkar (Old Name) S/o Sk Nabi Bux Sarkar Residing at Shyamrup, Parshyampur, District-Hooghly, Pin- 712401, West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Ahammed Ali Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 27-01-2026. Sk Ahammed Ali Sarkar, Sekh Ahammed Ali Sarkar (Old Name) and Sk Ahammed Ali Sarkar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Jahannara Jamadar (Old Name) D/o Akbar Mollick W/o Jakir Jamadar Residing at Vill-Po- Sherpur, Ps- Usthi, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743513, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Tanuja Jamadar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 27-01-2026. Jahannara Jamadar (Old Name) and Tanuja Jamadar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohasin (Old Name) S/o Junab Residing at Vill- Kheria, Po- Katlamari, P.S.- Ratua, District- Malda, Pin- 732102, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mahasin (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 21-01-2026. Lal Mohammad (Old Name) and Lal Mohammad (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Lal Mohammad (Old Name) S/o Mahasin Residing at Vill- Kheria, Po- Katlamari, P.S.- Ratua, District- Malda, Pin- 732102, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Lal Mohammad (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 21-01-2026. Lal Mohammad (Old Name) and Lal Mohammad (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I MD ADIL ANSARI Son of Abdul Salam, Mother name Shahnaz Begum, Residing at premises No. 831/IV5, Belgachia Road, P.S. Utdanagar, Kolkata-700037, State West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare the by an affidavit no 30 dated 19.01.2026 before Notary Public Sarbani Mitra, Sealnaha Court, Kolkata my client swearing an affidavit stating that "MD ADIL ANSARI" & MOHAMMED ADIL ANSARI is self same person.

Name Change

I, Binod Kumar Prajapati S/O Late Siphari Prajapati residing at 69, Dhobia Bagan, P.O. & P.S.-Karmarthi, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Kolkata- 700058, WB. My name wrongly recorded in my driving licence no. WB23 2007-0049748 as Binod Prajapati. My actual name is Binod Kumar Prajapati as per Aadhar card (no.8594 2170 5273) declared vide an affidavit Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore North 24 Pgs. Date.06.12.2025. That Binod Kumar Prajapati and Binod Prajapati both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, GURMEET KAUR MALUMDER, D/O AMAR SINGH, Address-86, Nonadanga Road, P.O. Sheoraphuli, P.S.-Serampore, Dist-Hooghly, Ration Card, Madhyamik, H.S., B.com Examination Admit card, Marksheet and Certificate my name has been wrongly recorded as GORMIT KOUR, Declared before the Notary Serampore Court vide affidavit dated 14.03.2025. GURMEET KAUR MALUMDER and GORMIT KOUR both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shabnam Begum W/o Nayan Khan residing at 48, Canal East Road, P.S.- Narkeldanga, Kolkata - 700011 declare that in my son's Birthcertificate my name has been wrongly recorded as Sabbo Begum instead of my actual name Shabnam Begum and my husband's name has been wrongly recorded as Md. Mi-amuddin Alias Nayan Khan instead of his actual name Nayan Khan and in my daughter Tabassum Khatoun's Birth Certificate my husband's name has been wrongly recorded as Nayan Khan instead of his actual name Nayan Khan and in my daughter Sania Nizam's my name has been wrongly recorded as Sabnam Ara instead of my actual name Shabnam Begum and my husband's name has been wrongly recorded as Nizamuddin Khan instead of his correct and actual name Nayan Khan. That Sabnam Begum and Sabbo Begum and Sabnam Ara all are same and one identical person i.e. my self and Nayan Khan and Md. Mi-amuddin Alias Nayan Khan and Nizamuddin Khan all are same and one identical person i.e. my husband vide affidavit no. 2315 dated 20.01.2026 before Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipur.

Change of Name

I, SOHINI SAMANTA, D/o SRIMANTASAMANTA, residing at Vill- Kehsiyah Bunyibarbhar, PO- Pratappur, PS- Panskura, Dist- Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, PIN- 721152, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ROOHI ALAM as declared before the Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, Kolkata, West Bengal vide Affidavit No. 33090, dated 29/1

BSL sets stage for knockouts

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bengal Super League (BSL) marked the official build-up to its knockout phase at the historic East Bengal Club following the successful conclusion of a competitive and closely fought group stage, with all four semi-finalists, JHR Royal City FC Malda | Murshidabad, Howrah Hooghly Warriors, Sundarban Bengal Auto FC and North 24 Parganas FC assembling under one roof ahead of the decisive matches.

present at the occasion along with former Indian national team footballers and East Bengal legends, Bhaskar Ganguly and Alvitto D'Cunha, who serve as Technical Officers of the Bengal Super League. The BSL Committee was represented by Pranjal Banerjee, League Commissioner, Bengal Super League, and Debadiya Das, Chief Executive Officer, Bengal Super League (BSL).

Trophy Tour will proceed to visit the iconic football institutions of Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting Club, celebrating Bengal's rich footballing heritage, before concluding at the Kalyani Stadium, the venue for the Bengal Super League Final.

Shrachi Sports has partnered with Zee Bangla Sonar and ZEE5 as the league's Official Broadcast and Streaming Partners, ensuring that football fans can experience the excitement of the BSL LIVE, both on television and digital platforms.

Cancellation of one pair Madhupur - Giridih - Madhupur passenger

MI News Service, 27 Jan 2026, Kolkata: In connection with Bridge maintenance work between Jagdishpur & Maheshmunda stations, 53517/53518 Madhupur - Giridih - Madhupur passenger will remain cancelled on 29.01.2026.

Lost bag returned to Metro commuter

MI News Service, 27 Jan 2026, Kolkata: On 25.01.2026, at 18:25 hrs, an on-duty RPF staff posted at Howrah Metro station while conducting a routine patrolling recovered an unclaimed bag and deposited it to the Station Master's Office. After opening the bag, some valuable items were found therein.

Thereafter, the Station Master made repeated announcements requesting the owner of the bag to collect it from the Station Master's Office and a control message was also communicated to all the stations.

After sometime, a male commuter came to the Station Master's Office of Howrah Metro station and claimed the ownership of the recovered bag and the items containing therein. After proper verification and fulfilling all official formalities, the bag along with all other items were handed over to him.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for helping him to get back the lost bag along with all other items.

Changes in the Timings of Select Trains over East Coast Railway

MI News Service, 27 Jan 2026, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway has revised the timings of three trains at Khurda Road and Bhadrak stations with immediate effect, in order to streamline train operations and improve punctuality.

Revised timings are as follows: 1. Train No. 18118 Gunupur-Rourkela Rajyarnari express at Khurda Road station: Existing Timing: Arrival 20:58 hrs / Departure 21:00 hrs

Revised Timing: Arrival 21:20 hrs / Departure 21:40 hrs 2. Train No. 12253 SMTV Bengaluru-Bhagalpur weekly express has been provided a new stoppage at Bhadrak station with arrival at 18:16 hrs and departure at 18:18 hrs.

3. Train No. 22856 Tirupati-Santargachi weekly exp at Bhadrak station: Existing Timing: Arrival 18:26 hrs / Departure 18:28 hrs Revised Timing: Arrival 18:16 hrs / Departure 18:18 hrs

Timings at all other stations for these trains will remain unchanged. Passengers are advised to take note of the revised timings and plan their journey accordingly.

Howrah Municipal Corporation Borough-V 107/C, Kashinath Chatterjee Lane, Howrah-711002, Ph: 033-2678-0031

E-TENDER NOTICE For details of N.I.T. please refer to Notice Board of Borough-V. Visit the sites: www.tenders.wb.gov.in

Barjihaty Gram Panchayat Chanditala, Hooghly Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tender is invited from the resourceful and experienced bidders for execution of 5 Nos. works (s) under Tender Reference No.: 53/BG/TENDER/15/FC/2025-2026, Date: 27.01.2026.

Office of the Block Development Officer EGRA-II Development Block NOTICE Re-NIT-31 of 2025-26 (3rd Call) Dated - 27.01.2026 has been invited for 1 no. of civil work under Egra-II Development Block fund Pathashree-IV FY-2025-26 in the Purba Medinipur District.

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED SUPERVISORY STAFF IN ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT OF MALDA DIVISION Four (04) nos. retired supervisory staff of Electrical (General) Department (SSE/Electrical=03 & SSE/Drawing=01) are to be re-engaged against vacancies in Level-07. Maximum age limit for applying against these posts is 65 years.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091

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.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession, Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, the mortgage 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.

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"Lost lot of roles to girls who were slightly fairer": Chandrika Ravi on facing colourism in Indian film industry

MI News Service, New Delhi: Actress, producer and host Chandrika Ravi admitted that she faced significant colourism during her career in India where she was often told to lighten her skin, avoid the sun, and alter her appearance to get roles in the Indian film industry.

say there. But here (India) it was like, you need to lighten your skin. Don't go in the sun. Change your hair colour, wear colour contacts. So, I just kept pushing to keep doing work because when you don't know anything other than being an artist, you just keep pushing at what you love, right?" Ravi said.

that I had to keep fighting because I was losing a lot of roles to a girl that was slightly fairer or not South Indian. It's happened many times in my career, especially in the early years. The colourism is something that is so very prevalent here.

Coming to her filmography, Chandrika Ravi received her major breakthrough in 2018 with her Indian film debut in the Tamil comedy hit 'Iruttu Arayil Murattu Kutu'. Within a year, she appeared in three additional Indian films, cementing her on-screen presence.

Her global recognition reached new heights after she performed a dance number in Nandamuri Balakrishnan starrer Veera Simha Reddy which was released in 2023.

The actress was recently seen in the music video 'Saanvle' which celebrates the beauty of dark skin. The song is sung by Diljit Dosanjh and Raj Ranjodh, while the lyrics are composed by Raj Ranjodh.

The actress is also set to co-create and star as the Indian Actress Silk Smitha in her official biopic 'Silk Smitha: Queen of the South'.

Chandrika Ravi is an Australian born actress who shares roots in Southern India and has worked across Hollywood and Indian cinema industry, building a career that bridges gaps between cultures and making fans worldwide. However, the actress believes that her road to Indian cinema industry was not easy, alleging she had to face discrimination based on her dusky skin tone in the Indian cinema industry.

In an interview with ANI, Chandrika Ravi expresses her disbelief on the significant colourism in India when compared to West, where people celebrate her "dusky skin."

"I faced a lot of colourism in India throughout my career. I've been in India for eight years now working. In the west, my skin is celebrated. Everything is Chandrika's dusky skin, exotic and this and that. That's what they

Aashayein 2026 Announced, 800 Specially-Abled Children to Take the Field in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata is set to witness a celebration of ability, confidence and inclusion on February 1, when 800 specially-abled children from across the city will participate in the 12th edition of Aashayein - Roshni Umeedon Ki at Gitanjali Stadium. The event was formally announced on Tuesday by the Lions Club of Calcutta, under District 322B1, at a media interaction held in the city.

The announcement programme was attended by CA Pawan Kumar Patodia, Vice President, Special Olympics Bharat and President, SO Bharat West Bengal; Lion Vivek Adukiya of Adukiya Industries; Tr. Harsh Karnani, Chairman, Calcutta Midtown Round Table 113; and Cr. Rashmi Bajaj, Chairperson, Calcutta Midtown Ladies Circle 132. The dignitaries underlined the importance of collaboration in creating inclusive platforms and reaffirmed their commitment to promoting equal opportunities for children with special needs.

Speaking on the occasion, Lion Gopal Krishna Agarwal, President, Lions Club of Calcutta, said, "Aashayein reflects the ethos of Lionism - service with compassion and dignity. Every child participating here is already a winner. The objective is not medals alone, but confidence, joy and a sense of belonging."

The sporting schedule will include track and field events such as 50-metre and 100-metre flat races, SBT ball throw and shot put, conducted under the supervision of 40 trained officials from the Sodepur Referee Association (SRA) to ensure safety and fairness.

Beyond sports, the event will feature a carnival atmosphere with a dedicated fun zone. Participants will be provided with meals, event T-shirts, jackets and caps, along with gift hampers containing school supplies and refreshments.

One of the most enduring social initiatives of the Lions Club of Calcutta, Aashayein has evolved into the city's flagship inclusive sports carnival for children with special needs. Organised in association with Round Table India - Calcutta Midtown Round Table 113 and Ladies Circle India - Calcutta Midtown Ladies Circle 132, Aashayein 2026 will be held from 9 am to 4 pm, featuring a full day of sporting events and activities.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

E-Tender Notice No. e-Tender/2026/03. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Kngg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-tender for the following works before 15:00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened on 15:30 hrs. Tender No. E-KGP-HQ-03-2026. Description of work: Execution of (i) Renewal of H-Beam sleepers (299 Nos.) for Bridge No. 39, 45, 68 & 69 in Panskura-Haldia section, (ii) Renewal of H-Beam sleepers (851 Nos.) for Bridge No. 30, 35, 39, 84, 85, 110, 129, 135, 154 & 160 in Tamkul-Digha section (iii) Renewal of H-Beam sleepers (857 Nos.) for Bridge No. 26 in Tamkul-Digha section and (iv) Through Rail Renewal (Primary) i.e., TRR(P) of 1.075 Tr. Km. in Tamkul - Digha section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamkul. Tender Value: ₹ 6,65,31,830.11. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,82,700/-.

L. K. Singhania Education Centre Receives National Honour; Principal R. C. Joshi Elected IPSC Chairman

MI News Service, Gotan: L. K. Singhania Education Centre, Gotan, has earned distinguished national recognition with the election of its Principal, Mr. R. C. Joshi, as Chairman of the Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC)—an apex body comprising nearly 80 of India's leading residential schools, including The Doon School, Mayo College, Welham, Scindia School and The Lawrence Schools. His appointment is widely seen as a testament to the school's strong academic culture, visionary leadership and rich educational legacy.

Mr. Joshi, associated with the institution for nearly three decades in both academic and administrative roles, has been serving as Principal since 2008. Under his stewardship, the school has witnessed remarkable progress in academics, discipline, value-based education and modern infrastructure.

To celebrate this achievement, alumni and parents organised a special felicitation ceremony on January 17 in Siliguri, attended by former students from Siliguri, Kishanganj, Katiath, Islampur, Biratnagar, Kolkata and Guwahati. The impressive gathering reflected the deep emotional connect that students share with their alma mater.

Addressing the event, Mr. Joshi dedicated the honour to the collective contribution of the school's management, staff, students and parents. Vice Principal Mr. Pranay Kumar highlighted recent infrastructural developments, including the all-weather Olympic-size swimming pool, 200-bed dispensary, indoor stadium, shooting range, new hostels, dairy and organic farming units, outdoor sports arenas and the iconic MIG-23 aircraft. He also announced upcoming projects such as a grand auditorium, go-karting track and horse-riding facilities.

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In Taltala, on the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, All India Trinamool Congress party senior leader Ashok Kumar Chakraborty alias Mana Chakraborty gave a speech. On this occasion, he strongly opposed the policies of the BJP government and called Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee better public leaders than Modi and Amit Shah.

Four Railway Staff Honoured by ECoR for Dedication and Alertness



MI News Service, 27 Jan, 2026, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway General Manager Parmeshwar Funkwal felicitated four frontline railway employees for their exemplary alertness, dedication and prompt action that ensured safe and uninterrupted train operations. The employees honoured were: * Kollji Jagan Mohana Rao, Track Maintainer-IV, Parvatipuram * Kinjarapu Ramana Murthy, Technician-I/C&W, Vizianagaram * Mohammad Japher, Loco Pilot (Goods), Titlagarh * Anand Prakash Pathak, Senior Goods Train Manager, Sambalpur

Their timely intervention and proactive response helped detect critical defects, prevent potential mishaps and uphold the high safety standards of Indian Railways.

On 15 December 2025, Kollji Jagan Mohana Rao, while on duty as Gateman at LC Gate No. RV-278, noticed heavy sparking and smoke from the wheels of Train No. 18448 during late night hours. He immediately displayed the danger signal and alerted concerned staff, leading to the detection of a locked axle in the locomotive and averting a possible accident.

During rolling in examination on 5 December 2025 at Vizianagaram, Kinjarapu Ramana Murthy detected abnormal sounds from the axle box of a loaded wagon of a goods train. His prompt reporting led to the identification of a roller bearing defect with abnormally high temperature, enabling timely preventive action.

On 18 December 2025, Mohammad Japher, while operating a goods train, noticed smoke emanating from the axle box of a wagon of another passing train. He immediately informed the Station Master, facilitating timely control of the affected train and prevention of a serious rolling stock failure.

On 22 December 2025 at Sambalpur, Anand Prakash Pathak observed a broken center pivot pin in the Brake Van of a goods train during continuity testing. His swift action led to inspection by G&W staff and safe detachment of the defective Brake Van before departure. While felicitating the employees, the General Manager emphasized that frontline staff including Track, Signal and OHE Maintainers, Loco Pilots, Technicians, Goods Train Managers and Station Managers are the backbone of railway operations, and their constant vigilance is vital for ensuring safety and efficiency.

East Coast Railway reaffirmed its commitment to promoting a robust safety culture and recognising exemplary service rendered by employees at the grassroots level.

FORM NO. URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part 1 of Chapter XXI of the ACT

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Manesar that M/S FIGUREOUT ENTERPRISES (ICE0112025016853) a Partnership Firm may be registered under the Part 1 of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013 as company listed by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: To take over the business of M/S FIGUREOUT ENTERPRISES (PARTNERSHIP FIRM) relating to Wholesale and Retail sales of computers and computer peripherals and to carry related business activities.

3. A copy of draft Memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 1st Floor, 20B New Government Colony, Bansdrani, Kolkata 700070, West Bengal.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC) Plot No. 6.7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Manesar, Haryana, India, 122050 within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the firm registered office.

Sd/- Abhishek Kumar Partner

KULPI PANCHAYAT SAMITY KULPI, SOUTH-24 PARGANAS

E-Tenders are hereby invited by the E. O. Kulpi vide - 1. NIT - 150/ KLPSP/Pathashree/Rural Fund/2025-2026 (Re-Tender) & Tender ID : 2026_ZPHD_994406_1 & 2. Bid Submission Last Date: 11.02.2026 up to 05.00 PM. For details visit Website: https://wbenders.gov.in

Executive Officer Kulpi Panchayat Samity

COURT NOTICE

In The Court of Sub Judge - I Khalbgaon Title Suit No.- 184/2024

Rajeev Sinha - Plaintiff Versus Pramod Kumar @ Pramod Kumar Mandal - Defendant Notice Through- Defendant Pramod Kumar @ Pramod Kumar Mandal S/O- Late Chandar Prasad Mandal, R/O- Annpurna Apartment AG 113/1 Tal Bagan, Koltapur, Ravindra Palli, Rajarhat, Gopipur (H), South 24 Paragana, Kolkata, 700101 (W.B.) Through this notice, you are informed that a civil suit has been filed against you in my court. You were also served notice earlier by the court, but you did not appear. Therefore you are directed to appear in my court dated 16-03-26 at 10.30 A.M. and present your defense. Otherwise one-sided (Ex-party) hearing shall be conducted against you. This notice has been issued under my signature and with the seal of the Sub-Judge-1 Khalbgaon.

e-Tender Notice

Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya The Principal, Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, PO-Shyamsundarpur Patna, Dist.- Purba Medinipur invites percentage rate eTenders. NIT No. SM/02/2025-26 dt. 27/01/2026. Information details are available in the website https://wbenders.gov.in

Sd/- Principal, Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya PO- Shyamsundarpur Patna, PS- Panskura Dist.- Purba Medinipur

আম্মোজোরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১২শী লক্ষীকাছ ঘোষা ও ২১শী কেশের চন্ড ঘোষা, উভয়ের পিতা ওকালিপদ ঘোষা, উভয়ের সাক্ষম পুত্রীরাই দক্ষিণপাড়া, সারাদপাড়া, ভাঙ্গের, হুগলী-৭১১১১৪, মশশা/মহাশায়েক পুত্রী ইং ০৪/০৩/২০১৪ তারিখে এডিএস.আর., চন্দননগর, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-00722/2024 নং আম্মোজোরনামা দলিল মূলে আনান মফেল আনরক আলি পিতা ফকল, হুগলী, সালিগ ২৭, এলাকা নং পোলালা পড়া, এলাকা, উত্তরপাড়া, হুগলী-৭১১১১৪, মশশায়েক কামতগঞ্জ আম্মোজোরনামা দলিল মূলে উক্ত আম্মোজোরনামা বলে আনান মফেল পিতা ইং ৩০/০৩/২০১৫ তারিখে এডিএস.আর., চন্দননগর, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-02346/2025 নং বিক্রয় যোগাযোগ দলিল মূলে ১নূর আলম পিতা মিত হুসানাম ও ২নূরনামা আরা সানী নূর আলম, উভয়ের সাক্ষম পুত্রীরা সেন তেলিপাড়া, তেলিপাড়া, ভাঙ্গের, হুগলী-৭১১১১৫, মশশা/মহাশায়েক পুত্রীরা - জেলা হুগলী, থানা ভাঙ্গের, মৌজা মুর্শিদগাঁ, জে.এল. নং ২০, হাল এল. আর ১৯৬ ও ১০৮ নং খতিয়ানে, আর.এস. ১৮৯ নং তথা হাল.এল.আর. ১৬৬ নং দাশে শালি জমি যোগে আনান ০৩ কাঠা ০৫ চৌকি তম্বায়ে কমেসী ০১ কাঠা সম্পত্তি উক্ত বিক্রয় কেবানো দলিল মূলে আম্মোজোরনামা বলে বিক্রয় কনাম এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাচ্ছে যে, এতদ্বারা রেজিস্ট্রার ১নূর আলম পিতা মিত হুসানাম ও ২নূরনামা আরা সানী নূর আলম, তাহদের উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পদন করিবার জন্য বি.এস. গ্যাজেট প্রকাশের ৩ দিনের ব্যবধিতে আবেদন করিবার ব্যবস্থা করিবার নিমিত্তে ইচ্ছা কয়ত্রই কোন আবেদনকারী আবেদন বিক্রয় প্রচার হইবার আশা ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপত্তি জানাচ্ছে পরিবেশ, অন্যথায় নিরম অনুসারে কার্য করা হইবে। Deo Kumar Prasad (Advocate) Chandernagore Court, Hooghly

Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) over Howrah Division

No. COM/DEV/STBA/04 STNS/HWH/2026, Dated: 27.01.2026

Open tender is invited in prescribed format to engage Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) on commission basis at the following 04 stations over Howrah Division of Eastern Railway for issue of unreserved tickets through computerized unreserved ticketing system (UTS) for a period of 01 (One) year. Tender for each station will be treated as separate tender. Name of Stations: Khanyan, Bansberia, Bahirkhanda & Belanagar. Qualification: (A) The applicant should be a resident of the local district in which the station is located where contract of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) is proposed to be awarded. (B) The applicant should not be under 18 years of age and should have passed at least class-X examination. Out of the applicants fulfilling the eligibility conditions, the candidates who opts for the least commission (in the 4% commission slab) on monthly sales turnover will be engaged as a Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA). The applicant has to quote the percentage (%) of the commission specially from 0% to 4% (no negative bid will be considered). In case more than one applicant quotes same rate, the selection will be based on the draw of lots in a transparent manner in public. Only one applicant will be awarded the contract of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) at one station. Commission payable: Slab of Monthly sales turnover in Rupees; Rate at which commission payable are as follows: Slab 1: Rs. 1 to Rs.20000; 25% (subject to minimum Rs. 2500), Slab 2: Rs. 20001 to Rs. 100000; 15%; Slab 3: Rs. >100000; (4% in case of NSG-6, NSG-5 & SG-3 category stations) or the rate quoted whichever is lower. Cost of Tender Form (Non-Refundable): (1) Bansberia & Belanagar - Rs. 1120/- (2) Khanyan & Bahirkhanda - Rs. 2240/- Earnest Money: The Earnest Money of Rs. 5000/- for SG-3 category of stations, will have to be deposited in the form of Banker's Cheque/Bank Draft payable in Favour of FA & CAO, Eastern Railway, Kolkata to be issued by any Nationalized Bank of India should accompany with the tender form. Availability of Tender Documents: Tender Documents will be available from the office of the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building (1st Floor), Near Rail Museum, Howrah-711001 on any working day between 28.01.2026 to 18.02.2026 (11.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.) on production of original Money Receipt issued by Booking Supervisor (G), Howrah, Eastern Railway between 28.01.2026 to 18.02.2026 (11.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.) where on 18.02.2026 (11.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.) on deposition of stipulated amount of Tender Document (non-refundable). Tender Document can also be downloaded from the official website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in. If the Tender Documents downloaded from the official website should be accompanied with a demand draft (non-refundable) amounting to the cost of the Tender Document in favour of FA & CAO, Eastern Railway, Kolkata. Submission of Tender Document: 28.01.2026 to 18.02.2026 (11.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.) only on working days. Opening of Tender: At 12.30 hrs. on 19.02.2026 in the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah. In case the office remains closed for holiday or for any unforeseen reason, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Complete details of the tender can be seen at official website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in and notice board at the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah.

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Bridgestone India collaborates with Punjabi Star Parmish Verma for Music-Led Consumer Outreach

Patna : Bridgestone India has announced a dynamic new collaboration with celebrated Punjabi singer, actor, and youth icon Parmish Verma, as part of its focused strategy to deepen consumer engagement in key regional markets. A powerful cultural voice in North India, Parmish Verma brings not only mass appeal and authenticity but also a genuine passion for automobiles. A well known car enthusiast, his personal interest in safe mobility and responsible driving makes this association a seamless fit with Bridgestone's core values of performance, reliability, and safety. North India continues to be a critical growth region for Bridgestone India, driven by rising vehicle ownership and a young, aspirational consumer base. With music and popular culture significantly shaping brand affinity in the region, Parmish Verma emerges as a natural and influential choice for this partnership.

As part of the association, Parmish Verma will collaborate with Bridgestone India as an artist, co-creating music led storytelling, engaging narratives, and social media driven content for its campaigns.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Rajiv Sharma, Executive Director, Sales & Marketing, Bridgestone India, said: "North India is a strategically important market for us. Parmish Verma's credibility and deep connection with audiences make him an ideal partner to represent Bridgestone. This collaboration enables us to engage meaningfully with young consumers who seek fresh, inspiring, and reliable brand experiences."

Expressing his excitement, Parmish Verma said: "Bridgestone is a brand people trust for safety and performance. I'm proud to be associated with an organisation that values quality and puts customers first. I look forward to connecting with audiences in a new and



meaningful way through this partnership." With this association, Bridgestone India furthers its regional engagement strategy while strengthening its position as a trusted mobility solutions provider for consumers across

the country. This partnership embodies the "Emotion" value of the Bridgestone E8 Commitment, which reflects the company's promise to inspire excitement and bring joy through the world of mobility.

Chinese scientists identify key Ebola virus mutation

Beijing : Chinese researchers have unveiled a crucial mutation in the Ebola virus that significantly enhanced its infectivity during a major outbreak, providing new insights for epidemic surveillance and drug development.

The study, published in the journal Cell, focused on the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 2018 to 2020, the second-largest in history, which caused over 3,000 infections and more than 2,000 deaths, Xinhua news agency reported.

"The research tells us that during major emerging infectious disease outbreaks, real-time genomic surveillance and evolutionary analysis of the pathogen are crucial," said Professor Qian Jun from Sun Yat-sen University.

"This is not only able to warn of changes in transmission risk but also to prospectively assess the effectiveness of existing drugs and vaccines, guiding us to preemptively adjust control strategies," Jun added. A key question drove the research, namely, beyond the impact of local healthcare challenges, did viral evolution itself contribute to the Ebola outbreak's prolonged duration?

"We have long been aware that key viral mutations often act as invisible drivers accelerating transmission during major outbreaks. Having worked on Ebola for over a decade, we had to investigate whether similar patterns of mutation existed for this virus," said Jun, explaining the team's motivation. In 2022, the



team analysed 480 complete Ebola virus genomes and discovered that a variant carrying a specific mutation in the viral glycoprotein, named GP-V75A, had emerged early in the DRC epidemic. This variant rapidly replaced the original strain, and its rising prevalence closely mirrored the surge in case numbers, suggesting it might confer a transmission advantage, according to the research team. Subsequent experiments using various models confirmed the mutation's biological impact. It showed that GP-V75A had significantly enhanced the virus's ability to infect multi-

ple types of host cells and mice. Furthermore, this study revealed a potential clinical concern, notably that the GP-V75A mutation had diminished the antiviral effectiveness of some existing therapeutic antibodies and small-molecule entry inhibitors, indicating a possible risk of drug resistance. These findings underscore the importance of continuous viral genome monitoring during outbreaks to anticipate evolutionary threats and inform the development of broad-spectrum countermeasures, the research team said.

Housing.com Expands Footprint to 15 Tier-2 Cities, Strengthening Presence in Emerging Residential Markets

New Delhi : Housing.com, India's number one real estate app, today announced its strategic expansion into 15 high-potential Tier-2 cities across the country. The move is aimed at deepening Housing.com's presence in fast-growing residential markets and bringing organized, digital-first real estate discovery to millions of new homebuyers beyond metro cities.

The newly launched markets include Agra, Aurangabad, Jabalpur, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Madurai, Mangalore, Mathura, Mysore, Ranchi, Trichy, Udaipur, Vapi, and Vijayawada. With this expansion, Housing.com will now offer localised property search experiences, verified listings, and data-backed insights across a much wider set of cities, enabling easier access to housing options in affordable and aspiration-driven locations.

Over the past few years, Tier-2 cities have emerged as important growth corridors for Indian real estate. Rising infrastructure investments, improving connectivity, expansion of industrial clusters, and comparatively lower property prices have created strong demand for homes in these markets. At the same time, consumers in smaller cities are increasingly shifting online for property search and decision making, creating a large opportunity for trusted digital platforms.

CELEBRATE REPUBLIC DAY 2026 WITH EXCLUSIVE ASUS LAPTOP OFFERS

KOLKATA: ASUS, a Taiwanese tech giant, is celebrating the spirit of India's Republic Day with exciting offers across its wide range of laptops. As part of the Republic Day Sale, consumers can upgrade their digital experience with cutting-edge ASUS laptops, ranging from high-performance gaming machines to sleek and lightweight productivity devices. The offers span across ASUS' popular product line-ups, including ROG, TUF, Vivobook, and Zenbook series.

During this limited-period festive sale, customers can enjoy savings of up to 19% on select ASUS laptops, making it an ideal time to invest in advanced technology and best-in-class performance.

These special Republic Day offers will be available till 26th January 2026 at leading electronics retail chains, including Reliance Digital, Croma, and Vijay Sales, ensuring easy access for customers across the country. Customers can also enjoy offers on ASUS AIO PCs, Consumer & Gaming DT and Accessories across all platforms.

CavinKare's CHIK Enters Crème Hair Color Category; Launches CHIK Quick Crème Hair Color in Patna&Ranchi& Ranchi

Mumbai : CavinKare's CHIK brings a revolutionary offering in hair color - CHIK Quick Crème Hair Color into the Patna&Ranchi market. This announcement marks CHIK's entrance into the creme hair color category. Powered by a unique 10-minute fast-action formula, the product has been created to make crème hair coloring more convenient and time-saving for consumers. Designed to deliver rich, natural-looking color along with the goodness of natural ingredients like amla and bhringraj, this launch marks a significant step in CHIK's mission to bring innovative, hassle-free hair color solutions at a disruptive price point to households across Patna&Ranchi. The brand has further roped in popular television actor Shweta Tiwari as the brand ambassador and is rolling out a comprehensive 360° marketing campaign spanning print, online, and digital platforms in the market. The CHIK Quick Crème Hair Color comes in a single sachet, unlike the other crème colors, which is a convenient format. It also directly addresses consumer pain points such as long application times, dryness, and the mess often associated with conventional powder formats. The product ensures minimal preparation time and a smooth coloring experience. Available in three versatile shades, Natural Black, Natural Brown, and Burgundy, the range caters to the most popular consumer preferences. By introducing the crème format at an accessible price of just ₹10, CHIK is making crème hair coloring more affordable and inclusive, especially for value-conscious consumers across Patna&Ranchi.



With its 10-minute action time, CHIK Quick Crème redefines the hair coloring experience with ultra-rich color and glossy finish with less waiting, no hassle.

India displays leadership in global agri-food sector at 'Gulfood 2026'

New Delhi : The government on Monday said that India marked a strong presence at 'Gulfood 2026', the world's largest annual food and beverage trade exhibition in Dubai, underscoring its growing leadership in the global agri-food and processed food sector. The 2026 edition marks India's largest-ever participation, with more than 600 Indian companies exhibiting across a wide spectrum of categories including staples, fresh produce, processed foods, beverages, agri-tech, and food processing.

As Country Partner, India has been accorded prominent branding across exhibition venues under a unified design theme, along with dedicated conference sessions and enhanced B2B engagement opportunities. Key products being showcased by India at Gulfood 2026 include Basmati rice, more than 10 Indian GI-tagged rice varieties, processed food products, millets, groundnuts, tea, spices, turmeric, organic products, and fresh fruits and vegetables, according to Commerce Ministry. The Indian Pavilion was inaugurated at the APEDA Pavilion, Dubai Expo City by Secretary, Ministry of

Food Processing Industries, AP Das Joshi, in the presence of Ambassador of India to the UAE, Dr Deepak Mittal.

"The UAE is the largest market for APEDA's scheduled products and serves as a gateway to the Gulf region, which is the largest destination for India's agricultural exports. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement has had a significant impact on bilateral trade, particularly in the food processing industry and agricultural exports," said the ministry.

In addition, more than 500 Indian companies, largely institutional and large players, are participating independently across both exhibition venues. Another significant highlight of India's participation at Gulfood 2026 is the presence of eight startups under APEDA's BHARATI initiative, Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement.

According to the ministry, India's participation as Country Partner at 'Gulfood 2026' reflects the nation's commitment to delivering high-quality, safe, sustainable, and innovative food products to global markets.

Plastics emissions to double health risks worldwide by 2040: Study

New Delhi : Emissions from the global plastics system --greenhouse gases, air-polluting particles, and toxic chemicals released particularly from plastics production processes -- could double health risks by 2040, if no meaningful action is taken to change current practices, according to a study on Tuesday.

The research, published in The Lancet Planetary Health journal, identified health harms at every stage of the life-cycle of the plastics: from the extraction of fossil fuels, the feedstocks for more than 90 per cent of plastics, and material production to their eventual disposal or release to the environment.

The modelling-based study compared the global human health impacts of several different future scenarios for plastics consumption and waste management between 2016 and 2040.

Under a 'business as usual' scenario, by 2040, the negative health impacts from plastics could double, with greenhouse gas emissions and associated rising global temperatures accounting for 40 per cent of the health harms.

Air pollution -- predominantly from plastics production processes -- would account for 32 per cent, and the impact of toxic chemicals released to the environment across plastics' life cycles would account for 27 per cent.

The remaining health harms (less than 1 per cent) relate to reduced availability of water,



impacts on the ozone layer, and increased ionising radiation, the researchers said.

"We found that emissions throughout plastics lifecycles contributed to human health burdens of global warming, air pollution, toxicity-related cancers, and non-communicable diseases, with the greatest harms from primary plastics production and open burning," Megan Deeney, from the London School.

The model found that if the plastics system continues with no change to policy, economics, infrastructure, materials, or consumer behaviours, annual health impacts could more than double from 2.1 million healthy years of life lost in 2016 to 4.5 million healthy years of life lost in 2040.

Overall, the study estimates that the global plastics system could be responsible for cutting 83 million years of healthy population life between 2016 and 2040.

The study also predicted little impact from improving plastic waste collection and recycling alone. But, together with improvements to waste collection and recycling, substituting or reusing materials, health impacts linked to plastic emissions showed a reduction.

"To effectively reduce plastic emissions and their impact on health, policymakers must better regulate and significantly reduce the production of new plastics for non-essential uses," the team said.

Luxury cars, jewellery, chocolates to get cheaper under the EU-India FTA

MI News Service, New Delhi: India and the European Union (EU) on Tuesday, January 27, announced the conclusion of negotiations for the free trade agreement (FTA), under which several domestic sectors such as apparel, chemicals and footwear will get duty-free entry into the 27-nation bloc, while the European countries will get interest-free access to the Indian market for cars and wines.

Except for auto and steel, over 93 per cent of Indian goods will receive zero-duty access to the EU. For the remaining six per cent, Indian exporters will get tariff reduction and quota-based duty concessions.

On the other hand, the EU will get duty-free access for 93 per cent of its goods over 10 years in India. India will remove duties on 30 per cent of European goods on the first day of implementing the pact. With India and the EU account-



ing for 25 per cent of the global gross domestic product (GDP) and almost one-third of the world trade, this agreement has been coined as "Mother of all Deals."

The trade agreement will gradually decrease the tariffs on EU cars in India, from 110 per cent to a staggering 10 per cent, while duties on wines will go down to as low as 20 per cent. Tariffs on processed foods like pasta, oil, juice and chocolates will be removed entirely. Tariffs on EU-imported machines and electronic goods will decrease from 44 per cent to

zero on most enterprises. Products linked to aircraft and spacecraft will also be reduced to zero per cent from the present 11 per cent.

The FTA is expected to boost labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, chemicals, jewellery and leather, since they do not compete with European manufacturers and will, in turn, benefit the rural incomes. Simultaneously, India has given special protection to sensitive sectors such as dairy, cereals, soyameal, poultry and select fruits and vegetables to safeguard national

interests. It opens new opportunities for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and creates jobs for women, artisans, youth and professionals.

The agreement deals with a wide range of trading, including newer aspects such as digital commerce and support for MSMEs. The trade agreement also gives a competitive edge to EU exporters, with India offering the EU its largest trade opening. Precious stones, metal jewellery and pearls will have lower tariffs, from 22.5 per cent to zero per cent, for most products, with tariff reduction for the other 36 per cent of the products.

Already reduced tariffs on chemicals, iron and pharmaceuticals will be removed. Additionally, sheep meat imported from the EU, which currently has a 33 per cent tariff, will be slashed to nil.

A future-ready mobility framework will also expand global opportunities for

skilled and semi-skilled Indian professionals. It further provides a facilitative and predictable framework for business mobility covering short-term, temporary and business travel in both directions.

With India offering quota-based import duty concessions on auto, premium luxury European cars, such as BMW, Mercedes, Lamborghini, Porsche and Audi, are set to become cheaper in the Indian market once the bilateral free trade agreement comes into force, likely next year.

The EU will eliminate duty in a phased manner for Indian automobiles, whereas India will reduce the levies to 10 per cent for specified numbers. As per the agreement, India and the EU have negotiated on a "quota"-based duty concessions, the Commerce Ministry official said, adding that the EU has a "very" aggressive demand for this sector.

East Coast Railway Celebrates 77th Republic Day with Patriotic Fervour

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : East Coast Railway celebrated the 77th Republic Day at its headquarters in Bhubaneswar with great patriotic fervour. The General Manager, East Coast Railway, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, unfurled the National Flag and extended Republic Day greetings to all railway employees and their families.

In his address, the General Manager highlighted East Coast Railway's continued contribution to nation-building and shared the major achievements of the zone. He stated that ECoR has maintained strong performance in railway operations, infrastructure development, and passenger services, reflecting the collective dedication and efforts of its workforce.

Special emphasis was laid on initiatives aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and safety, capacity augmentation, introduction of modern LHB coaches, and steady progress in new line, doubling, and multi-tracking projects. The General Manager also underlined the zone's focus on safety enhancement through infrastructure upgrades, elimination of level crossings, commissioning of road over bridges, and implementation of several passenger-centric works.

During his address, the General Manager also highlighted the honours received by Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel of East Coast Railway. Four RPF personnel of ECoR have been awarded the



prestigious President's Medal for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields. Shri Praful Chandra Panda, Inspector, and Shri Prakash Charan Das, Inspector, ECoR, have received the President's Medal. Additionally, Shri Pappala Srinivasa Rao, Sub Inspector, and Shri D. V. Murali Krishna, Assistant Sub Inspector, ECoR, have been conferred with the Meritorious Service Medal, bringing pride to the zone.

Concluding the Republic Day celebrations, General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal congratulated all railway personnel and their families for their unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment in achieving these historic milestones. On this Republic Day, East Coast Railway reaffirmed its commitment to excellence in railway services, safety, and infrastructure development, continuing its contribution to the nation's progress.

South Eastern Railway Celebrates 77th Republic Day

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : The 77th Republic Day was celebrated at South Eastern Railway's Headquarters, Garden Reach with great enthusiasm. Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the ceremonial parade presented by the contingents of Railway Protection Force (RPF), Civil Defence, St John Ambulance and South Eastern Railway Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Highlighting the achievements of SER in recent times, General Manager said that South Eastern Railway, popularly known as the Blue Chip Railway, is among the top three highest freight loading zones of Indian Railways. During the period from April to December 2025, SER achieved a



commendable loading of 153 million tonnes of freight and the freight revenue for this period amounts to ₹13,432 crore. General Manager added that in order to increase operational capacity, 55km of doubling/3rd line work has been completed so far this year.

General Manager stated

that with a view to provide more amenities to the passengers, 80 lifts and 43 escalators have been commissioned at various stations so far. These apart, raising of height at 15 platforms, increase in length of 35 platforms have been completed and 212 bays platform shelters have been provided at 42 stations. During the current financial year, 1104 special trains have been run to clear the extra rush of the passengers. Safety of passengers is of paramount importance and as a major step towards free from level crossing, SER has completed the construction work of 9 Road Over Bridges and 18 Subways in current financial year. Moreover, 16 level crossings have been eliminated upto December, 2025.

Death toll rises to 28 amid severe winter storm across U.S.



MI News Service, New York: At least 28 weather-related deaths were reported Monday as a massive winter storm dumped snow across dozens of U.S. states over the weekend, causing widespread power outages, flight cancellations and school closures.

The death toll included two people run over by snowplows in Massachusetts and Ohio, and fatal sledding accidents in Arkansas and Texas. In New York City, officials said eight people were found dead outdoors as temperatures plunged at night. From Massachusetts in the northeast to Texas in the south, roads were frozen slick with ice

and buried under often more than 30 cm of snow. In some southern states, residents faced winter conditions unseen for decades.

Nearly 700,000 customers from the mid-Atlantic to the South were without power as of 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, according to power-outage.com. Most of them were in the South, with Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana hit hardest, where freezing rain caused tree limbs and power lines to snap, inflicting crippling outages.

The storm snarled air traffic, with more than 12,500 U.S. flights canceled on Sunday, the most of any day since the onset

of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. As of Monday afternoon, more than 5,200 flights traveling into, from and within the United States were cancelled and over 6,600 were delayed, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware.

Ground delays were reported at major U.S. airports due to snow or ice, including Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said he hopes airports will be "back to normal" by Wednesday. In New York City, all public schools were closed on Monday, and students learned from home.

While the storm system was expected to drift away from the East Coast into the Atlantic on Monday, a blast of Arctic air was rushing in behind it, prolonging sub-freezing temperatures for several more days, the National Weather Service said.

CLW Celebrates 77th Republic Day



MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), on 26th January, 2026. Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, General Manager, hoisted the National flag at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar sports Complex.

Smt. Anita Kumari Gupta, President/CLW and executive Members of CLW, Principal heads of various departments; Sr. Officers, members of associations & unions, were present on the occasion. A colorful & vibrant parade was presented by the RPF Jawans, volunteers of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Civil Defence volunteers and St. John's Ambulance

brigade. Colourful cultural programmes were presented by school children & CLW cultural Association, which was appreciated by all. General Manager, in his speech, recalled the efforts of freedom fighters to make India an Independent, Sovereign Republic.

He highlighted CLW's glorious journey in manufacturing of locomotives over the years in manufacturing over 13650 locomotives, contributing significantly to Indian Railways' self-reliance in electric locomotive production and bolstering the national economy. He has also highlighted the important achievements of various departments in his address to the august gathering.



On Monday, Republic Day was celebrated through an initiative by Team Brick Field Lane. Among those present were Mohammad Shamsuddin, Mohammad Nuruddin, Mohammad Intekhabuddin and Mohammad Shayfuddin, along with many others. On this day, national flags and other items were distributed among numerous children were distributed. Photo: Nurul Islam Khan

Ukraine, U.S., Russia may hold next meeting on Feb. 1: Zelensky

MI News Service, Kiev: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Monday that the next trilateral meeting between delegations from Ukraine, the United States and Russia could take place on Feb. 1. "Earlier we discussed that the teams would meet again on Sunday. It would be good if we could expedite this meeting," Zelensky said in his evening address.

Ukraine will be fully prepared on all issues that need to be discussed and agreed upon at the meeting, he said, underscoring the country's commitment to peace. Representatives of Ukraine, the United States and Russia held their first trilateral meeting since the start of the Ukraine crisis on Jan. 23 and 24 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Israel releases 9 Palestinian detainees following recovery of last Israeli hostage's remains

MI News Service, Gaza: Israel on Monday released nine Palestinian detainees from the Gaza Strip, who arrived at Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, hours after the Israeli army announced the recovery of the remains of the last Israeli hostage held in Gaza.

The move is part of the implementation of the ceasefire agreement reached between Israel and Hamas in October 2025. In a press statement, the hospital said the detainees arrived through the facilitation of the International Committee of the Red Cross after their release by Israeli authorities via the Kerem Shalom crossing. Earlier on Monday, the Israeli army announced the recovery of the remains of Ran Gvili, 24, a member of Israel Police's elite Yasam pa-

trol unit, who was killed on Oct. 7, 2023, and whose body was transferred to Gaza.

In a press statement, Hamas said it had made "significant efforts" to locate Gvili's remains, calling on Israel to fully implement all provisions of the agreement, including reopening the Rafah crossing, allowing humanitarian aid into Gaza, and withdrawing completely from the Strip. In September 2025, the U.S. President Donald Trump's administration unveiled a 20-point, three-phase peace plan aimed at ending the Israel-Hamas conflict that broke out in October 2023. However, both sides repeatedly accused each other of violations during the first phase of the deal after the ceasefire took effect in October 2025.

Colorful Celebration at Sundarban Al Manar Missionary Girls' School



Nurul Islam Khan : On January 26th, the 11th founding anniversary of Sundarban Al Manar Missionary Girls' School, run by Maulana Anwar Hossain Kashemi, was celebrated with great dignity. The school premises became festive on this day. The program began with the hoisting of the Indian flag. This was followed by recitation of the Holy Quran and Ghazals. Poetry recitation, quiz competitions, and various cultural performances were presented by the students.

The guardians and guests were impressed by the students' talent and discipline. Among those present were Maulana Kamruzzaman, a member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and secretary of the All Bengal Minority Youth Federation, along with various learned and distinguished personalities, who highlighted the importance of women's education and the indispensability of moral education in their speeches. The speakers said, "Sundarban Al Manar Missionary Girls' School is not just an educational institution, but a

reliable center for building ideal human beings." They wished the school a bright future. The cultural and educational programs continued until evening.

All in all, in its 11-year journey, Sundarban Al Manar Missionary Girls' School has established itself as a successful, respectable and ideal educational institution. Regarding today's program, the founder of the mission, Maulana Anwar Hossain Kashemi, said that Abdul Mannan Gazi, Atiar Rahman Molla, distinguished journalist Azizul Haque, Education Ratna award-winning teacher Nurnabi Jamadar Hossain Gazi, teacher Abdur Rauf, Maulana Abdullah Maruf, Education Ratna award-winning teacher Maulana Mufakkhar Hossain, distinguished researcher Asif Reza Ansari, Wahed Ali Sheikh, Arun Mondal,

Maulana Akhtar Hossain, Maulana Abdur Rahim, the president of the mission Abdul Majed Molla, and others were present. The program was conducted by Shoaib Akhtar Molla.

Syria's fragile ceasefire: Ethnic tensions and displacement in the northeast

MI News Service, Damascus: Recent clashes between Syria's transitional government forces and the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in the northeast have ended with government troops capturing most SDF-held territories in Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor, amid a fragile ceasefire that appears to be holding as of late January 2026.

The fighting, which intensified in mid-January, followed months of disputes over integration and control. Under the terms of the ceasefire agreement—mediated in part by international efforts—SDF fighters are to be absorbed individually into Syria's army and police forces, ending the autonomous administration's military presence in those areas. Civilian institutions, border crossings, oil and gas fields, and ISIS detention camps are also transitioning to central government control.

In the Arab-majority regions of Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor, now under government authority, many residents have welcomed the change, celebrating the SDF's withdrawal after



years of resentment toward its rule.

Locals accuse the SDF of discrimination, forced recruitment, arbitrary arrests, torture, and neglect of infrastructure, services, education, and development—despite the region's rich oil, gas, and agricultural resources.

However, the shift has triggered widespread fear and displacement among Kurdish populations. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN reports indicate over 130,000-173,000 people displaced in the northeast since early January, with many fleeing to SDF-controlled areas like Qamishli and Hasakah. Thousands of Kurds from newly captured zones have become refugees again, compound-

ing repeated displacements from earlier phases of the civil war.

Personal stories highlight the human cost. Subhi Hannan, a 42-year-old double amputee from Afrin who lost his legs to a landmine in 2023, fled Raqqa with his family this month. Their convoy was intercepted by government forces; escorts were arrested or killed, and the family was robbed of money, phones, and their vehicle. Hannan described being beaten despite his disability, expressing a desperate desire for "security and stability" anywhere.

Another displaced resident, Khalil Ebo, confirmed similar incidents, including his sons being wounded in crossfire. Syria's defense ministry acknowledged vio-

lations of laws by its forces during the offensive and promised legal action against perpetrators.

Unlike last year's revenge killings of Alawite and Druze civilians in coastal and southern areas, violence against civilians this time has been relatively lower. Government forces established humanitarian corridors for fleeing Kurds and others. Still, Kurdish enclaves remain anxious: Kobani faces an effective siege with cuts to electricity, water, and supplies, though a UN aid convoy recently reached it. In Qamishli, armed civilian volunteers patrol streets, fearing reprisals similar to those in Sweida or the coast.

Resentment cuts both ways. In Raqqa, Arab families gathered outside prisons and courthouses hoping for the release of relatives detained by the SDF on dubious charges, including one 18-year-old accused over phone contact. Experts like Mona Yacoubian of the Center for Strategic and International Studies note deep mutual distrust: Kurds fear atrocities, while Arabs harbor grievances over alleged discrimination and poor governance.

Khurda Road Division Celebrates 77th Republic Day

MI News Service, Kolkata, 27 Jan.26 : The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great pride and patriotic fervour at Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway. Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Alok Tripathi, hoisted the National Flag and addressed officers, staff, representatives of recognised unions and associations, members of ECoRW, media personnel and family members of railway employees.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Tripathi highlighted the significance of Republic Day as a reminder of the values enshrined in the Constitution and reaffirmed the Division's commitment towards unity, integrity, safety and dedicated service to the nation. He underlined Indian Railways' vital role in national development and connectivity.

Highlighting major achievements, he stated that Khurda Road Division secured No.1 position in Indian Railways in overall traffic handling, crossing 256 million tonnes, with record-breaking loading and unloading performance.

Significant progress was made in track renewal, safety fencing, capacity enhancement with commissioning of 3rd and 4th lines, station redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, and strong financial performance with total earnings of over ₹13,000 crore.

Recent unrest aims to drag U.S. into another war against Iran: FM

MI News Service, Tehran: Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said Monday that the recent riots and unrest in the country were aimed at dragging the United States into another war against Iran.

"Peaceful protests" earlier this month turned into violent acts with "organized and terrorist nature," which were "aimed at dragging the United States into another war against Iran," he told Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath over the phone.

Araghchi said he appreciated the Sri Lankan government's support for Iran over an anti-Tehran resolution adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council on Friday, calling it a sign of Sri Lanka's "independent, balanced and friendly" approach towards Iran.

Herath said Sri Lanka

will remain committed to strengthening its relations with Iran despite foreign interventions.

During their phone talks, the two top diplomats also called for boosting bilateral ties and agreed to expand cooperation in areas such as economy and trade, while maintaining close consultations at the international stage.

Since late December, protests have erupted in several Iranian cities over the sharp depreciation of the national currency rial. The Iranian government has expressed its willingness to address economic grievances but has also warned against violence, vandalism and unrest.

The protests, with some turning into deadly clashes, have prompted Iranian authorities to allege that the United States and Israel may be behind the incidents.

STATE CRICKET BODY PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE TRICOLOUR ON REPUBLIC DAY

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RANCHI : The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with pride and patriotic fervour at the JSCA International Stadium Complex in Ranchi, where the National Flag was ceremoniously unfurled by Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) President Ajay Nath Shah Deo.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Shah Deo described the moment as one of immense pride and honour, stating that Republic Day serves as a reminder of the nation's shared values, constitutional ideals, and collective responsibility towards strengthening unity and integrity.

The ceremony was attended by several senior office-bearers and distinguished members of the cricket fraternity. Among those present were former JSCA President Sanjay Sahay, former Vice President Dr. Narendra Sinha, committee members Ramesh Kumar and Mihir Prithesh Topno, Country Cricket Club President Sunil Sahu, Treasurer Binay Bihari Karan, senior member Jai Kumar Sinha, DCA President Manoj Kumar, RDCA Secretary Shailendra Kumar, Shambhu Sharan Sinha, along with other life members and Country Cricket Club members. The programme was smoothly conducted by Suresh Kumar.

Players, officials, JSCA and CCC staff members, and other invitees also participated in the celebration, lending vibrancy and dignity to the occasion. The event reflected a strong sense of national pride while highlighting the unifying role of sports, particularly cricket, in bringing communities together.



4th T20I: NZ in search of first win while India look to extend lead with series in pocket



VISAKHAPATNAM : India and New Zealand head to this port city in Andhra Pradesh for the fourth T20I of a series already decided, but with plenty still at stake as the hosts aim for a clean sweep at the Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium and the visitors look to salvage some

pride.

Holding an unassailable 3-0 lead, India dominated the contest so far and will see this match as another opportunity to fine-tune combinations ahead of the T20 World Cup. New Zealand, meanwhile, will be desperate to produce a more complete per-

formance after being outplayed in all departments in the previous encounter.

In the third T20I, the BlackCaps struggled to gain momentum after being put in to bat. Early wickets put them on the back foot, forcing the middle order to rebuild rather than

accelerate. Glenn Phillips stood firm with a determined knock, while Mark Chapman and captain Mitchell Santner added valuable runs, but a lack of sustained partnerships meant New Zealand could only post a modest total.

India's bowlers were relentless, led by pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, whose pace and precision dismantled the batting line-up. The talismanic pacer returned to peak form in his second outing of the series, dismantling New Zealand with figures of 3-17. With his pace, swing variations, and the presence of dew in Vizag, Bumrah could be primed to add further wickets to his tally. He also received strong support from Ravi Bishnoi, Hardik Pandya, and Harshit Rana, ensuring the visitors were kept well below par.

The chase was emphatic despite an early setback. Abhishek Sharma's explosive approach immediately seized control of the match, and with Suryakumar Yadav continuing his rich vein of form, India wrapped

up the target with remarkable ease and time to spare.

The dynamic Indian opener set the stadium ablaze yet again with his fearless hitting in the previous match. His blistering unbeaten 68 off just 20 deliveries, laced with seven boundaries and five towering sixes at a jaw-dropping strike rate of 340, left fans spellbound. Reaching his half-century in just 14 balls, he registered the second-fastest T20I fifty for India.

Wednesday's clash will be the fifth men's T20I hosted at the ACA-VDCA Stadium, a venue last used for a men's T20I in November 2023, when India pulled off a thrilling two-wicket win against Australia.

With history, momentum, and confidence firmly on their side, India will be eyeing another dominant display, while New Zealand will be hoping Visakhapatnam offers them a chance to change the narrative before the series concludes in the fifth and final match of the series in

Thiruvananthapuram on January 31. Victory will be a good morale-booster ahead of the T20 World Cup.

When: Wednesday, Jan 28, 7:00 PM IST

Where: ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam

Where to watch: Star Sports Network for live TV broadcast and JioHotstar for live streaming

SQUADS:

India : Suryakumar Yadav (capt), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel (VC), Rinku Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakaravathy, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Ravi Bishnoi

New Zealand : Mitchell Santner (capt), Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway (wk), Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Bevon Jacobs, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Tim Robinson, Ish Sodhi

Smith believes Stubbs' performance in SA20 final can be a confidence booster for T20 WC

NEW DELHI : Graeme Smith, the former South Africa captain and SA20 commissioner, believes the match-winning knock by Tristan Stubbs in the recent SA20 final will be the perfect confidence booster ahead of next month's T20 World Cup to be jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

Stubbs scored an unbeaten 63 to guide Sunrisers Eastern Cape to their third SA20 title after edging Pretoria Capitals, where he also shared an unbroken 111-run stand with fellow half-centurion Matthew Breetzke. The innings came at a crucial time for Stubbs, who began the tournament on a lean note and was omitted from South Africa's squad for the T20 World Cup.

But a shoulder injury to Donovan Ferreira meant Stubbs was recalled to South Africa's squad and slowly found his rhythm in the business end of the competition to hit his first half-century in the T20 format in 51 innings since August 2024.

"I think he was obviously first-time captaining the team. There was a lot going on, and from what I read, people were getting frustrated that he wasn't in his tempo, and they were talking about the tempo of his game. I thought he nailed it in the final. He rebuilt the innings and then really showed his ability to take the game on.



"His power, experiences he has, and we've seen him do it at the IPL and for South Africa and during SA20 - so he's got it. I think that innings would give him a world of confidence, and that's amazing. I think he is a confident player, and he would have grown in stature.

"He's had to obviously fight back from a few disappointments in the last six months. I always love it when a player who's under pressure really shows his worth on a big stage like that final. Credit to him and hopefully he'll take that feeling, form, and confidence into the World Cup," Smith told IANS in a virtual session facilitated by SA20 on the conclusion of a successful fourth season of the competition.

nobody knew about. I even think that there might be a little something in our system that nobody knew about, which suddenly arrived on the stage and performed as Mokoena did.

"That's the stories that the media, public, and everybody loves. I think the other exciting part is we've seen a lot of players grow during SA20. We've seen the likes of Stubbs, Breetzke, and Brevis -- it's just three examples that really have gone from strength to strength over the last three to four years. We saw Quinton de Kock have a great season after being out of the game for a long time. So there are lots of great stories," he added.

Mokoena, who was part of South Africa's 2024 Under-19 World Cup squad, has impressed with a pace of up to 140 kph, as well as variations including a slower ball, and the ability to extract movement and bounce.

"But I mean, everyone loves a story where no one knew about a kid, and suddenly he put his name on the global map. What I loved about it is that he's a young man who got thrust into a lot of tough positions as well. It wasn't like they protected him. He bowled in tough times of the game, and he was able to step up. So it shows a lot of character about the kid as well," concluded Smith.

Aus Open: Alcaraz clears De Minaur challenge to make first semifinal



MELBOURNE : World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz advanced to his first semifinal at Melbourne Park, moving within two wins of achieving the career Grand Slam as he sealed a statement 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 victory against Alex de Minaur in front of a vibrant Rod Laver Arena crowd.

The Spaniard absorbed the pressure and ultimately neutralised the full impact of Alex de Minaur's newly refined attacking style, aiming for his seventh major title and his first in Melbourne, to arrange a semi-final matchup against last year's runner-up Alexander Zverev.

"I'm just really happy with the level that I'm playing every match, since the first round. I've been increasing my level each match. I was talking with my team about being patient, because I want all the things right now. But they told me to be patient, that the level will come. Today I felt really comfortable, playing great tennis, which I'm really proud about," Alcaraz said in his on-court interview.

De Minaur showed a hint of what it takes to challenge the top players like Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner, but the match ultimately highlighted the distance still to be bridged at the highest level. Alcaraz played powerfully from the baseline, confidently controlling the game and advancing to the semi-finals without losing a set.

The 22-year-old, who became only the eighth Spanish man in history to reach the Australian Open semifinals, is looking to become only the sixth man in the Open Era to complete

a career Grand Slam, joining Andre Agassi, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Rod Laver, ATP reports.

After his fourth-round victory over Alexander Bublik, De Minaur openly discussed his drive to avoid being a "punching bag" for top players and to improve his ability to shift opponents out of position. His quickness and persistent defence have propelled him to a career-high No. 6 in the ATP Rankings. However, his remarks highlight the need for evolution to compete with a new wave that has won the last eight major titles.

De Minaur fulfilled that goal in the match. The quarter-final's first set saw five breaks of serve, with the Australian recovering from deficits of 0-3 and 3-5 to advance and dominate play. However, that resilience was ultimately insufficient and temporary.

"It's really difficult. I started the match really well, hitting the ball really well. But Alex puts you in a rush all the time, so you want to hit the ball as hard as you can, which is impossible against him. So from 3-0 until 4-3, 4-4, I wanted everything in a rush, so I took a moment, took a break mentally.

I was more patient until the end of the match," Alcaraz said when asked about playing De Minaur.

Alcaraz shifted gears confidently, controlling the match with ruthless shot-making to secure a two-hour, 15-minute win. This extended his lead to 6-0 against De Minaur, who has only taken two sets in their rivalry, which began in 2022.

KALINGA LANCERS SKIPPER ARTHUR VAN DOREN CREDITS HIL TITLE WIN TO 'GOOD AND SOLID UNIT'

BHUBANESWAR : Kalinga Lancers were crowned Hockey India League (HIL) 2025-26 champions after a thrilling 3-2 win against Ranchi Royals at Kalinga Hockey Stadium on Monday. After securing the title, Captain Arthur Van Doren reflected on the challenges faced throughout the season and credited the victory to the team's chemistry and the home crowd's support.

The championship victory signifies the end of a swift four-week preparation period for the team. Emphasising the challenge of forming a unified bond in such a brief time, Arthur said, "Four weeks to build a bond and shape a team is a very short time, and it is extremely challenging. That's why we are incredibly proud of what we have achieved. I believe we have done it very well—we have created a good, solid unit, and

in the end, that was reflected on the pitch."

Arthur highlighted the need to keep an offensive mindset when tackling the Ranchi Royals, a team they had faced three times already in the tournament.

"They are a fantastic team to play against, with a very attacking style that also makes for great entertainment for the spectators. We are extremely proud of how we performed against one of the best teams in the competition, and that is what matters most to us," he said.

Even while safeguarding a one-goal lead in the final moments of the match, the Lancers' approach was to keep attacking instead of retreating into a purely defensive stance.

"It is always important to keep playing our natural game. The danger in sitting

back and only defending is that it allows the opposition to attack continuously. We made sure we stayed positive, kept attacking, and even though they created a few chances, we stood strong together as a unit," he added.

The Lancers' impressive run saw only one loss during the tournament, and that defeat came in a dead rubber game after they had already secured their place in Qualifier 1 by finishing first in the league stage.

Arthur emphasised how the home crowd's support has contributed to such a successful run, saying, "The home crowd is always a huge bonus. The energy they bring lifts us, even if it's just by a few percent, it makes a real difference. That atmosphere is incredible, and we have loved every second of it."



SAI SPORTS SCIENCE DIVISION CONDUCTS A SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR COACHES IN SHOOTING AND ARCHERY



NEW DELHI : The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport will extend full support to sports science initiatives in every possible way, but it is important that we

invest wisely and use sports science with precision to deliver results, informed Secretary (Sports) and Director General, SAI, Hari Ranjan Rao in New

Delhi.

He was speaking on the opening day of a four-day Sports Science Workshop for Sports Authority of India (SAI) coaches in precision sports (archery and shooting), which got underway on Monday at the SAI Sports Science Division, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi.

Rao graced the event on Monday and gave the opening address, underlining the need to deepen the integration of sports science into daily training environments.

"The Ministry and the Government will extend full support to sports science initiatives in every possible way, but it is important that we invest wisely and use sports science with precision to deliver results," Hari Ranjan Rao mentioned. "Sports science must be used effectively to support athletes, especially in disciplines where marginal gains

can make the difference between participation and podium success." The workshop for SAI coaches in precision sports follows a series of coach sensitisation workshops, which started off in December last year. Similar workshops have been held at the SAI Sports Science Division across disciplines like Hockey, Boxing, Wrestling, Judo, Athletics, and now Shooting and Archery. "Sports science has a crucial role to play in ensuring efficient training, injury prevention, and career longevity, which ultimately reduces the financial burden on athletes and their families," Rao added. "We will increase sports science support across the country by expanding the number of centres and strengthening athlete support systems within national camps and centres of excellence."

The workshop brings together coaches, sports scientists, med-

ical experts, and performance specialists to align traditional coaching wisdom with evidence-based practices. The initiative is part of a broader push by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to conduct regular capacity-building programmes for coaches across combat, endurance, team, and precision sports, ensuring that athletes receive uniform, world-class support irrespective of discipline.

"Honourable Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Secretary (Sports) have consistently emphasised the need to encourage coaches in sports science so these principles are applied in day-to-day training," Brig. (Dr.) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, Director-cum-Head, Sports Science Division, SAI, said. "Such focused engagements with coaches, supported by sports scientists, will positively contribute to India's medal prospects. Our

vision is athlete-centric, coached, and backed by sports science," he added.

The precision sports-specific Sports Science Workshop is bringing a sharp, performance-driven lens to shooting and archery, disciplines where marginal gains often separate medals from near-misses. The programme is exploring how biomechanics, conditioning, and stability training can enhance postural control, consistency, and injury resilience, with coaches being exposed to practical applications of movement analysis and core-stability-focused conditioning.

The sessions are designed to help coaches translate scientific principles directly into daily training environments, reinforcing technical efficiency while reducing cumulative injury risk in elite precision athletes.

The workshop also spans physiology, recovery sciences,

sports psychology, and sports medicine, reflecting a holistic approach to athlete preparation. Coaches are engaging with modules on nutrition, hydration, injury prevention, yoga-based recovery, and long-term athlete health, alongside applied sports psychology sessions addressing focus, pressure management, and emotional control.

Advanced practicals on neuro-feedback, visualisation, wearable technology, data tracking, and AI-based performance feedback aim to equip coaches with modern monitoring tools for training and competition. The sessions are being delivered by leading experts from across the Sports Authority of India ecosystem, including specialists from IGSC New Delhi, NSSC Bengaluru, Sonapat, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, and NSNIS Patiala, as well as domain experts from NRAI and allied institutions.