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‘Eco’ Fireworks Training Conducted Under Green Alert Guidelines

MI News Service, Kolkata: Warning of a potential large-scale disaster, the All Bengal Fireworks Development Association has shot off an urgent letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, alleging that hazardous and illegal explosive training is being conducted under the guise of manufacturing “eco-friendly fireworks” in South 24 Parganas.

In the letter dated Tuesday, the association has sought immediate administrative intervention, claiming that so-called training sessions on “green fireworks” in the Bajbar area are in reality promoting the production of highly dangerous “cold pyro” materials—substances that, it asserts, do not even fall within the legal definition of conventional fireworks. Association chairman Babla Roy has alleged that these products are being manufactured using high-risk chemicals such as nitrocellulose and amylum perchlorate, substances that are neither approved by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) nor permitted under existing regulatory frameworks. The letter claims that several of these chemicals are on the banned list and pose severe fire and explosion hazards. The association has warned that imparting such technical knowledge to unlicensed and untrained individuals could push the situation beyond administrative control. “If the know-how to manufacture such materials spreads unchecked, it will become nearly impossible to contain the fall-out,” the letter cautions, adding that the consequences could be catastrophic, with potential loss of life and widespread destruction. Drawing a parallel with the recent fire tragedy in Barurpur, the association has alleged that the deadly blaze—where several lives were lost—was linked to the use of substandard, unauthorized and banned raw materials. It has argued that the incident underscores the urgent need for stricter oversight of raw material sourcing and usage within the fireworks sector. To prevent similar disasters, the body has demanded that all firework manufacturers be mandated to preserve quality test reports of raw materials along with invoices from laboratories approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).

Forest fire broke out, forest department warned of strict legal action



MI News Service, Kharagpur: A sudden fire broke out in the forest adjacent to Mohanpur village of Jhargram district, due to which panic spread among the villagers of the villages adjacent to the forest. It is known that the villagers of the area had first seen smoke coming out of the forest. Information about the incident was given to the police, forest department and fire department. After getting the information, the forest department personnel reached the forest and started controlling the fire with the help of the villagers. A fire engine after reaching the area, the fire was completely controlled. Local forest department officials say that the department conducts awareness campaigns from time to time regarding forest awareness. Villagers are told that due to forest fire, valuable trees get burnt. Forest animals can die and the environment gets damaged, but some mischievous people are not desisting from their activities. They are setting fire to the forest. The forest department is investigating the matter. The culprits will be identified and arrested and strict legal action will be taken under the Forest Department law.

Road Safety is a Public Health Priority, says Dr Kunal Kanti Pal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Road accidents significantly contribute to injury and mortality globally, often resulting in a heavy toll on families and healthcare. Dr. Kunal Kanti Pal, an Orthopaedic Consultant, emphasizes that road safety is a public health concern requiring responsible behavior from all users, as many accidents stem from unsafe practices like overspeeding and distractions. The World Health Organization reports over 1.35 million deaths each year due to road traffic incidents.



Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav at a Press Conference in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Tension Erupts at Siliguri Court Over Student Murder, Victim's Family Tries to Seize Accused from Police

MI News Service, Siliguri: After a lengthy search, the police have arrested Raj Paswan, the main accused in the murder of a minor in Matigara, Siliguri. But chaos broke out when the accused was brought to court. The family members of the deceased tried to snatch the accused from the police in front of the Siliguri court. Tension spread within moments. Armed police forces rushed to the court premises.

The situation was getting out of hand when the accused was taken to court in the Wednesday afternoon. The protesters almost snatched Raj from the police. Somehow, the police took a roundabout route to the court with the accused. A large police force was deployed in the court premises. Armed police also went.

There has been a stir in Shimultala, Matigara since Tuesday over the murder of 10th grade student Shuvojit Modak due to a love triangle. The



Women's protest at Siliguri court premises.

16-year-old boy had been missing since Saturday. On Tuesday, the police recovered his body from a tea garden in a bloody state. He was strangled to death by a belt wrapped around his neck. The police had already arrested a friend of the student in the incident. The investigators got information about the main accused by questioning him. The search began for a 24-year-old youth named Raj. Finally, the accused was arrested from the Porajhar area of Matigara on Tuesday night.

During the initial inter-

rogation, the police found out that the accused had first gone to Haldibari to hide. There, he was hiding in Cooch Behar after losing his mind. He had switched off his mobile phone since the murder. He turned on his phone for the first time while going from Cooch Behar to Siliguri. That's when the police tracked him. It is learnt that Raj had planned to escape to Bihar via NJP. Siliguri Police Commissionerate DCP Rakesh Singh said, “The main accused has been arrested in the incident. Everything is being investigated.”

Gosha Pal Champions Blue Cubs League 2025–26 concluded

MI News Service, Kolkata: The AIFF-approved Gosha Pal Champions Blue Cubs League 2025–26, organized by the Central Calcutta Gosha Pal Memorial Sporting Club, concluded on February 8 at The Oriental Seminary School Ground, North Kolkata.

Launched on December 20, 2025, the grassroots tournament featured competitions in Under-8, Under-10 and Under-12 categories. A total of 211 matches were played, with



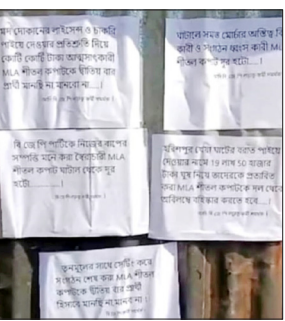
513 boys and girls participating across venues in Kolkata.

New Town Green Valley United SC clinched the Under-8 title, while Jagacha Dweep Football Welfare

Association secured championships in both Under-10 and Under-12 categories. Organisers confirmed that the next edition of the league will commence on December 20, 2026

Political turmoil intensifies before elections regarding poster put up against BJP MLA in Ghatal

MI News Service, Kharagpur: In Ghatal of Paschim Medinipur district, political activity increased significantly before the elections due to the posters being put up in the party office against BJP MLA Sheetal Kapat. This incident, which came to light before the assembly elections, has given rise to discussions about the alleged factionalism in the district BJP. It is known that in some posters put up in the BJP office in Ghatal, serious allegations have been made against MLA Sheetal Kapat. It is written in the posters put up that “The MLA who embezzled crores of rupees in the name of liquor shop license and providing jobs will not be



accepted as a candidate again.” In some of the posters, he has also been accused of having ‘inner collusion’ with the Trinamool Congress. “Adi BJP fighter worker-supporter” is written at the bottom of the posters. However, who put up the posters was not clearly known till the time of writing the news. After

the incident, a round of political allegations and counter-allegations has started. The same MLA Sheetal Kapat termed all the allegations as baseless and called it a conspiracy of Trinamool Congress. He said that he has worked with honesty in the last five years and if there is any evidence of corruption then it should be made public. Meanwhile, local Trinamool leader Vikas Kar rejected the allegations of the MLA and said that he has already been raising allegations of corruption against the MLA. He claimed that in the upcoming assembly elections, the people of Ghatal will vote against corruption and in favor of upgradation.

A Solemn Homage by Nanigourika

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A commemorative postage stamp in honour of Dr. Nanigopal Mahalanabis was ceremonially unveiled at the historic Shri Shri Radha Shyamsundar Jiu Temple in Khardah, under the auspices of Nanigourika. The programme was presided over by Dr. Chitrakleha Chowdhury, while Ashis Giri formally inaugurated the occasion. Among the distinguished attendees were Ramranjan Das Ray, Sanjay Barua, Reena Giri, Banshibadan Chattopadhyay and several other eminent personalities. The event opened on a melodious note with a musical rendition by child artiste Soujatya Barua, with tabla accompaniment by Riyan Das. The gathering paid rich tributes to the memory of



Dr. Mahalanabis through an array of cultural performances including music, poetry, recitation and dance. The artistes who offered their homage included Ashok Ghosh, Anshu Sen, Subhashis Dutta, Mitali Biswas, Chandra Mahalanabis, Sharmistha Mukhopadhyay, Kaberi Bag, Tultul Bhattacharya, Bhaswati Biswas, Sangeeta Ganguly, Priyanka Das, Shyamali Majumdar, Kakoli Das, Krishna Mallik, Dipanwita Sen and Suhrid Das.

A dance presentation choreographed to the songs of Ashoktaru Bandhyopadhyay was performed by Lalita Ghosh. A thoughtfully curated collage was presented by Nilavo Roy and Sraboni Roy. Instrumental accompaniment was provided by Ramgopal Paine, Prasun Bhattacharya and Swarup De. The programme was gracefully compered by Chaitali Mallik and Madhumita Basu, bringing the commemorative event to a dignified close.

Gorkha Girl Sarita Becomes First Woman TTE in 145-Year History of Toy Trains

MI News Service, Darjeeling: For the first time in the 145 years of toy trains, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway has appointed a woman TTE. Gorkha-daughter Sarita Yolmo has added her name to the history of heritage toy trains. She has been appointed as the Senior CTC of the Heritage Toy Train from New Jalpaiguri (NJP) to Darjeeling.

Sarita was born in Sonada, Darjeeling. She currently lives in Panchanai area of Dagapur, Siliguri due to work. She has previously handled various responsibilities as the CTC of NJP station. That list includes trains like Rajdhani, Guwahati-Bengaluru Express, Amrit Bharat Express. She did not even think that the name of the toy train would be added to the list af-



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ter that. According to the railway authorities, women do not usually want to join the TTE position. Because there is no proper place to live or eat in this profession. But Sarita has registered her name in this profession.

Sarita, who has been

named as the 'first female TTE' in the history of toy trains, said, “I have had the experience of traveling on trains as a ticket collector for a long time. I have also done duty on long-distance trains. However, this is my first time on a heritage toy train.” The

excited railway worker further said, “On top of that, I have also entered the history of toy trains as the first woman. It is a great moment to do duty on a toy train that runs along the slopes of the mountain where I was born and raised.”

Whether it is reviving the century-old heritage engine or breaking revenue records, overall, the toy train has had a good year. To make the toy train, one of the main attractions for tourists going to the hills, new services are being introduced every day. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Director Rishab Chowdhury said, “Earlier, there was no record of having a female ticket collector on the toy train. This time too, it has happened. Sarita Yolmo's achievement will inspire others.”

Bengal Police Team Allegedly Obstructed in UP While Serving Warrant in Mahua Moitra Fake Post Case

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: A major controversy has erupted over alleged obstruction faced by a West Bengal Police team in Uttar Pradesh while attempting to execute a court-issued arrest warrant in connection with a fake social media post involving Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra.

The incident stems from a viral screenshot circulated on social media platform X, purportedly showing a private “chat” between MP Mahua Moitra and political strategist Prashant Kishor. The screenshot, widely shared and described as a “love chat,” triggered political uproar before its authenticity could be verified.

On February 7, MP Mahua Moitra lodged a written complaint at Krishnanagar Kotwali Police Station in Nadia district, alleging that the chat was fabricated with malicious political intent. Following the complaint, the police initiated an investigation and conducted a digital forensic analysis of the screenshots.

According to police sources, the forensic examination



confirmed that the chat was completely fake and fabricated. The investigation further revealed that the post had been shared by one Surjit Sengupta, a resident of Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Police sources claimed that Sengupta is associated with the BJP's local media cell.

Based on the findings, a case was registered against the accused and a notice was issued directing him to appear before the Krishnanagar police on February 9. However, he allegedly failed to comply with the notice and remained unresponsive to police communication. Subsequently, the Krishnanagar police approached the court, which issued an arrest warrant against the accused.

A four-member special team from Krishnanagar Kotwali Police Station travelled to Noida to execute the warrant. However, the team allegedly faced unexpected resistance from the local police. According to the West Bengal Police, officers from Noida's Phase-II Police Station took the visiting team to the police station and allegedly detained them there for nearly one and a half hours.

Police sources further alleged that instead of assisting in the arrest, local police personnel removed the Krishnanagar team from the area under Chouki No. 110 of Phase-II police station, allegedly allowing the accused to evade arrest. The West Bengal Police team claimed that despite having a valid

court order, they were prevented from carrying out the arrest.

The Officer-in-Charge of Krishnanagar Kotwali Police Station stated that local police had allegedly cited “instructions from higher political authorities” as the reason for not proceeding with the arrest. He further claimed that the accused's association with the BJP's media cell was cited during the interaction.

The Krishnanagar police team is currently still in Noida and continues efforts to trace and arrest the accused. Senior officials and higher authorities have been informed of the incident, and further legal steps will be taken strictly in accordance with court directives, the officer added.

The episode has sparked serious questions about inter-state police coordination, the execution of judicial warrants across state boundaries, and the alleged politicisation of law enforcement. The matter is expected to draw wider attention amid escalating political tensions ahead of the upcoming elections.

Ritabrata Seeks Statues of Three Bengali Revolutionaries in Andaman Jail, Raises Armed Freedom Struggle at Zero Hour

MI News Service, New Delhi: Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Ritabrata Banerjee has demanded that statues of three Bengali revolutionaries Barindra Kumar Ghosh, Ullaskar Dutt and Hemchandra Kanungo be installed in the Andaman Cellular Jail. He made this demand during the Zero Hour discussion in the Upper House of Parliament on Wednesday. Taking a dig at the BJP without naming them, Ritabrata said, “These lion-hearted Bengali revolutionaries never gave a bond to the British.”

Referring to the armed wing of India's freedom struggle, Ritabrata highlighted the identity and activities of these three Bengali revolutionaries. In 1909, the British police sent a total of 12 revolutionaries to the Andaman jail in the ‘Alipore Conspiracy Case’. Among them were Barindra, Ullaskar



and Hemchandra. This trio had to endure brutal British persecution. While giving the details, Ritabrata said that the British administration had decided to give Ullaskar electric shock. But there was no electricity connection in the Andaman jail at that time. Then, the battery was taken from Kolkata.

The Trinamool MP also gave details of how this trio worked in armed revolution-

ary organizations like ‘Yugantar’ and ‘Anushilan Samiti’. He said that Barindra Kumar was the one who created the bomb-making unit. Hemchandra had gone to Paris to meet the revolutionary organizers of the Soviet Union to learn about the technology of making modern weapons. Swami Vivekananda's brother Bhupendranath Dutt was also with him on that occasion. Ritabrata demanded the construction

of statues of these Bengali revolutionaries in the cellular jail to celebrate their history.

Ritabrata's interest and study in the armed wing of the freedom movement could be seen since he was the leader of the Left student movement. In 2012, the film ‘Chittagong’ directed by Vedabrata Pain was released in the context of the Chittagong Youth Uprising. It was Ritabrata who took the initiative to show the film starring Manoj Bajpayee, Rajkumar Rao, and Nawazuddin Siddiqui at a multiplex in South Kolkata, along with Biman Basu and Suryakant Mishra. He has continued that trend as a Trinamool MP. While the state's ruling party is following the Bengali and Bengali ‘line’ in the 2026 elections, many in the political circles believe that Ritabrata's demand on Wednesday is ‘significant’ because of the time.

Man ‘Murders’ Wife Over Alleged Illicit Relationship, Locks House and Flees

MI News Service, Howrah: The husband found out about his wife's extramarital affair! There was unrest in the family because of her. Due to family unrest, a complaint was filed against the husband for murdering his wife. Allegedly, the husband Rahul Sheikh killed his wife Shikha Khatun inside the house and locked her from outside and fled. The incident took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Jalan Complex area of Domjur, Howrah. The police of Domjur police station recovered Shikha's body from the floor of the third floor of a four-story house in the Jalan

Complex area along the national highway on Wednesday afternoon. The police have sent the body for autopsy and started investigating the incident.

According to police sources, multiple injury marks were found on Shikha's body. In the initial investigation, the police suspect that she was murdered by strangulation. To avoid suspicion, a veil was also hung from the ceiling inside the house! So that it seems that Shikha committed suicide by wrapping herself in the veil. Then she fell to the floor and died! But the police

have dismissed this theory. Investigators believe that the man closed the door and fled after killing his wife.

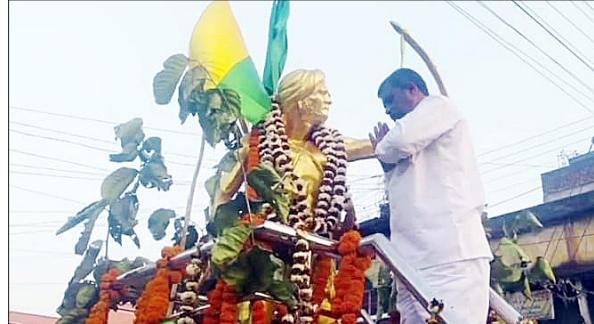
During the investigation, the police found out that both Shikha and her husband Rahul are residents of Murshidabad. They work in a factory in the Jalan Complex in Domjur. A couple of months ago, the two started renting a house inside the complex. During the initial investigation, the police also found out that Shikha was having an affair with a contractor! Rahul had also come to know about that. There are reports that there was a dis-

pute between the husband and wife over the contractor. It is alleged that the husband and wife used to quarrel every day over the contractor. Neighbors said that there was a dispute and a fight between the husband and wife on Wednesday afternoon as well. The police suspect that during the quarrel, Rahul strangled his wife Shikha to death! Then he locked the door of the house from outside and fled. The body has been sent for autopsy. The Domjur police station is searching for Rahul. The information has been given to the deceased's parents' house.

Baba Tilka Murmu's birth anniversary celebrated

MI News Service, Kharagpur: The birth anniversary of India's first tribal freedom fighter Baba Tilka Murmu (Manjhi) alias Jabra Pahadia was celebrated with reverence and respect under the auspices of the Medinipur Nagar tribal Kherwal Santhal community in the Kotwali helipad area of Kotwali police station under West Medinipur district. On this occasion, the people of the society raised slogans of “Hul Sai Johar” while paying humble tribute to him. During the program, speakers said that

Baba Tilka Murmu, born on 11 February 1750 in Sultanganj, Bihar, had raised the trumpet of struggle against the injustice, exploitation and atrocities of the British rule. Their movement was not just a rebellion, but a historical struggle to protect tribal self-respect, rights and existence. Remembering his courage, leadership ability and sacrifice, he said that the life of Baba Tilka Murmu still inspires the society to organize and fight against injustice. He gave the message of being firm in protecting the rights instead of ever bowing



down in front of tyranny. The Santhal community present on this occasion pledged to imbibe his ideals and make continuous efforts to protect

the unity, education, culture and rights of the society. The program ended with slogans of “Jai Baba Tilka Murmu” and “Jai Adivasi Ekta”.

ED Seizes Assets
in Fresh Coal
Smuggling Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has unearthed a massive cache of cash and valuables while probing a fresh case linked to the coal smuggling racket, with seized assets now nearing ₹4 crore, agency sources said. During searches at the residences of arrested accused ChinomoyMondal and Kiran Khan, investigators recovered large amounts of cash and gold jewellery. According to ED officials, gold ornaments worth approximately ₹2.60 crore and cash amounting to ₹28 lakh were found concealed at their homes. In addition, around ₹1 crore in cash was recovered from the premises of another businessman linked to the case. The investigation, which began barely two months ago, has already led to seizures worth nearly ₹4 crore. The ED has earlier stated that proceeds of crime generated from coal theft and related corruption could exceed ₹170 crore, indicating that the scale of the racket is far larger than initially estimated. Officials are now examining the source of the seized gold jewellery and cash.

Preliminary findings suggest that Mondal and Khan built their coal empire through middlemen. Both accused have been produced before a special ED court. Notably, the coal smuggling probe was first initiated by the CBI in 2020 following reports of coal theft from railway sidings across the state, which later revealed the involvement of key accused Anup-Majhi alias Lala.

Cal HC Orders Publication of Marks in
State Police Constable Recruitment



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has issued an important directive aimed at ensuring transparency in the recruitment of constables for the West Bengal Police. Justice Saugata Bhattacharya directed the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board to publish the list of candidates along with their written examination scores before conducting interviews. The order came after the court noted that the Board had released a scoreless list following the written examination for the 2024 recruitment cycle, which was held in 2025, with results declared on December 29 last year.

The omission of marks led to legal challenges, prompting the court's intervention. Justice Bhattacharya observed that publishing scores prior to interviews is essential to maintain fairness and avoid ambiguity in the selection process.

In a related matter, the High Court allowed 15 job aspirants to submit their applications after confusion arose during the height measurement stage. The applicants alleged that their requests to submit applications were rejected despite discrepancies in measurements. The court directed that the candidates be permitted to apply within 48 hours and instructed the Recruitment Board to take a decision within a week. The ruling highlights the judiciary's emphasis on transparency, accountability, and equal opportunity in police recruitment procedures.

TMC Alleges BJP Link in Coal Smuggling Case
Kunal Ghosh Raises Questions

MI News Service, Kolkata: The coal smuggling case took a sharp political turn after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested ChinmoyMondal and Kiran Khan following multiple rounds of interrogation. The arrests triggered explosive allegations from the Trinamool Congress, with party state general secretary and spokesperson Kunal Ghosh claiming that the statements of the arrested accused have named a senior BJP leader.

Citing sources, Ghosh alleged that the BJP leader allegedly received huge sums of money on a monthly basis from the coal smuggling network. According to him, the ED is now moving towards issuing a notice to record the statement of the said leader. Ghosh further claimed that upon learning about the development, the BJP leader rushed to Delhi on Tuesday to "manage the situation".



Raising sharp questions over the role of the central agency, Ghosh asked whether the ED would take action against the BJP leader or if political protection from Delhi would come into play. "Will the ED act against the BJP leader, or will political immunity arrive from Delhi at the last moment?" Ghosh questioned in a social media post. The development comes at a po-

litically sensitive time, with the West Bengal Assembly elections approaching. The ED on Tuesday arrested ChinmoyMondal and his nephew Kiran Khan in connection with a coal smuggling case linked to Kolkata. Investigators said the duo had been under scrutiny for their alleged involvement in illegal coal trading for several years. According to sources, Mondal and Khan began their illegal coal business during the Left Front regime and gradually expanded their operations. Over time, they allegedly diversified into illegal sand mining as well, emerging as influential figures in the syndicate. ChinmoyMondal is a resident of Purulia district but reportedly operates offices in Ambuja Nagar, City Centre, Durgapur, and Bidhannagar. His nephew Kiran Khan is a resident of Raniganj and has been accused of involvement in illegal sand mining.

Rotary Felicitates Maestro
Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya



The Rotary District Public Image Committee, under the chairmanship of Subhojit Roy, felicitated santoor maestro Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya on being conferred the Padma Shri, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Rotary District Public Image Committee, under the chairmanship of Subhojit Roy, felicitated Santoor maestro PanditTarun Bhattacharya for being conferred the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, in 2026. A disciple of Bharat RatnaPandit Ravi Shankar, Pandit Bhattacharya is a renowned exponent of the MaiharGharana and has innovated the Santoor by introducing 'Menkas'. With over four decades of musical excellence, he has helped take Hindustani classical music to global audiences. A recipient of the Tansen and SangeetNatakAkademi Awards, he is also Rotary's global ambassador for Polio Eradication and actively promotes social causes through music.

State to Begin Providing Fin Help to Sharecroppers and Unemployed Youth from April

MI News Service, Kolkata: From April onwards, sharecroppers in West Bengal will start receiving financial assistance as announced in the interim budget ahead of elections. In a move following the "Duare Sarkar" model, camps will be set up in every Assembly constituency where beneficiaries can apply for the grants. In addition to the sharecropper subsidy, farmers' irrigation charges will also be waived this year, and applications for this relief will be accepted at the same camps, officials said.

The interim budget had announced that landless farmers cultivating on others' land would be eligible for an annual financial aid of ₹4,000. The grant is divided equally between the Rabi and Kharif crop seasons, providing ₹2,000 per season to each landless farmer. Speaking at a press confer-

ence at Nabanna, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently confirmed that the assistance will be disbursed starting from the new financial year in April. She said, "One camp will be set up in each Assembly constituency, following the Duare Sarkar model. Beneficiaries will have to apply at these camps. Along with the subsidy, the irrigation charges that farmers used to pay have now been waived."

Apart from the subsidy for sharecroppers, the budget also announced benefits for the youth under the "Banglar Yuva Sathi" scheme. Educated unemployed youth will receive a monthly allowance of ₹1,500 starting in April. Candidates who have passed the secondary level (Class 10) will be eligible, and beneficiaries aged between 21 and 40 can receive the stipend for a maximum period of five

years. These initiatives are part of the state government's broader focus on supporting vulnerable and underserved communities, including landless cultivators and young unemployed citizens.

Officials have emphasized that the Duare Sarkar camps will streamline application processes and ensure transparency in disbursing both the sharecropper subsidy and youth allowance. The measures are expected to provide immediate financial relief to farmers who have limited access to land, as well as support educated youth in meeting their daily expenses while seeking employment. By starting the programs in the new financial year, the government aims to address economic challenges and enhance welfare coverage across West Bengal ahead of the upcoming elections.

Cultural Evening to Mark International Childhood Cancer Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: To mark International Childhood Cancer Day on February 15, the Life Beyond Cancer (LBC) initiative organised a special cultural evening at RabindraSadhan in Kolkata. The event was aimed to raise awareness about paediatric cancer and celebrate the resilience of young survivors. The programme was opened with a musical performance by Armaan Rashid Khan, son of legendary vocalist Ustad Rashid Khan. This was followed by a dance recital by LBC's cause ambassador and national award-winning actor RituparnaSengupta, accompanied by renowned tabla maestro PanditProdyut Mukherjee.



Actress Rituparna Sengupta addresses a programme organised by the Life Beyond Cancer (LBC) initiative to mark International Childhood Cancer Day at Rabindra Sadhan in Kolkata on Wednesday.

The evening will also feature an exclusive performance by national award-winning singer Iman Chakraborty. The highlight of the program-

mewas a special dance performance by children who have survived cancer, symbolising hope and courage.

Life Beyond Cancer is a not-for-profit initiative committed to the survival and well-being of children battling cancer, guided by the motto "No child should die of cancer." Supported by volunteers and local Rotary Clubs, LBC has assisted nearly 900 underprivileged children so far. The organisation works across leading hospitals in Kolkata and Silchar, providing financial aid, post-treatment support, awareness programmes and free night stay facilities for patients and caregivers.

Major Administrative
Reshuffle in Bengal
Ahead of Assembly
Elections

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, the West Bengal government has carried out a significant administrative reshuffle at Nabanna. In an important decision, the Additional Chief Secretary at the Finance Department, Prabhat Kumar Mishra has been given additional charge of the Personnel and Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department. Until now, the department was being overseen by Home Secretary Jagadish Prasad Meena. The official order regarding the change was issued by Nabanna on Wednesday.

According to administrative sources, the reshuffle has been carried out to ease the workload of the Home Secretary ahead of the elections and to ensure smoother handling of the complex electoral process. Traditionally, in the absence of a dedicated secretary for the P&AR Department, the Home Secretary holds the additional responsibility. However, given the present circumstances, the state government has decided to move away from this practice. Assembly elections are due in several states, including West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. As per convention, IAS and IPS officers from states going to polls are generally not appointed as central election observers. This time, however, the scenario is somewhat different. Fifteen IAS officers and ten IPS officers from the West Bengal cadre have been included in the central observers' panel, including Home Secretary J P Meena. In light of the Election Commission's list, the state government had earlier approached the Commission, requesting exemption for at least nine IAS officers and eight IPS officers. While the Commission agreed to relieve only a few officers, the majority of names remain on the list. Against this backdrop, the state administration has taken steps to ensure continuity in governance. If the Home Secretary is required to take up observer duties in another state, administrative functioning at Nabanna could be affected. To prevent any disruption, Prabhat Kumar Mishra has been entrusted with the additional responsibility of the P&AR Department. Sources within the administrative corridors suggest that this reshuffle may only be the beginning. If the Home Secretary eventually proceeds on election observer duty outside the state, further changes within the state administration are likely. Indications point towards possible reshuffles among senior police officials and district-level administrators as well.

Mamata Orders Door-to-Door Checks to Ensure No Voter Left Out Ahead of SIR Deadline

From PG 1 collection and submission were also sought. The Chief Minister underlined that there should be no laxity in supervision, reiterating that the inclusion of every eligible voter remains a top priority for the party.

CBSE to implement 'on screen marking' for class 12 board exams

From PG 1 an uninterrupted power supply are available for evaluation. "Schools have been asked to update data on teachers teaching these classes on an online portal. Non-compliance with the board's directions will be treated as an attempt to vitiate the evaluation process, and the school's results will not be declared," Bhardwaj said. CBSE conducts class 10 and class 12 board examinations annually in India and across 26 countries, catering to nearly 46 lakh students.

NATIONAL DE-WORMING DAY drive
sends over 120 students in hospital

From PG 1 Samajwadi Party alleged in a post on X that the situation reflected a "medical emergency" in the state and claimed that "fake medicines" were administered. The Aam Aadmi Party alleged systemic negligence and demanded strict action against those responsible. The Akhil Bharatiya Vid-yarthi Parishad (ABVP) also

sought government intervention, alleging that "expired or substandard" medicines were used and that there medical care was "delayed". In a statement, ABVP's Braj secretary Anand Kathariya demanded suspension and legal action against those found guilty, a high-level inquiry and safeguards to prevent recurrence.

INDO-USA TRADE PACT: Sensitive sectors
are protected: COMMERCE SECY

From PG 1 on India will be reduced to 18 per cent, compared with 35 per cent for China and 20 per cent for Vietnam. "Since the US has been a strong market for the labour-intensive sector, with this interim agreement, there will be an advantage to our labour-intensive sectors. They will be able to grow unhindered. "So my sense is that Indian exporters will be able to compete with their competitors, revive and rejuvenate the supply chains that they might have missed out during the Christmas time and see that Indian exports not only grow but do well as they were doing last year, and

also grow in the coming years," the secretary said. Labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, marine products, and gems and jewellery were earlier hit by steep 50 per cent tariffs imposed by the US. The Trump administration has since removed the 25 per cent punitive tariffs and will reduce reciprocal tariffs to 18 per cent from 25 per cent. Agrawal said stakeholders and exporters were satisfied with the outcome and had given a "thumbs up" to the agreement. "What we have been able to achieve in the interim agreement is good for India and our exports. I don't see any major red line in this," he said.

Violence ravaged
BANGLADESH goes to Poll today

From PG 1 impartial national election and referendum on Thursday. "Additionally, for the first time, UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), drones, and body-worn cameras are being used for election security," he told a press briefing on election preparations at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka's Agargaon area. He said voting will be held in 299 constituencies, while polling in Sherpur-3 has been postponed following the death of a candidate. A total of 2,098 executive magistrates and 657 judicial magistrates will be on election duty. Highlighting the use of technology, the Election Commissioner said, "For the first time, UAVs, drones, and body-worn cameras are being used for law enforcement. Around 25,000 body-worn cameras will be deployed on the field. Some of these are IP-based for live feed, while others will record locally. Moreover, for continuous monitoring, CCTV cameras have already been installed in over 90% of centres." He said voting

will take place from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, adding that voters already inside polling centres by the closing time would be allowed to cast their ballots. Polling will be held across a total of 42,659 centres. According to EC data, first-time voters account for about 3.58 per cent of the total electorate of 127,700,597 voters. The elections are being held alongside a referendum on an 84-point reform package. The main contest is between the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its former ally Jamaat-e-Islami, following the interim government led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus disbanding Sheikh Hasina's Awami League and barring it from contesting the polls. Pre-election surveys conducted over the past two months indicate the BNP is leading, with its chairman Tarique Rahman emerging as the frontrunner for prime minister. Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government was ousted during a student-led violent street protest known as the July Uprising on August 5, 2024.

Labour shortage: War ravaged
RUSSIA woos Indian workers

From PG 1 India has been buying discounted Russian oil that Moscow - due to Western sanctions - cannot easily sell elsewhere, although that may now be in question.

President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi signed a deal in December to make it easier for Indians to work in Russia. Denis Manturov, Russia's first deputy prime minister, said at the time that Russia could accept an "unlimited number" of Indian workers. At least 800,000 people were needed in manufacturing, and another 1.5 million in the service and construction sectors, he said. Indians working in Russian factories and farms Brera Intex, a Moscow textiles company, has hired around 10 workers from South Asia, including Indians, to make curtains and bed linen.

Sat at a sewing machine, 23-year-old Gaurav from India said he had been working in Russia for three months. "I was told to come (over) to this side, that the work and money are good," he said. "Russian life is very good." Married with two children, he said he spoke to his family back in India by phone every day and told

them he missed them. Olga Lugovskaya, the company's owner, said the workers - with the help of samples and supervision - had picked up the work in time and were highly motivated. "Some of the guys who came in didn't even know how to switch on a sewing machine," she said. "(But) after two or three months, you could already trust them to sew a proper finished item." Outside Moscow, the Sergiyevskiy firm relies on Indian workers too, using them to process and pack vegetables for an average salary of about 50,000 rubles (\$660) per month, a salary for which the firm says locals will not work. "I have been working here, at Sergiyevskiy, for one year," said Sahil, 23, who said he was from India's Punjab region. "In India there is little money, but here there is a lot of money. The work is here." U.S. pressure on India to halt its purchases of Russian oil - something President Donald Trump has linked to a trade deal between the United States and India announced this month - could yet dampen Moscow's appetite for Indian workers. But for now it's unclear how New Delhi will recalibrate its oil purchases, and Moscow has played down any suggestion of tensions.

DOP & NSE sign MoU

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a landmark step towards realizing the vision of Antyodaya – uplifting the last person in the queue – and building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, the Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), India's largest real-time financial ecosystem, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to partner on the NSE MF Invest Platform.

This collaboration aims to transform the modest savings of millions of rural and small-town Indians into lasting wealth by channelling “stranded savings” into productive mutual fund investments.

The MoU was signed by Manisha Bansal Badal, General Manager (Citizen Centric Services & Rural Business), Department of Posts, and Shri Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer (CBDO), NSE, in the august presence of Ashishkumar Chauhan, Managing Director & CEO, NSE.

This strategic partnership leverages India Post's unparalleled network of over 1.64 lakh post offices (more than 80% in rural areas) and its deep-rooted trust among communities, combined with NSE's cutting-edge, zero-cost NSE MF In-



vest platform.

Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE: “We are proud to partner with Department of Post (DoP) to democratize access to capital markets.” Manisha Bansal Badal, GM (Citizen Centric Services & Rural Business), DoP: “This partnership with NSE will enable India Post to offer modern investment solutions to its customers while maintaining the highest standards of investor protection, transparency, and regulatory compliance.”

Additional Stoppage Of Some Express Trains At Various Stations Over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 11 Feb.26 : Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of following trains at various stations over Asansol division of Eastern Railway on experimental basis:

13417 Digha – Malda Town Express (journey commencing on & from 12.2.2026) & 13418 Malda town – Digha Express (journey commencing on 12.2.2026) will arrive at Pandabeswar station at 09:36 hrs. & 11:33 hrs. respectively and will stop for 2 minutes.

13417 Digha – Malda Town Express (journey commencing on & from 12.2.2026) & 13418 Malda town – Digha Express (journey commencing on 12.2.2026) will arrive at Ukhra station at 09:26 hrs. & 11:46 hrs. respectively and will stop for 2 minutes.

63510 Hajhaja – Bardhaman MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 12.2.2026) will arrive at Ishanchandi Halt at 18:22 hrs. to leave at 18:23 hrs.

63550 Andal – Bardhaman MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 12.2.2026) will arrive at Ishanchandi Halt at 19:22 hrs. to leave at 19:23 hrs.

63549 Bardhaman – Asansol MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 12.2.2026) will arrive at Ishanchandi Halt at 12:58 hrs. to leave at 12:59 hrs. Timings of the all above trains at all other stations will remain unchanged.

Lifeline of the Nation, Comfort of the People: Eastern Railway Orchestrates Massive Amenities Surge Across Four Divisions

MI News Service, Kolkata, 11 Feb.26 : In a resounding commitment to passenger comfort and the “Service Before Self” ethos of the Indian Railways, Eastern Railway has announced the successful deployment of a massive infrastructure of essential amenities. Spanning over the four key divisions of Eastern Railway viz. Sealdah, Howrah, Asansol, and Malda, the railway has ensured that various passenger amenities like hundreds of urinals, latrines, water taps, and water coolers are operational to serve the traveling public.

Under the visionary leadership of the Ministry of Railways and the Government of India, Eastern Railway is working day and night to transform stations into passenger-friendly hubs. This initiative highlights the government's unwavering concern for providing a dignified and comfortable travel experience for every citizen. The expansion project is not merely an administrative milestone but a testament to the department's focus on “Ease of Travel” for millions of daily commuters.

This initiative focuses specifically on the comprehensive enhancement of passenger facilities across Non-Suburban Group (NSG) 1-5 stations within the Eastern Railway network. These high-priority stations are categorised based on their significant passenger earnings and footfall, ensuring that the most vital transit hubs receive modernised sanitation and hydration infrastructure.

The Blueprint for Passenger Welfare
The philosophy behind

this surge in infrastructure is simple: a passenger's journey does not begin and end on the train; it encompasses every moment spent at the station. Recognizing the diverse needs of the demographic—ranging from daily wage earners and office commuters to elderly travellers and families—Eastern Railway has prioritized sanitation and hydration as the twin pillars of station management.

The strategic placement of these amenities was determined after rigorous audits of footfall patterns and peak-hour congestion. By ensuring that facilities are not just available, but also accessible and well-maintained, the railway is setting a new benchmark in public service.

Division-Wise Deployment of Amenities

The following stations have seen significant installations of essential facilities, ensuring that the needs of passengers are met with efficiency and care:

1. Sealdah Division, The Urban Heartbeat
(Stations: Sealdah, Kolkata, Naihati, Berhampur Court, Beldanga, Murshidabad)

Sealdah, acting as the gateway to the suburban sprawl of West Bengal, manages some of the highest passenger densities in the world. To counter the immense pressure on existing infrastructure, Eastern Railway has ensured robust facilities at high-traffic hubs providing 135 urinals and 103 latrine units across major stations.

Hydration is a critical focus for the suburban commuter who often spends hours in transit. To address this, over 560 water taps



and 24 high-capacity water coolers have been made available. These coolers are equipped with modern filtration systems to ensure round-the-clock access to clean, chilled drinking water, a necessity given the region's humid climate.

2. Howrah Division, Serving the Historic Gateway
(Stations: Howrah, Bardhaman, Bandel, Bolpur, Rampurhat, Khargrath Road, Pakur)

As one of the oldest and busiest railway zones in the country, Howrah Division serves as a vital artery for both long-distance and local travel. To meet this massive daily footfall, the division now boasts an impressive 236 urinals and 115 latrine units.

The scale of water provision in Howrah is particularly noteworthy. A staggering 967 water taps and 61 water coolers have been installed across these platforms. This massive deployment ensures that even during peak summer months or festive rushes, no passenger has to struggle to find a source of refreshment.

3. Asansol Division, Strengthening the Industrial

The division has deployed 505 water taps and 27 water coolers to ensure passenger relief. This initiative is especially crucial for Malda, which serves as a transit point for many travellers heading toward the Northeast, ensuring their journey remains comfortable from the moment they step onto the platform.

A Vision of Care and Dedication

“Indian Railways is always there for its passengers,” stated a spokesperson for Eastern Railway. “Our mission, directed by the Railway Ministry, is to ensure that no traveller faces discomfort. By working tirelessly to install these water coolers, taps, and sanitation units, we are making travel easier, safer, and more convenient than ever before.”

The Eastern Railway administration has also emphasized that the “Massive Amenities Surge” is not a one-time event. A dedicated maintenance protocol has been established to ensure these facilities remain in top condition. Cleaning schedules have been intensified, and feedback mechanisms have been put in place for passengers to report any issues immediately.

The Indian Government remains deeply committed to the welfare of the common passenger. As the nation moves toward a future of high-speed rail and “Amrit Bharat” station redevelopment, Eastern Railway continues to lead the way in executing this vision through rapid infrastructure development and 24/7 dedication. This surge in amenities is a gift to the people—a promise of dignity, health, and comfort for every mile travelled.

Name Change
I, Tapan Biswas (Old Name) S/o Harendra Chandra Biswas Residing at Lalit Mohan Colony, Po- Jagacha, Ps- Santragachi, District- Howrah, Pin- 711111, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Tapan Kumar Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 11-02-2026. Tapan Biswas (Old Name) and Tapan Kumar Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shyamal Ch Ghorai (Old Name) S/o Rampada Ghori Residing at 10 Mile Bazaar, Vill-Po- Maharajaganj, Ps- Namkhana, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743357, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyam Ghorai (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-02-2026. Shyamal Ch Ghorai (Old Name) and Shyamal Ghorai (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sushama Chatterjee W/o. Tamal Chatterjee, R/o. Shankhanagar Debopara, Mogra, Hooghly-712502 presently residing at Uttar Mahashay Para, Rajhat, Hooghly-712123., do hereby declare that I was married with Surjya Kanta Sikdar, I known everywhere as Sushama Sikdar W/o. Surjya Kanta Sikdar. That after demise of my said husband, I remarriage with Tamal Chatterjee & known everywhere as Sushama Chatterjee W/o. Tamal Chatterjee, which is recorded in all my documents. That I, Sushama Chatterjee W/o. Tamal Chatterjee & Sushama Sikdar W/o. Late Surjya Kanta Sikdar is the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 5705, dated 11/02/2026, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court.

NAME CHANGE
I, Akkas Gazi, S/o Abuhar Gazi, R/o-Vill.-Baikara, Po-Arbailia, P.S.-Baduria, Dist. North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my mother's name was recorded in my Birth Registrar Book (Regd. No.713/1989 dated 06.12.1989) as Chhapura in place of Sufiya Bibi. On 27/01/26 through the affidavit no 8406/BC/26 submitted before the Court of Executive Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that my mother Sufiya Bibi & Chhapura is the same one & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, MOUSUMI BISWAS (Old Name), D/o- CHATTAR GAZI, R/O- Vill.-Gokulpur, P.O.- Swarnapurnag, Dist. North 24 P.Gs., PIN- 743286. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASAMATARA PARVEEN (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Barisal Court affidavit no.- 1847 dt. 11-02-2026. MOUSUMI BISWAS (Old Name) and ASAMATARA PARVEEN (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Suman Das, Son of Uday Das, Rekha Das (Mother), residing at Beri, P.O.-Ramnagar, P.S-Gaighata, dt. North 24 Pgs Do hereby Solemnly affirm and declare as follows. That my good name is Suman Das s/o Uday Das. (D.O.B) 9-12-1999 My A/c record in my Aadhar Card, School Certificate, Voter card and also. That my name is has been wrongly, recorded in my Registration of Birth and Death Part-I Line vide S. No.940, Reg. Dt. 02-03-2000 as Swapen Das. Instead of Suman Das s/o Uday Das. That Suman Das and Swapen Das is the same and identical person, vide affidavit in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Hooghly at Chinsurah dt. 10th February 2026”

Name Change
I, Nurjahan Begum W/O Saifur Rahaman Mallick D/O Rabi Bagdi Residing at Vill- Bankra New Mondalpara, P.S- Dumdum, District- Howrah, Pin- 711403 My name before marriage was Belu Bagdi D/O Rabi Bagdi and Mother Dulali Begdi My name in Aadhar, Voter and PAN card is Nurjahan Begum My husband's name is Saifur Rahaman Mallick S/O Altah Hossain 14/01/2026 I have made an affidavit in the Court of First Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore. Both Nurjahan Begum and Belu Bagdi are one and the same person.

Name Change
I, Ahtar Hossain Molla S/O Kasem Ali Molla residing at Bankra Mondalpara, P.O- Bankra PS-Dumdum, Dist-Howrah, Pin- 711403, Wb. That in my Son's voter card recorded as Ahtar Hossain Molla, but actual name is Ahtar Hossain Molla vide an affidavit before the Ld.1st class Judicial magistrate at Alipore. 10/02/2026. That Ahtar Hossain Molla and Ahtar Hosen Molla both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swapnan Kumar Das (old name) son of Sasadhar Das, residing at Vill., P.O.- Dakshin Chitra, P.S.-Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743247, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swapnan Das (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/02/2026. Swapnan Das (new name) and Swapnan Kumar Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chetan Sureka (old name) son of Ramnath Sureka, residing at 1, Hardayal Sureka Lane, Salkia, Howrah Corporation, Salkia, Howrah, Pin- 711106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chetan Kumar Sureka (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Chetan Kumar Sureka (new name) and Chetan Sureka (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Saiful Ali(Old Name),Son Of Sekh Akbar Ali, Residing At Mohisgote, Purba Para, Po-Nalikul, Hooghly- 712407, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Saiful Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/02/2026. Sk Saiful Ali And Sekh Saiful Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kamal Manna(old name),son of Late Nityananda Manna, residing at 37/3/A Vivekananda College Road, Po- Barisha, Ps- Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700063, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kamal Kanti Manna (new name) vide an affidavit No 25 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 02/01/2026. Kamal Manna and Kamal Kanti Manna both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anjali Bhattacharjee (Name As Per Daughter Sayani Bhattacharya Epic Card No Uvl2739282) Daughter Of Anjali Bhattacharjee, Wife Of Saibal Kumar Bhattacharya, Residing At A/15/1 Poddarnagar Colony- 2, Po/Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700032, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dalia Bhattacharjee (Name As Per Epic Card No Uvl2738672) Vide An Affidavit No 6345 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 11/02/2026. Anjali Bhattacharjee And Dalia Bhattacharjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kholi Gain (old name) son of Kedar Gain, residing at Vill.- Krolbaria, P.O.- Bhojiphat, Bhangar-II, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743502, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khalil Gain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/02/2026. Khalil Gain (new name) and Kholi Gain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Arif Hussain (Old Name), Son Of Akhtar Hossain, Residing At 2b, Hut-1, Ekhalpore Lane, Po-Khiddirpore, Ps- Ekbalpore, Kolkata-70023, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anwar Hossain (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/02/2026. Anwar Hussain(Old Name) And Anwar Hossain(New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shahina Khatoun (old name) wife of Rafi Ahmed, residing at 3A SATYEN BOSE ROAD,PO DANESH SK LANE,HOWRAH-711109, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shahina Parvin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Shahina Parvin (new name) and Shahina Khatoun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Rafiqul Islam (old name) son of Sekh Abdulla, residing at Panchur Rail line (Molla Para), P.O.- Bidhangari, Diamond Harbour, Pin-700066, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Rafiqul Islam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Sekh Rafiqul Islam (new name) and Sk Rafiqul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Debjani Banerjee (old name) daughter of Subol Chandra Seal, residing at 179 F.G. Street, Bhader-swar, Telinipara, Chinsurah, Magra, Hooghly, Pin- 712125, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Deb-jani Banerjee Seal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Debjani Banerjee Seal (new name) and Debjani Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ishrat Jahan & Israt Jahan (old names) wife of Md Ayoub, residing at 13/1B, Chamru Khan Sama Lane, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Israt Jahan Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/02/2026. Israt Jahan Begum (new name) and Ishrat Jahan & Israt Jahan (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjoy Sarkar (Old Name), Son Of Late Prasanta Sarkar,Residing At 3rd Floor, Fl-3a, 237/B, Dr A K Paul Road, Behala, Ps-Parnasree, Kolkata- 700034, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026. Sanjoy Sarkar And Sanjay Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tapan Kumar Saha (Old Name), son of Krisna Dhan Saha, residing at 37/1, Harish Noggi Road, Kolkata- 700067, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tapan Saha (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 10/02/2026. Tapan Kumar Saha and Tapan Saha both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Salma Begum (old name) wife of Sk Saiful Alam, residing at Ward No-14, Miyapara, Arambagh, Hooghly, Pin- 712601, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Umma Salma Jamali Begam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/02/2026. Umma Salma Jamali Begam (new name) and Salma Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pallab Sarkar (old name) son of Late Sushen Kumar Sarkar, residing at A- 27, NANDAN KANAN SANTOSHUPUR, KOLKATA - 700075, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pallab Kumar Sarkar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Pallab Kumar Sarkar (new name) and Pal-lab Sarkar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swatik Kataruka & Swati Kumari Kataruka (old names) wife of Karan Kataruk, residing at 82, Bidhan Nagar Road, P.S.- Utradanga, Utradanga Main Road, Kolkata- 700067, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swati Kataruk (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Swatik Kataruka & Swati Kumari Kataruka (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Idris Khan (Old Name), Son Of Abdul Rahim, Residing At 12/1/1, Colootola Lane,Po-Chittaranjan Avenue, Ps- Bowbazar, Kolkata-700073, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Idris Khan (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/02/2026. Mohammad Idris Khan(Old Name) And Md Idris Khan(New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sayeed Khan (Old Name), Son Of Md Idris Khan,Residing At 12/1/1, Colootola Lane, Po-Chittaranjan Avenue, Ps- Bowbazar, Kolkata- 700073, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Sayeed Khan (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/02/2026. Mohammad Sayeed Khan(Old Name) And Md Sayeed Khan(New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Koushik Roy Choudhury & Kaushik Roychowdhury (Old Name), Son Of Pralayankur Roy Choudhury, Residing At Urbana Housing Bungalow, Plot-D-10, Anandapur, Behind Ruby Hospital, E.K.T. Po.E.K.T. Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kaushik Roychowdhury (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026. Koushik Roy Choudhury & Kaushik Roychowdhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, ALTAP HOSSEN JAMADER (old name) son of ALAUDDIN JAMADAR, residing at VILL-MOHAANPUR, PO-CHANDNAGAR, PS- DIAMOND HARBOUR, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS-743368, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ALTAP HOSSAIN JAMADAR (new name), as declared Before The LD 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE at DIAMOND HARBOUR, vide an affidavit No. 2026, dated 02/02/2026. ALTAP HOSSAIN JAMADAR (new name) and ALTAP HOSSSEN JAMADER (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, RABIA BIBI (old name) wife of ALI HAIDER MOLLA, residing at 117, SATGHARA ROAD, PO- BADARTALA, NADIAL, KOLKATA- 700044, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MOSASMAT RABIA BIBI (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. MOSASMAT RABIA BIBI (new name) and RABIA BIBI (old name) both are same and one identical person,

Name Change
I, SK ARAFAT (old name) son of SK DELOWAR HOSSAIN, residing at Y-2/104/2, SATGHARA ROAD,PO BADARTALA, KOLKATA- 700044, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK ARAFAT HOSSAIN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. SK ARAFAT HOSSAIN (new name) and SK ARAFAT(old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarfaraj Hossain Molla (old name) son of Bellal Hossain Molla, residing at T-194/14, Jogi Para Lane, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata-700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarfaraj Hossain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Sarfaraj Hossain (new name) and Sarfaraj Hossain Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Paromita Meegoda Widanage,Wife Of Ravindra Chandana Meegoda Widanage, Residing At Behala Shibarpur Greenfield City Block -31, Flat -11F, Po- Maheshitla, Ps- Maheshitla, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700141, West Bengal, Do Heroby Notified That My Minor Son Virendra Meegoda Widanage (Old Name) Have Changed His Name And He Shall Henceforth Be Known As Virhendra Meegoda Widanage(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026. Virendra Meegoda Widanage And Virhendra Meegoda Widanage Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tanjila Begam(Old Name), Wife Of Mostafa Khan,Residing At Vill & Po Haturia,Ps-Bagnan,Howrah-711303,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tanjila Begum(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026.Tanjila Begam And Tanjila Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Restoration of Indo-Pak tie in CWC a great move: SAURAV GANGULY



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sourav Ganguly expressed his immense satisfaction to say that the restoration of India-Pakistan match in ongoing T20 Cricket World Cup (CWC) is a very encouraging move.

Sourav said, “In cricket World Cup people are eager to see the India verses Pakistan match. If it does not happen it hurts the fan. I am happy that in this T20 CWC India-Pakistan match is restored after a long impasse.” Sourav Ganguly was speaking to the media as he recently attended the launch of Annapurna Swadishit Limited's new brand OFFSIDE. The event marked the company's strategic entry into the urban and semi-urban consumer market. The brand is endorsed by former Indian cricket captain and global sports icon Sourav Ganguly, who has been associated with the company as Brand Ambassador since September 2025.

Name Change
I, Abdul Rahed Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Ibrahim Mondal,Residing At Vill- Majdia, Po-Anulia, Majdia, Ranaghat- 741255, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Wahed Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026. Abdul Rahed Mondal And Abdul Wahed Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shaheena Parveen (old name) daughter of Iqbal Ahmad, residing at H No-169, Munshipura, P.S.- Kotwali, Maunath Bhanjan, Dist.- Mau, Pin- 275101, U.P. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahina Parveen (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Sahina Parveen (new name) and Shaheena Parveen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Tanjila Begam(Old Name), Wife Of Mostafa Khan,Residing At Vill & Po Haturia,Ps-Bagnan,Howrah-711303,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tanjila Begum(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2026.Tanjila Begam And Tanjila Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Additional Stoppage Of Some Express Trains At Various Stations

MI News Service, Kolkata, 11 Feb.26 : Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of following trains at various stations over Northeast Frontier Railway.

- 15709 / 15710 Malda Town – New Jalpaiguri – Malda Town Intercity Express (journey commencing on & from 14.02.2026) will stop at Sripur and Malahar.
- 13175 Sealdah – Silchar Kanchenjunga Express (journey commencing on & from 14.02.2026) and 13176 Silchar – Sealdah Kanchenjunga Express (journey commencing on & from 13.02.2026) will stop at Harischandrapur.
- 13159 Kolkata – Jogbani Express (journey commencing on & from 13.02.2026) and 13160 Jogbani – Kolkata Express (journey commencing on & from 14.02.2026) will stop at Bhaluka Road.
- 12552 Kamakhya – SMVT Bengaluru AC Express (journey commencing on & from 11.02.2026) and 12551 SMVT Bengaluru – Kamakhya AC Express (journey commencing on & from 14.02.2026) will stop at Falakata.

Cancellation Of Trains Due To Developmental Works In Nagpur Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 11 Feb.26 : Cancellation of Trains due to conversion in to Ballasted Track at Gondia in Nagpur Division of South East Central Railway:

- 18030 Shalimar-LTT Mumbai Express will remain cancelled from 04.04.2026 to 24.04.2026
- 18029 LTT Mumbai-Shalimar Express will remain cancelled from 06.04.2026 to 26.04.2026
- 12101 LTT Mumbai-Shalimar Express will remain cancelled on 04.04.2026, 06.04.2026, 08.04.2026, 09.04.2026, 12.04.2026, 13.04.2026, 15.04.2026, 16.04.2026, 19.04.2026 & 23.04.2026

BENGAL hospitality sector sees massive boom

MI News Service, Kolkata: The hospitality sector in West Bengal is experiencing rapid growth, marked by over INR 5,710 crore in private investment, 42 new luxury hotels, and a leading position in national homestay registrations (5,322+ units). Driven by a 15% increase in international tourism (ranking 2nd in India) and booming MICE, festival, and religious tourism, the industry is expanding significantly, bolstered by the state government's recognition of the sector as an industry.

In this momentum of growth a new player has entered in Bengal market in the form of Wormwood Hotels. Wormwood has already invested and would still be investing in the hospitality sector of West Bengal in a big way. The investments have come and are still coming in Kolkata, Digha, Santiniketan, Darjeeling and many places across Bengal. According to Soumya Sen-

gupta, Founder Wormwood Hotels, “The USP of the hotels would be its economy and unique eco-friendly approach.” “Bengal Chief Minister's industry-friendly approach encourages us to invest in Bengal,” Sengupta added.

In the mean time, Key growth drivers in hospitality sector in West Bengal have been Investment and Infrastructure along with MICE tourism.

Homestay has also created revolution in West Bengal as it ranks first in India for registered homestays, with over 5,322 operational units, fueling tourism in rural and scenic areas. The state recorded a 14.8% increase in foreign tourists in 2024, with 3.12 million visitors. Tourism contributes approximately 12.6% to the state's GDP, with, for example, Durga Puja alone generating an annual economic value of over INR 30,000 crore.

West Bengal: Record Railway Push by Centre Faces Delays Due to Lack of State Cooperation

MI News Service, 11 Feb, 2026, Kolkata: Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Railways has witnessed a paradigm shift through extensive expansion and modernization. The Central Government has consistently demonstrated that promises made are promises delivered, reflected in record budgetary support and visible infrastructure transformation across the country, including West Bengal.

The financial commitment clearly shows this intent. During 2009-14, the annual average allocation for railway infrastructure in the state stood at ₹4,380 crore. For 2026-27, the allocation has increased to ₹14,205 crore, more than three times higher. This sharp rise underlines the Centre's determination to strengthen connectivity, modernize stations and accelerate development in West Bengal.

Under the Amrit Station Scheme, 101 stations in the state have been

identified for redevelopment with a total investment of ₹3,600 crore. Work has already been completed at nine stations, including Haldia railway station, Panagarh railway station and Siuri railway station, reflecting steady progress on the ground. These redevelopments aim to provide better passenger amenities, improved accessibility and world-class infrastructure.

However, despite record funding and clear policy direction, several sanctioned projects in West Bengal remain stalled due to delays in land acquisition. A total of 4,662 hectares of land is required for ongoing railway projects, but only 27% has been acquired so far, due to lack of cooperation from the state government. This gap has significantly slowed execution timelines. Important projects such as the Kaliyaganj-Buniadpur new railway line and the Nabadwip Ghat-Nabadwip Dham new line remain affected

due to pending land acquisition. As highlighted by the Railway Minister in the Parliament recently, support from the State Government is essential to expedite railway projects and ensure timely completion.

The Centre government has sanctioned projects, provided record allocations and initiated redevelopment works. Yet, without active cooperation from the State Government, the full benefits of these initiatives cannot reach the people of West Bengal. For faster execution and accelerated development, alignment between the Centre and the State is crucial so that sanctioned railway projects can be completed without further delay. With the formation of a double-engine government in the state, railway development can move decisively into fast track mode, unlocking untapped potential, and enabling Bengal to play its rightful role in India's growth journey.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project Experience Lays a Strong Foundation for India's Future High-Speed Rail Network

MI News Service, 11 Feb, 2026, New Delhi: Presently, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project (508 km) is under execution with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan. The MAHSR project is planned and constructed on a elevated viaduct. The design for stations on the corridor provides for security measures like controlled entry points, baggage scanners, DFMDs (Door Frame Metal Detectors), CCTV (Close Circuit Television) cameras etc.

The experience and technical capabilities being developed through the MAHSR project, particularly in track construction, advanced signalling, Rolling Stock manufacturing & maintenance, project management etc. are expected to provide a strong foundation for future high-speed rail corridors in the country. With gain of such expertise, India will strengthen its position for planning and decision making in HSR Sector.

Indigenization & Capacity Building:

- Long-span steel truss girders are being fabricated in Indian workshops, supported by analytical modelling and field measurements to strengthen domestic HSR design capability.
- Heavy construction machinery used for full-span launching has been indigenised and is now being-manufactured in India.
- Special slab track materials and specialized track machines are being developed and produced by Indian manufacturers, boosting domestic manufacturing capability.
- Design variations and detail regarding dynamic analysis are

being handled by Indian agencies in collaboration with ITIs, with advanced dynamic analysis tools and design charts developed to build long-term HSR expertise.

Innovation:

- Full-span launching method adopted for the first time in India for launching 40 m prestressed boxgirders (~1000 MT), enabling faster launching within 16 hours.
- Indigenous noise barriers being installed along the elevated corridor to minimise noise for nearby residents.
- Advanced simulation tools for OHE-pantograph interaction and Simulation model for designing traction power supply developed with IIT Delhi for accurate design and planning.
- Underground station is being constructed with provision for a future 90 m high building on the same foundation.
- Indigenously developed Rail Turnover Prevention Device (RTPD) introduced to enhance safety during derailments.

- A new geo tech lab has also been set up
- Safety and security:
- A high level of security has been adopted for operational areas and buildings housing sensitive equipment to ensure passenger safety.
- Civil engineering structures are designed and constructed as per best international practices, with designs validated by a Japanese High-Level Committee.
- To enhance earthquake safety, structures have been designed considering relevant seismic zones, with steel and damper stoppers provided on viaducts and bridges to prevent dislodgement, along with installation of an Earthquake Early Warning System (EQEWS).

Progress of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project (508 km) is passing through the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli with 12 stations planned at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati.

Entire land (1389.5 Ha.) for MAHSR project has been acquired. All Statutory Clearances have been obtained. All 1651 utilities have been shifted. The delay in land acquisition in the State of Maharashtra has impacted the project till 2021. The land acquisition picked up in 2022 in Maharashtra.

Out of total 12 stations, foundation works has been completed at 8 stations (Anand, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vapi, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, and Sabarmati). In Maharashtra section, foundation work is in progress at 3 stations (Thane, Virar, Boisar) and excavation work at BKC station is near completion and Casting of baselab started.

17 river bridges have been completed. Work is in advance stage for 4 major river bridges (Narmada, Mahi, Tapi and Sabarmati) in Gujarat & in progress in 4 river bridges in Maharashtra. Work on Depots (Thane, Surat and Sabarmati) is in full swing. Civil works at Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) are progressing satisfactorily. Excavation works have achieved about 91% progress, and concreting works are at various stages, with 100% completion of the basement slab Level-4. The work of the under-sea tunnel (approximately 21 km) has commenced, out of which 4.8 km off tunnel between Ghansoli and Shilphata in Maharashtra has been completed.

Due to higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers traveling in general/unreserved coaches has shown an increasing trend as shown below:

2020-21: 99 Cr (Covid year), 2021-22: 275 Cr (Covid year), 2022-23: 553 Cr, 2023-24: 609 Cr, 2024-25: 651 Cr

Moreover, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non-AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and

non-AC Sleeper Coaches.

In its constant endeavour to provide additional accommodation to travelling passengers, during 2025-26 (upto December 2025) IR have introduced 245 trains services, extended 101 train services and frequency of 8 services have also been increased. New design Trainsets: Indian Railways is focused on providing affordable, good quality services to all sections of society. IR have developed and introduced the following trains:

- Vande Bharat services (Chair Car): Indian Railways, with a view to improve travel experience of the passengers, have introduced indigenously designed and manufactured Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities. Presently, 164 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network.
- Vande Bharat Sleeper Service: To improve travel experience of the long journey passengers and set new benchmarks in terms of safe and comfortable journey, Vande Bharat Sleeper trains are provided with modern coaches having advanced safety features and passenger amenities. Presently, 02 Vande Bharat Sleeper services are being operated on the Indian Railways network.
- Amrit Bharat service: To provide affordable means of transportation to the low and middle income families, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services that are fully non-AC modern trains. The present composition of Amrit-Bharat consists of 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper Class coaches, 01 Pantry car and 02 Luggage cum Divyangjan coaches. Increased speed and enhanced safety standards are the hallmarks of these trains. Presently, 54 Amrit Bharat Express services are being operated on the Indian Railways network.
- Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service: Indian Railways have introduced Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail services. These services are aimed to enhance the travel experience to the suburban and regional commuters for short distance travel. Presently, 4 Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail services are in operation.

EASTERN RAILWAY
CANCELLATION OF E-TENDER
E-Tender No. 262_2025-26, Approx Cost: ₹ 32,40,18,905.10, Earnest Money: ₹. 17,70,100/- Due Date/Time: 23.02.2026 at 14.00 hrs. published earlier by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, is hereby "CANCELLED" due to technical reason.
HWH-610/2025-26
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER
e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G/Kharagpur-721301, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of President of India for the following work before 12.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items: **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Description of work; Tender Value; Bid Security/ E.M.D. :** (1) **114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-54, dated 09.02.2026;** Electrical work for creation of HT ring main system & improvements of LT power supply system to counter the increased load demand under SSEE/SE/Kharagpur under South Settlement Kharagpur; ₹ 3,75,17,484.55; ₹ 3,37,600/-, (2) **114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-55, Dated 09.02.2026;** Electrical work for (i) Construction of Office of ADSTE/Panskura at Panskura and (ii) Construction of new type-IV quarter of ADSTE/Panskura at Panskura; ₹ 29,28,983.50; ₹ 58,600/-
Cost of Tender Document: Nil for both.
Completion Period : 12 months for sl. no. 1 & 6 months for sl. no. 2 from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. **Date of Submission :** Upto 12.00 hrs. of 04.03.2026 for both. **Date of Opening:** 04.03.2026 for both. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details, description and specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. **Note :** Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-1171)

EAST COAST RAILWAY
Tender No. eT-M-KUR-Watering-316-26
NAME OF WORK : WATERING OF NOMINATED COACHING TRAINS AT KHURDA ROAD STATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS (730 DAYS).
Advised Value : ₹ 3,18,12,192.92, **E.M.D. :** ₹ 3,09,100/-, **Tender Document Cost :** ₹ 11,800/-, **Period of Completion :** 24 Months.
Bidding Start Date : 11.02.2026
Tender Closing Date and Time : At 1500 Hrs. of 25.02.2026.
Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Complete information including e-Tender documents and corrigendum is available in website www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divl. Mechanical Engineer/ Khurda Road PR-1114/Q/25-26

EASTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. : 222-S/1-W/I, Dated: 09.02.2026. Following E-tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Kolkata – 700 014 for the following works: **Sl. No. 1, Tender No.: TN-180-25-26, Name of the Work:** At Majherhat and Brace Bridge: Replacement of existing panel interlocking system with New Electronic interlocking system at Majherhat and Brace Bridge station in the jurisdiction of Senior Section Engineer [Works]/Ballygunge under Assistant Engineer/Ballygunge. **Tender value:** Rs. 2,29,28,687.73. **E.M.D:** Rs. 2,64,700/-
Completion period for the work: 10 (Ten) months. **Sl. No.2, Tender No.:** TN-181-25-26, **Name of the Work:** At Nangi: Replacement of existing panel interlocking system with New Electronic interlocking system at Nangi station in the jurisdiction of Senior Section Engineer [Works]/Ballygunge under Assistant Engineer/Ballygunge. **Tender value:** Rs. 1,10,07,062/- **E.M.D:** Rs. 2,05,000/- **Completion period for the work:** 08 (Eight) months. **Date & Time of Closing of Tender:** 06.03.2026 at 15.00 hrs. [For Sl. No. 1 & 2]. **Date & Time of Opening of Tender:** 06.03.2026 at 15.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 1 & 2]. The Tender Documents and other details are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. As per Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract 2022, cost of e-Tender Form is Nil.
SDAH-389/2025-26
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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Indian Railways Provides Affordable Travel to 720 Crore Passengers Annually with 57,200 Non-AC Coaches and 54 Lakh Non-AC Seats

MI News Service, 11 Feb, 2026, New Delhi: During last 11 years (2014-2025), unprecedented infrastructure creation/augmentation works have been carried out in all transport sectors in the country. Progress achieved during this period under the key infrastructure sectors are as under:

National Highways : Progress since 2014: About 58,232 km long National Highways/Expressways has been added in the National Highways/Expressways network.

Railways: Progress since 2014: About 35,000 kms new railway tracks have been added.

Airports: Progress since 2014: 90 nos. operational airports have been added.

Metro: Progress since 2014: 848 km length and 21 more cities have been added in the Metro network.

Therefore, modal distribution is also changing accordingly to the change in infrastructure growth.

Non-AC coaches (General and sleeper coaches)

With a view to meet the demand of passengers travelling in unreserved coaches, Railways have significantly increased the facilities for passengers demanding general class travel. During the last financial year 2024-25 alone, 1250 general coaches have been utilised in various long-distance trains. In the current financial year (upto December 2025), 767 Coaches have been utilised for permanent augmentation.

To cater to the travel demand of the low and middle income families, Indian Railways have taken up manufacturing of 17,000 non-AC coaches (general/sleeper) over the next 5 years.

On IR, the percentage of non-AC coaches, is about 70% as indicated below:

Distribution of coaches: Non-AC coaches (general and sleeper): ~57,200, ~70%
Distribution of coaches: AC coaches: ~25,000, ~30%
Total coaches: ~69 lakhs, 100%
Further, to cater to the needs of passengers desirous of availing unreserved accommodation, Indian Railways (IR) operate unreserved non-AC passenger trains/ MEMU / EMU etc. for affordable travel, which are in addition to the unreserved accommodation (coaches) available in Mail/Express services.

Overall, the passenger patronage of Indian Railways is showing steady and rapid growth trend, with consistent increase recorded during as under:

2022-23: ~ 82% (previous year 2021-22 being Covid year), 2023-24: ~ 8%, 2024-25: ~ 6%

Due to higher availability of general coaches, the number of passengers traveling in general/unreserved coaches has shown an increasing trend as shown below:

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Moreover, to provide greater accommodation for the passengers using General and non-AC Sleeper Coaches, the extant policy regarding composition of Mail/Express trains provides for 12 (Twelve) General class & Sleeper class non-AC coaches and 08 (eight) AC-Coaches, in a train of 22 coaches, thereby providing greater accommodation for the passengers using General and

able by regular services. In addition to the above, the load of trains are also augmented, both on a permanent and temporary basis, to generate additional accommodation for different segments of passengers.

Accordingly, during Year 2025-26 (till December 2025), approximately 65,000 special trains have been operated and 767 coaches have been utilized for augmentation of train services on a permanent basis.

The rationalised fare structure has facilitated the wider expansion of these services across the country reflecting strong passenger demand for these services. Vande Bharat services have high occupancy level on all major routes with occupancy of Vande Bharat near 100% demonstrating a change in passenger preferences.

Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti
South 24 Parganas
Memo No: 116/MBPS, 117/ MBPS, 118/MBPS
E-Tenders are invited for 69 nos. different development works under Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti. Bid Submission End Date for both Tender - 26.02.2026 at 01.30 Hrs. & 26.02.2026 at 01.30 Hrs. & 26.02.2026 at 01.30 Hrs. respectively. Date of Opening of Technical proposal for Tender- 27.02.2026 at 12.00 Hrs. & 27.02.2026 at 12.00 Hrs. & 27.02.2026 at 12.00 Hrs. respectively. For details visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in and office of the undersigned.
Sd/-
Executive Officer
Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti

OFFICE OF THE PATIKABARI GRAM PANCHAYAT
P.O : PATIKABARI, NOWDA BLOCK MURSHIDABAD
WEST BENGAL-742121
The undersigned is hereby published the e-Tender vide No. 14/ PGP/15th FC/2025-26 (Tender ID: 2026_ZPHD_1003273_1 to 4) for Construction of Concrete of solar Water Treatment plant & Cover Drain under this G.P. Bid submission start date (online) 11/02/2026 from 10-00 a.m Bid submission closing date (online) 17/02/2026 upto 3-55 p.m Details of NleT & Tender documents may be downloaded from "http://wbtenders.gov.in"
Sd/- Prodhnan
Patikabari Gram Panchayat
Nowda, Murshidabad

Itachuna Khanyan Gram Panchayat
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Tender Notice
Online e-Tender invitation vide NIT No. : 16/2026, Dated: 09/02/2026 for 12 Nos. & NIT No. : 17/2026, Dated: 11/02/2026 for 3 Nos. Tender ID : 2026_ZPHD_1002989_1-12. Bid Submission Closing Date 18/02/2026 at 01:30 P.M. Tender ID : 2026_ZPHD_1004362_1-3. Bid Submission Closing Date 20/02/2026 at 01:30 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website :- [https://wbtenders.gov.in](http://wbtenders.gov.in) and this office notice board.
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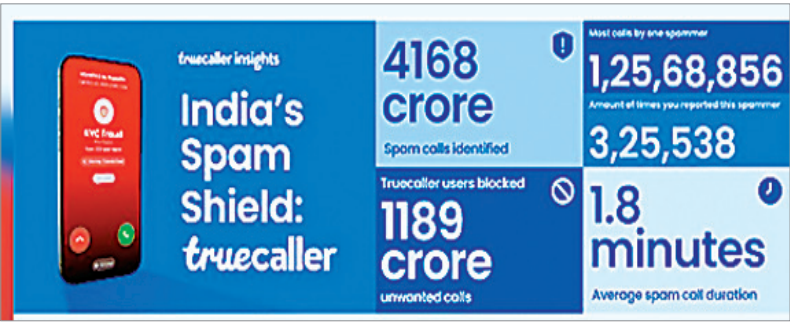
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India's Spam Shield : The Truecaller Community Blocked Nearly 1,200 Crore Unwanted Calls in 2025

Truecaller Internal Report highlights large scale prevention of scam attempts, saving consumers both time and money. To access a downloadable version of the full report, please click the following link: New Delhi, February 2026: Indians received more than 4,000 crore spam calls in 2025, reflecting the growing scale of fraud, disruption, and digital risk in everyday communication. In India, every phone call carries meaning - it can open doors to opportunity, deliver vital information, or even expose individuals to serious risk. As the country accelerates towards becoming a digitally empowered and globally competitive economy under the vision of Viksit Bharat, trust in communication has become a defining pillar of progress. Truecaller's latest report shows that 1,189 crore of these unwanted calls were blocked before reaching users, helping millions avoid scams, wasted time, and unnecessary stress in an increasingly connected economy. With over 100 crore active phone connections in the country powering commerce, governance, and personal relationships, Truecaller today released its 2025 India Insights Report, offering a data-driven view of how spam

and fraud are reshaping the nation's communication landscape and how technology is helping protect crores of people every day. The report captures how these decisions played out across 2025, revealing both the scale of digital risk and the growing importance of protection. "In a country where connectivity is powering opportunity at every level, trust has become our most valuable digital asset," said Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Truecaller. "Fraud today is not just a technical problem, it is a human one. It exploits fear, urgency, and uncertainty in moments that matter most. Our responsibility is to make sure that no Indian has to choose between staying connected and staying safe. Our focus at Truecaller is simple: help people stay connected without compromising their safety and stopping risk before it turns into loss." The Scale of Communication Risk in 2025 According to the report, Truecaller identified more than 4,168 crore spam calls across India in 2025, reflecting the full extent of disruptive and potentially harmful communication. Of these, 1,189 crore unwanted calls were blocked by Truecaller users. In addition, 770 crore fraudulent calls were detected, many of



The data in this report was aggregated anonymously from meta data and spam classification signals of Truecaller users in India between January 1 and December 31, 2025. During this period, over 4,168 crore calls and 12,903 crore spam messages were identified. Spam blocking is based on active community reporting by people using Truecaller. Insights reflect observed patterns within the dataset and are intended to provide visibility into national-level trends. They do not represent precise measurements of all spam or fraud activity.

them impersonating banks, government authorities, payment platforms, and well-known brands. Spam messaging also remained a major concern. During the year, over 12,903 crore spam SMS were identified, with volumes increasing signifi-

cantly in the second half of 2025. As legitimate alerts and fraudulent messages increasingly share the same digital space, users are being forced to make faster and more complex judgments, raising the cost of even small mistakes. These figures represent more than operational metrics. They reflect billions of moments of potential disruption, confusion, and risk — and billions more where harm was prevented. Protecting Time, Attention, and Confidence Out of the total spam activity identified, community reporting helped prevent 1,189 crore calls from reaching users. Based on an average spam call duration of 1.8 minutes, this translated into Indians avoiding approximately 21.7 lakh hours of wasted time every day, and more than 1.5 crore hours every week. Every single day, the cumulative time that people save thanks to Truecaller, is equivalent to roughly 250 years of human life. Beyond time savings, this protection helps preserve focus, reduce stress, and prevent urgency-driven decisions that often lead to financial loss. Blocking spam is not only about convenience — it is about protecting people's confidence in their digital interactions. The report highlights sev-

eral scam tactics expected to become more prominent in 2026, including identity verification scams, impersonation using familiar institutions, multi-step fraud combining messages and calls, AI-generated voice messages, and the migration of scams to third-party messaging platforms. As these threats evolve, trust will depend increasingly on behavioural context, community reporting, and long-term activity patterns rather than isolated signals. Truecaller continues to encourage users to remain cautious, verify urgent requests, avoid sharing sensitive information and rely on trusted identification tools. Notes & Methodology The data in this report was aggregated anonymously from meta data and spam classification signals of Truecaller users in India between January 1 and December 31, 2025. During this period, over 4,168 crore calls and 12,903 crore spam messages were identified. Spam blocking is based on active community reporting by people using Truecaller. Insights reflect observed patterns within the dataset and are intended to provide visibility into national-level trends. They do not represent precise measurements of all spam or fraud activity.

Emami Agrotech enters the branded staples markets of Bihar and Jharkhand

With the launch of 'Emami Healthy & Tasty' Fresh Chakki Atta, Maida, Suji and Besan Targets Rs 2,000 Crore in Food Sales Nationally within 3-5 Years; Blending Quality, Trust and Food Happiness

Kolkata : Emami Agrotech Ltd, the Rs 20,000 cr edible oil, food and bio-diesel manufacturing arm of the Rs 30,000 cr. Emami Group, today announced its entry in the branded staples market of Bihar and Jharkhand, by announcing the launch of Emami Healthy & Tasty Fresh Chakki Atta, Maida, Suji and Besan. This expansion into the core kitchen essentials through the branded staples category which is estimated to be over Rs 80,000 crore in India aligns with the Company's vision to scale its foods vertical to Rs 2,000 crore over the next 3-5 years nationally. The Company had already entered the staples market in Bengal last year. "More than a category entry, this is a purposeful move. We aim to bring in quality, trust, affordability and the intangible magic of 'food happiness' into the ritual of everyday Indian meals," said Vibhash V. Agarwal, Director, Emami Group, who is driving the food business of the Company. "Food is not just about consumption—it is an emotion. With this launch, we intend to enter from pantry to the centre of the Indian kitchen space and be an integral part of daily rituals, family meals, and emotional bonds around food," Agarwal added. The shift that the Indian food industry is witnessing towards branded staples, driven by consumer preference for hygiene, packaging, and brand



assurance over loose, unbranded alternatives, offers an ideal opportunity for this initiative. Emami Agrotech is set to capitalize on this momentum, with a quality product and an elevated brand experience backed by its strong established distribution network and digitally enabled supply chain. Made with premium quality wheat, Emami Healthy & Tasty Fresh Chakki Atta is 100% pure wheat flour with zero maida or artificial preservatives that has successfully passed the 3-finger softness test even hours after being made. The soft, fluffy rotis made from it are filled with the wholesome nutritional goodness of Protein, Fibre and B Vitamins. Ground using hygienic, traditional stone chakki method helps it to retain natural wheat goodness and the authentic aroma of fresh rotis. Emami Healthy & Tasty Maida and Suji, both made from premium quality wheat produces fine, pure maida and fresh suji. While the Maida variant's ultra-fine texture with bright white

appearance delivers superior dough smoothness perfect for making samosa, paratha and puris, the Suji, which is also fortified with the goodness of protein and dietary fibre is ideal for signature Indian dishes such as upma, halwa, laddu, and other traditional recipes. Emami Healthy & Tasty Besan brings consumers an elevated culinary experience with its superior crispiness and rich taste, ensuring perfectly golden fritters and fried delicacies every time. Recognizing that taste is the heart of any besan preparation, this new offering emphasizes flavour with the tagline "New Taste, New Besan." Emami Healthy & Tasty Besan also features a unique low oil absorption property, making it a healthier choice for indulgent snacking and everyday cooking. Since its launch in 2010, Emami Agrotech's "Healthy & Tasty" brand has moved ahead its Edible Oil origins to become a trusted kitchen companion through its further offerings in varied categories such as Spices (Mantra) and Soya Chunks (Advans). From product quality to packaging to communication, Emami Healthy & Tasty has consistently delivered a modern, vibrant, and delightful emotional experience over the years for its consumers. 'Emami Healthy & Tasty' kitchen staple products will be available in following pack sizes and price points across Bihar and Jharkhand: Atta in 1 kg, 5 kg and 10 kg packs priced respectively at Rs 56, Rs 280 and Rs 530; Maida in 500 gm pack priced at Rs 38 ; Suji in 200 gm and 500 gm packs priced at Rs 17 and Rs 40 respectively and Besan in 200 gm and 500 gm packs priced at Rs 30 and Rs 80 respectively. The Company will support this launch with a high-impact marketing campaign across television, digital, and in-store points-of-purchase — built around the themes of joy, quality, and modern Indian homemaking.

How Yoga & Walnuts May Enhance Heart Health



NEW DELHI : A healthy, nutritious and active lifestyle can go a long way in maintaining sound mental and physical health, and recent years have made us realize just how important it is to make health an utmost priority in our lives. So, this brings us to an important question: What does one do to stay fit and healthy in 2024? Integrative health coach Neha Ranglani has the answer: "A nutrition-rich diet, containing omega-3 ALA-rich walnuts, may help improve your cardiovascular health. Pair it up with yoga, which helps reduce stress, improve blood circulation, and control blood pressure levels, and you have a powerful combination for maintaining a healthy heart."

And we couldn't agree more! California walnuts, paired with the ancient practice of yoga offer complementary effects that can help not only our heart health but also our overall wellbeing.

Scroll down to read how yoga and walnuts benefit your heart:

1. Reduced stress

Yoga, an ancient Indian practice, involves a combination of body poses, breathwork, and meditation. This trio is known to be beneficial for our mind and body. Meanwhile, walnuts may help improve mood. (1) These wonder nuts may be associated with lower depression symptoms, greater interest in activities, higher energy levels, better concentration, and greater optimism. (2)

2. Promote weight management

Obesity is one of the major risk factors for heart disease, and hence, weight management is key to protecting one's self. Yoga and walnuts both promote weight management. A handful of walnuts contains 2.5g plant-based omega-3 ALA, 4g protein, 2g fiber, and several other essential nutrients.

Walnuts may have the potential to influence appetite hormones, suppressing hunger and making you feel satiated for longer. And if you feel full for longer, you avoid unnecessary and untimely cravings. (3)

3. Promote healthy gut

Studies suggest that walnuts enhance the growth of beneficial bacteria to ensure a healthy gut. (4) And a healthy gut may be linked to a variety of health benefits, including digestion, metabolism, and the immune system. (5) Meanwhile, yoga, through specific poses like Pawanmuktasana and Paschimottasana, can help deal with symptoms of digestive disorders and improve overall gut health.

4. Improve cholesterol levels

Did you know: that eating walnuts may help reduce bad cholesterol (LDL) and increase good cholesterol (HDL) in our body? (6) And while walnuts do that, yoga also supports good cholesterol levels with its healthy lifestyle and weight management properties.

Study reveals how infertility treatment can double risk of postpartum heart disease



NEW JERSEY [US] : Infertility treatment patients were twice as likely to be hospitalised with heart disease in the year following delivery as spontaneously conceived patients, according to a study conducted by Rutgers Health experts using more than 31 million hospital records.

Infertility patients were 2.16 times more likely to be hospitalised for hypertension, or dangerously elevated blood pressure than normally conceived patients.

"Postpartum checkups are necessary for all patients, but this study indicates they are particularly important for patients who undergo infertility treatment to achieve a conception," said Rei Yamada, an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and lead author of the study.

The study authors say their results support standards of care that now call for an initial postpartum checkup three weeks after delivery, standards that some health systems have yet to adopt. Much of the elevated risk came in the first month after delivery, particularly for patients who developed dangerously high blood pressure. "And these

results aren't the only ones to indicate that follow-up should occur early," said Cande Ananth, chief of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and senior author of the study. "We have been involved in a series of studies over the past few years that have found serious risks of heart disease and stroke to various high-risk patient populations within those initial 30 days after delivery - risks that could be mitigated with earlier follow-up care."

The study analyzed the Nationwide Readmissions Database, which contains nationally representative data on about 31 million hospital discharges and readmissions per year. The database contains diagnosis codes, which let researchers find specific populations and identify reasons for readmission.

The researchers used data from more than 31 million patients who were discharged following delivery from 2010 to 2018, including 287,813 patients who had undergone any infertility treatment.

Researchers identify vascular changes in brain linked to Alzheimer's disease

JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA) : The network of blood channels and tissues known as the blood-brain barrier, which nourishes and shields the brain from dangerous chemicals flowing in the blood, is compromised in Alzheimer's disease.

Researchers at Mayo Clinic and associates have now discovered distinct molecular markers of blood-brain barrier disruption, which may lead to novel approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of the condition. In Nature Communications, their research is published.

"These signatures have high potential to become novel biomarkers that capture brain changes in Alzheimer's disease," said senior author Nilufer Ertekin-Taner, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Neuroscience at Mayo Clinic and leader of the Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease and Endophenotypes

Laboratory at Mayo Clinic in Florida.

To conduct the study, the research team analysed human brain tissue from the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank, as well as published datasets and brain tissue samples from collaborating institutions. The study cohort included brain tissue samples from 12 patients with Alzheimer's disease and 12 healthy patients with no confirmed Alzheimer's disease.

All participants had donated their tissue for science. Using these and external datasets, the team analysed thousands of cells in more than six brain regions, making this one of the most rigorous studies of the blood-brain barrier in Alzheimer's disease to date, according to the researchers. They focused on brain vascular cells, which make up a small portion of cell types in the brain, to examine molecular changes associated with Alzheimer's disease. In particular,

BIRMINGHAM [UK] : Researchers found that a particular brain region--which they identified through a study of patients who had brain damage to that region--controls our willingness to assist others.

Understanding the areas of the brain associated with "helping" decisions is crucial to comprehending how people could be inspired to take on major global issues like infectious diseases, climate change, and international conflict. It is also necessary to discover novel treatments for social interaction difficulties.

Researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford conducted the study, which was published in Nature Human Behaviour. It demonstrates for the first time how the ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC), a brain region, plays a crucial role in helpful, or "prosocial," activities.

Lead author Professor Patricia Lockwood said: "Prosocial behaviours are essential for addressing global challenges. Yet helping others is often effortful and humans are averse to effort. Understanding how effortful helping decisions are processed in the brain is extremely important." In the study, the researchers focused on the vmPFC, a region located right at the front of the brain, which is known to be important for decision-making and other executive functions. Previous studies using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI scanning) have linked the vmPFC to choices that involve a trade-off between the rewards available and the effort required to obtain rewards. However, these techniques cannot show whether a part of the brain is essential for these functions. Three groups of participants were recruited for the study. 25 patients had vmPFC damage, 15



patients had damage elsewhere in the brain, and 40 people were healthy age and gender-matched control participants. These groups allowed the researchers to test the impact of damage to vmPFC specifically.

Each participant attended an experiment where they met another person anonymously. They then completed a decision-making task that measured how willing they were to exert physical effort (squeezing a grip force device) to earn rewards (bonus money) for themselves and for the other person. By enabling participants to meet - but not see - the person they were 'working' for in advance, researchers were able to convey the sense that participants' efforts would have real consequences, but hide any information about the other person that could affect deci-

sion-making. Each choice the participants made varied in how much bonus money for them or the other person was available, and how much force they would have to exert to obtain the reward. This allowed the researchers to measure the impact of reward and effort separately, and to use advanced mathematical modelling to precisely quantify people's motivation. The results of the study clearly showed that the vmPFC was necessary for motivation to help others. Patients with vmPFC damage were less willing to choose to help others, exerted less force on even after they did decide to help, and earned less money to help others compared to the control groups. In a further step, the researchers used a technique called lesion symptom mapping which enabled them to identify even more specific sub-regions of the vmPFC where damage made people particularly antisocial and unwilling to exert effort for the other person. Surprisingly, damage to a nearby but different sub-region made people relatively more willing to help.

Co-lead author Dr Jo Cutler said: "As well as better understanding prosocial motivation, this study could also help us to develop new treatments for clinical disorders such as psychopathy, where understanding the underlying neural mechanisms can give us new insights into how to treat these conditions."

"This region of the brain is particularly interesting because we know that it undergoes late development in teenagers, and also changes as we get older," added Professor Lockwood. "It will be really interesting to see whether this area of the brain can also be influenced by education - can we learn to be better at helping others?"

‘Qayamat’ will never come, Babri Masjid won’t be rebuilt: UP CM Yogi

MI News Service, Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath firmly stated that the day of ‘Qayamat’ (doomsday) will never arrive, ensuring the Babri Masjid structure will never be rebuilt.

Speaking at a religious event in Barabanki district, near Ayodhya, he addressed a gathering at the Ram Janaki Temple in Dulhadepur Kuti, honouring the late Mahant Baba Harishankar Das Maharaj.

Recalling the slogan “Ram Lalla, hum aayenge, mandir wahi banaayenge,” Adityanath highlighted the successful construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya after 500 years. “Has the temple been built? Is there any doubt?” he asked, prompting chants of “Jai Shri Ram” from the crowd. He asserted that those dreaming of rebuilding the Babri structure or awaiting doomsday will “rot away,” as that day will never come.

His remarks came amid tensions sparked by Janata Unnayan Party chief Humayun Kabir’s announcement two weeks earlier that a replica “Babri 2.0” would begin construction in West Bengal’s Murshidabad on February 11, prompting



counter-calls from Hindutva groups.

Adityanath revisited the Supreme Court’s 2019 verdict, which cleared the way for the Ram Temple at the disputed site while allotting five acres elsewhere for a mosque. He questioned why no prior government—from independence in 1947 onward—had pursued building a temple at Lord Ram’s birthplace despite centuries of rule by various kings and administrations.

Targeting opposition parties, he labelled them “Ramdrohis” (traitors to Lord Ram) who adopt opportunistic attitudes, remembering Ram only in

crises. “There is no place for Ramdrohis anywhere,” he said, warning those who obstructed Ram devotees or still harbour dreams of the old structure to abandon such illusions and live by India’s laws, or face ruin.

Emphasizing unity, he urged Indians to embrace a positive mindset for ‘Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat’ and remain vigilant against attacks on Sanatan Dharma, India’s progress, and the vision of Viksit Bharat. He called for resisting conspiracies from within and outside, identifying three harmful mindsets: conspirators, their followers, and those who sell out.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Marks 47 Years of Islamic Revolution, Says Iran Now Builds Weapons the U.S. Seeks to Imitate

MI News Service, Tehran: On the 47th anniversary of Iran’s Islamic Revolution, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivered a speech that sought to boost national morale and project confidence about the country’s technological and military progress. Addressing the nation on the historic occasion, Khamenei said Iran had reached a point once thought unimaginable.

“Who would have thought that one day Iran would build weapons that the United States would try to imitate?” he said. “It was beyond imagination, yet it happened.” His remarks were widely seen as a message of resilience in the face of decades of Western pressure and sanctions.

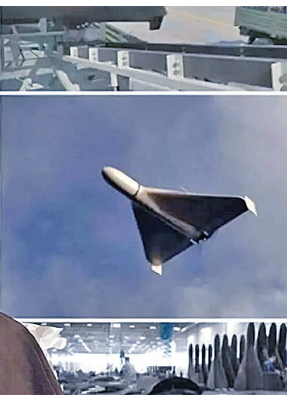
For years, the United States has imposed sweeping sanctions on Iran, particularly targeting its missile and drone programs. Washington has argued that these measures are necessary to curb Iran’s military capabilities and prevent the proliferation of advanced weapons technology. The sanctions aim to restrict Iran’s ability to manufacture, develop, and export drones and ballistic missiles.

Despite these restrictions, Iran has continued to expand its defense industry, with drones emerging as a key component of its military strategy. Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have drawn international attention in recent years, especially amid regional conflicts and global



geopolitical tensions.

In a development that has attracted significant notice, the U.S. military reportedly created a version modeled on one of Iran’s most well-known drones—the Shahed-136. The Shahed-136 is widely recognized as a low-cost, long-range loitering muni-



tion designed for one-way attack missions. Because it is built to strike targets and detonate on impact, it is often described as a “kamikaze” or “suicide” drone.

The drone’s relatively simple design and affordability have made it a notable feature in modern

asymmetric warfare. Analysts say its effectiveness lies in its cost-efficiency and ability to overwhelm air defenses when deployed in large numbers.

Khamenei’s remarks highlight how Iran views its defense advancements as a source of national pride and strategic leverage. While tensions between Tehran and Washington remain high, Iran’s leadership continues to frame its technological gains as proof that sanctions and international pressure have failed to halt the country’s progress.

As regional rivalries persist and global power dynamics evolve, Iran’s drone program remains at the center of both domestic pride and international controversy.

Raghav Chadha introduces ‘Right to Recall’ to let voters remove MPs, MLAs

MI News Service, New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha on Wednesday, February 11, called for introducing a ‘Right to Recall’ mechanism, arguing that voters should have the power to remove elected representatives before the completion of their five-year term if they fail to perform.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, he said, while Indian citizens have the constitutional right to elect Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs), there is currently no direct mechanism for voters to de-elect them mid-term on grounds of non-performance or misconduct.

The ‘Right to Recall’ framework would allow constituents to initiate a formal process to remove an elected representative through a structured and legally defined procedure, he said, adding that India already provides for impeachment of the President, Vice President and judges, and allows no-confidence motions against governments.

Extending a similar accountability principle to individual legislators, he said, would strengthen democratic oversight.



“Five years is a long tenure” for the evaluation of performance of elected representatives, he said, adding there is no profession where you underperform for five years with zero consequences.

Globally, more than 20 democracies – including the United States and Switzerland – provide some form of recall or voter-initiated removal mechanism at various levels of government, he said.

Chadha, however, said there needs to be safeguards to prevent political misuse or instability. Suggested guardrails include a minimum threshold – a verified petition backed by at least 35-40 per cent of registered voters in a constituency should trigger a recall vote.

Also, there should be a cooling-off period – a mandatory lock-in period

of at least 18 months after the election before a recall process can be initiated.

The grounds for recall should be limited to proven misconduct, corruption, fraud or serious neglect of duty, rather than routine political disagreements, he said, adding the removal should happen only if more than 50 per cent of voters support the recall in a formal vote.

Such a mechanism would incentivise political parties to nominate stronger candidates, enhance accountability and reduce corruption, he added.

Sanjay Kumar Jha of JDU wanted Darbhanga airport to be made an international airport, while Ashok Singh of Congress raised the issue of the impact of the trade deal with the US on soybean farmers in Madhya Pradesh.

Man arrested for offering 2 lakh bounty on ‘Mohammad Deepak’



MI News Service, Dehradun: Uttarakhand Police arrested Utkarsh Kumar Singh from Motihari, Bihar, on Monday, February 9, for allegedly posting a viral video offering a ₹2 lakh reward to anyone who kills gym owner Deepak Kumar, popularly known as Mohammad Deepak, and “brings him back to Hinduism” by explaining Sanatan Dharma.

The video, which surfaced on social media, showed Singh waving a bundle of currency notes while making the threatening declaration in Hindi. Deepak filed a complaint at Kotdwar Police Station on Sunday, February 8, after spotting the post, prompting police to register an FIR under Section 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for criminal intimidation.

Using technical surveillance and coordination with Bihar Police, authorities traced and detained Singh near his residence. During interrogation, he claimed the act stemmed from jealousy over Deepak’s rising social media popularity.

Singh insisted he posted the video only to

boost views and engagement on his channel, denying any real criminal intent. Police are proceeding with further legal action.

Deepak gained national attention in late January after confronting Bajrang Dal activists harassing an elderly Muslim shopkeeper, Vakeel Ahmed, over his store’s name including “Baba.” When challenged, Deepak introduced himself as “Mohammad Deepak,” leading the group to disperse. The incident video went viral, earning him praise for promoting harmony but also backlash.

The controversy has severely impacted his livelihood. Hulk Gym in Kotdwar, once bustling with around 150 members, now sees only about 15 visitors daily. Deepak, who rents the entire floor for ₹40,000 monthly and supports his family as the sole breadwinner, also pays a ₹16,000 home loan installment.

He expressed understanding of people’s fear but highlighted the financial strain, noting that good deeds often go unrecognized amid the fallout.

Railway Budget Allocation For West Bengal Increased More Than Threefold; Land Acquisition Delays Impact Project Execution

MI News Service, New Delhi, 11 Feb.26 : During a recent parliamentary session, Shri Kirti Azad, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, raised a question regarding the implementation of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in West Bengal. Replying to the query, Hon’ble Minister of Railways stated that the budgetary allocation for railway development in West Bengal has seen a substantial increase in recent years.

The Hon’ble Minister informed the House that the current railway budget allocation for West Bengal stands at ₹14,205 crore, compared to an average annual allocation of ₹4,300 crore during the 2009–2014 period. He emphasized that this enhanced allocation reflects a significant prioritization of railway infrastructure development in the state.

However, the Minister noted that progress of several railway projects has been affected due to delays in land acquisition. Out of the required 4,662 hectares of land for on-going projects, only about 57% has been acquired so far. He pointed out that in certain projects, land acquisition has not yet commenced, which is hindering timely execution.

The Hon’ble Minister urged that coordinated efforts are necessary to expedite land acquisition so that sanctioned railway projects can be completed without further delay. He requested the Hon’ble MP to impress upon the State Government the importance of facilitating land acquisition in the interest of faster infrastructure development and improved passenger amenities.

Israeli attacks target Gaza, West Bank as Trump, Netanyahu to meet

MI News Service, Gaza: Israeli air strikes and artillery shelling have targeted areas under occupation east of Khan Younis.

The seventh group of patients and wounded individuals returned to Gaza via the Rafah crossing on Tuesday. Israeli army raids have continued across Hebron in the occupied West Bank, with several Palestinians suffocating from tear gas fired by the forces.

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to meet United States President Donald Trump at the White House today. Israel’s genocidal war on Gaza has killed at least 72,037 people and wounded 171,666 since October 2023. An estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the October 7, 2023 attacks, and about 250 were taken captive.

Poland says it won’t join Board of Peace under current circumstances

MI News Service, Warsaw: Poland will not join the US-led Board of Peace under the current circumstances, but will continue to analyze the possibility, Prime Minister Donald Tusk says. “Taking into account certain national doubts regarding the shape of the board, under these circumstances, Poland will not join the work of the Board of Peace, but we will analyze it,” Tusk tells a government meeting.

Bank of Baroda PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Bank of Baroda, Purulia Branch intends to accept the undermentioned property as a security for a loan/credit facility requested by M/s. Akash Tourism and Resorts Private Limited.

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- All that piece & parcel of land and building bearing RS Khatian – 3573, CS Plot – 707 (P) corresponding to RS Plot No 4382 Area – 10 chatak 42 sq ft at District- Purulia, PS Purulia (T), SR Office Purulia, J.L No-292/2, Mouza- Purulia within Ward No 2 in Purulia Municipality. Property Belonging to : M/s Akash Tourism and Resorts Pvt Ltd. [Deed No.- 147 for the year 2012, Book-I, CD Volume no.- 1, page 3019-3041, ADSR Purulia]
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In case anyone has got any right/ title/ interest/claims over the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

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Australia seeks criminal charges over 2024 Israeli airstrike on aid workers



MI News Service, Melbourne: Australia is demanding criminal charges over a 2024 Israeli airstrike on an aid convoy in Gaza that killed seven people, including an Australian aid worker, the country’s Prime Minister said Wednesday, February 11, in a case that has drawn sweeping condemnation and strained relations between the two countries.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he conveyed the request to visiting Israeli President Isaac Herzog during a meeting earlier in the day. “We continue to press for full accountability, including any appropriate criminal charges. We will continue working to ensure transparency and appropriate action,” Albanese said.

Australian Zomi Frankcom was one of four World Central Kitchen aid workers killed by an Israeli drone on April 1, 2024. The other aid workers were an American-Canadian dual citizen, a Palestinian and a Polish national. Three British security staff were also killed in the same airstrike.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PHYSICAL AUCTION (OFFLINE) OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD

KOLKATA BAGUIHATI BRANCH (906611)
Parvathi Vihar (Adjacent Big Bazar), 52/6, Ground Floor, Raghunathpur, Kolkata - 700 059.

The borrower, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified to public auction gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Union Bank of India at the above-mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the Credit facility from the Union Bank of India, Kolkata Baguihati Branch (906611) against the pledge of Gold Ornaments (“Gold Loan Facility”) in favour of the Bank towards the security. The demand notices were issued to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) calling up the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold Loan facility availed. As the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct physical auction (offline) sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in Schedule -1, hereunder on 23.02.2026 from 11.00 A.M. onwards on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and Whatever there is” and “No recourse Basis”.

Whereas the Bank in exercise of its powers under Pledge Agreement has decided to put up for auction the Schedule-1, for realization of the debts due to the Bank, upon the following terms and conditions:

- CONDITIONS OF SALE**
- Sale is being held on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS** and the Bank is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
 - The auction will take place at Union Bank of India, Kolkata Baguihati Branch (906611), Parvathi Vihar, (Adjacent Big Bazar), 52/6, Ground Floor, Raghunathpur, Kolkata, Pin - 700 059; on 14.11.2025 from 11.00 A.M. Onwards.
 - The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit the amount of EMD is fixed at **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) by way of demand draft drawn in favour of Union Bank of India, Kolkata Baguihati Branch (906611) or in the form of Transfer/RTGS/NEFT in the Office Account (Name - Inward RTGS) ; Account No. 066121980050000; IFS Code : UBIN0906611 to be deposited in the mentioned Branch by 11.00 a.m. on or before 23.02.2026. Cheques will not be accepted for EMD. The remaining H1 bid amount to be paid in the same day of Auction i.e. on 23.02.2026 by the H1 bidder after completion of successful bidding.
 - The particulars specified in Schedule 1 have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and the Bank will not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission.
 - On 23.02.2026, from 11.00 A.M. onward inter-se-bidding will take place in the presence of all the intending purchasers, who deposit the proper demand draft for the EMD/Transfer (As mentioned in Point No. C). The amount, by which bid amount can be increased, will be decided by the Bank at its discretion.
 - For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the bank to cancel the auction proceeding for any reason and return the EMD submitted and Bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.
 - The person declared to be the successful bidder shall pay the whole bid amount on the date of auction.
 - In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled, and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the assets will be again put to sale.
 - On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Bank shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Bank shall entertain no claims.
 - Nothing in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank to sell the property. Bank reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.
 - The Bank reserves its right to accept, reject any or all bids at any stage and vary, modify and waive any condition of sale in its absolute discretion.
 - Brokers/Middlemen shall not be entertained.
- Properties held by the Bank by way of Public Auction as per details set out hereunder :

SCHEDULE 1				
Sl. No.	Customer Name	Account No.	Amount O/s as on date of Demand Notice plus further interest incurred as per contractual rate of the Bank	Date of Demand Notice
1.	Amar Mondal	066126540000193	Rs. 41,385.00	28.11.2025
2.	Babaruddin Molla	066126540000141	Rs. 80,888.00	28.11.2025
3.	Ishiree Swain	066126540000247	Rs. 2,56,658.00	28.11.2025
4.	Kushal Kumar Basotta	066126540000162	Rs. 93,366.00	28.11.2025
5.	Nisha Shailesh Pujara	066126540000115	Rs. 1,28,541.00	28.11.2025
6.	Sanjib Halder	066126630000026	Rs. 1,53,814.00	28.11.2025
7.	Somnath Sardar	066126540000169	Rs. 60,156.00	28.11.2025
8.	Sujit Bhunia	066126630000067	Rs. 2,55,446.00	28.11.2025

Date : 11.02.2026
Place : Kolkata

Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

