

The address of the Calcutta High Court has been officially changed after standing for decades as a landmark of the city's colonial heritage. Formerly known as 3, Esplanade Row (West), Kolkata-700001, the road has now been renamed 3, Justice RadhaBinod Pal Sarani, Kolkata-700001 in honour of the late internationally acclaimed jurist Justice RadhaBinod Pal. The postal code remains unchanged, but the renaming marks a significant tribute to an iconic figure in Indian legal history. The High Court administration issued an official notification on Thursday confirming the address change. The decision follows a proposal by Trinamool Congress MP and All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, who visited Tokyo as a member of an Indian parliamentary delegation after the Pahalgam terror attack. During the visit, Banerjee paid homage to Justice Pal by offering tributes at his portrait, observing the widespread respect the jurist commands in Japan. **PG 3**



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## From LONDON exile to the hot seat of DHAKA TARIQUE RAHMAN nears Bangladesh PM post

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** Less than two months after returning from nearly two decades of self-imposed exile in London, Tarique Rahman is set to win one of Bangladesh's most pivotal elections and become prime minister, leading the country as his parents once did. A coalition led by his Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) won in a big way in the parliamentary election defeating Jamaat led alliance. Thursday's election marked a remarkable reversal of fortune for the soft-spoken 60-year-old, who left the country in 2008 saying he needed medical treatment after his release from detention under a military-backed caretaker administration. He had been held after a crackdown on corruption. He returned home to a hero's welcome last Christmas after a youth-driven uprising uprooted the BNP's arch-enemy, long-time premier Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League, in August 2024. Hasina, now in exile in New Delhi, and Rahman's mother, Khaleda Zia, long dominated Bangladeshi politics, while Rahman's father was a leading Bangladesh independence figure who ruled the country from 1977 to 1981 before he was assassi-



Bangladesh Nationalist Party Chairperson Tarique Rahman poses for a photograph in his party office in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

nated. Rahman has pledged to recalibrate Bangladesh's international partnerships to attract investment without tying the country too closely to any single power, in contrast with Hasina, who was seen as aligned with New Delhi. He has also highlighted expanding financial aid for poor families, reducing reliance on garment exports by promoting industries such as toys and leather goods, and introducing a

two-term, 10-year limit for prime ministers to deter autocratic tendencies. Events have unfolded so quickly since Rahman landed in Dhaka with his cardiologist wife and barrister daughter that he said he has scarcely had time to reflect. "I don't know how we have passed every minute since we landed," Rahman said on the sidelines of an interview last Saturday with Reuters in his party office, flanked by his daughter Zaima.

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Bangladesh Nationalist Party Chairperson Tarique Rahman

The bespectacled Rahman was born on November 20, 1965, in Dhaka to Khaleda and former President Ziaur Rahman, the founder of the BNP. He studied international relations at the University of Dhaka, dropped out, and later started businesses in textiles and agro-products. Since his return, Rahman has tried to project himself as a statesman ready to look beyond his family's difficulties under Hasina. Gone is the image of a brash operator from the BNP's 2001-2006 era, when his mother was prime minister. Although he never held a government post, Rahman was often accused of running a parallel power centre during her tenure, a charge he denies. "What does revenge bring to someone? People have to flee from this country because of revenge. This does not bring anything good," he said. "What

we need at the moment in the country is peace and stability." Under Hasina's rule, Rahman became a central target of corruption cases and was convicted in absentia in several of them. In 2018, he was also sentenced to life over a 2004 grenade attack on a rally Hasina was addressing that killed and wounded many. He has always denied the allegations, calling them politically motivated, and has since been acquitted in all cases following Hasina's ouster. From London, he had watched his party marginalised election after election, with senior leaders jailed, workers disappearing, and offices shuttered. Since returning, Rahman has adopted a noticeably understated style, avoiding inflammatory rhetoric and calling instead

## BNP tramples Jamaat to secure big win in BANGLADESH POLL



Tarique Rahman, the son of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Celebrates BNP's victory in Bangladesh poll with his supporters in Dhaka.

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has secured a landslide victory in the country's first parliamentary elections since the deadly 2024 uprising that forced then-prime minister Sheikh Hasina from office. The BNP is led by 60-year-old Tarique Rahman, its prime ministerial candidate, who returned to Bangladesh in December after spending 17 years in self-exile in London. He is the son of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who passed away in December. The contest was largely a two-way race between the BNP and an 11-party alliance led by the Islamist Jamaat-e-Islami,

a conservative religious party whose growing political influence has raised concerns, particularly among women and minority communities. In immediate recognition of the political shift in Dhaka, New Delhi signaled its readiness to engage with the incoming government. Extending his wishes on X (formerly Twitter), Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated, "I convey my warm congratulations to Mr. Tarique Rahman on leading BNP to a decisive victory in the Parliamentary elections in Bangladesh. This victory shows the trust of the people of Bangladesh in your leadership."

## Mamata Congratulates Tarique Rahman After BNP's Landslide Victory in Bangladesh



My hearty congratulations, shubhonandan, to all my brothers and sisters, all the people, in Bangladesh. My advance Ramazan mubarak to all of them. For this great victory, my congratulations to my Tarique-Bhai, his party, and all the parties. Pray, you all be well and happy. Wish that our relations with Bangladesh be always cordial. --CM Mamata Banerjee

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal, extended her heartfelt congratulations to Tarique Rahman, who is set to become the next Prime Minister of Bangladesh following a decisive win by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in Friday's parliamentary elections. Posting on X (formerly Twitter), Mamata wrote: "My hearty congratulations, shubhonandan, to all my brothers and sisters, all the people, in Bangladesh. My advance Ramazan mubarak to all of them." She also conveyed her good wishes for the upcoming holy month of Ramadan. Mamata added, "For this great victory, my congratulations to my Tarique-Bhai, his party, and all the parties. Pray, you all be well and happy. Wish that our relations with Bangladesh be always cordial." Her message emphasized continuity in friendly ties and cooperation between West Bengal and Bangladesh, even as the country undergoes a major political shift with BNP returning to power. Analysts say Mamata's greetings reflect her focus on diplomacy, regional solidarity, and maintaining stable cross-border relations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also con-

gratulated Tarique Rahman, highlighting the importance of democratic and inclusive governance. Posting on X, Modi wrote, "I convey my warm congratulations to Mr. Tarique Rahman on leading BNP to a decisive victory in the Parliamentary elections in Bangladesh. This victory shows the trust of the people of Bangladesh in your leadership." He added, "India will continue to stand in support of a democratic, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our multifaceted relations and advance our common development goals." The mention of "inclusive" comes amid concerns for minority communities in Bangladesh following political unrest after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina in 2024. Mamata's statement came shortly after the official results were declared for 297 of 300 seats, underscoring her prompt acknowledgment of the electoral outcome and her commitment to fostering strong regional ties. Observers note that both her and Modi's statements signal India's intent to maintain cordial and cooperative relations with the new BNP-led government.



Mercy for Animals activists dressed as a chicken, pig, and cow, engaging with the public to distribute roses, symbolizing love and compassion for all animals "This Valentine's - Choose Love; Choose Vegan" in front of Victoria Memorial, in Kolkata on Friday.

## Abhishek Visits Family of Purulia Migrant Worker Killed in Pune, Assures Legal Support

**MI News Service, Purulia:** Abhishek Banerjee, Trinamool Congress national general secretary and Diamond Harbour MP, on Friday visited the residence of a migrant worker from Purulia who was allegedly killed in Pune. Abhishek met the bereaved family members and assured them of all possible assistance to ensure strict punishment for those involved in the crime. Speaking to the media outside the victim's house, Abhishek said the deceased, Sukhen Mahato, along with his two brothers, had been working at the same company in Pune since 2009. "Sukhen used to work the afternoon shift starting at 3:30 pm. On the day of the incident, he left home around 3 pm for work. Later in the evening, his



elder brother tried calling him but could not reach him. Soon after, the police called and claimed Sukhen had fallen ill. When the brother reached the hospital, he found multiple injury marks on Sukhen's body, making it clear that it was a case of murder," Abhishek said. He stressed that while the exact circumstances of the death would be revealed through a proper investigation, he firmly believed justice would prevail. "If required, we will move the High Court or even the Supreme Court. The guilty must receive exemplary punishment. I will always stand by the family

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## 3 HINDUS win from DHAKA, including BNP leader GAYESHWAR ROY

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** Senior BNP leader Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, a prominent face from Bangladesh's minority Hindu community, secured victory in a Dhaka constituency during the country's 13th national parliamentary elections on Friday. Roy won the Dhaka-3 seat with 99,163 votes, defeating his closest rival, Jamaat-e-Islami candidate Md Shahinur Islam, according to the state-run BSS news agency. His victory comes against the backdrop of alleged harassment targeting members of the minority



Gayeshwar Roy BNP leader

following the killing of radical youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi in December. India has repeatedly voiced concerns over attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus. In a separate contest, the only Hindu candidate fielded by the radical Islamist Jamaat-e-Islami was defeated in the Khulna-1 constituency. Krishna Nandi secured 70,346 votes, while BNP candidate Amir Ejaz Khan won comfortably with 1,21,352 votes. The 13th parliamentary

## SC plea seeks Art 25 protection for HINDUS



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**MI News Service, New Delhi:** An application has been moved in the Supreme Court arguing that Hindus too are entitled to the constitutional protection of their religious beliefs and practices under Article 25 and insulated from hate speeches by members of other communities. The application has been moved by Satish Kumar Aggarwal, former vice-president of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, in connection with a batch of petitions filed by individuals and organisations seeking strict action against those indulging in hate speech. "That the applicant further submits that members of the Hindu community, like members of other communities, are equally entitled to protection from speech that promotes enmity, violence, or social boycott. Any speech that incites hatred or violence against any religious group, including Hindus or Muslims, is violative of statutory and constitutional provisions and must be dealt with strictly in accordance with law," the intervention application filed through advocate Barun Kumar Sinha stated.

According to the application, which has sought the court's permission for intervening in the pending case, hate speech, irrespective of the identity of the speaker or the community targeted, undermines constitutional values enshrined in Articles 14 (equality), 15 (non-discrimination), 19 (freedom of speech), 21 (life and personal liberty) and 25 (respective religious rights) of the Constitution. "...

## USA clears path for Reliance to buy Venezuelan oil



Reliance Industries's Jamnagar refinery has not received any cargo of Russian oil at its refinery in the past three weeks, approx. and is not expecting any Russian crude oil deliveries in January

Reliance Industries Ltd

**MI News Service, Washington/New Delhi:** Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited has received a US general licence to purchase Venezuelan crude oil directly, enabling India's largest private refiner to resume imports of discounted heavy feedstock that aligns with its Jamnagar refinery configuration and optimises refining margins. Reliance, which operates the world's largest single-site refining complex at Gujarat's Jamnagar, was among international companies which in late January got a general licence from the US for buying Venezuelan oil directly without violating sanctions, sources aware of the matter said. Since capturing Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro last month, the US has eased sanctions on the South American nation's energy industry to resume the flow of oil from the country that holds the world's largest reserves. Reliance did not respond to re-

quests for comments. So far, the US has permitted the sale of Venezuelan oil through traders, but now a general licence will give authorisation to purchase of oil directly from an entity that has already extracted it from below ground or is in possession of it. Reliance was a regular buyer of Venezuelan crude before the US slapped sanctions on Nicolas Maduro's regime in 2019-20. It bought oil when the US introduced a temporary sanctions relief in 2024. And when Venezuelan oil started flowing again through traders this year, it bought 2 million barrels from Vitol. The window was also utilised by state-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), who have jointly bought 2 million barrels (1.5 million barrels for IOC's Paradip refinery in Odisha and rest 500,000 barrels for HPCL's



Kerala Blasters head coach David Catala and player Danish Feroque Bhat address the media during the pre-match press conference ahead of the Indian Super League (ISL) match between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Kerala Blasters at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Friday.



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**Tractor overturns  
four injured**

MI News Service, West Midnapore: In the Hathibari turn area of Gopiballabhpur police station under Jhargram district, the tractor fell in the middle of the road and overturned after the wheel of the tractor came loose while in motion. During this, four people got injured and the traffic in the area was disrupted. It is known that a tractor loaded with cement was passing through the area. There were four people in the tractor including the driver. Due to the wheel of the tractor suddenly coming loose while in motion, the driver lost his balance. The tractor went out of control and fell on the road and overturned. During this, four people were injured. The traffic in the area was disrupted due to the overturning of the tractor in the middle of the road. After getting information about the incident, the police reached the area and normalized the situation and sent the injured to the hospital with the help of local people. The police is investigating the incident.

**BJP leader arrested  
in drug case**

MI News Service, Dinhat: A huge quantity of banned cough syrup was recovered in Dinhat, Cooch Behar. A BJP leader was arrested on charges of involvement in smuggling. Tension prevailed in the Sahabganj police station area of Dinhat on Friday. A person was arrested with 79 bottles of banned cough syrup 'Phensedyl' from Sahabganj area on Thursday night. The arrested person's name is Sukumar Barman. His home is in Shilduar area of Sitai. Arrested Sukumar is the president of BJP's Mandal No. 1 in Sitai Assembly. Padma Shibir has claimed that he was framed in a false case before the assembly elections. Sukumar's family alleges that the police are behind the conspiracy.

**Possibility of HS results to be published  
within 50 days : Chiranjib Bhattacharya**

MI News Service, Birbhum: The Secondary examination has ended. The Higher Secondary examination has begun in Bengal. Strict security arrangements are in place at examination centers across the state. Friday, the President of the Higher Secondary Council, Chiranjib Bhattacharya, was present in Birbhum to review the examination process. He also gave a message regarding when the Higher Secondary results will be published.



Higher Secondary Council President Chiranjib Bhattacharya on a visit to Bolpur.

The Higher Secondary examination in the state began on February 12. This year, the total number of candidates in Bengal is 710,811. According to council sources, the number of female candidates is higher than that of male candidates this time. The Secondary examination has just concluded. Apart from a few isolated incidents, it was conducted smoothly, according to reports. The Higher Secondary Council aims to conduct the Higher Secondary examination smoothly as well. This year, regular students are currently in Semester 4 of Higher Secondary. Additionally, the supplementary examinations for Semester 3 are also ongoing. On the other hand, the Higher Secondary examination is also being conducted under the old system.

From the very first day of the Higher Secondary examinations, the President of the Higher Secondary Council, Chiranjib Bhattacharya, has been visiting multiple examination centers across the state. Friday, he went to Bolpur and Suri in Birbhum. He visited several examination centers. When asked when the results might be published, he said that the council aims to release the results as quickly as possible. This year, there is a possibility that the Higher Secondary results may be published within 50 days of the end of the examinations. Chiranjib Bhattacharya shared this information in Suri on Friday.

Strict surveillance has been in place since the first day of the Higher Secondary examinations. The police and administration are also maintaining tight vigilance. Checking is being conducted around the examination centers. The administration is also ensuring that examinees do not face any problems in reaching their exam centers. Surveillance is also ongoing in the Jungle Mahal and elephant corridor areas.

**Arambagh BJP MLA Missing for 5 Years: Civil  
Society Holds Rally with Posters and Banners**

MI News Service, Hooghly: Arambagh BJP MLA Madhusudan Bag Missing! Missing posters regarding this have been seen across the town. Friday, the Arambagh Citizens' Society held a rally. Along with the rally, a missing complaint has been filed at the police station. Meanwhile, the MLA went to the police station and surrendered, claiming that he is in perfectly good health. Trinamool is carrying out all these activities as it is not getting the wind in its sails.



Citizens' society protests with missing person posters in hand.

Civil society marched through the city holding missing person banners and posters. Their allegation is that after winning the Assembly elections, the MLA cannot be found. He has done no work in five years. They had to

use of MLA funds. However, although this rally was held under the banner of civil society, the BJP has alleged that it was organized under the leadership of the Trinamool. They are not finding any issues ahead of the elections, so they are going around doing all this. After meeting police officials at the police station, the BJP MLA said, "Can they show even one person who returned after coming to take my signature? This rally was led by the Trinamool. They are not finding any issues ahead of the elections. They failed to keep the job promises made during the last Assembly elections. They have done no work. They are unable to reach out to the people. That's why they are doing all this."

run around to obtain the certificate that is supposed to be issued by the MLA. Today, residents of Arambagh joined the rally. A resident of Arambagh who participated in the rally said, "Our MLA Madhusudan Bag cannot be found. We elected him by voting, but there is no trace of him. He cannot be reached in any emergency." He has also alleged mis-

**Mayapur to Host Month-long Gaura Purnima Festival 2026**

MI News Service, Mayapur: The annual Gaura Purnima Festival 2026, commemorating the appearance anniversary of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, will be organized at the global headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Sri Mayapur Dham. According to Rasik Gauranga Das, Public Relations Officer, ISKCON Sri Mayapur, the month-long festival will commence on January 31, 2026, on the auspicious occasion of Nityananda Trayodashi. The official inauguration is scheduled for February 13, while the concluding 'Flag Lowering' ceremony will be held on March 5. Gaura Purnima, marking the appearance day of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, will be observed on the evening of March 3.



From hundreds of thousands of devotees and pilgrims from India and abroad, including nearly 5,000 international visitors.

The festival calendar includes the annual Kirtan Mela from February 14 to 18, followed by the traditional seven-day Nabadwip Mandal Parikrama from February 19 to 25. On February 28, devotees will gather at Babla in Shantipur to observe the Madhavendra Puri Memorial Festival. A series of spiritual and cultural programmes such as scriptural discourses, processions, Ganga Puja and the Radha-Madhava Boat Festival have been planned. Organisers expect participation

**Diabetes, Muscle Loss and the Illusion of Quick Fixes**



Dr. Asis Mitra, MD-General Medicine, Senior Diabetologist

In my clinical practice, one misconception continues to surface repeatedly: that diabetes simply means "too much sugar in the blood." If only it were that simple. Type 2 diabetes is not merely a sugar disorder. It is a complex metabolic dysfunction rooted in insulin resistance, muscle inactivity, excess body fat and long-standing lifestyle imbalance. When muscles fail to utilise glucose effectively, sugar accumulates in the bloodstream. Over time, this silent imbalance affects the heart, kidneys, nerves and eyes.

Modern medicine has undoubtedly made remarkable progress. Today, we have powerful drugs that can control blood glucose with impressive precision. Yet, let us be clear: most medicines manage diabetes; they do not cure it. Tablets and injections can lower numbers on a lab report, but they cannot substitute for metabolic repair.

The real metabolic engine of the body is skeletal muscle. When we move, exercise and build muscle strength, our body becomes more efficient at using glucose. When we remain sedentary, muscles weaken, fat accumulates and insulin resistance worsens. No pill can fully compensate for that. In recent years, weight-loss injections such as semaglutide and tirzepatide—popularly known by brand names like Ozempic, Wegovy and Mounjaro—have entered mainstream discussion. These drugs act on gut hormones like GLP-1 and GIP, improving insulin function, suppressing glucagon and slowing gastric emptying. The result is reduced appetite and meaningful weight loss in selected patients.

Used appropriately, they are valuable tools—especially for individuals with Type 2 diabetes and obesity, or those with a high Body Mass Index (BMI) accompanied by co-morbid conditions such as heart disease or sleep apnea. However, they are not cosmetic slimming agents, nor are they magic solutions. Without structured physical activity, a portion of weight loss may come from muscle reduction, not just fat. Loss of muscle further impairs glucose utilisation, potentially worsening long-term metabolic resilience. This is why any pharmacological intervention must be combined with resistance training and lifestyle modification.

**Forest fire controlled**



MI News Service, Jhargram: Forest officials of the forest department extinguished the fire in Jangalkudchi forest of Sankrail block under Jhargram district and normalized the situation by extinguishing it with the help of local villagers. It is known that the local villagers had first seen the smoke coming out of the forest. Within a short time, the fire started spreading. Due to which panic spread among the villagers of the villages adjacent to the forest. The villagers informed the forest department about the fire in the forest. Information After meeting, a team of forest workers reached the spot. The forest workers, along with the villagers, somehow extinguished the fire in the forest and normalized the situation in the area. The forest department says that the forest workers run awareness campaigns from time to time to give the message that trees should not be set on fire in the forest. Trees are very precious for our life. Fire in the forest can threaten the lives of wild animals and damage the environment. Despite this, some mischievous people keep setting fire in the forest. The forest department will identify and arrest those who set fire in the forest. Strict action will be taken against them under the forest law.

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We must shift the public conversation. Diabetes is not defeated by eliminating sugar alone. It is controlled—and sometimes reversed—by restoring muscle strength, reducing visceral fat and rebuilding metabolic balance. Medicines are allies. Injections are tools. But movement remains medicine. The future of diabetes care in India will not be shaped solely by new molecules—it will be shaped by how seriously we take lifestyle as therapy.



The District Folk Culture, Tribal Culture and Travel Festival, organized by the Information and Culture Department under the management of the South 24 Parganas District Information and Culture Department in collaboration with Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, began on Friday at the Jai Hind Auditorium in the Barupur subdivision of South 24 Parganas district. Present on the dais were Nilima Mistry Vishal (Chairperson), Mohtarana Firdausi Begum, MLA of the Sonarpur North Assembly Constituency, Shrimanta Kumar Mali (Assistant Chairperson), Jayanta Bhadra (Chief Executive, Fisheries and Animal Resources), Nazrul Ali Mandal (Chairman-in-Council, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality), and other dignitaries.

**Inclusive Spirit on Display at Winter Sports Meet**

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: The annual winter sports meet was celebrated with enthusiasm at Helen Keller Smriti Vidyamandir, the first school in Nadia district dedicated to visually impaired and deaf-mute students. Inspired by the ideals of Helen Keller, the institution has long been working toward the holistic development of children with special needs.



Revival of traditional rural games. The iron ball throw competition tested strength and skill, with winners determined by the distance achieved. In the adapted 'pot-breaking' event, participants-blindfolded-attempted to strike a drum using a long bamboo stick, relying solely on sound cues to locate the target.

The winter sports meet ultimately stood out as a celebration of resilience, inclusion and community spirit.

Headmaster Swapna Sarkar said, "Sports play a vital role in the mental and physical development of our students. Our aim is to empower them to integrate into mainstream society with dignity and self-confidence."

**First annual state conference conducted by Resellers Association**

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: The first annual state conference was conducted on 12 Feb 2026 by the Resellers Association with the sub-dealers of Barasat in North 24 Parganas.



spread across different districts and consciously became actively involved with their own district organizations, which made our organization more coherent and strong.

On April 23, 2025, an ominous sign of government restrictions on MBO to become our two-wheeler sub-dealers came down. The contribution of sub-dealers or MBOs is paramount behind reaching the peak of success in the two-wheeler industry. Some selfish and greedy unscrupulous dealers and some dishonest and inefficient journalists instigated the Transport Department and various Commercial Tax Department officials to endanger our businessmen at various times, resulting in that black day on April 23rd and that was the beginning of our organization.

semi-annual or annual general meeting where representatives from all the districts will be present. In addition, the subject of this is that both success and failure are undeniable. Therefore, we humbly request the new management committee to take a leading role in the meeting to make the organization successful in the future by considering the views of all the members through discussion. Hope that the meeting will take a leading role in making the organization successful in the future.

On April 27, 2025, during a discussion at Hooghly, Howrah, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and EMC in Kolkata, our organization entrusted the responsibility and placed complete trust in the respected Anmay Chatterjee. The responsibilities of the organization were assigned, gradually the traders

In addition, the organizations of different districts have increased their mutual interaction through the district-based general meetings that have been held with the representative points of each district. Everyone has been informed about the advantages and disadvantages of each other, which is a positive chapter for any organization.

The said meeting was attended by the President of West Bengal Two Wheeler Sub Dealer and Resellers Association Anmay Chatterjee, Secretary of the Resellers Association Abhijit Naskar, and the President of the Organizing Committee Tapas Dasgupta, Joint Secretary of the Federation of West Bengal Truck Operators Association Prabr Chatterjee, Kaustab Chowdhury, eminent social worker Nasiruzzaman Mollah, President of Howrah District, Muzaffar, Ahmed Sardar, besides the two wheeler business organizations of various districts.

**MBBFCL-LITU Promotes Sustainable Change**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed a significant stride towards sustainable innovation in the fireworks sector with the successful hosting of the two-day National Workshop on "Eco-Friendly Pyrotechnics: Innovations for Civilian, Agricultural, and Industrial Applications" on 11-12 February 2026 at Techno International, Batanagar. Jointly organised by the Maheshwala Budge Fireworks Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. (MBBFCL) and Laxminarayana Innovation Technological University (LITU), Nagpur, the initiative was spearheaded at the organisational level by Sukdeb Naskar, General Secretary of the All Bengal Trinamool Green Fire Crackers Manufacturing Workers Union and Pradesh Atash Bazi Byabsae Samity, who served as Convener and played a crucial



role in aligning industry stakeholders with the vision of environmentally responsible transformation. As reported by Tapash Roy, the workshop focused on low-emission and green pyrotechnic technologies, including eco-friendly smoke and cold fireworks, smokeless chemical formulations, hybrid oxidisers, and sustainable combustion products such as green firelighters and biomass pellets, while also hosting the 1st Consultation Meeting of the Global Alliance-Driven Virtual Centre of Excellence (V-CoE) on Green Pyrotechnics and Combustion Products, coordinated by Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), Germany, with

LITU Nagpur as a lead Indian partner. The deliberations were enriched by the presence of Prof. Dr. T. M. Klapötke and Dr. Rusan of LMU, Germany, alongside academicians from Cambridge University, University of Birmingham, Brunel University and Newcastle University (UK), and experts from LITU Nagpur, IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, ICT Mumbai, ISER, NADP, Munition India Limited (Pune) and DIAT Pune. Dr. Sadhana Rayalu of LITU Nagpur co-convended the programme, while Prof. Niraj Khaty and Prof. Shilpa Pande served as Organising Secretaries, marking the workshop as a decisive step towards building a scientifically robust, environmentally responsible and self-reliant pyrotechnics ecosystem in India.



Chandan Mondal from the Moyna constituency joined the AITC in the presence of State Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, TMC leader Kunal Ghosh, and TMLK President Sujit Kumar Roy at TMC Bhavan on Friday.

## Grand Procession Marks Pranananda Ji's Birth Anniversary



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A grand procession was held in South Kolkata on Friday to mark the 131st birth anniversary of Sri Swami Pranabananda Ji Maharaj and the occasion of Shivratri. Organised by the Bharat Sevashram Sangha, the event saw participation from over 10,000 monks, devotees, students and members of the public. The procession began from the Sangha Bhavan in Ballygunge and passed through major city roads before concluding at the same venue. Cultural groups, tableaux of deities and traditional performances added colour to the event, aimed at spreading the Acharyas' message of unity, spiritual awakening and service.

### Mamata pays tribute to Sarojini Naidu

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid homage to Sarojini Naidu on her birth anniversary. On X, Mamata posted: My tribute to the 'Nightingale of India', Sarojini Naidu, on her birth anniversary. Let us continue to be guided by her ideals of social justice and empowerment.

### Kolkata Police Launches 'Tejaswini' Workshop for Women's Self-Defense



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Kolkata Police is set to resume its popular 'Tejaswini' workshop, aimed at equipping women with basic self-defense and safety training. Following the overwhelming response to last year's programme, the police have organised the workshop again this year.

Scheduled from February 24 to 27, the sessions will run daily from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Police Athletic Club, PAC Tent, located opposite the East Bengal Ground. Women aged 12 to 45 years are eligible to participate. Trainers and experts will guide participants in techniques to protect themselves against physical harassment and inappropriate behaviour, focusing on practical self-defense strategies. The programme is completely free of charge.

Interested participants must register online through the Kolkata Police website: <https://kolkatapolic.gov.in> using a Gmail account. For any queries or assistance, individuals can contact 033-2214-1826 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Kolkata Police have urged women to register without delay and take advantage of the 'Tejaswini' workshop to enhance personal safety awareness and build confidence in self-protection.

### 3 HINDUS win from DHAKA, including BNP leader GAYESHWAR ROY

**From PG 1** Elections are set to determine the government that will replace the interim administration led by Muhammad Yunus. Bilateral ties between India and Bangladesh have remained strained since the interim government took charge after the collapse of the Sheikh Hasina government in August 2024. The BNP appears headed for a sweeping victory in what is being described as a landmark parliamentary election, positioning the party to return to power after a gap of two decades.

## Cal HC Address Renamed in Honour of Justice Radha Binod Pal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The address of the Calcutta High Court has been officially changed after standing for decades as a landmark of the city's colonial heritage. Formerly known as 3, Esplanade Row (West), Kolkata-700001, the road has now been renamed 3, Justice RadhaBinod Pal Sarani, Kolkata-700001 in honour of the late internationally acclaimed jurist Justice RadhaBinod Pal. The postal code remains unchanged, but the renaming marks a significant tribute to an iconic figure in Indian legal history. The High Court administration issued an official notification on Thursday confirming the address change. The decision follows a proposal by Trinamool Congress MP and All India General Secretary Abhishek Baner-



jee, who visited Tokyo as a member of an Indian parliamentary delegation after the Pahalgam terror attack. During the visit, Banerjee paid homage to Justice Pal by offering tributes to his portrait, observing the

widespread respect the jurist commands in Japan. Inspired by this, he suggested naming a street in Kolkata after Justice Pal to honour his legacy.

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation acted quickly on the recommendation, and the High Court administration officially sanctioned the change. The renaming signifies both recognition of Justice Pal's extraordinary contributions and a symbolic departure from colonial-era nomenclature.

Justice RadhaBinod Pal, a distinguished Bengali legal scholar, is remembered for his role as a judge at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East after the Second World War, where he earned international acclaim for his principled dissenting judgments. In Japan, he is

honoured with museums, roads, statues, and research centres bearing his name, earning him the title "Bengali Friend of Japan."

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation described the renaming as a tribute to "one of Bengal's brightest legal luminaries." The notification issued by the High Court administration on Thursday formally records the new address, making 3, Justice Radha Binod Pal Sarani the official home of India's oldest High Court. Trinamool Congress representatives highlighted the move as an affirmation of historical pride, noting that while attempts are made elsewhere to erase historical memory, West Bengal continues to preserve and honour its eminent personalities with dignity.

## CEC issues Strict Administrative Directives

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Ahead of next month's visit by Deputy Election Commissioners and other senior Election Commission officials to West Bengal, the Election Commission of India has issued strict administrative instructions to district authorities. On Saturday, a video conference was held with District Magistrates (DMs), Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs), Special Roll Observers, and Roll Observers, during which several critical directives were communicated. Key points of the meeting were later circulated in writing.

The meeting, which began at 11 a.m., emphasized that the SIR process must be conducted with utmost accuracy and integrity. Commissioners were explicitly warned against uploading irrelevant documents or information. Only specified documents should be accepted while resolving complaints, ensuring no unauthorized materials influence the voter list revision. The Commission highlighted multiple instances where invalid or irrelevant documents—such as newspaper clippings, blank pages, or unreadable images—had been uploaded for voter registration. A PowerPoint presentation illustrating these irregularities was shared with all DMs and central observers. Questions arose regarding who uploaded these documents, how they were verified, and why they were accepted. The NEC emphasized that only documents explicitly specified by the Commission or the Supreme Court should be considered

by Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant EROs (AEROs). Any unauthorized or fabricated document is unacceptable, and DMs are personally responsible for ensuring compliance.

According to directives, all District Election Officers (DEOs) must personally verify by 5 p.m. on February 16 that every uploaded document adheres to the approved list. Any unauthorized material found after this deadline will result in personal accountability for the respective DM. IT teams have also been instructed to maintain strict monitoring. The Commission warned that all documents and decisions will remain in the system for several years. If the name of any foreign citizen appears on the voter list—even after one, two, or five years—legal action will be initiated against the responsible officials. During the meeting, officials were cautioned that the process carries long-term administrative risks. Specific reprimands were issued to DMs of Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Malda, South and North 24 Parganas, and East Medinipur for lapses. The DM of East Burdwan was advised against making political comments, while the Cooch Behar DM was censured for delays in document uploads. South 24 Parganas officials were questioned about the authority under which EROs and AEROs summoned EROs. All observers were instructed to report any negligence by EROs, AEROs, or DEOs directly to the Commission.



Bank of Baroda's Global Brand Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar with the Bank's Executive Directors at the 'Leadership in Action' Meet in Kolkata on Friday.

## Bank of Baroda Hosts 'Leadership in Action' Meet with Sachin Tendulkar

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Bank of Baroda hosted its annual Leadership in Action programme featuring its Global Brand Ambassador, Sachin Tendulkar. The event focused on leadership excellence, employee engagement, and recognising top performers across regions. Attended by the Bank's Board of Directors and senior leadership from the corporate office and zonal offices, the meet aimed to reinforce people-centric leadership across all levels. The programme commenced with an interaction between the Board of Directors and Tendulkar, followed by a fireside chat that drew

parallels between cricket and corporate leadership. Discussions highlighted the importance of consistency, decision-making under pressure, discipline, teamwork, and values-led leadership in building resilient institutions. Insights from Tendulkar's illustrious sporting career were linked to effective organisational practices, inspiring leaders to adopt a people-first approach. During the event, the Bank felicitated its top 10 Regional Heads and all 25 Zonal Heads for exemplary performance and leadership that strengthens customer relationships and drives growth. The recognition em-

phasised the Bank's focus on nurturing talent and rewarding sustained contributions to business and culture. Speaking on the occasion, Shailendra Singh, Chief General Manager (HRM & Marketing), Bank of Baroda, said, "This interaction with a global sporting icon like Sachin Tendulkar reinforced our belief that enduring success—whether in sport or business—is built on discipline, teamwork, and adherence to values. The meet reflects our commitment to nurturing leadership, recognising performance, and fostering a culture where employees can perform with pride."

## Nurse Dies from Nipah Virus in West Bengal, 1 Recovers

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A female nurse in West Bengal succumbed to the Nipah virus, health authorities confirmed on Friday. The nurse had been admitted to a private hospital in Barasat after testing positive, while her male colleague, who was also infected, was discharged earlier in January following a full recovery.

According to the Health Department, both nursing staff had been admitted to the hospital last month. While the male nurse's condition stabilized and he was released, the female nurse remained under observation in the intensive care unit

(ICU) due to persistent health concerns. Over the course of her hospitalization, she developed secondary infections in her lungs, complicating her condition. Her health deteriorated sharply in recent days, causing serious concern among the medical team. The situation was reported to the Health Department, and the nurse was placed on ventilatory support as her condition worsened. Tragically, she passed away within minutes of being put on the ventilator. Authorities emphasized that the male nurse continues to remain stable, and no further complications have been reported

in his case. The female nurse's death marks a significant and somber development in the state's response to the Nipah virus outbreak, highlighting the risks faced by frontline healthcare workers. Health officials reiterated that stringent monitoring and preventive measures are being implemented across hospitals in the state to contain the virus and protect medical personnel. The department also urged the public not to panic and stressed the importance of early detection and adherence to safety protocols for those in contact with infected individuals. The Barasat

hospital, which treated the infected staff, has been working closely with the state Health Department to ensure proper isolation, treatment, and follow-up for patients. Authorities continue to monitor anyone who may have come into contact with the deceased nurse, while emphasizing that timely medical intervention remains critical in managing Nipah virus infections.

The tragic death underscores the continued vigilance required in handling viral outbreaks and the immense pressures faced by healthcare professionals treating high-risk patients.

### Posta Death Case: Girlfriend Arrested After Suspicious Suicide Attempt of Boyfriend

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The investigation into the shocking Posta Death Case has taken a new turn with the arrest of the deceased youth's girlfriend, Shikha Singh. Police hope that questioning her will help unravel the sequence of events that led to Rajendra Sharma's death. On December 16, Rajendra Sharma was found dead after falling from the third floor of a building on Shiv Thakur Lane, Posta. His girlfriend, Shikha Singh, was discovered with multiple stab marks on her body. Initial reports suggested that the two had a dispute, during which Rajendra allegedly attacked Shikha with a knife before reportedly jumping to his death. A blood-stained knife recovered from the scene is currently under forensic examination. Shikha Singh, who was admitted to the hospital following the incident, told police that Rajendra jumped while holding the

knife, after inflicting injuries on her. She reportedly ran down from the upper floor, and investigators noted significant blood stains on the balcony, which have been sent for testing. Following the incident, Rajendra's father filed a murder complaint against Shikha at Posta Police Station, adding further complexity to the case. Authorities are now examining key questions: Did Rajendra jump voluntarily while holding the knife, or did an altercation lead to him falling? Was the knife self-inflicted, or did Shikha stab him during a struggle? The police had been unable to question Shikha earlier due to her hospitalisation. With her now recovered, she has been taken into custody. Investigators hope her statements will provide critical clarity and resolve lingering doubts regarding the events of December 16.

### USA clears path for Reliance to buy Venezuelan oil

**From PG 1** Visakhapatnam unit in Andhra Pradesh). Prior to sanctions, IOC too was a regular buyer of Venezuelan crude. US President Donald Trump last week said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had agreed to stop buying Russian oil and purchase more oil from the US, and possibly Venezuela, following a key US trade deal with India. That agreement has led to the US dropping punitive 25 per cent tariffs imposed on Indian goods for the import of Russian oil. A month ago, Reliance Industries Ltd. denied a Bloomberg report that claimed 'three vessels

laden with Russian Oil are heading for Reliance Industries Limited's Jamnagar refinery' in January. "Reliance Industries's Jamnagar refinery has not received any cargo of Russian oil at its refinery in the past three weeks, approx. and is not expecting any Russian crude oil deliveries in January," the company said, adding that "We are deeply pained that those claiming to be at the forefront of fair journalism chose to ignore the denial by RIL of buying any Russian oil to be delivered in January and published a wrong report tarnishing our image."

### From LONDON exile to the hot seat of DHAKA TARIQUE RAHMAN nears Bangladesh PM post

**From PG 1** for restraint and reconciliation. He has spoken of restoring "people's ownership of the state" and rebuilding institutions—a message that has energised BNP supporters eager for a fresh start. Further helping to soften his image, the family's fluffy Siberian cat Jebu has gone viral on social media. "She's 7. She's half Siberian. We adopted her," Rahman's daughter Zaima told Reuters. Inside the BNP, Rahman's grip on the party is strong.

Party insiders said he directly oversaw candidate selection, strategy and alliance talks, roles he once performed remotely. He may be a product of dynastic politics, but Rahman said restoring and sustaining democracy would be his biggest priority. "Only by practicing democracy can we prosper and rebuild our country. If we practice democracy, we can establish accountability," he said. "So we want to practice democracy, we want to rebuild our country."

### Abhishek Visits Family of Purulia Migrant Worker Killed in Pune, Assures Legal Support

**From PG 1** are not arrested within ten days, a six-to-seven-member delegation would be sent to Maharashtra. He also urged BJP MP Jyotirmoy Mahato to at least speak to the Maharashtra Chief Minister regarding the case. Following Sukhen's death, his two brothers have expressed reluctance to return to work outside the state. Abhishek said he would approach Mamata Banerjee to seek employment opportunities for them within Purulia. Protests have been called across all Assembly constituencies in the district on Saturday demanding justice for the slain Kurmi youth.

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Name Change I, MITALI BANERJEE D/o Late SAN-TOSH KUMAR BANERJEE, R/o - B-4/190 Kalyani, P.O - Kalyani, DT - Nadia, PIN - 741235, State - W.B., do hereby declare that MITALI BANERJEE, D/o Late Santosh Kumar Banerjee, MITALI BANERJEE D/o Santosh Kumar Banerjee and MITALI BANDOPADHYAY, D/o Santosh Kumar Bandopadhyay are the one and same identical person vide affidavit dated 13.01.2026 SL No - 1105 as sworn in the Court of LD Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Sealdah Court, W.B.

NAME CHANGE I, Mohammed Moshior Rahman Molla (old name) son of Sarfaraj Hossain, residing at T-194/14, Jugipara Lane, P.O. - Bartala, P.S. - Rajabagan, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Moshior Rahman Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Md Moshior Rahman Molla (new name) and Mohammed Moshior Rahman Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Ali Ambed Maquetader (old name) S/o Sk Anwar Ali, residing at 1B, Mayor Bhanj Road, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ali Ambed Maquetader (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Ali Ambed Maquetader (new name) and Ali Ambed Maquetader (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Hazi Azizul Rahman Molla (old name) son of Golap Nabi Molla, residing at Kankhuli Madhya Para, Rabindra Nagar, VTC Maheshatala, P.O.-Bidhanagar, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin-700066, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajilul Rahman Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Ajilul Rahman Molla (new name) and Hazi Azizul Rahman Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Khobir Ali Sk (Old Name), Son Of Late Sekh Allarakha, Residing At Vill-Dhupur, Po- Jagatballavpur, Ps-Jangipara, Hooghly- 712404, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Abdul Khair (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Serampore Court On 22/02/2026. Khobir Ali Sk And Sekh Abdul Khair Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Sealdah Division Conducts Massive Special Ticket Checking Drive; Over 2,100 Cases Detected

MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 : In a major crackdown against ticketless travel and to ensure a hassle-free experience for genuine passengers, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway conducted a comprehensive Special Ticket Checking Drive across the entire division. The intensive drive was aimed not just at revenue protection, but primarily at raising awareness among commuters about the importance of traveling with valid documents and fostering a culture of disciplined travel. In this drive total cases detected: 2,182 and total Fine realized: Rs 5,24,035 from all major



per the Railway Act. The primary objective of this drive is to create a deterrent for ticketless travel and to sensitize the public. Every ticket purchased contributes directly to the improvement of railway infrastructure and passenger amenities. Sealdah Division once again appeals to all passengers to travel with dignity by purchasing valid tickets through booking counters, ATVMs, or RailOne app. Similar surprise checks will continue across the division to discourage unauthorized travel and ensure comfort for law-abiding commuters.

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Name Change I, Sultan Shaikh (old name) son of Mohammad Suleman, residing at 32/8, Kushtia Road, Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Sultan (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 11/02/2026. Sultan Shaikh (old name) and Sk Sultan (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Debasis Bhattacharya and Debasis Bhattacharya (old name) S/O Ananta Krishna Bhattacharjee, resident of 499, Jatin Das Nagar, Po-Kamarhati, Ps-Belghoria, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Debasis Bhattacharjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/02/2026. Debasis Bhattacharjee (new name) and Debasis Bhattacharya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Susmita Chosh Banik (Old Name), Wife Of Tuhin Banik, Residing At 302, Second Floor, Abria Asan, Netaji By Amnagar Nichinda East, Bally-howrah 711227, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Susmita Ghosh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Susmita Ghosh Banik And Susmita Ghosh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Debasis Bhattacharya and Debasis Bhattacharya (old names) S/O Ananta Krishna Bhattacharjee, resident of 499, Jatin Das Nagar, P.O.- Kamarhati, P.S.- Belghoria, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Debasis Bhattacharjee (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Debasis Bhattacharjee (new name) and Debasis Bhattacharya (old names) all are same and one identical person.

CLW Kasturba Gandhi Hospital turns 75

Name Change I, Monirul (old name as per son Ayman Islam birth certificate No B - 2022 19 00788 - 00548) son of Sorajul Islam, residing at Vill - Durgapur - Po - Kulgauchi - B - Raghunath ganj, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monirul Islam (new name as per Aadhar No 8993 6829 4693), as declared Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Jangipur, vide an affidavit No 291 dated 12/02/2026. Monirul Islam (new name) and Monirul (old name) both are same and one identical person.



MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 : The Kasturba Gandhi Hospital in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) turns 75 years, yesterday. It was on this day, on 12th February, 1951 the Hospital was inaugurated by the then Governor of West Bengal, Dr. K.N.Katju and opened for service with 50 beds capacity. Throughout its 75 years of glorious journey, K.G. Hospital has gone all out in improving and in extending its services when it comes to care and recuperation of the patient. There is an unending effort to improve its services.

At present this hospital has 16 Health units as well as 01 Ambulance room at Loco Workshop and 01 Health Unit at ELAAU/DKAE. The Hospital is 197 bedded with all modern facilities.

At present this hospital has 16 bedded ICU, 3 Operation Theaters (01 modular) with Central Medical gas pipeline. Apart from routine surgery Laparoscopic operations are regularly done.

The tie-up facility for Tertiary care with different Hospital and Diagnostic Laboratories for Pathological, Radiological and other type of diagnostic investigations (cashless service) are there.

HIMS is fully running with all Modules. Really the work culture in the hospital is praiseworthy. It is needless to say that budgetary support offered by the management of CLW, the untiring help by the sister departments and hard working by devoted doctors will definitely keep the prestige of K.G.H to a high esteem.

Name Change I, Zinat Afroja (Old Name), Wife Of Anisur Rahaman, Residing At 7/1 Andul Road, Po- Dansh Sk Lane, Ps - A.J.C Bose Garden, Howrah - 711109, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Zina Tafroza Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 3481 Sworn Before The Ld Executive Magistrate At Howrah On 21/01/2026. Zinat Afroja And Zina Tafroza Begam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change I, Siddhartha Bantia (Old Name), Son Of Abhay Kumar Bantia, Residing At 1 Amardeep, Sarat Bose Road, Po-L.R. Sarani, Ps-Bhawani Pore, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Siddhartha Bantia (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Siddhartha Bantia And Siddhartha Bantia Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Monirul (old name as per daughter Muskan Khatun birth certificate No B - 2022 19 00788 - 00549) son of Sorajul Islam, residing at Vill - Durgapur - Po - Kulgauchi - B - Raghunath ganj, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monirul Islam (new name as per Aadhar No 8993 6829 4693), as declared Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Jangipur, vide an affidavit No 290 dated 12/02/2026. Monirul Islam (new name) and Monirul (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Travel Made Colourful: Eastern Railway Announces Four (04) Holi Special Trains

• 18,400 berths to be generated. MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 : Holi and Dol Yatra, the joyous festivals of colours, are occasions best shared with family and friends. During this festive season, many people travel to reunite with loved ones or visit popular destinations. To facilitate smooth and comfortable journeys, Eastern Railway has introduced special arrangements for passengers. In addition to its regular services, Eastern Railway will operate four (04) Holi Special trains in various directions to meet the heightened travel demand during the festival. These services aim to accommodate passengers heading to popular destinations as well as those returning home to celebrate with their families.

The special trains will run between Sealdah & Gorakhpur, Asansol & Gorakhpur and Malda Town & Anand Vihar, providing enhanced connectivity and convenience. By operating these festival specials, Eastern Railway will generate 18,400 berths, ensuring greater capacity and a hassle-free travel experience during the Holi festivities.

03131 Sealdah - Gorakhpur Holi Special will leave Sealdah at 23:50 hrs. on 26.02.2026, 02.03.2026 & 05.03.2026 (03 trips) to reach Gorakhpur at 18:00 hrs. on the next day and 03132 Gorakhpur - Sealdah Holi Special will leave Gorakhpur at 21:00 hrs. on 27.02.2026, 03.03.2026 & 06.03.2026 (03 trips) to reach Sealdah at 16:20 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhubani, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Shahpur Patoree, Hajipur, Sonpur, Chhapra, Siwan and Deoria Sadar stations in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations.

Name Change I, INTESHAR HUSSAIN (old name) S/O Md. murtaza Hussain residing at 26/1/1 Bellious Road, Tikya para, Howrah 711101 have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as MD.INTESAAR HUSSAIN (new name) as declared before the 1st. Class Executive magistrate court at Howrah vide affidavit No. 7014/26 Dated 11.02.2026. INTESHAR HUSSAIN and MD.INTESAAR HUSSAIN both are same and one identical person .

Name Change I, Zainul Abedin (Old Name) S/o Md Shami Ahmad Residing at 16/A/H/6, Gora Chandi Road, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Zainul Abedin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-02-2026. Zainul Abedin (Old Name) and Md Zainul Abedin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Md Rofiek Ali Molla (old name) S/o Najir Ali Molla, residing at Vill.-Baganah, P.O.-P.S.-Bhangar, Dist.-South 24 Parganas, Pin-743502, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rafik Ali Molla (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, 24-Parganas(S), vide an affidavit 676719, dated 11/11/2025. Rafik Ali Molla (new name) and Md Rofiek Ali Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Shubash Samanta & Subhas Samanta (Old Name), Wife Of Ramkrishna Samanta, Residing At Vill-Po-Madhayahingli, Ps- Mahishadal, East Medinipur 721628, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shubash Samanta (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Shubash Samanta & Subhas Samanta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Chanchal Kumar Naskar (old name) son of Late Prafulla Naskar, residing at RC-29, Raghunathpur, Rajarhat Gopalpur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chanchal Naskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Chanchal Naskar (new name) and Chanchal Kumar Naskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Mahesh Mundhra (old name) son of Prem Ratan Mundhra, residing at 1 Jatindra Mohan Avenue, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahesh Kumar Mundhra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Mahesh Kumar Mundhra (new name) and Mahesh Mundhra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Zinat Afroja (Old Name), Wife Of Anisur Rahaman, Residing At 7/1 Andul Road, Po- Dansh Sk Lane, Ps - A.J.C Bose Garden, Howrah - 711109, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Zina Tafroza Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 3481 Sworn Before The Ld Executive Magistrate At Howrah On 21/01/2026. Zinat Afroja And Zina Tafroza Begam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE I, ARUN HALDER (Old Name), S/ O- CT-LENI MADHAB HALDER, R/ O- VIII.-Laksmi nathpur, P.O+P.S.-Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ARUN KUMAR HALDER (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court affidavit no. 895/ 26 dt. 06-12-2026. ARUN HALDER (Old Name) and ARUN KUMAR HALDER (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Benazir Abdul Rahaman, (New Name) Benazir Abdul (Old Name) D/o Abdur Rahaman Sahaji Residing at Kumarpur, Sohaj Kumarpur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743423 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Benazir Rahman Sahaji (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-02-2026. Benazir Abdul Rahaman, Rahaman Benazir Abdul (Old Name) and Benazir Rahman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, SK MOSAROF (old name) son of SK RABIYAL RESIDING AT VIII.+P.O- DU-ADANDA, P.S.- KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712613, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK MOSARAF (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. SK MOSARAF (new name) and SK MOSAROF (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Kusa Das (Old Name), Son Of Ramkrishna Das, Residing At Dakshin Bhattala, Po- Masjidhali, Ps- Basanti, South 24 Pgs- 743312., West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kusho Das (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Kusa Das And Kusho Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Banshikha Mondal (old name) wife of Chittaranjan Mondal, residing at Nayapati, F-8, 3rd Floor, BLG No-II, Sayantika Co-Op Hsg Society, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Banshikha Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Banshikha Mondal (new name) and Banshikha Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Sobha Mundhra (old name) wife of Mahesh Kumar Mundhra, residing at 1 Jatindra Mohan Avenue, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sobha Devi Mundhra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Sobha Devi Mundhra (new name) and Sobha Mundhra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Siddhartha Bantia (Old Name), Son Of Abhay Kumar Bantia, Residing At 1 Amardeep, Sarat Bose Road, Po-L.R. Sarani, Ps-Bhawani Pore, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Siddhartha Bantia (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Siddhartha Bantia And Siddhartha Bantia Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Asim Dutta (Old Name), S/o.- Ld. Iliban Krishna Dutta, R/o.- Bhatchala Colony, P.O.- Shripally, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713103, W.B. have change & shall henceforth be known as Asim Kumar Datta (New Name), vide Affidavit No. 373, dttd. 11.02.2026, before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman. That, Asim Dutta (Old Name) & Asim Kumar Datta (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, Benazir Abdul Rahaman, (New Name) Benazir Abdul (Old Name) D/o Abdur Rahaman Sahaji Residing at Kumarpur, Sohaj Kumarpur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743423 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Benazir Rahman Sahaji (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-02-2026. Benazir Abdul Rahaman, Rahaman Benazir Abdul (Old Name) and Benazir Rahman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Mohammad Kamal Akhtar (old name) son of Late Md Jamal Akhtar, residing at 8, Harin Bari Lane, P.S.-Bowbazar, Kolkata- 700073, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Kamal Akhtar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Md Kamal Akhtar (new name) and Mohammad Kamal Akhtar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Golam Ali (old name) son of Late Nur Ali Mondal, residing at KORA UTRAPARA, PO- KORA CHANDI-GARH, PS- MADHYAMGRAM, NORTH 24 PGS- 700130, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Golam Mohammad (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/02/2026. Golam Mohammad (new name) and Golam Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Sobha Mundhra (old name) wife of Mahesh Kumar Mundhra, residing at 1 Jatindra Mohan Avenue, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sobha Devi Mundhra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Sobha Devi Mundhra (new name) and Sobha Mundhra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Shankari Das (Old Name), Wife Of Biswajit Roy, Residing At 113, Ramkrishna Nagar Garcia, Kolkata-700084, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shankari Das Roy (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 17682 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 03/02/2026. Shankari Das And Shankari Das Roy Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Sk Abid Ali S/o Sekh Hasan Ali, declare that my father said name Sk Hasan Ali (father old name), residing at Vill- Huchukpara, Near Hotel Nest, Puriyala (M), P.O.- Puriyala, Dist.- Puriyala, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Sekh Hasan Ali (father new name), as declared before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit 3902, dated 04/02/2026. Sekh Hasan Ali and Sk Hasan Ali both are same and one identical person (my father)

Change of Name I, SUJIT KAR, S/o Mrigendra Kar, residing at Vill. Bhanipur, P.S. Tarakeswar, Dist. Hooghly hereby declare that my actual name is SUJIT KAR. That in my Aadhaar Card being no. 7209 4014 6558 inadvertently my name has been recorded as SUJIT KUMAR KAR in place of SUJIT KAR. That SUJIT KAR & SUJIT KUMAR KAR is same, one and identical person vide affidavit no. 3523, dt. 24.06.2025 sworn before in the Court of Judicial Magistrate, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Chandernagore.

Name Change I, Pranal Santra (old name) S/o. Pratap Chandra Santra, R/o. Bhagabati Banga, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Pranal Santra to Pranal Kumar Santra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Pranal Kumar Santra in all purpose. Name as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-02-2026. Pranal Santra (Old Name) and Sibsankar Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Shaik Imran (old name) wife of Sk Alauddin Ahmed, residing at Y-150, Kanthal Beria Road, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Nadial, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Shamima Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/02/2026. Sk Shamima Begum (new name) and Shaik Shamima Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Safik Mohammad (old name) son of Golam Mohammad, residing at KORA UTRAPARA, PO- KORA CHANDI-GARH, PS- MADHYAMGRAM, NORTH 24 PGS- 700130, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safik Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/02/2026. Safik Ali (new name) and Safik Mohammad (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Rabiya Bibi, W/o- Nasiruddin Molla, residing at Vill.- Baganepara, P.O.-Ghoragachha, P.S.- Harinagata, Dist.-Nadia, W.B., do hereby declare that I hold a Voter Identity Card (no. UHG1393982) where my name has been recorded as Gita Ghosh, D/o-Narayan Ghosh. On 26.12.2025 vide an affidavit (no. 08) before A.C.J.M (1st Class), Kalyani, Nadia, I affirm that Rabiya Bibi, W/o- Nasiruddin Molla and Gita Ghosh, D/o- Narayan Ghosh is the same & one identical lady i.e. myself.

Name Change I, Sakila (Old Name), Wife Of Julekar Ali Piyada, Residing At Vill- Fakir-takia, Po- F.S.Hat, Ps- Jibantala, South 24 Parganas- 743329, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sakila Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Sakila And Sakila Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Mamta Singh (old name) wife of Manoj Kumar Singh, residing at 1, Talalta Library Row, P.O.- Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mamta Sahani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Mamta Sahani (new name) and Mamta Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Md Shakil son of Late Md Qasim and husband of Sony Begum residing at 99 Jyaya Bibi Road, P.O. - Ghusrui, Police Station- Belur. District- Howrah-711107, state that my name written in my son Showheb Shakil's Madhyamik Registration and Admit Card as Md Shakeel and all other documents as Md Shakil. I hereby declare that both the name are same and one identical person and shall be known as Md Shakil for all the purpose. I have corrected my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Shakil as I have declared before the first class Judicial Magistrate at Howrah District Court vide Affidavit (SL-5) dated 12-02-2026.

Name Change IMADHUSUDAN MONDAL, Father's name NARAYAN CHANDRA MONDAL, Residing at 1/333 Kataganj Kalyani Nadia 741250 shall henceforth be known as MADHUSUDAN MONDAL as declared before the Notary Public. First class judicial magistrate Kalyani Court, Nadia, West Bengal. Vide affidavit No-41AAS04196 Dated-31/01/2026. MADHUSUDAN MONDAL and MADHUSUDAN MONDAL, both are same and identical Person.

NAME CHANGE I, Shaik Imran (old name) wife of Sk Alauddin Ahmed, residing at Y-150, Kanthal Beria Road, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Nadial, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Imran (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Sk Nur Islam (new name) and Shaikh Nur Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Champa Shah (Old name) Wife of Sancha Shah residing at Ayakar Abasan , I, D-26,110, Shanti Pally, P.O. - E.K.T.P., P.S.-Kasba, Kolkata-700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Champa Devi Shah (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 13/02/2026. Champa Shah (Old Name) and Champa Devi Shah (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Arobindu Halder & Arabinda Halder (Old Name), Son Of Late Gish Chandro Halder, Residing At 1736/6/1 Picnic Garden Road, Po-Tiljala, Ps- Kasba-700039, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arobindu Halder (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Indrajit Sukla And Indrajit Sukla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Saiful Islam (Old Name), Son Of Shamsul Huda Molla, Residing At Y-2/119, Satghara Road, Po-Badartala, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Saiful Islam Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Saiful Islam Molla And Saiful Islam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Saiful Islam (Old Name), Son Of Shamsul Huda Molla, Residing At Y-2/119, Satghara Road, Po-Badartala, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Saiful Islam Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Saiful Islam Molla And Saiful Islam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE I, Prashant Jha, son of Sri Samol Jee Jha, residing at 27/28, Sodepur Road, P.O & P.S: Haldopur, Kolkata: 700082 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my father's actual and original name is Samol Jee Jha. But inadvertently my father's name has been wrongly recorded in Madhyamik Pariksha in 2020 and Higher Secondary Examination in 2022 as SAMOLGEE JHA instead of Samol Jee Jha & B.Com (Hons), University of Calcutta in the Year of 2025 where my father's name has been wrongly recorded as SAMOL GEE JHA instead of Samol Jee Jha. By an affidavit in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Alipore on 24.12.2025 that Samol Jee Jha, SAMOLGEE JHA, SAMOL GEE JHA are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Mahamud Purkait, Son Of Late Gafar Purkait And Gofkar Purkait, Residing At Narkelberia, P.O.- Buruj, P.S.-Baduria, Dist- 24 Parganas North, Pin- 743401, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mamud Purkait (New Name). As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Basirhat On 10/02/2026. Mahamud Purkait (Old Name) And Mamud Purkait (New Name), Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE I, Shaikh Nur Islam (old name) son of Ezad Box, residing at NARIKEL SANDA, JAYER PANDUA, Hooghly Rural, 712149, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Nur Islam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Sk Nur Islam (new name) and Shaikh Nur Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Poonam Shah (Old Name), WIFE OF MUNNA SHAH, RESIDING AT Ayakar Abasan, I, D-26,110, Shanti Pally, P.O.-E.K.T.P., P.S.-Kasba, Kolkata-700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PUNAM SHAH (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. POONAM SHAH AND PUNAM SHAH BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Arobindu Halder & Arabinda Halder (Old Name), Son Of Late Gish Chandro Halder, Residing At 1736/6/1 Picnic Garden Road, Po-Tiljala, Ps- Kasba-700039, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arobindu Halder (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Arobindu Halder & Arabinda Halder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Guddu Kumar Singh (Old Name), Son Of Sambhu Singh, Residing At 1/1-17, Ramesh Dutta Street, Kolkata -700006, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Guddu Singh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Before In The Court Of The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 12/02/2026. Affidavit No. 20977. Guddu Kumar Singh And Guddu Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Mamta Singh (old name) wife of Manoj Kumar Singh, residing at 1, Talalta Library Row, P.O.- Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mamta Sahani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Mamta Sahani (new name) and Mamta Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Zahir Ahmed s/o Naseer Ahmed residing at Golbarz Railway Market PO Kharagpur PS Kharagpur (Town) Dist- Paschim Medinipur Pin 721301 shall henceforth be known as Zaheer Ahmed as declared before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate (1st class) Kharagpur, Paschim Medinipur vide affidavit no 1950 dt 12.02.26. Zahir Ahmed and Zaheer Ahmed both are same one and identical person.

Name Change I, Mohammed Shazuzzoha (Old Name), Son Of Late Hafiz Mohammad Yakub, Residing At Shankarpur, P.O.- Nabagram P.S.-Andal, Dist- Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713363, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Maulabi Md Samsuzzoha (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2026. Mohammed Shamsuzzoha (Old Name) And Maulabi Md Samsuzzoha (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE I, Aman Ali Saikh (old name) son of Sk Nur Islam, residing at NARIKEL SANDA, JAYER PANDUA, Hooghly Rural, 712149, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Aman Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/02/2026. Sk Aman Ali (new name) and Aman Ali Saikh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Poonam Shah (Old Name), WIFE OF MUNNA SHAH, RESIDING AT Ayakar Abasan, I, D-26,110, Shanti Pally, P.O.-E.K.T.P., P.S.-Kasba, Kolkata-700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PUNAM SHAH (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. POONAM SHAH AND PUNAM SHAH BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Arobindu Halder & Arabinda Halder (Old Name), Son Of Late Gish Chandro Halder, Residing At 1736/6/1 Picnic Garden Road, Po-Tiljala, Ps- Kasba-700039, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arobindu Halder (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/02/2026. Arobindu Halder & Arabinda Halder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Add stop of two exp trains at Bandikui

MI News Service, 13 Feb, 2026, 14.2.2026) will arrive Bandikui at 22:20 hrs. to leave at 22:22 hrs.

Downtime for preventive maintenance

MI News Service, 13 Feb, 2026, 15.2.2026 (from 00:30 hrs. to 01:15 hrs.). During the activity, PRS, UTS, PMS, RR, TTE Lobby, NTES, Current Booking, Charting and allied other activities will be affected over Six (6) Zones under Kolkata data centre.

Metro Railway, Kolkata. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project, Metro Railway, Kolkata for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tenders against Open Tender due to open on 09.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Eastern Railway's Power Play in last three months : Doubling Profits, Halting Waste

MI News Service, 13 Feb, 2026, Kolkata: Eastern Railway (ER) has reported a stellar financial performance for the final quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, bolstered by a sharp rise in passenger revenue and a commendable reduction in operational expenditure.

with the Video Wall at "Praful Dwar" and static advertisements at Kolkata Terminal securing more than 50% of the Reserve Price.

Simultaneously, between February 1 and February 10, 2026, the Malda Division auctioned 14 commercial assets for a cumulative contract value of ₹2,50,86,015.

A senior officer of Eastern Railway remarked that the combination of aggressive revenue generation and stringent cost-cutting has paved the way for a more sustainable financial model.

Aadhaar-Based Authentication, Multi-Layer Cyber security, and Anti-Fraud Measures Lead to Deactivation of 3.03 Crore Suspicious User IDs in 2025, Ensuring Seamless Booking for Genuine Users

MI News Service, 13 Feb, 2026, New Delhi: The reservation ticket booking system of Indian Railways is a robust and highly secure IT platform equipped with industry-standard, state-of-the-art cyber security controls.

during the last six months is asunder: Dec 2025 : Out of 14.28 billion requests, 07.25 billion were bots.

1. Aadhaar authentication to book tatkal tickets - To curb misuse and improve fairness in tatkal bookings, Aadhaar based One-Time Password (OTP) verification for online tatkal ticket booking has been introduced.

2. Application layer Security Control - Several application level security controls have been implemented including CAPTCHA (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) mechanism deployed at multiple levels to avoid scripting, Brute-Force Attack and also DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) attacks.

3. Network and Infrastructure Layer Security Controls - The entire ICT (Infrastructure & Communication Technologies) infrastructure has been deployed on high availability mode to minimize failures.

Use of multiple protective layers such as network firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, application-delivery controllers and web application firewall to safeguard the system against cyber threats.

For comprehensive cyber threat intelligence services, RailTel has been engaged to undertake Deep-DarkWeb Monitoring, Digital Risk Protection and improve incident response.

4. Physical Security Controls - The

Khanakul-II Development Block. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The BDO Kh-II, NIT No. 133/BDO Kh-II/2025-26 (3rd Call), Date: 10.02.2026.

Howrah Municipal Corporation Borough-V. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. E-Tender No. -TN/01/APAS/B-V/25-26, Date: 10.02.2026.

Kulpi Panchayat Samity. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. E-Tenders are hereby invited by the E.O. Kulpi vide NIT-158/KLPS/15th Fund (2nd Instalment)/2025-2026 & Tender ID: 2026\_ZPHD\_1005543.

Kulpi Panchayat Samity. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. E-Tenders are hereby invited by the E.O. Kulpi vide NIT-159/KLPS/15th Fund (2nd Instalment)/2025-2026 & Tender ID: 2026\_ZPHD\_1006579.

Kulpi Panchayat Samity. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. E-Tenders are hereby invited by the E.O. Kulpi vide NIT-160/KLPS/Pathshree/Rural Fund/2025-2026 (2nd Call) & Tender ID: 2026\_ZPHD\_1006117.

Office of the PROSADPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. NIT No. 10/PGP/15th FC/ Tied/2025-26. Date of publishing: 14/02/2026 from 10.00 a.m.

JAGADISHPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. Electronic Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide and resourceful bidders for different development works vide Tender Reference No.:- 1) WB/HOW/BJS/JGP-93/NIT-35/2025-26.

Indian Railways Triples Safety Expenditure Over a Decade from ₹39,200 Crore in 2013-14 to ₹1,17,693 Crore in 2025-26 Prioritising

MI News Service, 13 Feb, 2026, New Delhi: Safety is accorded the highest priority on Indian Railways. As a consequence of various safety measures taken over the years, there has been a steep decline in the number of accidents.

On Indian Railways, the expenditure on Safety related activities has increased over the years as under:- Expenditure/Budget on Safety related activities (Rs. in Cr.) : 2013-14: 39,200, 2022-23: 87,336, 2024-25: 1,14,022, 2025-26: 1,17,693.

Implementation of Kavach i. Kavach is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. Kavach is a highly-technology intensive system, which requires safety certification of highest order (SIL-4).

ii. Kavach aids the Loco Pilot in running of trains within specified speed limits by automatic application of brakes in case Loco Pilot fails to do so and also helps the trains to run safely during inclement weather.

iii. The first field trials on the passenger trains were started in February 2016. Based on the experience gained, Independent Safety Assessment of the system by Independent Safety Assessor (ISA), three firms were approved in 2018-

19, for supply of Kavach Ver 3.2. iv. Kavach was adopted as National ATP system in July, 2020. v. Implementation of Kavach System involves following Key Activities:-

a. Installation of Station Kavach at each and every station, block section. b. Installation of RFID Tags throughout the track length.

vi. Based on deployment of Kavach version 3.2 on 1465 Rkm on South Central Railway and experience gained, further improvements were made. Finally, Kavach specification version 4.0 was approved by RDSO on 16.07.2024.

vii. Kavach version 4.0 covers all the major features required for the diverse railway network. This is a significant milestone in safety for Indian Railways. Within a short period, IR has developed, tested and started deploying Automatic Train Protection System.

viii. Major improvement in Version 4.0 includes increased Location Accuracy, Improved Information of Signal Aspects in bigger yards, Station to Station Kavach interface on OFC and Direct Interface to existing Electronic Interlocking System. With these improvements, Kavach Ver.4.0, is planned for large scale deployment over Indian Railways.

ix. After extensive and elaborate trials, Kavach Version 4.0 has been successfully commissioned on 1297 Route Kilometres, covering the high density Delhi - Mumbai and Delhi - Howrah routes. On the Delhi - Mumbai route Kavach ver 4.0 has been commissioned on Junction cabin - Palwal - Mathura - Nagda section (667 Rkm) & Ahmedabad - Vadodara - Virar section (432 Rkm) and on the Delhi - Howrah route on Gaya - Saranantpur (93 Rkm) and Bardhaman - Howrah section (105 Rkm).

x. Further, track side Kavach implementation work has been taken up on 23,360 Rkm covering all GQ, GD, HDN and identified sections of Indian Railways.

xi. Progress of key items of Kavach on High density routes including Delhi - Mumbai & Delhi - Howrah corridors are as under: Laying of Optical Fibre Cable: 8570 Km. Installation of Telecom Towers: 938 nos. Station Data Centre: 767 station, Installation of Track side equipment: 5672 Rkm. Provision of Kavach in Loco: 4154

xii. Tender has been finalised for equipping 6,300 Electric Locomotives with Kavach version 4.0 and another tender for equipping 2,679 Diesel Locomotives is under finalisation.

xiii. Specialized training programmes on Kavach are being conducted at centralized training institutes of Indian Railways to impart training to all concerned officials. By now more than 48,000 technicians, operators and engineers have been trained on Kavach technology. This includes about 45,000 Loco Pilots & Assistant Loco Pilots. Courses have been designed in collaboration with IRISST.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED, DECEMBER 31, 2025. In compliance with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results of Golechha Global Finance Ltd ("the Company") for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2025 ("Financial Results") were reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective Meetings held on February 13, 2026. V. Goyal & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditors of the Company have issued the limited review report.

Special Trains From Sealdah & Asansol. To clear extra rush of passengers during ensuing Holi Festival, Special trains will run between Sealdah & Gorakhpur and Asansol & Gorakhpur as per following abstract timings, dates of run, stoppages and composition:-

Table with 7 columns: Day, Arr., Dep., Stations, Arr., Dep., Day. Rows for Sealdah - Gorakhpur (03131) (03132) and Gorakhpur - Sealdah.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Arr., Dep., Stations, Arr., Dep., Day. Rows for Asansol - Gorakhpur (03525) (03526) and Gorakhpur - Asansol.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Arr., Dep., Stations, Arr., Dep., Day. Rows for Asansol - Gorakhpur (03527) (03528) and Gorakhpur - Asansol.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Arr., Dep., Stations, Arr., Dep., Day. Rows for Asansol - Gorakhpur (03529) (03530) and Gorakhpur - Asansol.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Arr., Dep., Stations, Arr., Dep., Day. Rows for Asansol - Gorakhpur (03531) (03532) and Gorakhpur - Asansol.

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## Rheumatoid Awareness Day: 50% of Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Delay Diagnosis, Raising Risk of Permanent Joint Damage

**Kolkata:** DrAbhik Banerjee, Zonal Technical Chief East Zone, On the occasion of Rheumatoid Awareness Day, there is a serious concern over the growing number of people silently living with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Nearly 50% of patients fail to seek timely medical diagnosis, often dismissing early symptoms as stress, fatigue, or temporary joint pain. This delay is increasingly seen among young adults, resulting in avoidable joint damage and disability.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy joints, causing persistent inflammation.

DrAbhik Banerjee, Zonal Technical Chief East Zone, Apollo Diagnostic Kolkata said, "Genetic factors, hormonal changes, smoking, stress, and certain infections are known to increase the risk of developing the disease. Unlike common age-related arthritis, RA can affect people in their 20s-30s. Common symptoms include joint pain, swelling, stiffness, especially in the morning, fatigue, and weakness. Over time, untreated RA can lead to joint deformities and may also impact organs such as the lungs, heart, and eyes. The condition can permanently damage joints, reduce mobility, and affect daily activities, work produc-



tivity, and quality of life. The biggest challenge is that early symptoms are often mild and ignored. There is approximately 20% rise in rheumatoid arthritis cases among young and working-age adults aged 20-30, highlighting the growing burden of this autoimmune condition. Around 50% of people tend to ignore early symptoms of

rheumatoid arthritis, such as joint stiffness, pain, or swelling, and seek medical care only when symptoms start affecting daily life. 5 out of every 10 rheumatoid arthritis patients each month come at an advanced stage for testing, when joint damage has already begun, mainly because early symptoms were ignored or medical advice was

delayed. This delay puts them at a higher risk of irreversible joint damage and long-term disability."

DrAbhik further said, "A large number of patients continue to suffer silently because they do not recognise the early signs of rheumatoid arthritis or delay visiting a doctor. Many young adults believe joint pain is caused by long working hours, stress, or lack of exercise. Unfortunately, this delay allows inflammation to progress, leading to irreversible joint damage that could have been prevented with early diagnosis. Early testing is the most effective way to control rheumatoid arthritis and protect joints. Key diagnostic tests include Rheumatoid Factor (RF) and Anti-CCP antibody tests, which help confirm autoimmune involvement. ESR and CRP tests, which indicate the level of inflammation in the body, complete blood tests, to assess overall health and detect associated conditions and even x-rays, ultrasound, or MRI scans, which help identify joint inflammation and early damage even before deformities become visible. Timely testing allows us to start disease-modifying treatments early, which can slow disease progression, reduce pain, and preserve joint function. Regular monitoring through blood tests and imaging helps us adjust treatment and prevent flare-ups."

## Scientists find clue to human brain evolution in finger length: Study

**Washington DC [US]:** Human evolution has long been tied to growing brain size, and new research suggests prenatal hormones may have played a surprising role. By studying the relative lengths of the index and ring fingers, a marker of prenatal exposure to oestrogen and testosterone, researchers found that higher prenatal oestrogen exposure was associated with larger head size in newborn boys.

Human evolution is closely tied to a steady increase in brain size. New research suggests that this expansion may be partly influenced by pre-birth oestrogen levels, with an unexpected indicator in the length of our fingers. Professor John Manning, part of Swansea's Applied Sports, Technology, Exercise and Medicine (A-STEM) research team, has spent years studying what is known as digit ratio.

This measure compares the length of the index finger to the ring finger, a relationship called the 2D:4D ratio. Scientists have shown that this ratio reflects the balance of estrogen and testosterone a fetus is exposed to during the first trimester of pregnancy. When prenatal oestrogen lev-



els are higher relative to testosterone, the index finger tends to be longer than the ring finger. In these cases, the 2D:4D value is considered high.

In his latest study, Professor Manning worked with researchers from Istanbul University's Department of Anthropology. Their findings were recently published in the journal Early Human

Development. Because head circumference in newborns is strongly linked to brain size and later measures of intelligence, the research team examined both finger ratios and head size in a group of 225 newborns. The group included 100 boys and 125 girls.

The results showed a clear pattern in boys. Higher 2D:4D

ratios, which point to greater prenatal estrogen exposure, were associated with larger head circumference. This relationship did not appear in girls.

Professor Manning explained the broader significance of the findings. "This finding is relevant to human evolution because increases in brain size are found alongside feminisation of the

skeleton, what is known as the estrogenized ape hypothesis."

High values of 2D:4D in males have been found to be related to elevated rates of heart problems, poor sperm counts and predisposition to schizophrenia.

"However, increases in brain size may offset these problems. Thus, the evolutionary drive for larger brains in humans may inevitably be linked to reductions in male viability including cardiovascular problems, infertility and rates of schizophrenia," added Manning.

The researchers say the study adds to growing evidence that prenatal estrogen has played a positive role in shaping the evolution of the human brain, even if it came with biological costs.

Professor Manning's earlier work has also linked digit ratio to a wide range of outcomes. Past studies have explored connections between finger length and alcohol consumption, recovery after Covid-19 infection, and oxygen use in football players. Together, this research highlights how a simple anatomical trait may reflect powerful influences during early human development. (ANI)

## MRI scans show exercise can make the brain look younger: Study

**Washington:** New research suggests that regular aerobic exercise can help keep your brain biologically younger. Adults who exercised regularly for a year showed brains that appeared nearly a year younger than those who didn't change their habits.

The study focused on midlife, a critical window when prevention may offer long-term benefits. Even small shifts in brain age could add up over decades.

Looking after your brain is a process that unfolds over many years, and new findings from the AdventHealth Research Institute point to an encouraging option. Researchers report that sticking with a consistent aerobic exercise routine may help the brain remain biologically younger.

This effect could support clearer thinking, better memory, and overall mental well-being.

The research showed that adults who committed to a full year of aerobic exercise had brains that appeared almost a year younger than those of participants who did not change their level of activity.

Measuring Brain Age With MRI Published in the Journal of Sport and Health Science, the study examined whether regular aerobic exercise could slow or even reverse what scientists call "brain age."

Brain age is estimated using

magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and reflects how old the brain appears compared to a person's actual age. A higher brain-predicted age difference (brain-PAD) means the brain looks older, and earlier studies have linked this measure to weaker physical and cognitive performance and a higher risk of death.

"We found that a simple, guideline-based exercise program can make the brain look measurably younger over just 12 months," said Dr. Lu Wan, lead author and data scientist at the AdventHealth Research Institute.

"Many people worry about how to protect their brain health as they age. Studies like this offer hopeful guidance grounded in everyday habits. These absolute changes were modest, but even a one-year shift in brain age could matter over the course of decades," added Dr Lu Wan.

Inside the Year-Long Exercise Trial The clinical trial included 130 healthy adults between the ages of 26 and 58. Participants were randomly assigned to either a moderate-to-vigorous aerobic exercise group or a usual-care control group.

Those in the exercise group completed two supervised 60-minute workout sessions each week in a laboratory and added home-based exercise to reach



roughly 150 minutes of aerobic activity per week. This schedule aligned with the American College of Sports Medicine's physical activity guidelines.

Researchers measured brain structure using MRI scans and assessed cardiorespiratory fitness through peak oxygen uptake (VO2peak) at the start of the study and again after 12 months.

Exercise Linked to a Younger Looking Brain

After one year, clear differences emerged between the two groups. Participants who exercised showed a measurable decrease in brain age, while those in the control group showed a slight increase. On average, the exercise group saw their brain-PAD drop by about 0.6 years,

meaning their brains looked younger at the end of the study. The control group's brains appeared about 0.35 years older, a change that was not statistically significant. When compared directly, the gap between the two groups was close to one full year in favour of the exercise group.

"Even though the difference is less than a year, prior studies sug-

## GOBOULT Expands Mustang Partnership as It Targets Rs 3,000 Crore Revenue by FY27-28

**Kolkata:** GOBOULT, one of India's fastest-growing wearables and audio brands, has announced a multi-year growth strategy focused on premiumisation, profitability, and long-term brand strength. After closing FY25 with revenues of roughly 800 crore, the company is now growing toward



3,000 crore by FY27 - FY28. The strategy marks a shift away from discount-driven expansion toward a more focused and continually growing premium product portfolio. A key driver of the company's momentum has been a long-term partnership with Mustang, which has evolved into a core pillar of the company's premiumisation strategy. Now entering its third year, the partnership has expanded beyond audio into a broader ecosystem spanning wearables and audio. GOBOULT is the only Indian company to incorporate a global automotive performance icon like Mustang into an audio and wearable ecosystem. The partnership has influenced design decisions, material choices, and product experience rather than serving as a logo-led association. As part of this series expansion, GOBOULT today announced the launch of a new Mustang-led range comprising three smartwatches, Stallion, Racer, and Muscle, along with the Mustang Sprint TWS. The Mustang series marks an extension of GOBOULT's premium offerings and shows a clear signal of how the company is shaping its product roadmap. The portfolio has also gained steady traction, with Mustang-led products expected to scale from approximately Rs 2 crore to Rs 12 crore over the next phase. Varun Gupta, Co-founder, GOBOULT, said, "We are building toward a Rs 3,000 crore wearables and audio business by FY27 / FY28 after closing FY25 at roughly Rs 800 crore. What sets this next phase apart is how we're doing it. We are the first Indian wearables brand to build a deep, design-led partnership with a global automotive performance icon like Mustang. This experience and ecosystem is thoughtfully designed to reflect the DNA of a Mustang, with the intent to bring the confidence and character associated with Mustang into the everyday lives of consumers."

## Airtel launches new AI-powered protection from 'frauds caused by OTP leakages'

**Ranchi:** As part of its ongoing efforts to combat the menace of spam, Airtel, today, unveiled its innovative Fraud Alert, an AI-powered,



cutting-edge solution that delivers real-time protection to customers against the rapidly growing menace of One-Time-Password (OTP)-related bank frauds. Fraudsters exploit the urgency often associated with OTPs for day-to-day services like delivery, and dupe customers into sharing banking-transaction-OTPs, thereby exposing their account savings to the risk of fraud. Airtel's new AI-powered system identifies such potentially risky situations and warns the customers involved. Whenever a bank OTP is detected during a potentially risky incoming call, Airtel intervenes with a fraud alert check to the customer about the potential risk of giving consent for a banking transaction OTP to be delivered while they are still on the call. This powerful combination of AI-driven intelligence and human judgment gives customers the crucial time they need to think, verify, and stay firmly in control of their security, effectively closing the gap scammers exploit.

Why Exercise May Affect Brain Ageing

To better understand why exercise influences brain age, the research team examined several potential factors. These included changes in physical fitness, body composition, blood pressure, and levels of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a protein that supports brain plasticity. Although fitness levels clearly improved with exercise, none of these factors statistically accounted for the reduction in brain-PAD observed in the trial. "That was a surprise," Wan noted. "We expected improvements in fitness or blood pressure to account for the effect, but they didn't. Exercise may be acting through additional mechanisms we haven't captured yet, such as subtle changes in brain structure, inflammation, vascular health or other molecular factors."

Focusing on Midlife for Long-Term Benefits

Many studies on exercise and brain health focus on older adults, after age-related changes have already become more pronounced. This trial took a different approach, targeting people in early to mid-adulthood, when brain changes are harder to detect but prevention may offer greater benefits over time. "Intervening in the 30s, 40s and 50s gives us a head start. If we can slow brain ageing before major problems appear, we may be able to delay or reduce the risk of later-life cognitive decline and dementia," Erickson said.

What the Findings Mean Going Forward

The authors caution that the study involved healthy, relatively well-educated volunteers and that the changes in brain age were modest.

They note that larger studies and longer follow-up periods are needed to learn whether these reductions in brain-PAD lead to lower risks of stroke, dementia, or other brain-related diseases.

"People often ask, 'Is there anything I can do now to protect my brain later?'" Erickson said.

"Our findings support the idea that following current exercise guidelines -- 150 minutes per week of moderate-to-vigorous aerobic activity -- may help keep the brain biologically younger, even in midlife," concluded Erickson.

# Iranians rallied to declare their rights and dignity are not for sale: FM Araghchi

**MI News Service, Tehran:** In a post on his X account Thursday, Araghchi said that during the demonstrations on Wednesday, "millions of Iranians once again sent a clear message to the world that Iran's rights and dignity are not for sale."

He added that crowds of millions filled Iran's streets to commemorate the 47th anniversary of what scholars describe as "The Last Great Revolution of the 20th Century."

Araghchi noted that the decades following the Islamic Revolution have brought profound developments, particularly over the past 12 months.

"Over the last year alone, our people have been subject to an unprecedented attack by two nuclear-armed regimes and then a massive terrorist operation; yet the Islamic Republic of Iran has always stood strong," the top Iranian diplomat em-



phasized.

Israel launched an unprovoked attack in June 2025, just two days before the sixth round of Iran-US talks was scheduled in Muscat. The United States also joined the aggression and struck Iranian nuclear sites.

On June 24, Iran, through its successful retaliatory operations against both the Israeli regime and the US, managed to impose a halt to the unlawful aggression that killed at least 1,064 people in the country. Araghchi clarified that

Iran's resilience is rooted in reliance on its own people and not foreign regimes.

He voiced optimism that the upcoming Persian New Year beginning on March 21 would bring peace and tranquility, with dialogue triumphing over war.

The Iranian foreign minister once again reiterated the country's insistence on diplomacy, saying a deal on Iran's peaceful nuclear program is possible "but only if fair and balanced."

"To this end, Iran will not shy away from defending its sovereignty, whatever the cost," he pointed out. Following talks with Netanyahu on Wednesday, Trump said they reached no "definitive" agreement on how to move forward with Iran but he insisted negotiations with Tehran would continue to see if a deal can be achieved.

# 'Colonial eradication of Palestine': Iran condemns Israel's West Bank annexation push

**MI News Service, Tehran:** Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei on Thursday pointed to the continued killing of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank and "flagrant violations of human rights and humanitarian law," including "the continued unlawful detention of Palestinians in prisons and the severe torture of Palestinian prisoners."

He described these actions as "criminal conduct" carried out in line with a policy of "genocide against Palestinians and the colonial eradication of Palestine," and stressed "the shared responsibility of all governments to prevent the continuation of the genocide of the Palestinian people and the escalating seizure of their lands."

Baghaei said the "impunity" of the Israeli regime and the continued comprehensive support of the United States and cer-



tain European countries, particularly Germany and Britain, are factors behind the ongoing "genocide of Palestinians."

He also sharply criticized the inaction of the United Nations and other relevant international bodies regarding the Israeli regime's "colonial and expansionist policies."

The spokesperson reaffirmed the principled position of the Islamic Republic of Iran in supporting "the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestin-

ian people, especially the right to self-determination, liberation from occupation, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Al-Quds al-Sharif as its capital."

The Israeli regime has approved a series of sweeping measures in the occupied West Bank that Palestinians warn amount to a blatant breach of the Oslo Accords and a de facto annexation of Palestinian land.

The policy, announced by extremist finance minis-

ter Bezalel Smotrich and minister of military affairs Israel Katz, significantly alters governance in the West Bank, opening the way for expanded settlements, land seizures and the erosion of Palestinian civil rights.

The measures remove longstanding legal barriers for Israeli settlers, accelerate settlement expansion and extend Israeli military and "civil" authority into areas previously under partial Palestinian control.

Under the new measures, Israeli forces gain authority to enforce regulations on "unlicensed" Palestinian buildings in Areas A and B, often citing heritage or archaeological sites, enabling land confiscation and demolitions.

The policy lifts secrecy on West Bank land registries, allowing settlers to identify Palestinian landowners and purchase land directly, a move could accelerate land seizures.

## One Pair EMU Special To Run Between Howrah & Tarakeswar For Shiva Ratri Mela At Tarakeswar

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 :** One pair of EMU special train between Howrah & Tarakeswar will run on 15.02.2026 & (Sunday) & 16.02.2026 (Monday) to cope up with the expected heavy rush of visitors during the occasion of "Shiva Ratri Mela" at Tarakeswar. Howrah - Tarakeswar EMU Special will leave Howrah at 14:45 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 16:14 hrs. and Tarakeswar - Howrah EMU Special will leave Tarakeswar at 16:45 hrs. to reach Howrah at 18:15 hrs. Both the special trains will stop at all stations enroute.

## Russian astronomer proposes lunar archive to preserve human DNA

**MI News Service, St. Petersburg:** A Russian astronomer has proposed establishing a repository on the Moon to store human DNA and key achievements of civilization, local media reported on Friday.

Vladimir Surdin, a senior researcher at the State Astronomical Institute named after P. K. Shternberg, made the remarks at Darwin's Week held at the Novosibirsk State University. The proposed archive would include digital records of human history and culture, as well as human DNA, from which people could theoretically be reconstructed from cells.



He noted that the Earth already hosts similar preservation efforts, citing seed vaults such as the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. However, he warned that climate change is reducing the long-term reliability of such facilities. From a technical standpoint, Surdin said the project could be realized with existing technology.

## Egypt announces new gas, oil discoveries in Western Desert

**MI News Service, Cairo:** Egypt's Petroleum Ministry on Thursday announced new gas and oil discoveries in the Western Desert, with an expected daily output of about 34 million standard cubic feet, alongside over 5,200 barrels of crude oil and condensates.

The discoveries, made by four petroleum sector companies, are part of the ministry's ongoing efforts to offset natural production declines in older wells, reduce import bills, and boost domestic energy output.

Khaldia Petroleum Company, a major operator in Egypt's energy sector, discovered two new gas wells.

The first exploratory well, the North Opera-2, located in the Matrouh Develop-



ment area, is expected to produce 21.15 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and 3,274 barrels of condensate per day. The well is set to begin production by mid-February.

The second well, West El Dabaa-2x in the West El Dabaa concession, is testing at 4.15 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and 336 barrels of condensate per day.

Another well, GPD-1X, was discovered by General

Petroleum Company (GPC), an Egyptian national company, in the Sinan development area. It has already been tied into production with an expected daily output of 625 barrels of oil.

Meanwhile, Petro-Farah, in collaboration with its partner United Energy Egypt, and Agiba Petroleum Company have made additional discoveries.

Egypt has been trying to boost its oil and gas production amid a decline in natural gas output in recent years. In August 2025, Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly said Egypt's current natural gas production stands at 4.1 billion cubic feet per day and is expected to rise to 6.6 billion cubic feet per day by 2027.

## Britain announces new half-a-billion-pound aid package to Ukraine

**MI News Service, Brussels:** Britain announced a new half-a-billion-pound (680 million U.S. dollars) package for urgent air defense support to Ukraine on Thursday during a NATO defense ministers' meeting in Brussels.

"Today, I'm announcing a new half-a-billion-pound package of urgent air defense support, which is President Zelensky's top priority," said British Defense Secretary John Healey at a meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG).

He explained that 150 million pounds of the total will be allocated for air defense interceptors in the "Prioritised Ukraine Re-

quirements List" (PURL) program, a NATO-led U.S. arms-buying scheme, and 400 million pounds will be used for lightweight multi-role missiles.

In addition, Britain will provide an extra 1,200 air defense missiles together with its partners from the air defense consortium.

Healey also said that in 2025, the UDCG collectively raised 45 billion U.S. dollars in military aid for Ukraine, and for 2026, they "must do more and push harder." NATO defense ministers held a meeting here on Thursday to discuss issues including strengthening collective security in the Arctic and supporting Ukraine.

## Prayers in Memory of Pir Abdullah Siddiqui at Furfura



**Nurul Islam Khan:** On Friday, a special Isale Sawab gathering was held in memory of the beloved Pir of Furfura Sharif, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui (RA).

One of the prominent spiritual guides of Furfura Sharif, Alhaj Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Abdullah Siddiqui, passed away on February 5. He was laid to rest beside the gate of Dada Huzur's shrine after last Friday's Jumu'ah prayers. The younger son of Pir Hazrat Boro Huzur, he was involved in various social activities and associated with many educational

institutions. On this day, Pirzada Soban Siddiqui, Pirzada Mostafa Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, along with many other pirs, were present at the prayer gathering. Local residents as well as madrasa students attended the assembly. The Pir Sahib's only son, Pirzada Soban Siddiqui, led the prayers. He prayed for the welfare of the state and the country and called for the protection of democracy in the nation. In particular, prayers were offered to Allah seeking relief from the problems currently facing the Muslim community in the country.

## UP: 6-yr-old killed as Class 12 student rams car into auto, pedestrians

**MI News Service, Lucknow:** A six-year-old boy was killed, and four people were injured after a 21-year-old student returning from a farewell party rammed his car into an autorickshaw and pedestrians in the Banthra area of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, police said on Friday, February 13.

According to preliminary inquiry, the speeding car hit an autorickshaw before ploughing into people walking along the roadside near a Hanuman temple at around 6 pm on Thursday, February 12.

The injured were identified as 12-year-old Armaan, Awadh Bihari, aged 40, Sadhana Verma, aged 35, Meena Devi, aged 60, and six-year-old Dikshant Patel. All were taken to a hospital for treatment, police said.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) of Krishna Nagar, Rajneesh Verma, told PTI that the



driver, identified as Gaurab Singh, has been taken into custody and a First Information Report (FIR) has been lodged on charges of reckless driving and endangering life.

The accused, a class 12 student, was returning with four friends from a farewell party when the accident occurred. He allegedly borrowed the car

from a friend and possessed a valid driving licence, according to police.

Singh had claimed that he got "confused" between the brake and accelerator pedals and that a tyre burst, leading to the accident, police said, adding that his claims are being verified.

The incident comes days after several people

were injured when a speeding Lamborghini, allegedly driven by the son of a prominent tobacco trader, rammed into pedestrians and two-wheelers on the VIP Road in Kanpur's upscale Gwaltoli area.

The CCTV footage from the scene shows the car speeding through the street and hitting a bike in full force.

## Conversion Of Rake Into LHB Of 12885/12886 Shalimar-Bhojudih-Shalimar Aranyak Express

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 :** For enhanced passenger safety, comfort and improved travel experience, the conventional ICF rake of 12885/12886 Shalimar-Bhojudih-Shalimar Aranyak Express is being converted into LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches. The conversion will be effective from 23.02.2026 both from Shalimar and Bhojudih.

LHB coaches are equipped with modern technology, offering improved safety features, superior riding comfort and suitability for higher speed operations. These coaches have enhanced suspension systems, advanced braking mechanisms and improved passenger amenities, ensuring a smoother and safer journey.

South Eastern Railway remains committed to providing modern and upgraded railway services to its valued passengers.

## Shalimar-Visakhapatnam-Shalimar Holi Special Trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 :** It has been decided to run Holi Special trains between Shalimar-Visakhapatnam-Shalimar as per following schedule:

08508 Visakhapatnam-Shalimar Holi Special will leave Visakhapatnam on every Wednesday from 03.03.2026 to 17.03.2026 at 11.20 hrs and will reach Shalimar at 03.00 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08507 Shalimar-Visakhapatnam Special will leave Shalimar on every Tuesday from 04.03.2026 to 18.03.2026 at 05.00 hrs and will arrive Visakhapatnam at 20.50 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Santragachi, Kharagpur and Baleshwar in SER jurisdiction.

## Shalimar-Charlapalli-Shalimar Holi Special Trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata, 13 Feb.26 :** It has been decided to run Holi Special trains between Charlapalli-Shalimar-Charlapalli as per following schedule:

07512 Charlapalli-Shalimar Holi Special will leave Charlapalli on 26.02.2026, 01.03.2026 & 05.03.2026 at 05.40 hrs and will reach Shalimar at 11.20 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 07513 Shalimar-Charlapalli Special will leave Shalimar on 27.02.2026, 02.03.2026 & 06.03.2026 at 12.45 hrs and will arrive Charlapalli at 21.50 hrs, the next day.

## At least 6 killed, 1 injured in shooting in western Ecuador

**MI News Service, Quito:** At least six people were killed and another injured on Thursday morning in a shooting in a rural area of Ecuador's western province of Manabi, local authorities said.

The attack occurred in the municipality of Santa Ana, where a group of gunmen broke in a house and fatally shot six residents, according to preliminary investigations.

A woman, who was seriously wounded in the assault, has been transferred to a hospital in Portoviejo, the capital of Manabi.

## Allahabad HC stays Ghazipur hotel forgery case against Mukhtar Ansari's sons, extends bulldozer stay in Hamirpur

**MI News Service, Allahabad:** The Allahabad High Court has provided interim relief to Abbas Ansari and Umar Ansari, sons of the late Mukhtar Ansari, in the long-pending Ghazipur Ghazal Hotel forgery case. Justice Sumeet Gopal issued the order this week on a petition seeking to quash the entire criminal proceedings.

The court stayed all actions in the trial court until the next hearing on February 24, 2026, and granted the Uttar Pradesh government a final chance to file its reply.

The case stems from an FIR lodged on September 19, 2020, at Kotwali Police Station, Ghazipur, accusing Afsha Ansari (Mukhtar Ansari's wife), her sons Abbas and Umar, and 12 others of constructing the Ghazal Hotel on the basis of a forged deed. Proceedings are currently before the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court in Ghazipur.

Petitioners' counsel argued that continuing the trial was unjustified and



pressed for quashing the case. After initial arguments, the High Court directed no further steps in the lower court pending the state's response.

A legal expert noted that the interim stay offers temporary protection to the petitioners while the High Court scrutinizes the matter fully, with the final decision hinging on detailed submissions.

A family supporter expressed confidence in the judiciary, hoping the hearing would reveal the truth. The order is viewed as significant, halting a case pending since 2020 for thorough judicial review.

In a separate matter, a Division Bench comprising

Justices Atul Sridharan and Siddharth Nandan extended the interim stay on alleged bulldozer demolitions in Hamirpur.

The court emphasized that authorities may pursue legal action as per law but cannot carry out demolitions without its permission while the case is sub judice. It stressed adherence to due process, preventing executive overreach during judicial pendency.

A lawyer in the case highlighted the court's stance: illegality can be addressed lawfully, but demolitions require proper procedure. Both cases will proceed on dates set by the respective benches.

## Ancient mosques, churches and monuments damaged in Gaza war

**MI News Service, Gaza City:** "These were the best days," Elbaz said, as he recalled promenading through the lively markets around the mosque before the Israel-Hamas war. "This place transports us from one era to another."

Today, much of the mosque stands in ruins — like most of Gaza — after being hit by Israeli strikes in the two-year war muffled by an uncertain ceasefire. The sight of the rubble brings to mind "a tree that had been uprooted from the land," said Elbaz, a Palestinian heritage consultant involved with recovery work at the site.

Israel's military offensive killed over 72,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, and erased entire extended families.

Gone too is some of the heritage of a land with a rich history going back to ancient times. The mosque was built on a site where a Byzantine church had stood, and changed hands and even religions as one



invader followed another.

With major military operations halted, Palestinians are gaining a clearer picture of the destruction. Some organizations are trying to save what they can at historical sites, even as full-scale restoration — and the broader reconstruction of the territory — face major obstacles.

Israel launched its offensive after Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians,

and took another 251 hostage in the October 7, 2023, attack. The military accuses Hamas of concealing military assets beneath or near heritage sites, as well as other civilian structures.

The UN cultural agency, in an ongoing assessment based on satellite images, says it has verified damage to at least 150 sites since the start of the war. They include 14 religious sites, 115 buildings of

historical or artistic interest, nine monuments and eight archaeological sites.

The centuries-old Saint Porphyrius Orthodox church complex, which had been sheltering displaced Palestinians, was also hit in an Israeli attack early in the war, causing deaths and injuries. The military said it had targeted a nearby Hamas command centre. UNESCO said the church complex was moderately damaged.

## T20 WC: Junaid, Aryansh shine as UAE down Canada by 5 wickets in Delhi

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : A phenomenal five-wicket haul from Junaid Siddique, coupled with a fiery half-century from opener Aryansh Sharma, helped UAE topple Canada by five wickets in its ICC T20 World Cup clash at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium on Friday.

With this win, the UAE is in third place in Group D with one win and one loss, behind New Zealand and South Africa, who have won both their games. With matches left against South Africa and Afghanistan, the UAE is still in contention for a Super Eight spot. However, that outcome is far less likely for Canada, which has lost both of its matches so far.

Canada won the toss and elect-



ed to bat first.

Canada was down to 38/3 in 5.1 overs, and it was a 58-run stand between Navneet Dhaliwal (34 in 28 balls, with four boundaries) and Harsh Thaker (50 in 41 balls, with two fours and three sixes) that offered some stability. Shreyas Movva (21 in 21 balls, with two fours) played a decent cameo, powering Canada to 150/7 in 20 overs, a modest total, with Junaid (5/35) being the pick of the bowlers.

During the run-chase of 151 runs, Aryansh was in the thick of the action, but the pair of skipper Muhammed Waseem (4) and Alishan Sharafu (5) and middle-order batters Mayank Kumar (4)

and Harshit Kaushik (5) were removed quickly, reducing UAE to 66/4 in 12.3 overs.

Aryansh stabilised things by joining forces with Sohaib Khan (51 in 29 balls, with four boundaries and four sixes), taking the team to the brink of a win with an 84-run stand until Sohaib was undone on the third ball of the final over. Aryansh (74\* in 53 balls, with six fours and three sixes) kept his cool and took his team to a win with two balls and five wickets left.

Saad Bin Zafar (3/14 in four overs) was the pick of the bowlers for Canada, while Jaskaran Singh and Kaleem Sana also got a wicket.



## ICC's cricket 4 Good Clinics bring fans closer to Men's T20 World Cup 2026 stars

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The ICC's Cricket 4 Good initiative has delivered a series of cricket clinics during the International Cricket Council Men's T20 World Cup 2026, engaging young fans across multiple locations as part of the ICC's global community outreach program.

Delivered alongside the tournament and featuring teams participating in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, the clinics provided children with opportunities to engage directly with international players, develop cricketing skills, and experience the confidence, joy, and life values that sport brings, according to a release.

The sessions reflect the ICC's commitment to harnessing the power and reach of cricket to create a positive and lasting impact on children and families worldwide.

At the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, the Cricket 4 Good clinic, in partnership with Team India, offered children a memorable and immersive cricketing experience.

They participated in interactive on-field activities, learned basic cricket skills, and engaged closely with the players during a special meet-and-greet session.

The clinic also included photo opportunities and informal interactions, giving young fans a rare chance to connect with their heroes and experience the values of teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship firsthand.

The Mumbai venue also hosted a Cricket 4 Good clinic with Team USA, England, West Indies & Nepal, where children participated in cricket-based activities and enjoyed meet-and-greet interactions with the players.

In Chennai, the Cricket 4 Good programme featured clinics with Afghanistan players at the High Performance Centre and with New Zealand players at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. Players from both teams spent time play-

ing cricket with children and engaging in informal interactions, and the New Zealand clinic also welcomed children with special needs, reflecting the initiative's inclusive focus.

The clinics continued at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, where children connected with the Italy team through cricket-based activities, and at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, where young fans interacted with the Namibia team, enjoying the opportunity to play cricket and spend time with the players.

In Colombo, Cricket 4 Good clinics were delivered across several venues. At the Sinhalese Sports Club Cricket Ground, children participated in sessions with Oman, while the Colombo Cricket Club Ground hosted a clinic with Pakistan. A further clinic was held at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium, where Australia engaged with young fans through cricket activities and meet-and-greet sessions.

Cricket 4 Good is the ICC's global Corporate Social Responsibility initiative and umbrella programme for community outreach, reflecting the ICC's ongoing commitment to the Spirit of Cricket and its vision of making cricket the world's favourite sport.

Delivered in partnership with UNICEF, the initiative supports children's rights, inclusion, and wellbeing, and works across key focus areas including nutrition and child development, water, sanitation, and hygiene, quality education, adolescent empowerment, child protection, and child health.

Through Cricket 4 Good, the ICC and UNICEF continue to leverage the platform of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, while also working with local community organisations and partners to deliver activities that extend beyond tournaments, creating lasting, meaningful impact for children and families around the world.

## Target Asian Games 2026: Indian fencers get world-class facility at NSNIS Patiala



PATIALA (PUNJAB) : Indian fencers praised the newly built High-Performance Centre here at the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports on Thursday, saying it will give a massive boost to the specialised Olympic sport.

Developed at an estimated total cost of Rs 22.83 crore, the high-performance centre features state-of-the-art infrastructure that provides an international-standard training environment for athletes, according to a press release from SAI Media.

The HPC houses a fully functional, multipurpose indoor fencing hall, supporting integrated sports science services, advanced strength and conditioning facilities, and structured athlete recovery under one roof. The multipurpose indoor hall is equipped with international-standard infrastructure, including pistes and electronic scoring systems, enabling a high-performance, competition-simulated training environment for fencers. A 24-member Indian senior sabre team, including 12 men and 12 women, is currently training under head coach Sagar Lagu at the new High-Performance Centre at NSNIS Patiala with an eye on winning medals at this year's Asian Games in Japan. Praising the world-class facility, Sagar, who also doubles up as Chief Coach for the Fencing Association of India (FAI), told SAI Media: "Multipurpose halls are there at other SAI facilities also, but having an exclusive hall dedicated to fencing with all equipment at one place is something that makes it one-of-a-kind in the entire country. With my experience, I can say it is the best facility in India as of now. This HPC

was opened just 20-25 days ago, and we started off with a national camp for the Asian Games the moment it was handed over to us. Currently, 12 men and 12 women for sabre discipline are training here for the Asian Games."

Fencing is currently in a developmental phase in India, with steady and visible improvement at the international level. India has not won a medal at the Asian Games till date, with the biggest star being Bhavani Devi, who qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and remains the only fencer from the country to have won a medal at the Senior Asian Championships, securing a bronze medal in the individual event in 2023.

Currently, India has three fencers ranked in the Top 100 in the world, including Bhavani Devi (Women's Sabre - WR 59), Karan Singh (Men's Sabre - WR 75) and Taniksha Khatri (Women's Epee - WR 86).

2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championship bronze medallist KP Gisho Nidhi, who serves as a Subedar in the Indian Army, won gold in men's sabre at the 36th Senior National Fencing Championship last year and is targeting a medal at the upcoming Men's Sabre Grand Prix (May 1 to 3, 2026) in South Korea and Men's Sabre World Cup (May 22 to 24, 2026, in Egypt) in the run-up to the Asian Games.

The Tamil Nadu athlete said that the new HPC is the only exclusive facility for fencing in India and is no less than facilities in Germany and Hungary.

"I have come to NSNIS Patiala for the first time for a national camp. I have been to the Army Sports Institute in Pune and the

SAI Aurangabad centre previously. It feels great to be training at this newly-built HPC. All fencers were talking to each other, saying that this facility is of international standard. I have trained at such multipurpose fencing halls in Germany and Hungary, and this looks no less than that. According to my understanding, I don't think there is an exclusive facility for fencing like this one," KP Gisho Nidhi told SAI Media.

The HPC also includes a dedicated Strength and Conditioning Hall, equipped with modern resistance training systems and functional training zones, and multidisciplinary services such as Sports Anthropometry, Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics, Sports Psychology, etc. facilitating data-driven performance optimisation, injury prevention, and evidence-based rehabilitation.

Another sabre fencer, Vishal Thapar, who won bronze at the 2018 Commonwealth Championships in Canberra, Australia, said that having an HPC in the sport will make a world of difference for the performance of upcoming athletes.

"I am part of fencing since 2006 and must say that the SAI centre has undergone massive changes till now. Having a High-Performance Centre in fencing will make a huge difference. The upcoming athletes will be provided these facilities from the grass-root level, at the start of their careers, this was unimaginable in my time. They will be getting all kinds of guidance and training including specialised coaches, strength & conditioning, physios, doctors, recovery systems. This will take Indian fencing to the next level," Vishal Thapar told SAI Media.

Junior fencer Sanya from Sangrur district in Punjab said the focus on recovery systems makes the new HPC one of a kind in the world.

"When I came to NSNIS Patiala for the first time in 2015, there weren't so many facilities for us fencers, they are far better than even European facilities. One doesn't find nutrition, accommodation, recovery and all the international standard equipment under one roof, which we find here at this HPC. We get hydrotherapy for recovery here, which we also get in Europe. An ice bath used to be part of it, but hydrotherapy is its advanced version, which SAI is providing us here. In all, this is the best centre for fencing in the world," Sanya told SAI Media.

## Asian Rifle/Pistol C' ship: India tops charts with 94 medals as tournament concludes



NEW DELHI : India topped the medal standings in commanding fashion, securing a total of 94 medals, including 51 gold, 23 silver and 20 bronze, as the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship, New Delhi 2026, concluded here at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range on Friday. The hosts added six gold, three silver, and four bronze on the final day of competition to establish their commanding position on the continent.

On the final day, Indian shooters swept the podium in the 25m centre fire pistol and 25m pistol junior events, while also adding three medals in the 50m rifle prone women senior and junior events. They also added four gold medals in the team events to end the championship on a high note, as per a National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) press release.

In the 25m centre fire pistol, Amanpreet Singh clinched gold with a final score of 589-24x over the precision and rapid stages. Olympian Gurpreet Singh won silver with a score of 584-20x, and Ankur Goel won the bronze with a score of 570-11x. The trio also combined to win the team gold.

Suraj Sharma continued his fine start to the year by winning gold in the 25m Pistol Junior event with a score of 585-25x while Mukesh Nelavali secured another medal in the championship, this time a silver, after shooting 582-21x. Deaflympics medallist Abhinav Deshwal won bronze with a score of 573-17x. The trio also won the team gold in the event.

In the 50m Rifle Prone event, Olympian Sift Kaur Samra won silver with a score of 623.2, while 2010 World Champion Tejaswani Sawant won an excellent bronze, five years after she won an international medal. Yelizaveta Bezrukova of Kazakhstan won gold. Sift and Tejaswani, along with Manini Kaushik, combined to win team gold for India.

In the junior category, Dhavalika Devi Nyamurus secured a bronze medal with a score of 614.1; Kazak shooters Tomiris Amanova and Darya Ponomarenko won gold and silver respectively. The trio of Prachi Gaikwad, Anuska Thokur and Devi combined to win the team gold.

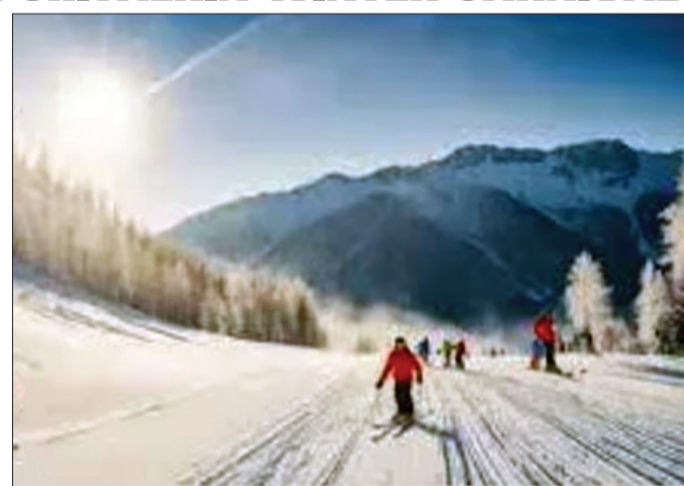
## UTTARAKHAND: SHITALKIN WINTER CARNIVAL BEGINS IN AULI

AULI (UTTARAKHAND) : Auli witnessed the inauguration of the Shitalkin Winter Carnival and the National Skiing Championship on Friday.

Uttarakhand Minister Satpal Maharaj inaugurated the games by lighting the ceremonial lamp. A total of 17 teams are participating in the Winter Carnival and the National Skiing Championship at the world-famous Auli.

More than 300 players are taking part in these Winter Carnival and National Skiing Championship events.

Uttarakhand Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj, while speaking to the reporters, said, "Today, the Winter Carnival is being inaugurated in Auli. I have announced that this carnival will be held every year. We want to make Auli a hub for the Winter Games. We



are committed to that. This event will provide employment to the youth. It will boost local entrepreneurs."

The Auli Skiing Winter Carnival and National Winter Games Championship 2026 will be held from Feb 13 to 16 at Auli in

Chamoli district. National-level competitions in Alpine skiing, snowboarding and ski mountaineering (Skimo) will be held during the four-day event.

Perched at 2,500-3,050 m, Auli is one of India's premier skiing spots, boasting long, natural slopes and perfect winter conditions. Auli offers panoramic views of some of India's highest peaks, including the second-highest, Nanda Devi (7,816m).

It is also the gateway to the Nanda Devi and the Valley of Flowers National Park, including the Hemkund Sahib gurdwara, and to popular trekking destinations such as Gorson Bugyal, Pangerchulla Summit, and Tapovan. In addition to Auli, Uttarakhand has several other ski destinations, including Dayara Bugyal, Munsiyari, and Mundali.

## "Lot of things have improved since last time": Sjoerd Marijne on his return as India women's hockey team coach

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Indian Women's Hockey Team coach Sjoerd Marijne, under whom the team clinched a historic fourth-place finish at the Olympics, has returned with a renewed vision and a focus on team unity ahead of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Qualifiers next month.

The coach under whom India missed their first-ever Olympic medal by a whisker at the Tokyo Games said he was delighted by his reappointment in January and hoped to steer the team to victories.

Asked about India's chances of making it into the top five in international rankings, Marijne emphasised the importance of steady daily efforts. "I don't have control over the outcome. But I have control of what we do day and night. And how we work with the team," he told ANI.

The World qualifiers, scheduled from March 8 to 14 in

Hyderabad, will provide his first opportunity to test his resolve.

"Very good changes in the side. Many things have improved since the last time. Besides that, I feel very welcome coming back to India," he told ANI in an interview. Hockey India announced Marijne's appointment on January 2, a month after Harendra Singh resigned as the Indian women's hockey team head coach. During his first stint (2017-2021), he had guided the team into the top 10 of the FIH world rankings for the first time and steered India's silver medal win at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

The Dutchman highlighted the structured approach in the Indian team's preparations for the Asian Games. "We are progressing step by step. I am working with the girls on their fitness, team unity, and technical aspects. Slowly, the whole staff will be completed. So I'm happy with that," Marijne,



who is also a motivational speaker, said.

Marijne will be supported by former Argentine midfielder Matias Vila as Analytical Coach. Vila represented Argentina in the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympics and has over two decades of coaching experience.

The India hockey women's head coach noted significant improvements in infrastructure and support since his last stint. "I have a hockey office, gym, and the food is good. Hospitality is very, very good. Hockey India is familiar with my working style, and that has worked in the past really well," Marijne said.

The 51-year-old former Dutch hockey player said he was not hindered by any language barrier when speaking with the players. "I must say 80% speak English. That works really well for me. A lot of them are studying. So I'm also happy with that. To put the mind, not always thinking about

hockey. So those are good improvements," he said.

He said he also enthusiastic about integrating new players and tracking emerging talent. "I have already seen a lot of them playing. I did my research last year by watching all matches, including the Junior World Cup and the Hockey India League. So when I arrived, I almost knew every girl," he said.

The former Dutch forward emphasised the importance of domestic leagues like the Hockey India League in raising the game's standards. "It gives girls exposure. It brings girls into contact with stars worldwide. It's like if we're now playing against Argentina and Agustina Gorzelany is there, it's a familiar face for the girls. They will greet her. They will not stay at a distance. They learn to work with other coaches who give them other ideas about tactics," Marijne explained.

On preparations for the World Cup Qualifiers, Marijne spoke of a meticulous approach. "It's going well. But of course I'm coming late. There have been changes. We have worked on the selection to narrow it. The foreign and specialist coaches have all arrived. We are working toward that stability. A lot of girls, when we came in, their fitness level was not at its best. We need to closely monitor the individual approach to managing this. Loads of training. But I'm happy with Wayne Lombard (Scientific Advisor and Head of Athletic Performance), Rodet Yila and Ciara Yila (both in the role of Scientific Advisor). The main focus is on qualifying."

The Indian women's team is set to clash with Uruguay in their first fixture of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Qualifiers on March 8 in Hyderabad. They will take on Scotland on March 9 and Wales on March 11 at the same venue.