LakshmirBhandar, Yuvashree Applications at Camps from Feb 15

The West Bengal government is set to launch a series of constituency-based camps across the state from Sunday, allowing eligible beneficiaries to apply for multiple welfare schemes, including fresh applications for the LakshmirBhandar scheme. The initiative will be rolled out in every Assembly constituency from February 15 to February 26, excluding government holidays. As announced earlier by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the camps will accept applications for the Yuvashree (Yubasathi) scheme, annual financial assistance of Rs 4,000 for agricultural labourers, and waiver of water tax for farmers for irrigation purposes. It has now been confirmed through government advertisements in various newspapers that new applications for LakshmirBhandar will also be accepted at these camps. At present, nearly 2.42 crore women in the state are receiving financial assistance under the LakshmirBhandar scheme.

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MODI makes a historic landing at ELF

MI News Service, Guwahati: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday made a historic landing at the first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) of the northeast aboard the C-130J aircraft in Assam's Dibrugarh district.

Modi took off from the Chabua airfield after his arrival and landed at the ELF in Moran on a stretch of National Highway-37. The Rs 100-crore ELF, a 4.2-km reinforced stretch

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on the Moran Bypass, inaugurated by the PM, will act as a strategic runway for IAF fighter jets and transport aircraft, strengthening defence, logistics and disaster response, officials said. The facility can serve both civil and military purposes, offering an alternative to the Dibrugarh airport in case of emergencies, they added. The PM was received at the ELF by chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh, and other ministers of the Assam cabinet. After landing, Modi drove to the nearby venue, where he watched an aerial display of IAF fighter and transport aircraft along with helicopters. The PM waved to the crowd that had gathered to witness the event. He was welcomed with a traditional 'Muga gamosa' and felicitated by Sarma with the Assamese 'Japi' (headgear), a portrait of the last Chutia queen Sati Sadhini, and a memento from the IAF by the Air Chief Marshal. "It is with great honour that I welcome Adarniya @narendramodiji to Assam. Each visit of Pradhan Mantriji is marked by historic achievements for Assam as the state takes huge leaps towards being an #AtalAvichalAgragami Assam," the CM posted on X.

Mamata, Abhishek Pay Tribute to CRPF Jawans Martyred in Pulwama Attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday paid homage to the 40 CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack, asserting that their sacrifice will never be forgotten by the nation.In a post on X, the Chief Minister said, "I salute today the brave CRPF jawans who were victims of the Pulwama incident on this day in 2019." She remembered the fallen soldiers and conveyed her respect for their courage and dedication in the line of duty.The 2019 terror strike in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district remains one of the deadliest attacks on Indian security forces in recent history. Forty personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were killed when a suicide bomber targeted their convoy, triggering nationwide outrage and grief.Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee also paid tribute to the martyrs, describing the day as one of the darkest chapters in India's recent history. In a separate message, the Diamond Harbour MP said the sacrifice of the 40 brave personnel is permanently etched into the conscience of the nation."On this day in 2019, India witnessed one of the

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Mamata Banerjee

In a single moment of terror, families were shattered, futures were stolen and the entire country was united in grief

Abhishek Banerjee

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel lay a wreath to pay homage to the CRPF soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty during a ceremony to mark the seventh anniversary of the Pulwama attack at the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Lethpora camp, in Srinagar on Saturday.

CM Pays Tribute to Thakur Panchanan Barma, Highlights Initiatives for Rajbanshi Welfare

MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid tribute to great Rajbanshi reformer Thakur Panchanan Barma on his birth anniversary, recalling his immense contribution to the upliftment of the Rajbanshi community. In a message shared on social media, the Chief Minister offered her respectful homage and outlined a series of initiatives undertaken by the state government to preserve his legacy and promote the socio-cultural development of the community.She stated that the government remains committed to strengthening Rajbanshi culture and ensuring that the memory of Thakur Panchanan Barma is permanently honoured. In his name, Panchanan Barma University has been established in Cooch Behar. Additionally, a second campus of the university has been set up at Khalisamari, his birthplace. His ancestral residence has been renovated and transformed into the Panchanan Barma Museum and Research Centre, where a full-length statue of the social reformer has also been installed. The state government has further declared his birth anniversary as an official holiday.Highlighting broader welfare measures, the Chief Minister said multiple development projects have been undertaken for the overall progress of the Rajbanshi community. In memory of the historic 'Narayani Sena' of Cooch Behar, a special 'Narayani' battalion has been formed within the state police force.The government has granted official language status to Rajbanshi, along with recognition to Kamtapuri, Santali, Kurukh, Kurmali, Nepali, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and Telugu. Initiatives have also been taken for the development of the Sadri language. To preserve and promote Rajbanshi heritage, dedicated bodies such as the Rajbanshi Development Board, Rajbanshi Cultural Academy, Rajbanshi Language Academy and Kamtapuri Language Academy have been constituted. Nearly 200 Rajbanshi schools have received government recognition, she added.Paying homage to Koch-Rajbanshi icon Bir Chilarai, the Chief Minister mentioned that a 15-foot bronze statue of the warrior has been installed at Baburhat in Cooch Behar. His birth anniversary has also been declared a government holiday in North Bengal. Recognising the historical and cultural significance of the Koch-Kamtapuri-Rajbanshi heritage, the Chief Minister further announced that the entire Cooch Behar town has been accorded the status of a Heritage City.

Smt. @mamataofficial paid her respects to the great reformer today, acknowledging his unparalleled contribution to the Rajbanshi community and to Bengal's social awakening.

PM inaugurates BRAHMAPUTRA BRIDGE EMERGENCY LANDING FACILITY in Assam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu at Lachit Ghat, Guwahati, on Saturday.

MI News Service, Guwahati: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was welcomed with cultural performances in Guwahati on Saturday as he began a day-long visit to Assam, where assembly elections are due in a few months.

Performers representing various communities and tribes of the state lined the road from the Kamakhya Gate area to the Kumar Bhaskarvarma Setu as Modi travelled to Lachit Ghat to inaugurate several projects, including a new bridge over the Brahmaputra. Cultural troupes performed on specially erected platforms along the route, while the prime minister waved at them from his car as the convoy moved slowly.

One of the key projects inaugurated during the visit was the Rs 3,030-crore Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu, a six-lane bridge connecting Guwahati with North Guwahati. The bridge, built over the Brahmaputra, is the first extradosed Prestressed Concrete (PSC) bridge in the Northeast. After the inauguration, Modi took a walk on the structure. Assam governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma were present on the occasion. Earlier in the day, the prime minister landed in Chabua and inaugurated the Northeast's first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) at Moran in Dibrugarh district.

Later, he made a landing at the 4.2-km facility aboard a C-130J aircraft after taking off from the Chabua airfield. Built at a cost of nearly Rs 100 crore on a stretch of National Highway-37, the ELF has been developed in coordination with the Indian Air Force to support both military and civil aircraft during emergencies. It will also function as an alternative landing site to Dibrugarh airport if required. An aerial display followed the inauguration. A Sukhoi-30 MKI took off first, followed by a Rafale fighter jet. The IAF's An-32 transport aircraft performed a 'touch and go'. Three-aircraft formations of Sukhoi-30 MKI and Rafale flew in succession, with one of each landing at the facility while the others executed overshoots. Advanced Light Helicopters

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VALENTINE'S DAY: MAMATA posts quoting TAGORE

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee shared messages on Valentine's Day.Banerjee quoted Rabindranath Tagore's poem Ananta Prem to express

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India-USA trade pact targets $500 bn trade by 2030: PIYUSH GOYAL

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday said the interim trade agreement framework finalised between India and the United States will factor in India's growing energy requirements and help the country access crude oil at more competitive prices. Addressing reporters, Goyal said both countries have agreed to work towards scaling up bilateral trade to USD 500 billion annually by 2030, with the government actively pursuing measures to achieve this goal. He noted that the proposed trade volume would include India's energy imports such as crude oil, LNG and LPG.

"India is the fastest-growing large economy in the world, and its energy demand is rising by around 7 per cent annually. Increasing imports and having more suppliers would help India secure crude oil at more competitive prices," Goyal

said. Last week, India and the US announced a framework for an interim trade agreement aimed at boosting two-way commerce through reciprocal tariff reductions. Under the arrangement, the US will lower tariffs on Indian goods from 50 per cent to 18 per cent. In return, India will eliminate or significantly reduce import duties on all US industrial goods, along with a broad range of American food and agricultural products. Highlighting the energy and industrial implications of the pact, the minister said India currently produces around 140 million tonnes of steel annually and expects output to double in the coming years. Meeting this target will require substantial imports of coking coal, presently valued at about Rs 1.50 lakh crore and projected to rise to Rs three lakh crore.

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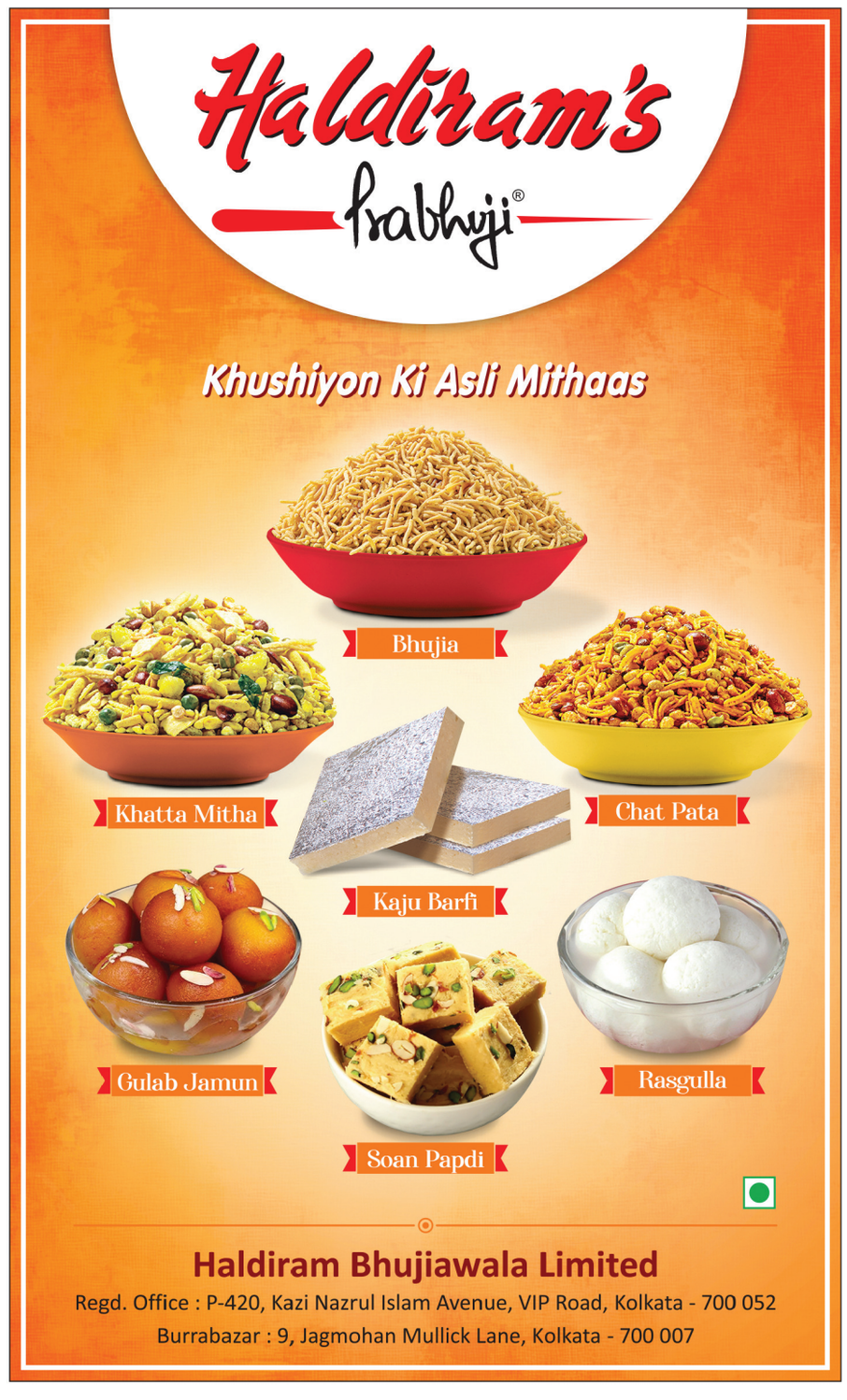
Goyal pointed out that India is presently dependent on two to three countries for coking coal supplies, and diversifying sources would ensure competitive pricing as well as greater supply security. He further said the US holds strength in infrastructure, connectivity and distribution-related products, areas in which India seeks greater access to support expansion in sectors such as data centres. India's information technology exports currently stand at around USD 200 billion, or Rs 18 lakh crore, he said, adding that access to advanced US equipment could significantly accelerate growth and potentially increase IT exports to nearly Rs 45 lakh crore.



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Jerry-Tom bloomed spring flowers in the garden, Green-Maroon start ISL campaign with victory

Mohun Bagan and Kerala Blasters players in action at Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Saturday during the opening match of ISL.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant player Jamie Maclaren celebrates after scoring goals with other players during the ISL match between Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Kerala Blasters at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Saturday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mohun Bagan won by 2 goals and left the field with 3 points. They could have won by more goals. The strikers' wasted opportunities will keep Lobera worried. On the afternoon of Valentine's Day, two rivals Mohun Bagan and Kerala Blasters clashed at Yuva Bharati. The green-maroon team won 2-0 on the day of their return to glory in this field with the ISL. Sergio Lobera won in his first match as Mohun Bagan's head coach.

The green-maroon brigade started the day in an aggressive mood. In the 5th minute, Robson-Dimi's duel was seen. In the 12th minute, Mohun Bagan had a chance from Liston's cross. Dimi could not keep the shot on goal. In the 13th minute, Dimi took a long-range shot. In the 19th minute, Brazilian Robson entered the box with a unique skill. In the 21st minute, Aniruddha Thapar had a long-range shot. The shot went high like a ball. Although Mohun Bagan had the majority of the ball, the goal was not coming.

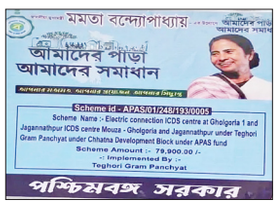
Going against the pace, in the 26th minute, Kerala also had a great chance. Vishal Keith saved the field. However, after that, the green-maroon attacked again. In the 31st minute, Liston's impeccable free kick was saved by goalkeeper Sachin. In the 35th minute, Jamie McLaren broke the deadlock. McLaren scored with a left-footed shot from Dimi's pass. The Aussie star scored 12 goals last season. He continued that scoring streak this season as well. After taking the lead, the Lobera Brigade presented more energetic football. In the 38th minute, Robson took a shot from outside the box. The gap did not increase thanks to the goalkeeper. The next minute, another chance came. Two more chances came before the end of the first half, but no goals were scored from there.

Mohun Bagan maintained the same trend in the second half. Despite the chances in the 52nd and 60th minutes, Dimi and Jimira could not increase the gap. In the 67th minute, Colasso took a shot just outside the box. In this case too, he remained goalless. However, Kerala created several chances in this half. Although the Bagan defense was kept in check by Subhasish Basu, Abhishek Singh Tekcham, Alberto, Mehtab Singh. In the added time of the second half (90+6 m.), substitute Tom Alldred doubled the gap. In the end, Mohun Bagan won by 2 goals and left the field with 3 points.

Project funds diverted: Bankura villagers cry foul

MI News Service, Bakura: Allegations of large-scale irregularities in the implementation of a state-funded development scheme have surfaced in Bankura's Chhatna block, triggering protests from villagers and sparking a fresh political confrontation between the Trinamool Congress and the BJP. The controversy centres around the 'Amader Para, Amader Samadhan' (Our Neighbourhood, Our Solution) project in Gholgariya and Jagannathpur villages, which fall under the BJP-run Teghari Gram Panchayat.

According to residents, villagers had convened a formal village parliament meeting, as mandated under the scheme, and unanimously resolved that allocated funds would be used to pave a stretch of road in Jagannathpur village, provide electricity connections and wiring



in two ICDS centres in Jagannathpur and Gholgariya, and install a high-mast light at the Harimandir in Jagannathpur. The resolution was reportedly submitted in writing to the Gram Panchayat. However, locals allege that once the proposal reached the Panchayat office, the approved works were altered without their knowledge. Instead of completing the electricity connection and wiring at the two ICDS centres, high-mast lights were allegedly installed there. Residents claim the funds earmarked for both works were withdrawn, but the original projects were not executed as decided. The issue escalated when officials from the Chhatna Block Development Office (BDO) visited the villages to probe the matter. Villagers confronted the team, accusing local authorities of diverting public funds and disregarding the collective decision of the gram sansad. Residents have alleged that the Gram Panchayat head and the construction assistant, in collusion with the contractor, deliberately changed the nature of the work to facilitate embezzlement of project funds. While both the construction assistant and the Panchayat head have admitted to lapses in monitoring and supervision, they have categorically denied any financial misappropriation. The incident has since snowballed into a political flashpoint. The president of the Trinamool-run Chhatna Panchayat Samiti has alleged that the BJP-controlled Teghari Gram Panchayat acted in a manner that tarnishes the image of the state government. He has demanded a thorough investigation and stringent action against those found guilty. In response, BJP leaders have accused the Trinamool Congress of orchestrating a political conspiracy aimed at framing the BJP Panchayat chief and members with fabricated allegations in order to force defections. As tempers flare and accusations intensify, the demand for an impartial probe grows louder. For villagers of Jagannathpur and Gholgariya, however, the central question remains unchanged: why were their democratically decided development priorities altered — and where has the allocated money gone? Authorities are yet to announce a formal inquiry.

Toddler kidnapped, rescued in 12 hours

MI News Service, Birbhum: In a swift and decisive operation, Rampurhat police rescued a one –and –a –half –year –old girl within 12 hours of her abduction, arresting the accused from Murshidabad late Wednesday night. The child was allegedly kidnapped on Wednesday afternoon from Panisail village under Rampurhat district.

According to police sources, the accused, identified as Ibrahim Sheikh, a resident of the Iron area under Suti Police station in Murshidab, entered the victim's home posing as a relative before fleeing with the toddler. Family member immediately approached Rampurhat police station upon discovering the child missing. Acting on the complaint, police launched an urgent investigation and began tracking the sunset's movement. Within hours, officers traced Ibrahim Sheikh to the Jangipur bus stand area in Murshidabad, where he was rescued safely around 10 pm on Wednesday and brought back to Rampurhat police station. The accused was produced before the Rampurhat Sub –Divisional Court on Thursday. Speaking to reporters, the child's uncle, Rakman Sheikh, described the chilling our house claiming to be related our grandmother. He stayed from some time. Later, he took the childs in his arms saying he was going to a nearby shop. When they didn't return, we realized something was wrong and rushed the police," he said. The incident has triggered serious concerns over security lapses, particularly how a stranger could gain access to the household and win the family's so easily. Meanwhile, the accused has reportedly claimed during preliminary questioning that the child's mother asked him take the toddler – a statement investigation are examining closely. Rampurhat police have launched a comprehensive probe a uncover the full circumstance behind the abduction, including whether the act was premeditated and if others were involved. The rapid recovery of the child has drawn praise locally, but the case has also raised disturbing questions about child safety and trust within rural communities. Further investigation is underway.

Art Celebrated at Kolkata Police Club

Sangeet Bharati Dr. Dipashri Pal was felicitated, along with other dignitaries, at Classic Creative Art's 1st Live Painting Competition, presented by Banga Classic Group and organized by Banga Classic Publishers. The event, held at the Calcutta Police Club, was attended by Gouranga Kuila, Dr. Debdut Ghosh Thakur, Shantanu Chattopadhyay, and Chanchal Ghosh. Dr. Tapash Kanti Ghosh and Snehadiya played pivotal roles in organizing the programme

Smart helmet increased road safety under awareness in Kharagpur

MI News Service, Kharagpur: In West Medinipur district, Medinipur District Police and Kharagpur Traffic Guard started an innovative social initiative in front of Jagannath Temple Chowk in Kharagpur city, in which the helmets of bike riders were made "smart". It is known that on this Valentine's Day, not only love but also the message of safety and responsibility was seen in the city. Under this initiative, blood test of bike riders was done and their blood group was marked on the helmets. Besides, the contact number of a family member was also recorded on the helmet, so that immediate information can be given in case of any emergency. OC Sangeet Roy of Kharagpur Traffic Guard said that often due to lack of information about the identity and blood group of the person injured in road accidents, there is delay in treatment. The aim of this initiative is to ensure that safety of human life remains the priority in case of an accident. This social campaign was appreciated by the young bikers and the local people. People believe that if it is implemented on a large scale, many precious lives can be saved in road accidents. OC Sangeet Roy of Kharagpur Traffic Guard says that this initiative is not limited to just following the traffic rules, but it is an example of youth awareness and social responsibility. In the future, such campaigns will be implemented in other areas in a phased manner. OC Sangeet Roy's team as well as Traffic Inspector Kharagpur Jayanta Majhi, on the occasion of Valentine's Day, This initiative gave the message that love is not just limited to emotions but can also be manifested in the responsibility of life and safety.

New variety of rose launched in name of 'Operation Sindoor'

MI News Service, West Midnapore: To mark the anniversary of the Pahalgam incident, the Army has named a special red rose variety 'Operation Sindoor' during Valentine's Week. This name has been kept as a symbol of bravery and indomitable courage.

Army officers including Brigadier Sudhir Sodhi of Eastern Command unveiled this new variety in the flower market after the permission of the Home Ministry. After this, this rose is available for sale in the market.

It is known that this hybrid variety has been developed in Pushpanjali Rose Garden located in Jakpur, Kharagpur. Its creator Pranbir Maiti had developed many special species of roses even before this. These are named after important places in the country, including Rashtrapati Bhavan. This red and fragrant rose has 30 to 35 petals. Its height ranges from 120 to 150 centimeters. And it blooms throughout the year. This variety is full of disease resistance and can be planted both in a pot or directly in the soil.

It was told that Pranabir Maiti had initiated a Rose Garden project near the Tulip Garden in Jammu and Kashmir last year and had also held several rounds of talks with the Chief Minister's office there. However, this project got delayed due to 'Operation Sindoor'. Later Maiti contacted the Army, after which a proposal came forward to develop a special rose and dedicate it in the name of the mission. Maiti and her family and the local community are proud to be associated with this initiative. Maiti said, "We had prepared a new variety of rose and shared it on social media. After this, we got a proposal to add it to the name of the mission. It is a matter of pride for us to unveil it in the presence of the army. It is an honor for me to dedicate a flower in the interest of the country."

Cognizant posts strong Q4, full-year 2025 results, beats guidance across key metrics

MI News Service, Kolkata: Cognizant has reported strong fourth-quarter and full-year 2025 financial results, exceeding its guidance on revenue, margins and earnings, supported by steady demand for AI-led digital services and large deal wins. The company posted fourth-quarter revenue of $5.3 billion, up 4.9 per cent year-on-year, or 3.8 per cent in constant currency.

India Hosts First BRICS Sherpa/ Sous-Sherpa Meeting Under Its Chairship

MI News Service, Kolkata: The first BRICS Sherpa/Sous-Sherpa Meeting began in New Delhi on 9th February, marking a significant step in advancing the agenda under India's BRICS Chairship. The three-day meeting, which will conclude on 11th February, has brought together senior representatives from BRICS member countries to discuss key priorities, coordination, and cooperation within the grouping.

"Not Indian" shock: 2,000 Howrah residents get EC notices

MI News Service, Howrah: In a development that has triggered widespread anxiety and a fierce political confrontation, nearly 2,000 residents of the Madhya Howrah Assembly constituency have received notices from the Election Commission branding them as "Non-Indian Citizens" and directing them to appear before a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) hearing centre.

The notices, which question the citizenship status of long-time residents, have raised serious concerns over procedural transparency. Most strikingly, the section meant to identify the complainant carries only the vague entry "West Bengal" — with no specific name, designation or verifiable details. The absence of a clearly identifiable complainant has fuelled allegations of irregularity and sparked what opposition leaders have termed a "manufactured citizenship scare." Residents who received the notices appeared before the hearing centre, where their documents and credentials were reportedly verified. However, the damage in terms of public alarm had already been done. Many described the shock of being suddenly labelled a "non-citizen" despite possessing valid voter IDs and other official documents for years. The issue has swiftly escalated into a political flashpoint. CPI leader and advocate Sabyasachi Chatterjee visited the hearing centre earlier this week to seek clarification on the basis of the notices. Trinamool Congress leaders were also present, and a heated altercation reportedly broke out between representatives of the two camps. The confrontation underscored the rising political temperature surrounding the controversy. Addressing a press conference later, Chatterjee alleged that the notices were part of a "deliberate conspiracy" by the ruling establishment. He claimed that fear was being systematically instilled among voters, only to later offer political reassurance and extract loyalty. "This is a calculated attempt to intimidate citizens and malign the Left," he said, adding that the matter may be taken to the Supreme Court.

Fatal Road Accident on National Highway 12: Pickup Driver Killed, Three Injured

MI News Service, Dhubulia: One person was killed and three others injured after a dumper truck rammed into a stationary pickup van on National Highway 12 in the Bahadurpur area of Dhubulia, under Krishnanagar in Nadia district, on Saturday morning. The accident caused a prolonged traffic disruption along the busy highway.

According to police and local sources, the pickup van, loaded with bananas, was traveling from Palashipara to Bandel in Hooghly district. Near Bahadurpur, the vehicle reportedly developed a mechanical fault, forcing the driver to stop on the highway. The driver and three accompanying persons were attempting repairs when a dumper truck approaching from behind lost control and crashed into the stationary van with great force.

The pickup driver, identified as Ratan Mondal (approximately 45), a resident of Ishwarchandrapur under Palashipara police station, sustained critical injuries. Local residents rushed to the scene and transported the victims to Shaktinagar District Hospital, where doctors declared Mondal dead on arrival.

Three others-Baban Mondal, Bidhan Mondal, and Manik Mondal, all residents of Bijaynagar in Palashipara-were injured in the collision and are currently undergoing treatment.

Authorities are investigating the incident. The accident led to a long traffic jam on NH-12 before normal movement was restored.

₹25 lakh toilet in empty field turns liquor den

MI News Service, Purulia: A public toilet complex at a cost if 25 lakh in Purulia district has become a symbol of alleged administrative apathy and questionable planning –standing unused in a deserted field, reportedly reduced to a gathering spot for drinking. Constructed with funds from the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the facility was completed on March 3, 2023, and was virtually inaugurated by CM Mamata Banerjee.

Equipped with tiled interiors, water tanks, solar panels, and an electrical connection, the structure was intended to serve the public. Nearly three years later, it remains locked, neglected, and largely unknown even to early residents. The toilet stands in an islolated stretch under the BJP –run Hura Gram Panchayat in Purulia. According to locals, no habitation exists within a one –kilometer radius of the site. "It is not known for whom the toilet was built. Why was it constructed in an uninhabited area, leaving populated zones?" questioned several residents. Many claim they were unaware of its existence until recently. With no maintenance or security in place, the facility has fallen into disrepair. The installed solar panels have reportedly been stolen. Electrical fitting have been stripped, leaving behind only switched on the board. By evening, locals allege, the titled complex turns into a makeshift liquor den in the otherwise deserted area. Resident argue that if the toilet had been constructed near the Hura Block intersection, it could have served commuters and villagers effectively. Instead, the allege, public funds have been wasted on infrastructure that has never been operational. The head of the BJP –run Hura Gram Panchayat has reportedly acknowledged that there is no residential population in the immediate vicinity of the structure. When contacted, Purulia Zilla Parishad President Nivedita Mahato declined to comment on the issue. Meanwhile,. TMC Hura Block President Subhas Mahato said, "If any irregularities r misdeeds are going on, we are looking into the matter." The incident has triggered sharp questions over site selection, accountability, and monitoring of publicly funded infrastructure projects. As the tiled complex gathers dust in an empty field, residents are left asking whether 25 lakh of public money has been flushed away without purpose.

Life imprisonment for attempt to rape and murder

MI News Service, Nabadwip: Justice has finally been served in a heinous crime that occurred seven years ago. In Nabadwip, the Krishnanagar District Court has sentenced the convicted accused to life imprisonment in the case of raping a minor girl and attempting to murder her father. Additional Sessions Judge pronounced the sentence on Friday. Along with this, a fine of Rs.10 thousand has been imposed. In case of non-payment of the fine, an additional two years of imprisonment has been ordered.

Although the court convicted the accused on Thursday, the sentencing was pronounced. On Friday afternoon, the judge delivered the final verdict with a strict punishment.

According to police sources, the convict was a neighbour of the young girl.

According to court sources, on June 28, 2018, in the Nabadwip police station area, a Class XII minor girl stepped out of her house at night. The accused allegedly covered her mouth and forcibly took her to his house. There, he confined her and raped her multiple times throughout the night, as per the allegations. When the girl's father tried to rescue her, he was also beaten. Both were rescued in a seriously injured condition and admitted to the local hospital.

Government lawyer Anindya Chakraborty stated that after the incident, a case was registered against the accused under sections for rape of a minor and attempt to murder. After a long trial process, the verdict in this case was pronounced on Friday.

The victim's family has expressed satisfaction with the court's decision.

According to some in the legal community, this verdict after seven years of legal battle has provided some relief and a sense of justice to the victim's family, while sending a strong message against such crimes in society.

BSF handed over educational aids to students near Bangladesh border

MI News Service, Barunhat: 74th BSF Battalion conducted a civic action program on 13/02/2026 at 12 noon, with the students of Gyan Pradeep Pratibandhi Ashram and School run by Joygram Social Welfare Society at the Barunhat Primary School grounds next to Barun Camp. Through this civic action program, educational aids were handed over to 80 students with special needs. The educational aids included school bags, water bottles, tiffin boxes, notebooks, pens, pencils, chairs, tables, dustbins, white boards, ceiling fans, and sports equipment for the school.They were handed over by Ariful Islam Mandal, founder of Joygram Social Welfare Society, Papia Sultana, headmistress of Gyan Pradeep Pratibandhi Ashram and School, and Afsar Gazi, special project co-ordinator. Also present were the society's treasurer, Maruf Billa Gazi, and many others. The commandant of 74th BSF Battalion said that he feels blessed to be able to hand over educational aids to students with special needs.

Rs 12.5 lakh Approved for renovation of dilapidated auditorium in Dantan

MI News Service, West Midnapore: Funds have been sanctioned for the renovation of the auditorium which was in a dilapidated condition since the Left regime in Khadrui area under Dantan number two block of West Medinipur district.

Rajya Sabha MP Saket Gokhale has allocated an amount of about Rs 12.5 lakh for the reconstruction and repair work of the auditorium located at Khadrui. This information was given by Dantan-2 Block Panchayat Samiti Executive President and Block Trinamool Congress President Sheikh Iftekhar Ali in a press conference. He said that this auditorium was in a dilapidated condition for a long time, due to which the local people were facing inconvenience in organizing social, cultural and government programs.

According to local sources, during the Left regime around the year 2008, this auditorium with about 300 seats was started with the name 'Khudiram Smriti Bhawan'.

After the change of government in the state, the building started falling into disrepair due to lack of maintenance. The demand of the area residents was to renovate the building and make it usable again. The local administration had sent a proposal to the state government in this regard.Abhirup Bhattacharya, BDO of Block No. 2 Dantan, Sheikh Iftekhar Ali, Executive Head of Forest and Land Department of Panchayat Samiti and other officials inspected the auditorium.

Officials said that the repair work will be started soon. There is an atmosphere of happiness among the people of the area as the amount has been approved. Local citizens believe that the reopening of the auditorium will promote social and cultural activities.

Poverty's prey: 9 –year –old raped, abandoned

MI News Service, Malda: In a chilling case that has stunned West Bengal's Malda district, police arrested two youths on Friday for the brutal sexual assault of 9 –year –old boy, who was savagely dumped unconscious in a secluded litchi orchard after the attack. The victim, a impoverished schoolboy living with this grandparents, was rescued five days after the crime, his private parts grievously injured.

On the morning of February 7, patrolling officers in Kaliach area stumbled upon the child lying motionless amid the litchi tress. Unconscious and unidentified at hospital, where medical examination confirmed the heinous assault. "The senior police severe and targeted," a senior police officer revealed, underscoring the premeditated savagery. Initial probes drew a blank on the boy's origins, but dogged investigation pieced together the nightmare. The child hailed from a destitute family, vulnerable and alone—easy prey for predators exploiting their helplessness. Sources confirmed the accused lured him to the isolated "lichubagan" (litchi garden), subjected him to unspeakable violation, and callously abandoned him to his fate.Malda police invoked suo motu cognizance, registering a case under relevant sections of the POCSO Act and IPC. Breakthrough came after relentless raids and tips: the duo was nabbed late Thursday. One suspect, police disclosed, was a brown sugar addict, hinting at deeper societal rot fueling such depravity. Identities remain withheld to safeguard the probe, but both were produced before a local court today. Prosecutors seek a Test Identification (TI) parade to seal the evidence chain.The boy's condition has stabilized, enabling tentative statement recording—a critical step in this travesty of justice. "We won't rest till these monsters face the gallows," vowed Malda SP, vowing zero tolerance.This outrage exposes the lurking perils in rural Bengal's underbelly, where poverty and addiction breed monsters. As the court weighs police remand, Malda reels—demanding swift retribution for a child's shattered innocence. Will justice prevail, or will shadows claim another victim?

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Bomb Scare on Dumdum-Shillong IndiGo Flight After Threat Note Found

MI News Service, Kolkata: Panic gripped Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Dumdum on Saturday morning after a bomb threat note was discovered inside a Shillong-bound IndiGo flight just before take-off. The aircraft was scheduled to depart at 9:15 am when airline staff found a handwritten note inside the lavatory claiming that a bomb had been planted on board and that the entire airport would be blown up.

Following the discovery, all passengers were immediately deboarded and moved to an isolation bay. Security at the airport was tightened, and the CISF bomb squad, along with fire brigade officials, launched a thorough search operation inside the aircraft. As a result, the flight could not depart as scheduled. Airport sources said senior officials are investigating who placed the note and whether the threat was genuine or a hoax. No alternative flight arrangements had been announced at the time of reporting, leaving passengers anxious. The incident comes amid a recent rise in bomb threats targeting flights across the country, further heightening security concerns.

VALENTINE'S DAY: MAMATA posts quoting TAGORE

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enduring, selfless love for the people, while Irani used Instagram to highlight the importance of self-love and inner peace. Banerjee wrote, "Tomarei jeno bhalobashiyachi shoto rupe shotobar/ Jonome jonome juge juge onibar [I seem to have loved you in a hundred forms, a hundred times, In every birth, in every age, unceasingly]." Valentine's Day, the chief minister said, is a celebration of love in all its forms and manifestations, in its widest and noblest sense; love that transcends caste, creed, class, and religion. "It is this spirit of love that has guided my journey in public service. A love for the people strong enough to withstand storms, patient enough to listen, and bold enough to fight for justice and dignity. Happy Valentine's Day! May love be long-lasting," she wrote.

PM inaugurates BRAHMAPUTRA BRIDGE EMERGENCY LANDING FACILITY in Assam

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carried out Special Heli-Borne Operations by dropping commandos at the airstrip and later demonstrated relief and medical evacuation drills. Chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had earlier said that around 16 aircraft would participate in what he described as the first such "elaborate" exercise at an ELF. Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh was also present. In Guwahati, Modi also virtually inaugurated the temporary campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Guwahati. Approved last year, it is the second IIM in the Northeast after IIM Shillong and the 22nd in the country. The prime minister also inaugurated the National Data Centre (NDC) for the northeastern region at Amingaon in Kamrup district. The facility, with a total sanctioned load of 8.5 MW and an average rack capacity of 10 kW per rack, will host mission-critical applications of various government departments and act as a disaster recovery centre for other NDCs. Additionally, Modi flagged off 225 electric buses under the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme. Of these, 100 buses have been allocated to Guwahati, 50 each to Nagpur and Bhavnagar, and 25 to Chandigarh.The prime minister was also scheduled to address booth-level party workers before returning to New Delhi.

Kolkata Mayor, Firhad Hakim (Bobby), inaugurated newly inducted vehicles and machinery for the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Department to enhance urban cleanliness, fire risk mitigation, and disaster preparedness. The addition of modern infrastructure is expected to boost public safety, improve air quality, and strengthen efficient solid waste management services across Kolkata. The programme was attended by Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh, the Municipal Commissioner, MMICs Debabrata Majumder, Sandipan Saha and Ashim Basu, and Borough XVI Chairperson Sudip Polley, along with councillors and officials, in Kolkata on Saturday.

Lakshmir Bhandar, Yuvashree Applications at Camps from Feb 15

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government is set to launch a series of constituency-based camps across the state from Sunday, allowing eligible beneficiaries to apply for multiple welfare schemes, including fresh applications for the LakshmirBhandar scheme. The initiative will be rolled out in every Assembly constituency from February 15 to February 26, excluding government holidays.

As announced earlier by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the camps will accept applications for the Yuvashree (Yubasathi) scheme, annual financial assistance of Rs 4,000 for agricultural labourers, and waiver of water tax for farmers for irrigation purposes. It has now been confirmed through government advertisements in various newspapers that new applications for LakshmirBhandar will also be accepted at these camps. At present, nearly 2.42 crore women in the state are receiving financial assistance under the LakshmirBhandar scheme. Based on fresh applications, an additional 20.62 lakh women have recently been brought under its coverage. In the interim state budget presented recently, the Mamata Banerjee-led government enhanced the financial assistance under the scheme. Beneficiaries from the general category will now receive Rs 1,500 per month instead of Rs 1,000. Women belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories will receive Rs 1,700 per month instead of Rs 1,200. Applicants for LakshmirBhandar will need to submit copies of their Aadhaar card, caste certificate, the first page of their bank passbook, and a recent photograph.

The upcoming camps will also mark the first time that applications are being accepted for the Yuvashree scheme following its announcement. Unemployed youth between the ages of 21 and 40 years will be eligible to apply. Applicants must have passed Madhyamik or an equivalent examination. Those receiving educational scholarships are also eligible. Selected beneficiaries will receive monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,500 for a maximum period of five years. Documents required for Yuvashree applications include Aadhaar card, caste certificate, photocopy of the first page of the bank passbook, admit card copy, and two passport-size photographs.

A bouquet of red roses exchanged at the Maidan marks a heartfelt celebration of love on Valentine's Day in Kolkata on Saturday.

State Mandates Cold Storage Space Reserved For Marginal Potato Farmers

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to safeguard the interests of small and marginal farmers during the ongoing potato harvesting season, the West Bengal government has issued a fresh notification mandating reservation of cold storage space across the state. The directive has been issued under Section 20C of the West Bengal Cold Storage (Licensing and Regulation) Act, 1966.

According to the notification, a minimum of 30 per cent of the total storage capacity in all potato cold storages across the state must be reserved exclusively for small and marginal farmers. The allocation of this reserved space will be supervised by the respective District Magistrates (DMs) and will remain in effect until March 20, 2026. Officials said that eligible farmers must apply to avail the reserved storage facility. District Magistrates will distribute the earmarked cold storage space among small and marginal potato cultivators who possess valid Kisan Credit Card (KCC) documents, KrishakBandhu identification, or relevant documents under the current year's Bangla ShasyaBimaYojana. The initiative aims to ensure that genuine cultivators benefit directly from the measure.

As per the notification, each farmer will be allowed to store a maximum of 35 quintals (70 bags) of potatoes in their own name under the reserved quota. The allocation will be made strictly on a "first come, first served" basis. However, after March 20, 2026, any unutilised portion of the reserved 30 per cent storage capacity may be used by cold storage owners. The government has clarified that no compensation will be provided in this regard. Other farmers and tenants will also be allowed to store potatoes in the general storage space, subject to availability and in accordance with existing rules.

EC Appoints Special Observer Over 80 Lakh Voter Deletions Likely

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission of India has appointed a Special Observer to review the final phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and assess poll preparedness in the state. Former IPS officer N.K. Mishra from BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh has been assigned the responsibility. He has been directed to conduct periodic reviews of the entire process as required.

On Friday, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and his team held a meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) and District Magistrates. During the meeting, District Magistrates and officials were warned that they would be held accountable for any errors found in the SIR voter list. Later that night, the Commission formally announced the appointment of the Special Observer. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier objected to the appointment of observers from outside the state. She approached the Supreme Court, alleging that micro-observers appointed by the Commission were taking decisions without consulting state officials. The apex court ruled that micro-observers cannot take any final decision in the SIR process without informing the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) or Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs). Following the court's directive, the Commission has now appointed a Special Observer to review the entire exercise.

Meanwhile, the Commission has directed that all SIR-related documents be preserved for five years to ensure accountability. Sources said the instruction aims to facilitate action against concerned officials in case of errors. The Commission has reiterated that deliberate mistakes will not be tolerated. Saturday marks the final day of the SIR hearing process, though the CEO confirmed that hearings concluded on Friday and data uploading is currently underway.

According to Commission sources, more than six lakh voters are likely to be deleted as they failed to appear before EROs despite receiving notices. Additionally, around 10 percent of voters flagged under logical discrepancies and unmapped categories may also face deletion. After the draft roll indicated 58 lakh deletions, adding six lakh absentee cases brings the total to 64 lakh.

Four Injured as Speeding Car Overturns Near Eco Park

MI News Service, Kolkata: Reckless driving led to a major accident near Eco Park on Saturday after a speeding four-wheeler rammed into multiple vehicles and a divider before overturning. Four persons, including one young man and two young women, sustained injuries in the incident. Local residents rushed to their aid and arranged preliminary medical assistance before police arrived at the spot. According to sources, the car was travelling from Chinar Park towards the Biswa Bangla Gate when the driver reportedly lost control near a reputed five-star hotel in the Eco Park area. Before overturning "like a toy," the vehicle first collided with an app-based cab and then crashed into the road divider. All occupants suffered injuries of varying degrees. Police from Eco Park Police Station reached the scene soon after receiving information. However, locals had already begun rescue efforts. The injured were later taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Preliminary investigations suggest that all occupants of the car were allegedly under the influence of alcohol. The driver was also reportedly intoxicated, which may have led to overspeeding and subsequent loss of control, resulting in the crash. The damaged vehicle has been seized, and a detailed investigation is underway. The incident has once again brought road safety in the Eco Park area under scrutiny. Notably, on January 25, a scooter rider lost his life in a similar accident near the same stretch.

Kolkata Police to Set Up Seven Specialised Cybercrime Wings

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major step to combat the growing threat of organised cybercrime, the Kolkata Police is set to launch seven specialised cyber wings aimed at tackling sophisticated digital fraud networks operating both within the country and abroad. The move comes amid rising concerns over fake SIM trafficking, illegal call centres, cryptocurrency-based money laundering and the spread of misinformation on social media platforms.

Sources at Lalbazar said that although the infrastructure for these units had already been created, operations were delayed due to pending approvals. The green signal has now been granted by the state government, clearing the way for the immediate rollout of the new wings. Kolkata Police has already introduced a new cyber helpline number, and with the latest approval, the specialised branches will now begin functioning formally. The seven units include the existing Cyber Police Station at Lalbazar, along with six new divisions — Organised Cyber Crime, Cyber Security and Cyber Safety, Cyber Fraud Recovery, Cyber Forensic Laboratory, Cyber Crime Coordination and Support, and a Social Media Monitoring Cell. The Organised Cyber Crime section will initially have four inspectors, while the remaining units will each be headed by two inspectors, supported by sub-inspectors and other personnel.

Police officials said the Organised Cyber Crime wing will focus on large-scale fraud operations such as fake call centres that impersonate government agencies or financial institutions to siphon off huge sums from unsuspecting citizens. Fraudsters are also reportedly procuring fake SIM cards through illegal agents and trafficking them domestically and overseas. From bogus investment schemes to so-called "digital arrest" scams, many cybercrimes are being carried out in a coordinated manner. The Cyber Security and Cyber Safety wing will conduct continuous awareness campaigns to educate citizens about online threats. The Cyber Fraud Recovery unit will act swiftly during the crucial "golden hour" after a complaint is lodged to help recover defrauded money from bank accounts.

The Cyber Forensic Laboratory will analyse seized mobile phones, laptops and other digital devices to trace offenders. Given that cybercriminals often operate from cities outside India, including Cambodia, Myanmar and Nepal, the Cyber Crime Coordination and Support wing will liaise with agencies across states and even seek Interpol assistance when required. Meanwhile, the Social Media Monitoring Cell will track online platforms to curb rumours and prevent misuse.

Mamata, Abhishek Pay Tribute to CRPF Jawans Martyred in Pulwama Attack

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darkest chapters in its recent history, when 40 brave CRPF personnel were martyred in the heinous Pulwama attack," he stated. He emphasised that the fallen jawans were not just uniformed personnel but sons, husbands and fathers — ordinary Indians who displayed extraordinary courage. "In a single moment of terror, families were shattered, futures were stolen and the entire country was united in grief and resolve," he said.Calling for accountability and vigilance, Abhishek Banerjee said the martyrdom of the soldiers demands a robust national strategy against forces that threaten India's sovereignty. He stressed that the nation owes its martyrs transparency in matters of security, unity beyond partisan divides and a steadfast commitment to protecting every citizen.Leaders across party lines continue to remember the sacrifice of the CRPF personnel, reaffirming the country's resolve to combat terrorism and honour those who laid down their lives in service of the nation.

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India's equity mkt consolidate: Reports

MI News Service, Kolkata: After two strong performance years, last year saw India's equity market consolidate, with returns diverging across market capitalisations. While large caps delivered modest returns, mid caps remained volatile and small caps witnessed corrections. Confidence seems to be coming back in the market after the trade deal with US and signing of EU FTA.

According to Motilal Oswal Private Wealth, India's relative valuation standing is strengthening after a consolidation-led 2025, supported by improving valuations, early signs of earnings recovery, domestic policy tailwinds, and conclusion of trade deal. For 2026, it recommends a balanced investment approach. Reflecting this approach, Motilal Oswal Private Wealth's Alpha Strategist – January 2026 report, titled ''The Daedalus Way', focuses on resisting extremes and maintaining balance in investing.

Eastern Railway To Run Two Holi Special Trains

• More than 12600 berths generated

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Feb.26 : Eastern Railway is making special arrangements to ensure hassle-free travel during Holi and Dol Yatra, the vibrant festivals of colours best celebrated with family and friends. As many people journey to reunite with loved ones or visit popular destinations during this festive season, the railway has announced the operation of two (02) Holi Special trains in addition to its regular services. These special trains will run in various directions to manage the increased passenger demand, helping travelers reach their destinations comfortably and return home to celebrate the festivities with their families.

The Holi special trains will run between Dankuni & Anand Vihar and Sealdah & Malatipatpur providing enhanced connectivity and convenience. By operating these festival specials, Eastern Railway will generate more than 12,600 berths, ensuring greater capacity and a hassle-free travel experience during the Holi festivities.

03101 Sealdah – Malatipatpur Holi Special will leave Sealdah at 23:50 hrs. on every Friday between 27.02.2026 & 20.03.2026 (4 trips) to reach Malatipatpur at 09:35 hrs. on the next day and 03102 Malatipatpur – Sealdah Holi Special will leave Malatipatpur at 15:40 hrs. on every Saturday between 28.02.2026 & 21.03.2026 (4 trips) to reach Sealdah at 02:00 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Andul, Kharaghpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur K Road, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road stations in both directions enroute. The train will have air-conditioned accommodation.

03009 Dankuni – Anand Vihar Terminal Holi Special will leave Dankuni at 00:20 hrs. on 28.02.2026 & 07.03.2026 (2 trips) to reach Anand Vihar Terminal at 11:00 hrs. on the next day and 03010 Anand Vihar Terminal – Dankuni Holi Special will leave Anand Vihar Terminal at 15:00 hrs. on 01.03.2026 & 08.03.2026 (2 trips) to reach Dankuni at 23:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Sheikpura, Nawadah, Tilaya, Gaya, Anugraha N Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram, Bhabua Road, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Mirzapur, Prayag Raj Jn., Govindapuri, Etawah & Tundla stations in both the directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper class & Air-Conditioned accommodation.

The date of booking of tickets for the above special trains will be notified shortly.

Eastern Railway Fortifies Safety and Infrastructure, Bags Top Honours at Railway Board Awards

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Feb.26 : In the high-stakes arena of Indian transit, where the heartbeat of a nation moves on tracks, the Eastern Railway (ER) has emerged as the undisputed titan. Today, the zone stands not just as a transporter of millions, but as a vanguard of technological revolution and passenger-centric excellence.

Announcing a quarter of unprecedented milestones, the Eastern Railway has rewritten the narrative of rail safety and infrastructure, culminating in a historic sweep of the Railway Board's most coveted honours. The message is clear: the future of Indian rail has arrived, and it is anchored in the East.

KAVACH-The Electronic Guardian of the Rails :

At the centre of this transformation is KAVACH, the indigenous Train Collision Avoidance System that is redefining the limits of safety. The Eastern Railway has successfully fortified a 105 km stretch of the high-octane Howrah-Barddhaman section in last three months with this sophisticated sentinel.

Operating on the dense Howrah-New Delhi artery, KAVACH serves as a digital "fail-safe" for human error. This electronic shield monitors train movements in real-time, automatically applying brakes if a collision risk is detected or if a signal is passed at danger. In an era where speed is king, KAVACH ensures that safety remains the emperor. This deployment isn't just a technical achievement; it is a sacred promise of protection to every passenger boarding a train in the Howrah-Barddhaman corridor.

Restoration and Modernization: Reclaiming the Lost Tracks :

For the people of the Krishnagar-Amghata region, history was made this quarter. After a long, 14-year hiatus, the rhythmic chugging of trains has finally returned. The silence of the tracks was broken not by the ghosts of the past, but by the roar of the future. The section has undergone a radical metamorphosis, shedding its narrow-gauge skin to emerge as a robust Broad-Gauge lifeline. This reintegration into the national grid is more than a logistical win—it is an economic rebirth for a region that has waited over a decade to be reconnected to the pulse of Bengal.

Parallel to this, the ER has sharpened its operational edge. The commissioning of two new Intermediate Block Posts (IBP) at Sanjha and Punsia acts as a surgical intervention to eliminate congestion. By strategically dividing long block sections, these posts reduce the "headway" between trains, allowing more services to run with greater precision. It is the invisible engineering that ensures your journey is never a minute longer than it needs to be.

Safety at the Forefront-A Crusade Against Crossings :

The Eastern Railway is waging a relentless war against the most vulnerable points on the tracks: level crossings. The administration's vision is a seamless, barrier-free corridor where rail and road never collide.

This quarter saw the inauguration of two Road Over Bridges (ROB) at Suri (replacing L/C gate 22 B/T) and Kumarpur (replacing L/C gate 1A/3-E). These structures do more than bridge gaps; they save lives and eliminate the agonizing wait for commuters. Furthermore, the zone has successfully eliminated four manned level crossing gates, replacing them with safer alternatives. This aggressive push toward a "Zero Accident" reality proves that for the ER, safety isn't a goal—it's an obsession.

A Triumphant Performance-The Best in the Nation

The culmination of these efforts has led to a moment of pure gold. The Eastern Railway has officially been crowned the best-performing zone in India, clinching both the Railway Board Safety Shield and the Commercial Shield.

This double victory is a rare feat, signalling a perfect balance between impenetrable safety protocols and booming commercial efficiency. But the glory didn't stop at the institutional level. In a staggering display of individual brilliance, ER personnel bagged 13 individual awards—the highest tally for any Zonal Railway in the country this year.

As the Eastern Railway looks toward the next quarter, its momentum seems unstoppable. With safety as its shield and innovation as its engine, the zone is not just keeping pace with time—it is setting the tempo for the entire nation.

Zomato launches AI-powered hotline 89200 89200

MI News Service, Kolkata: Zomato, India's food ordering and delivery platform, has announced a dedicated AI-powered hotline (89200 89200) that makes onboarding as a delivery partner as simple as making a phone call. The initiative transforms what was traditionally a multi-step process into a seamless WhatsApp-based experience that takes just 15-20 minutes from start to finish.

The call initiates an AI-enabled WhatsApp journey where onboarding and background verification unfold in minutes. Just an ID proof is needed to complete the process and begin earning: start to finish in under 20 minutes. Since announcing the hotline, the company has been receiving 40,000+ calls weekly, demonstrating massive demand for flexible earning opportunities.

The initiative builds on Zomato's broader mission to expand accessible earning opportunities across India's 800+ cities, offering delivery partners weekly payouts, flexible working hours, and comprehensive insurance coverage.

Swiggy launches 'Eat Right'

MI News Service, Mumbai: Swiggy recently announced the launch of EatRight, a new category aimed at health-conscious users, bringing together high-protein, low-calorie and no-added-sugar food options under a single umbrella across more than 50 cities.

The food delivery platform said EatRight will feature over 1.8 million dishes from more than two lakh restaurants, making it easier for users to access healthier meal choices without altering their regular ordering habits.

Sharing insights from its order data, Swiggy noted that Tier-2 cities have recorded two times year-on-year growth in healthy food ordering compared to metropolitan cities. Chandigarh, Guwahati, Ludhiana and Bhubaneswar emerged as leading markets in this segment. Deepak Maloo, Vice President, Food Strategy, Customer Experience & New Initiatives, Swiggy, said, "With EatRight, we are offering food options that blend seamlessly into a user's regular ordering habits, removes decision fatigue through clear categorisation and integrates healthier choices naturally into everyday food ordering".

In a statement, the company added that its partner brands are also developing new stock-keeping units (SKUs) aligned with the growing consumer focus on health-conscious eating.

Skybags Partners with CSK

MI News Service, Chennai/Kolkata: Skybags recently launched its range of official licensed Chennai Super Kings (CSK) products as the team's Official Luggage Partner for the upcoming 2026 season. The association marks Skybags' strategic entry into sports; beginning with what is considered as a religion in India – 'Cricket'. As part of this partnership, Skybags will retail an exclusive co-branded luggage and backpack range modelled in CSK's brand expressions, designed to reflect the team's iconic identity while catering to the evolving needs of today's on-the-move consumers. Atul Jain, MD and CEO, VIP Industries Limited, said, "Cricket is deeply woven into India's cultural fabric, and CSK is one of the most respected and successful franchises in the cricket league."

Regulation Of Trains For Maintenance Work In Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Feb.26 : Due to various maintenance work in different sections of Howrah division on 15.2.2026, following arrangements in train running has been made:

CANCELLATION ON 15.2.2026 (SUNDAY)

From Howrah: 37249, 37239, 36823

From Bandel: 37242, 37246, 37749

From Barddhaman: 36834

From Katwa: 37748

Moreover, 53009 Katwa – Azimganj Passenger will be rescheduled at 12:40 hrs. instead of 12:00 hrs. on 15.2.2026.

Continuation Of Special Trains During Holi

MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Feb.26 : With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers, it has been decided to continue the running of Special Trains during holi as per the given schedule:

Sl. No.	Train No.	Train Name	Frequency	Extended period
1	08185	Hatia – Durg Special	Tuesday, Thursday	03.03.2026 to 31.03.2026
2	08186	Durg – Hatia Special	Wednesday, Friday	04.03.2026 to 01.04.2026
3	08007	Shalimar – Bhanjpur Special	Thursday, Saturday	05.03.2026 to 28.03.2026
4	08008	Bhanjpur – Shalimar Special	Monday, Saturday	07.03.2026 to 30.03.2026
5	08011	Bhanjpur – Puri Special	Thursday, Saturday	05.03.2026 to 28.03.2026
6	08012	Puri – Bhanjpur Special	Friday, Sunday	06.03.2026 to 29.03.2026
7	02839	Shalimar – Puri Special	Sunday	01.03.2026 to 29.03.2026
8	02840	Puri – Shalimar Special	Monday	02.03.2026 to 30.03.2026
9	02847	Santragachi – Digha Special	Saturday	07.03.2026 to 28.03.2026
10	02848	Digha – Santragachi Special	Saturday	07.03.2026 to 28.03.2026
11	02897	Santragachi – Digha Special	Sunday	01.03.2026 to 29.03.2026
12	02898	Digha – Santragachi Special	Sunday	01.03.2026 to 29.03.2026
13	02863	Santragachi – Yelhanka Special	Thursday	05.03.2026 to 26.03.2026
14	02864	Yelhanka – Santragachi Special	Saturday	07.03.2026 to 28.03.2026
15	02841	Shalimar – MGR Chennai Central Special	Monday	02.03.2026 to 30.03.2026
16	02842	MGR Chennai Central – Shalimar Special	Wednesday	04.03.2026 to 01.04.2026
17	08611	Santragachi – Ajmer Special	Monday	02.03.2026 to 30.03.2026
18	08612	Ajmer – Santragachi Special	Thursday	05.03.2026 to 02.04.2026

1,700 acres of land cleared of Bangla encroachments: ASSAM CM

MI News Service, Guwahati: Over 1,700 acres of reserve forest land in Assam's Hojai district have been cleared of encroachments, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. He asserted that no encroachment will be tolerated. "GAME OVER for illegal encroachment at Jamuna-Moudanga RF. Mission completed as 5,250 bighas reclaimed through peaceful, lawful & decisive action," Sarma said in a post on X, referring to an eviction drive on 1,732.5 acres in the area.

"No cheat codes needed. Consider this your warning: Illegal encroachment will NOT be tolerated," Sarma asserted. Since the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government came to power in 2021, it has carried out a series of evictions to clear land from alleged encroachments, mostly affecting the Bengali-speaking Muslim population. Sarma had said. According to Sarma , "So far, eviction drives have been carried out to clear 1,45,000 bighas (47,850 acres) of land."

Govt plans to double SC, ST 'NOS' slots

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government is planning to increase the number of slots under two scholarship schemes meant for the SC/ST communities after facing backlash for discontinuing several programmes catering to the socially deprived sections.

According to government sources, the ministry of social justice and empowerment (MoSJE) is considering proposals to double the slots under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) from 125 to 250. The ministry of tribal affairs (MoTA), which runs a parallel NOS scheme, wants to raise the number of slots from 20 to 50.

The MoSJE is also weighing the option of adding more slots under the Top Class Education scholarship for SC students. The Narendra Modi government has faced flak for neglecting or discontinuing multiple scholarships, including the PG scheme for SC/ST students pursuing professional courses and the National Scheme for Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education.

Social activists have also flagged a delay in the disbursement of fellowship amounts under the NOS scheme, leading to the cancellation of admission offers for selected students.

At present, the MoSJE offers 125 new scholarships annually under the NOS scheme to students from eligible categories that include the SC community, denotified tribes, landless farm labourers and traditional artisans to pursue master's and PhD courses abroad. The MoTA offers NOS scholarships to 20 tribal students every year. The scholarship covers tuition fees, accommodation costs and one-time round-trip airfare.

Beena Pallical, secretary of the National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights, accused the ministries concerned of delaying the disbursal of scholarship funds on the pretext of document verification and processing, leading to the cancellation of admission offers by foreign universities.

Last year, the MoSJE withheld provisional award letters for 66 students selected under the NOS scheme, citing a funds crisis. The letters were subsequently released following political blowback. "The doubling of the slots is a welcome move. But the government needs to ensure that the ministries are provided adequate funds. The ministries must also ensure that the selected students are provided with funds on time so that they do not lose admission offers," Pallical said.

Pallical flagged another limitation of the NOS scheme, where students have to give an undertaking that they will return to India after completing their courses and work here for at least one year. "The government gives scholarships under other schemes too. But the beneficiaries are not required to serve in India for one year," she said.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha on December 17, 2025, minister of state for education Sukanta Majumdar acknowledged that the University Grants Commission had in 2023-24 subsumed four scholarships under the National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies. This led to the discontinuation of the PG Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship, PG Scholarship for University Rank Holders, PG Scholarship for SC/ST Students pursuing Professional Courses and the PG Scholarship for GATE/GPAT.

LADAKH gets cinema Hall at 11,500 ft

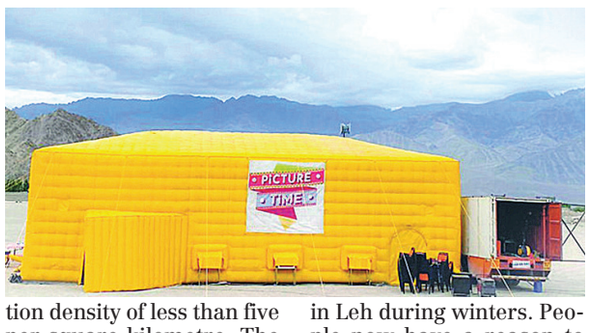
MI News Service, Ladakh: A new, snug warmth has descended on sub-zero Ladakh with the opening of the region's first multiplex, operating at 11,500 feet.

PVR INOX recently launched the multi-screen theatre in Leh town recently. The cold desert of Leh lies on the western edge of the Tibetan Plateau, also called the Roof of the World because of its altitude.

"It's not just the highest-altitude cinema in the country but the first multiplex in Ladakh," owner Tsewang Nurboo told The It's actually the region's first stationary cinema. Leh previously had to make do with a mobile digital movie theatre — one on wheels — launched in 2021.

"We received a very warm welcome; people are very excited," Nurboo said about the public response to the two-screen cinema, now showing the Bollywood blockbuster Dhurandhar.

"On Sunday, the lunch and evening shows ran to almost full houses. On the other days, too, it (the footfall) is OK," he said. Ladakh, spread over 59,146sqkm, has a population density of less than five per square kilometre. The distance between villages can be very long. Local officials said this was one of the main reasons why the region had to wait so long to get its first cinema.



The combined population of Ladakh's Leh and Kargil districts is only 2.74 lakh, according to the 2011 census. The region witnesses severe cold in winter, with night temperatures dropping to lows of minus 20 degrees Celsius.

"But there is a good presence of army men and their families. Plus, the region also gets lots of tourists," an official said. Nurboo said that sizeable numbers of soldiers and their families were attending the shows. "We don't have any outdoor activities in Leh during winters. People now have a reason to come out of their homes, to a place where they can dine with their families and watch movies. We also have a beautiful food court," he said.

Sources, however, said the cinema had ruffled the feathers of those who fear that "outside influences" would further "dilute the local culture". The region has been fighting for years to secure special rights under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The multiplex is located off the Leh-Manali Bypass Road in Solar Colony, Saboo, a short distance from Leh town. It features 2K projection for crisp visuals, Dolby 7.1 surround sound, and next-generation 3D technology. "This is the latest German technology," Nurboo said.

Drug menace grapples youth in J&K

MI News Service, Srinagar: Drug addiction in Kashmir seems to be spiralling out of control, with the Valley administration conceding that the number of addicts has tripled in the last three years. The disturbing statistics undercut the government's narrative that the scrapping of special status in 2019 put the region on the path to all-around development. Kashmir's divisional commissioner Anshul Garg on Saturday said drug addiction had become a huge problem for the region, with the consumption of heroin rising among the youths. "In the last three or three and a half years, we have seen the problem multiplying three times (in Kashmir). It is a warning signal for all of us," Garg told reporters here after participating in a programme organised by the government-run Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS).

Garg did not reveal the latest data on the number of addicts. A parliamentary panel report in 2023 had revealed that 13.5 lakh people in Jammu and Kashmir, or 10 per cent of the Union Territory's population, were consuming drugs. They included five lakh addicts using opioids. The divisional commissioner suggested that lakhs could have fallen prey to the addiction over the years, despite the much-touted campaign against "narco-terrorism" — a new narrative that gives equal weightage to drugs and militancy. The government claims that Pakistan is trafficking drugs to fund militancy. In July, the Union home ministry told Parliament that around 10,000 individuals had been arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in Jammu and Kashmir between 2018 and 2022. Garg said the youths in educational institutions, colleges and coaching centres were getting hooked to heroin. "The consumption of heroin is increasing and it is a huge concern for us. We need to fight this together as a society," he said.

The divisional commissioner said a massive drug de-addiction campaign was underway in Jammu and Kashmir and the chief secretary was monitoring it. Many in Kashmir believe that the Union Territory was following in the footsteps of Punjab, where drug addiction has spread like a pandemic.

The administration has roped in the Ulema, Islamic scholars and imams to launch a grassroots campaign against substance abuse. A few years back, Hurriyat chief Mirwaiz Umar Farooq had joined the campaign and organised seminars to weed out the menace. The scholars have been instructed to use mosque pulpits to spread awareness.

NAME CHANGE

I, Partha Biswas, S/o.- Pintu Kumar Biswas, R/o.-Vill+P.O.- Tilakpur, P.S.- Chapra, Dist.-Nadia-741164, WB, that my father's actual name has been also recorded in my Passport as Pintu Biswas in place of Pintu Kumar Biswas, vide an Affidavit Sl. No.- 92, dtd. 11.02.2026, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Krishnagar, Nadia. Henceforth, Pintu Kumar Biswas & Pintu Biswas both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Hafijul Sk. S/o.- Lt. Nasiruddin Sk. R/o.- Vill.- Gaharapota, P.O.- Dingel, P.S.- Kalliganj, Dist.- Nadia-741137, WB. that my wife's actual name has been wrongly recorded in her WBSE & WBHSE Registration Certificate as Tanima Khantun & Tamina Khatun in place of actual name is Tamima Khatun (in her Aadhar, Voter Card, birth & marriage certificate), vide Affidavit Sl. No.112, dtd. 12.02.2026, in the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Krishnagar, Nadia. Henceforth, Tamima Khatun, Tanima Khantun & Tamina Khatun all are same & identical person.

Name Change

I, Rekha Saha W/o Amal Kar R/A - F/49, Bapuji Nagar, P.O.- Regent Estate, P.S.- Jadavpur, Kolkata-700092 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jhunu Kar as declared before the Learned First Class Judicial Magistrate Court, at Alipore (W.B) vide Affidavit No. 71377 dated 27.11.2025. Rekha Saha and Jhunu Kar both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Milan Ghosh, s/o Late Amulyacharan Ghosh residing at Vill. Boylasole P.O. Dherua PS Gurguripal Dist. Paschim Medinipur shall henceforth be known as Milan chandra Ghosh as declared before the Ld.judical magistrate (1st class) Paschim Medinipur.Vide affidavit no 4795 A dt 13.02.26.Milan Ghosh and Milan chandra Ghosh both are same one and identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Aslam S/o Manjur Rahman residing at Mokarram Ali Lane, P.O- Telinipara, P.S- Bhadreswar Dist- Hooghly declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in my daughter Kaniz Fatma's birth certificate as Md Muslim Mia in place of my actual and correct name Md Aslam i.e., my self vide affidavit dated 22.12.2025 before Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Chandernagore, Hooghly. That Md Muslim Mia and Md Aslam both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Narendra Mundhra (Old Name), S/o.- Shyam Sundar Mundhra, R/o.- Raghav Residency, BL-V, 3rd FR, FL-3E, 493/B,G.T. Road (S), P.O. & P.S.- Shibpur, Dist.- Howrah-711102, have change & shall henceforth be known as Narendra Kumar Mundhra (New Name), vide Affidavit No. 2073, dtd. 03.02.2026, before the Ld. 1st Class, Executive Magistrate at Howrah. Henceforth, Narendra Mundhra (Old Name) & Narendra Kumar Mundhra (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Dr. Ashoke Chattopadhyay, S/o- Dr. Late Adhar Chatterjee, R/o-: 19, Mahamaya Mandir Road, Garia, Kolkata- 700084 shall be known as Dr. Ashoke Chatterjee vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court, Affidavit no.-5582 Dated 11.02.2026. Dr. Ashoke Chattopadhyay & Dr. Ashoke Chatterjee is same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sankar Radhanath Pal, S/o Radhanath Pal, residing at Vill + P.O. – Narit, P.S. – Amta, Dist – Howrah, Pin – 711413, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sankar Pal as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Amta Court, Howrah, vide Affidavit No. 2527 dated 04th Sept, 2025. Sankar Radhanath Pal and Sankar Pal both are same and one identical person.

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Statement of Unaudited financial Results for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on February 14, 2026 approved the Unaudited financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

Theresults, alongwith the Auditors' Limited Review Report, have been posted on the Company's website at **https://mldgroup.in/reports/pdf/bateli_quarterly_financial_results/2025-26/BTCL-FR-Quarterly-Results-Dec 25.pdf**

And can be accessed by scanning the QR Code

Place: Kolkata
Date: February 14, 2026

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Bateli Tea Company Limited
Sd/- **Manish Dalmia**, Director
DIN: 00264752

Notes : The above intimation is in accordance with Regulation 33 and read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing obligation and disclosure) Regulations. 2015

IAF, Thai Air Force Hold Joint Air Combat Exercise

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully conducted an in-situ joint exercise with the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) in the Indian Ocean Region from 09 to 12 February 2026, marking another significant step in strengthening bilateral defence ties and enhancing mutual operational understanding.

The bilateral engagement was held as an advanced air combat training exercise featuring Su-30MKI multirole fighter aircraft of the IAF and SAAB Gripen fighter jets of the RTAF. The IAF's extended-range maritime operations were supported by IL-78 mid-air refuelling tankers, ensuring sustained operational capability over the maritime domain. The exercise was conducted under the enhanced surveillance and command capabilities of the IAF's Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, while the RTAF utilised its Ground Control Interception (GCI) elements.

IAF assets operated from airbases in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, whereas the Thai Gripen fighters flew from airbases in Thailand. The exercise showcased India's operational reach and demonstrated interoperability with a friendly foreign country. It also provided valuable operational exposure and facilitated the exchange of best practices, reflecting the growing depth of the India-Thailand "Act East" partnership, now expanding into the aerospace domain.

Pet fish, including Red Spot Severum and Koi carp stolen from Royal Fish Farm

MI News Service, Kannur: Pet fish, including rare species like Red Spot Severum and Koi carp, worth 1.5 lakh were stolen from Royal Fish Farm in Kannur's Chalad area on Friday.

The theft occurred between Friday night and Saturday morning, with the thieves suspected of having entered from the rear side

According to Kannur Corporation Councillor Umeshan Kaniyankandi, the incident occurred at Royal Fish Farm, owned by PV Muhammad Nihal and located near the Muthappan Temple. The councillor stated that burglars stole ornamental fish, aquariums, filters, and fish feed, valued at approximately 1.5 lakh.

While the farm houses stock valued at 10 lakh, the intruders focused on specific tanks, packing the fish into bags for transport. In a grim discovery, several abandoned bags containing Color Widow fry were found at the scene, where the young fish had already perished.

The stolen stock included Red Spot Severum (valued at approximately 2,000 each), Koi carp, Colour Widow, and Fighter Fish.

Upon learning of the incident, Ward Councillor Umesh Kaniyankandi and Pallikkunnu Zonal Senior Health Inspector TP Jayamohan visited the site to assess the situation.

Following a formal complaint by the owner, the Kannur Town Police have launched an investigation into the matter.

In a separate incident on January 1, the Kerala Police arrested three individuals for allegedly cheating a man of Rs 9 lakh by luring him with a fake promise of selling pledged gold in Kozhikode district.

The names of the arrested accused were Jamshad (29) of Thoniparambil, Marampally, Aluva; Neenu Benny (29) of Chakkalapalmi, Mannarakkayam, Kanjirapally, Kannur district; and KA Noushad (45).

CM Stalin expresses pride in DMK policies ahead of state assembly elections

MI News Service, Tirupattur: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday expressed satisfaction over the positive impact of the state government's policies and asserted confidence in a victory for the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) ahead of the upcoming assembly elections.

This came as the Chief Minister, while travelling by road to the Circuit House in the Samanagar area of Tirupattur town, made an unscheduled stop at the residence of a local, Megala, the wife of Muniyappan. He enquired whether the Tamil Nadu government's women's financial assistance of Rs 5,000 had been credited to her bank account. She happily confirmed that the amount had been received.

Expressing pride in the state government's efforts, Stalin shared a video of the interaction on his official X handle. "Our government's schemes that have reached every home! This is the pride of the #DravidianModel! #Let'sWinTogether!" he captioned the post.

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

ASHOKNAGAR BRANCH (74550)
856/3, Kankpul, LIC Building, Jirat Road, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743 272

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

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the Credit facility from the **Union Bank of India, Ashoknagar Branch (74550)** against the pledge of Gold Ornaments (**"Gold Loan Facility"**) in favour of the Bank towards the security. The demand notices were issued to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) calling up the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold Loan facility availed. As the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct physical auction (offline) sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in Schedule -1, hereunder on **24.02.2026 from 11.00 A.M. onwards (time of Physical Auction) on "As is where is", As is what is", and Whatever there is" and "No recourse Basis".**

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

CONDITIONS OF SALE

a) Sale is being held on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS** and the Bank is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.

b) The auction will take place at **Union Bank of India, Ashoknagar Branch (74550), Address : 856/3, Kankpul, LIC Building, Jirat Road, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743 272 on 24.02.2026 from 11.00 A.M. Onwards.**

c) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit the amount of EMD is fixed at **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) by way of demand draft drawn in favour of **Union Bank of India, Ashoknagar Branch (74550) or in the form of Transfer/RTGS/NEFT in the Office Account (Name - Inward RTGS); Account No. 745501980050000; IFS Code : UBIN0574554,** to be deposited in the mentioned Branch by **11.00 A.m. on or before 24.02.2026** Cheques will not be accepted for EMD. The remaining H1 bid amount to be paid in the same day of Auction i.e. on **24.02.2026** by the H1 bidder after completion of successful bidding.

d) The particulars specified in Schedule 1 have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and the Bank will not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission.

e) On 24.02.2026, from 11.00 A.M. onward inter-se-bidding will take place in the presence of all the intending purchasers, who deposit the proper demand draft for the EMD/Transfer (As mentioned in Point No. (c). The amount, by which bid amount can be increased, will be decided by the Bank at its discretion.

f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the bank to cancel the auction proceeding for any reason and return the EMD submitted and Bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.

g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall pay the whole bid amount on the date of auction.

h) In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled, and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the assets will be again put to sale.

i) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Bank shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Bank shall entertain no claims.

j) Nothing in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank to sell the property. Bank reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deemed fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

k) The Bank reserves its right to accept, reject any or all bids at any stage and vary, modify and waive any condition of sale in its absolute discretion.

l) Brokers/Middlemen shall not be entertained.

Properties held by the Bank by way of Public Auction as per details set out hereunder :

SCHEDULE 1

Sl. No.	Customer Name	Account No.	Amount O/s as on date of Demand Notice plus further interest incurred as per contractual rate of the Bank	Date of Demand Notice
1.	**Sanjib Bandowal** Debinagar Uttarpara, P.O. - Kalyangarh, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743 272.	745506540000116	Rs. 92,250.00	26.03.2025

Date : 13.02.2026
Place : Kolkata

Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Members of various mass organizations march from Ramlila Maidan to Dharamtala, demanding the scrapping of the SIR NRC in Kolkata on Saturday.

3-day-old baby abducted from Tiruchirappalli Govt hospital by woman posing as patient

MI News Service, Tiruchirappalli: A three-day-old baby boy was abducted from the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital in Tiruchirappalli on Saturday morning after a woman posing as a patient gained the mother's trust and disappeared with the infant under the pretext of taking him for vaccination.

Sukanya, wife of Vignesh from Thuraiyur in Tiruchirappalli district, was admitted to the hospital on the 11th for delivery. She gave birth to a baby boy on the same day. Her relative Prema was assisting her at the hospital.

During her stay, a woman who had come to the same ward for treatment befriended Sukanya, introducing herself as Meenakshi. She frequently interacted with Sukanya and even helped her occasionally.

This morning, when Sukanya mentioned that the newborn needed to be taken for vaccination, the woman offered to take the baby herself, saying she would get the vaccination done and return. Trusting her, Sukanya handed over the baby.

However, when the woman did not return for a long time, Sukanya grew suspicious and began searching for her within the hospital premises. Both the woman and the baby were missing. Sukanya immediately informed her parents, and the family searched extensively but could not locate them.

A complaint was subsequently lodged at the Government Hospital Police Station regarding the missing baby.

Based on the complaint, police have launched an intensive investigation. Along with Sukanya's relatives, the police conducted a thorough search across the hospital premises. They are also examining CCTV footage to determine whether the abduction was captured on camera.

Hospital authorities stated that no patient had been admitted under the name Meenakshi in the past three days. Police suspect that the woman may have used a fake identity and deliberately befriended Sukanya with the intention of kidnapping the newborn.

South Kolkata District Congress workers stage a protest at Park Circus against the Jeffrey Epstein case files and the India–US trade agreement in Kolkata on Saturday.

Indian Army organises strategic seminar on 'Arunachal Pradesh: India's dynamic frontier' at Dinjan Military Station

MI News Service, Dibrugarh: The Indian Army concluded a two-day seminar on 13 and 14 February 2026 at Dinjan Military Station on the theme "Arunachal Pradesh: India's Dynamic Frontier", organised by Dao Division under the aegis of Spear Corps.

The event witnessed active participation from representatives of the armed forces, civil administration and academia, reinforcing the importance of a whole-of-nation approach towards border management and regional development, according to a release.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen K T Parnaik PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd), graced the valedictory session of the two-day seminar as the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address.

In his remarks, he elucidated the intrinsic linkage between security and sustainable growth, underscoring that robust border management, infrastructure augmentation and inclusive development are mutually reinforcing pillars that collectively advance national resilience, regional stability and enduring prosperity in India's eastern frontier.

Other speakers provided incisive perspectives on operational realities along the eastern frontier, emerging security challenges and the broader strategic environment. The deliberations analysed adversarial strategies and evolving threat patterns, highlighting the need for long-term security planning, integrated policy frameworks and institutional coordination to enable balanced development in frontier regions.

The deliberations culminated in valuable recommendations aimed at enhancing strategic awareness, upholding and fostering Arunachal Pradesh's rich cultural heritage, advancing sustainable development initiatives and reinforcing civil-military convergence in the state, thereby contributing to enduring peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

DU VC requests students, teachers to maintain harmony after chaos at pro-UGC protests

MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh on Saturday urged students and teachers to maintain harmony and not engage in any activity that "increases mutual discord."

This comes after chaos erupted at a protest demanding implementation of the new University Grants Commission (UGC) equity guidelines, which the Supreme Court put on hold, citing "complete vagueness" in the rules and potential misuse.

Delhi University Vice Chancellor expressed concern and said that it is the duty of everyone to maintain harmony.

"I request all teachers and students of Delhi University to maintain harmony among themselves. Do not engage in any activity that increases mutual discord and harms the image of the nation and the university. The incident at Delhi University yesterday is a cause for concern. Students from all states in India and from all communities study at the university. Social harmony is the greatest thing, and maintaining it is the duty of all of us," Yogesh Singh said in a statement shared from Delhi University's X handle.

The Vice Chancellor stressed that the equity rules are under consideration by the Supreme Court and appealed to students and teachers to await the decision.

"The new rules of the UGC that have come are currently under consideration in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. I appeal to all teachers and students of the university to maintain their trust in the Government of India and await the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court," he said.

On Friday, a face-off between two student groups led to claims and counterclaims, with the groups accusing each other of violence and intimidation. According to left backed students union-AISA some of the students were allegedly threatened and subjected to casteist abuse and slurs by the rival student group.

AISA activists say that they had gone to the local police station register an FIR against the alleged attackers. They claim that during this rival student group ABVP, which is affiliated to the BJP, attacked their members.

In its statement, the AISA said, "Delhi Police repeatedly failed to disperse the attacking mob, and even if they moved away, this mob kept coming back. While the lawyer of the students inside was not allowed to enter the police station, the people against whom the complaint was being made entered and with them, some goons even entered the station."

Countering these allegations, ABVP alleged that a female journalist, associated with a YouTube channel, was allegedly assaulted by Left-backed student activists. ABVP said that the incident exposes the violent character of Left-affiliated student organisations, which otherwise claim to champion freedom of expression across universities in the country.

Railways Drives Reform Express with "Better On-Board Services" & "Rail-Based Logistics Through Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals and Cargo-Related Facilities"

MI News Service, 14 Feb, 2026, New Delhi : Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw om Saturday announced that in line with Indian Railways' resolve to undertake "52 reforms in 52 weeks" during 2026, two new reforms are approved by the Indian Railways and their implementation will commence immediately. He said that reforms are not one-time events but a continuous process.Vaishnaw stated that the impact is visible today as Indian Railways has become the second largest cargo carrier in the world, with new generation trains and new ways of working emerging across the system.

Reforms for Better On-Board Services

Explaining the first reform, the Union Minister said that beginning 2026, Indian Railways will ensure proper end-to-end cleaning of trains, especially long-distance trains. He stated that under the existing mechanism, cleaning was largely limited to reserved coaches, and that for the first time in railway history, cleaning of general coaches has been fully integrated into the system.

He explained that the earlier "Clean Train Station" concept, which provided thorough cleaning at limited stations, is now being replaced with a continuous cleaning model from the train's origin to its destination. Toilets, garbage bins, cabin interiors, water availability, and minor electrical or mechanical defects such as lights going out will be addressed continuously during the journey so that passengers experience a significantly improved travel environment.

Vaishnaw stated that this reform has been created with the thought process of completely improving the travel environment for customers. In consultation with Zonal Railways, approximately four to five trains per zone, primarily long-distance and high footfall trains, have been identified for rollout over the next six months. A total of 80 trains have already been identified across zones in the first phase, and over a period of three years the reform will be implemented across all trains of Indian Railways. The selection of trains has been carried out at the managerial level based on field inputs and operational criteria.

The Minister elaborated that a fully technology-enabled professional team will be hired under clearly defined Service Level Agreements specifying cleaning frequency, with more frequent cleaning during peak hours and relatively lower frequency during non-peak hours. Continuous toilet cleaning, garbage removal, cabinetry cleaning, linen handling and related services will be ensured.

He further stated that the linen distribution, linen collection, and cleaning functions, which were earlier distributed among separate agencies, will now be integrated and awarded to a single agency. At designated stations, staff deployed in reserved coaches will move into general coaches to ensure cleaning standards equivalent to reserved coaches. He described this as a very big change in the history of Railways and stated that for the first time such substantial attention is being paid to general coach cleanliness.

The reform includes the creation of war room control centres where AI-generated images of cleaning activities will be monitored and analysed. AI-based assessment will verify whether cleaning has been properly done, and if not, strict action will follow. Route-specific teams will be formed after detailed study by Railway Board officials based on long operational experience. These teams will include multi-tasking personnel capable of addressing minor mechanical and electrical repairs in addition to cleaning, thereby providing integrated on-board service delivery .

More Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals with Better Facilities to Meet Freight Targets

Turning to the second reform, the Union Minister said it builds upon the Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) Policy introduced in 2022, which significantly simplified the cargo terminal approval process. Work that earlier took six years began getting completed in approximately three months, and approvals for engineering drawings, signalling plans and electrical plans were streamlined. As a result, 124 multi-modal cargo terminals were developed with an estimated traffic potential of around 200 million tonnes and revenue potential of approximately ₹20,000 crore annually.

Vaishnaw stated that after four months of stakeholder consultations based on three years of experience, a substantially enhanced reform has been approved. With this reform, the existing 124 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals are expected to increase to more than 500 in the next five years. He described this as a fundamental reform of even greater magnitude than the 2022 reform.

The most significant addition is the integration of processing within cargo terminals, transforming them into "cargo plus processing" hubs. He explained that cement clinker can be transported to the GCT and ground into cement within the terminal itself, followed by bagging or dispatch through Ready-Mix Concrete vehicles. Similarly, food grain processing, stuffing and destuffing, and other value addition activities can now occur within terminal premises. This eliminates the need to process material elsewhere before bringing it to the terminal, removes artificial barriers, and attracts additional cargo traffic to Railways.

He stated that many underutilized goods sheds will be developed as GCTs and cargo facilities . Legacy sidings developed under earlier policies can migrate to the simplified GCT framework. For short connecting stretches between terminals and main lines, where private operators faced difficulty maintaining tracks and electrical systems due to high equipment costs, Railways will now optionally undertake maintenance on a payment basis, improving safety and clarifying maintenance responsibility.

The reform permits expanded common user facilities including Y-connections and rail-over-rail structures. Multi-GCT connectivity has been formalized so that if a new terminal is developed along an existing stretch, connectivity cannot be denied, thereby preventing disputes that earlier led to litigation. A dispute prevention framework has been introduced whereby monthly or milestone-based joint meetings between terminal developers and railway officials will result in joint notes and "no dispute certificates," reducing the need for arbitration or court cases.

Standard layouts have been incorporated into policy , and applicants adopting standard designs will receive automatic approvals, similar to the telecom reform model where standardization reduced approval timelines drastically. Contract tenure for GCTs and cargo-related facilities has been extended from 35 years to 50 years, enabling long-term investments and ecosystem development.

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, ১)শ্রীমতী মুক্তি ভট্টাচার্য্য স্বামী শ্রী আশীষ ভট্টাচার্য্য, সাকিম বৈটীগ্রাম, পাণ্ডুয়া, হুগলী, মহাশয়া বিগত ইংরাজী ১৬/০৭/২০০২ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিষ্টিকৃত IV-00056/2002 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে এবং ২)শ্রীমতী কল্পনা চক্রবর্ত্তী, স্বামী শ্রী প্রদীপ চক্রবর্ত্তী, সাকিম কান্দি, মুর্শিদাবাদ, মহাশয়া বিগত ইংরাজী ২৫/০৫/১৯৯০ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর., হুগলী, চুঁচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিষ্টিকৃত IV-00153/1990 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে, একুনে দুইটি পৃথক পৃথক আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে শ্রী জয়ন্ত কুমার মুখার্জ্জী ওরফে জয়ন্ত কুমার মুখোপাধ্যায় পিতা ৺দুর্গাদাস মুখার্জী ওরফে দুর্গাদাস মুখোপাধ্যায়, সাকিম সমসারা, হাঁড়াল, দাদপুর, হুগলী, মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন। ৩)শ্রীমতী প্রতিভা রায়, স্বামী ৺বিনয় কুমার রায়, সাকিম শর্মাপাড়া, রানাঘাট, নদীয়া, ৪)শ্রীমতী স্বপ্না রায়, স্বামী শ্রী মুকুল রায়, সাকিম ১৫০/১০ গোপাল মিশ্র রোড, বেহালা, কোলকাতা-৩৪, ৫)শ্রীমতী শান্তা চ্যাটার্জ্জী ওরফে চট্টরাজ স্বামী শ্রী রামপ্রসাদ চ্যাটার্জ্জী ওরফে চট্টরাজ, সাকিম শম্ভু হালদার লেন, শালকিয়া, হাওড়া, ৬)শ্রীমতী অনিমা চ্যাটার্জ্জী স্বামী শ্রী প্রদ্যুৎ কুমার চ্যাটার্জ্জী, সাকিম ৭/জেড/২ পিকনিক গার্ডেন ফার্স্ট লেন, তিলজলা, কোলকাতা-৩৯, মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইংরাজী ২৭/০৯/১৯৮৯ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর., আলিপুর, দঃ ২৪পরগণা অফিসে রেজিষ্টিকৃত IV-00628/1989 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে, শ্রী প্রশান্ত কুমার মুখার্জ্জী ওরফে প্রশান্ত কুমার মুখোপাধ্যায়, পিতা ৺দুর্গাদাস মুখার্জী ওরফে দুর্গাদাস মুখোপাধ্যায়, সাকিম সমসারা, হাঁড়াল, দাদপুর, হুগলী, মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন। প্রকাশ থাকে যে, উক্ত ১)শ্রী জয়ন্ত কুমার মুখার্জ্জী ওরফে জয়ন্ত কুমার মুখোপাধ্যায় ও ২)শ্রী প্রশান্ত কুমার মুখার্জ্জী ওরফে প্রশান্ত কুমার মুখোপাধ্যায়, মহাশয়দ্বয় উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে ও স্বয়ং ক্ষমতা বলে সম্পত্তির অপর শরিক শ্রী গৌতম মুখোপাধ্যায় পিতা ৺দুর্গাদাস মুখোপাধ্যায়, সাকিম সমসারা, হাঁড়াল, দাদপুর, হুগলী, মহাশয়ের সহিত যৌথ ভাবে বিগত ইংরাজী ১০/১০/২০১২ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, হুগলী, চুঁচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিষ্টিকৃত I-06304/2012 নং বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিলমূলে আমার মক্কেল শ্রী গোপাল চন্দ্র মুখোপাধ্যায় পিতা ৺কালীদাস মুখোপাধ্যায়, সাকিম সমসারা, হাঁড়াল, দাদপুর, হুগলী, মহাশয়কে ০৪ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছেন। তপশীল- জেলা হুগলী, থানা দাদপুর, মৌজা সমসরা, জে.এল. নং সাবেক ২৭ হাল ৩৫, হাল এল.আর. ৭৭ নং খতিয়ান হইতে, আর.এস. ৪৪৫ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৫৪৯ নং দাগে ভিটি জমি ষোল আনায় ০৮ শতক তন্মধ্যে ০৪ শতক সম্পত্তি অত্র দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রেতা শ্রী গোপাল চন্দ্র মুখোপাধ্যায় পিতা ৺কালীদাস মুখোপাধ্যায়, তাহার উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার পূর্বে পরলোকগমন করায় তাঁহার বর্তমান উত্তরাধিকারী স্ত্রী/কন্যা ১)সরস্বতী মুখার্জ্জী ২)প্রিয়ালী ঘোষাল ৩)সোনালী চক্রবর্ত্তী ও ৪)শিউলী চ্যাটার্জ্জী, মহাশয়াগণ উত্তরাধিকারসূত্রে প্রাপ্ত সম্পত্তি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও., পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে।

ইতি- মীর মহঃ কলিমুদ্দিন (উকিলবাবু), চন্দননগর কোর্ট, হুগলী

SBI Home Loan Centre Kolkata
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NOTICE

It is inform the Public at large that a Registered Deed No.1901-10972/2007 in the name of Gourav Mukherjee son of Gobinda Lal Mukherjee was not found from the Office of the HLC Kolkata at AVANI HEIGHTS, 59A, Chowringhee Road, P.S Bhownipore, Kolkata 700 020 subsequently it was thoroughly searched in the Office and Customer - Gourav Mukherjee also searched his custody but till date the said Deed is not traceable. In this connection a General Diary was lodged in the Bhownipore Police Station and it was registered as GDE No. 1192 dated 12.02.2026.Any person, agent, representative of any institution, if found the said Deed then immediately deposit the said Deed in the SBI HLC Kolkata (Previously RACPC Kolkata).

AGM
Date: 15.02.2026, Place: Kolkata
Home Loan Centre, Kolkata, SBI

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Statement of Unaudited financial Results for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on February 14, 2026 approved the Unaudited financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

Theresults, alongwith the Auditors ' Limited Review Report, have been posted on the Company's website at **https://mldgroup.in/reports/pdf/dalmia_quarterly_financial_results/2025-26/DLL-fr_quaterly_resultsDec25.pdf** and can be accessed by scanning the QR Code

Place : Kolkata
Date : February 14, 2026

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Dalmia Laminators Limited
Sd/- **Manish Dalmia**, Director
DIN : 00264752

Notes : The above intimation is in accordance with Regulation 33 and read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing obligation and disclosure) Regulations. 2015

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e-Tender are invited through online bid system under following Tender **e-Tender No-10/PGP/(APAS/15th CFC Tied/5th SFC Untied)/2025-26,** the last date of online submation of tender is **18/02/2026 upto 18.00 Hours**
For details please visit website. **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

Salma Yeasmin Bibi
Prodhan
Panchgram G.P

DECLARATION

That My Client, 'VIVEKANAND INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED' a Company, having its registered office at 58, N.S. Road, P.O. & P.S. Liluah, Howrah-711204 represented by the Director Sri Bimal Kumar Jain residing at P-306, C.I.T. Road, Scheme -VI M, P.O. & P.S. Phoolbagan, Kolkata-700054 will apply for B.L. & L.R. O. Mutation, vide Deed No. I–2916/2025, Mouza-Bamunari,J.L. No. 25, L.R. Plot No. 263/1044, L.R. Khatian No. 455. They have a General Power of Attorney being Deed No. I- 11391/2024 registered before A.R.A - I Kolkata. The said General Power of Attorney still being active according to the memo no. 1000/1(6) - 15/2024. For any kind of objection regarding the above matter. If any, kindly contact to the B.L.&L.R.O office, Serampore, Hooghly. Chinmoy Samaddar. Advocate. Shrirampore Court, Hooghly

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR MAINTENANCE WORK OVER HOWRAH DIVISION

For engineering, overhead equipment and Signal & Telecommunication maintenance work, **Block** will be required in different sections of Howrah Division on **15.02.2026 (Sunday) at day time.** Consequently, the following trains will be regulated as under : ● **Cancellation on 15.02.2026 (Sunday) : (1) From Howrah -** 37249, 37239, 36823. **(2) From Bandel -** 37242, 37246, 37749. **(3) From Barddhaman -** 36834. **(4) From Katwa -** 37748. ● **Rescheduling on 15.02.2026 (Sunday): (1) 53009 Katwa-Azimganj Passenger** train will be rescheduled at **12.40 hrs.** instead of 12.00 hrs. **from Katwa.**
Special Note : Special or Late Running trains & any further newly introduced train/parcel trains/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diverted suitably enroute. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of Stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah
EASTERN RAILWAY

Indian scientists engineer CRISPR protein to boost gene editing to treat genetic diseases, cancer

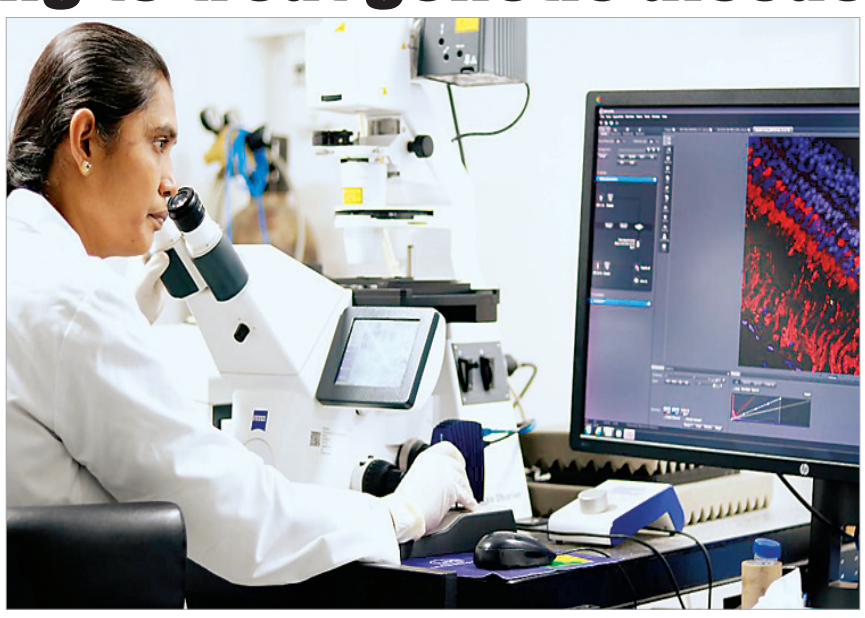
New Delhi : Scientists from Kolkata-based Bose Institute have created GlowCas9 -- a CRISPR protein that lights up while performing gene editing -- to help boost treatment of genetic diseases and cancer, said the Ministry of Science and Technology on Wednesday.

While CRISPR-Cas9 had been designed to cut and correct DNA with accuracy, scientists could not observe Cas9, the molecular surgeon, in living cells in real time, as traditional detection methods relying on fixing or breaking open cells make it impossible to track the process as it unfolds.

With the newly engineered CRISPR protein, scientists could observe the Cas9 enzyme as it enables them to edit genomes using the CRISPR-Cas9 system for treating genetic diseases, including cancer.

"Gene therapy could be a permanent cure for many life-threatening hereditary diseases. Developing effective, affordable, and safe gene therapy methods remained a challenge for decades," said the Ministry.

"Tracking gene editing as it happens or watching the molecular machinery as it works, cutting, repairing, and rewriting DNA inside living cells can help monitor CRISPR operations in living cells and tissues without destroying them," it added.



The finding led by Dr. Basudeb Maji, from the Bose Institute, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), opens a new chapter in the visualisation and tracking of genome engineering. Arkadeep Karmakar, a Ph.D. researcher in Maji's lab, designed GlowCas9 -- a bioluminescent version of Cas9 that glows inside cells, by fusing Cas9 with a split nano-luciferase enzyme derived from deep-sea shrimp proteins.

"These inactive enzyme pieces reconnect when Cas9 folds correctly, producing light. This is because when the pieces are brought to close proximity, they can reassemble to restore enzymatic activity and produce a visible signal akin to the gentle light of fireflies," stated the researchers in the study, published in the journal Angewandte Chemie International Edition.

The glowing activity allows scientists to monitor CRISPR operations in living cells, tissues, and even plant leaves --without harming them. The team found that GlowCas9 is very stable and maintains its structure and activity at higher temperatures compared to the conventional enzyme. Such sturdiness is important for gene therapy, where stable Cas9 delivery can greatly increase treatment success.

GlowCas9 also increases the precision of homology-directed repair (HDR) -- a DNA repair process crucial for fixing hereditary mutations that are linked to genetic diseases like sickle cell anaemia, and muscular dystrophy.

GlowCas9 can also be tracked in plant systems, hinting at safe, non-transgenic applications in crop improvement, the researchers said.

Thalassemia and Hemoglobin Disorders Often Missed Without Proper Tests, Need for Premarital and Genetic Screening

- ***Undiagnosed Hemoglobin Disorders Pose Risks for Future Generations***
- ***Many people live with abnormal hemoglobin levels without knowing it. With rising cases of Thalassemia trait and other genetic blood disorders, couples should undergo screening, especially before marriage and pregnancy***

Kolkata: Hemoglobinopathies, genetic conditions that affect the structure or production of hemoglobin, often go undiagnosed because symptoms can be very mild or easily mistaken for common issues like weakness or fatigue. Many people carry abnormal hemoglobin traits without any visible signs, which increases the risk of passing on serious conditions like Thalassemia to their children. This makes early screening, especially premarital and pre-pregnancy testing, extremely important. Abnormal hemoglobin levels may be missed during routine blood tests. Basic tests can detect anemia, but do not always identify the specific genetic problem. This leads to delayed diagnosis and missed opportunities for counselling and preventive care. Targeted diagnostic tests such as Hemoglobin Electrophoresis, HPLC testing, and genetic mutation analysis are essential for accurate detection of Thalassemia traits and other hemoglobin disorders. If both partners carry the Thalassemia trait, there is a 25% chance that their child will be born with Thalassemia Major, a severe and lifelong condition requiring regular blood transfusions. With simple screening, these risks can be identified early and managed through counselling, planning, and timely medical guidance.

Dr Abhik Banerjee, Zonal Tenhnical Chief, Apollo Diagnostic Kolkata said, "Routine blood tests often miss hemoglobin disorders, which is why we advise more specific tests for accurate diagnosis. Tests like Hemoglobin Electrophoresis help us separate and study different types of hemoglobin to see if a person carries an abnormal form. HPLC is even more precise and gives a clear picture of all hemoglobin components, making it easier to identify silent carriers. In some cases, we also recommend genetic mutation analysis, which checks the DNA directly to confirm the exact mutation responsible for the condition. These tests guide us in offering the right counselling to individuals and couples. If both partners are carriers, there is a 25% chance of having a child with Thalassemia Major, a lifelong and serious condition. This is why premarital and pre-pregnancy screening is extremely important. With awareness and timely testing, families can prevent avoidable suffering and make informed decisions about their future." Dr Banerjee Added, ''With advancements in diagnostic technology and growing public health awareness, early detection of hemoglobin disorders is now easily achievable. Doctors stress that community outreach programs, routine screening drives, and counselling initiatives can significantly reduce the burden of undiagnosed cases. Hospitals also encourage individuals especially those planning a family to proactively opt for these specialized tests even in the absence of symptoms. Increasing public awareness and strengthening preventive screening can play a vital role in reducing the incidence of severe Thalassemia and helping future generations lead healthier, more informed lives.''

Why might nonfermented milk increase heart disease risk in women?

A board-certified interventional cardiologist and medical director of the Structural Heart Program at MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center in Laguna Hills, CA, who was not involved in this study, spoke with Medical about its findings.

Reflecting on why there would be an association of an increased risk in women who consume nonfermented milk developing heart disease or heart attacks compared to men, Chen said it remains unclear. "It is possible that sex-specific differences in the metabolism of milk components such as lactose result in differences in degradation products, which can potentially cause differences in oxidative stress and inflammation," he suggested. "This could then lead to increased risk of developing heart disease." Chen also discussed how fermented milk could potentially offer heart-protective benefits.

"Fermented milk products such as yogurt are rich in bacteria ([for example,] Lactobacillus) that influence the composition of our gut microbiome," he explained. The beneficial effects of yogurt are likely related to its benefit to the microbiome."

Chen further noted that while more research is needed about the microbiome and heart health, "many studies have found that different compositions of the microbiome can help with decreasing the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, and even heart disease."

a cardiologist at UTHealth Houston, also spoke with MNT about the study.

Higgins, who was not involved in this research, did not find the study results on nonfermented milk surprising. He told us that:

"Given that there are effects of increased inflammation, especially in women, that is not surprising. Men appear to be [better able] to break down some inflammatory products in the non-fermented milk." He also spoke on how fermented milk could offer more cardiovascular benefits, nothing that "fermented milk is loaded with vitamin B12, D, riboflavin (B2), calcium, magnesium, and protein, which has been associated with reduced inflammation."

"Also, it promotes an improved microbiome (gut health), improved immunity, reduced stress, and helps maintain blood sugar levels," he added. While the study authors say more research is necessary, the study does lend to the possibility of dietary guidelines one day being changed to include fermented milk..

Metabolic surgery can help prevent organ damage, failure due to uncontrolled diabetes: AIIMS doctor

New Delhi : While uncontrolled diabetes is unfolding as a silent crisis in India, resulting in organ damage and failure, metabolic surgery can help prevent it, according to a doctor at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi on Wednesday.

India is already known as the diabetes capital of the world, but Dr. Manjunath Maruti Pol, Additional Professor, Department of Surgery at AIIMS, New Delhi, shared that uncontrolled diabetes is surging complications such as kidney failure, heart attacks, strokes, neuropathy, and retinopathy, among others.

In India, 70 million people suffer from diabetes, and 50 per cent of them have uncontrolled diabetes, shared the doctor, noting that the worldwide criteria for HbA1c (a measure of blood sugar control) is 7. But in India, it is 7.5.

"Uncontrolled diabetes can be defined as when HbA1C levels continue to remain at 7.5 despite taking 3 or more than 3 medicines and controlling diet and lifestyle for at least 2 years," Pol said.

He stated that HbA1c is inversely related to the occurrence of complications. In other words, if HbA1c increases, organs will begin to fail in a short duration, leading to death.

"Surgery is now an internationally recommended treatment for selective uncontrolled Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM)," the expert said. Surgery as a treatment for diabetes was formally recognised in 2016 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF).

How it is done

According to the guidelines, this surgery can be performed on patients aged 18 to 65 years.

Unlike Type-1 diabetes, where surgery is conducted on the pancreas, the surgery for uncontrolled Type 2 diabetes is done on the stomach and intestine.

"The stomach is made small and small intestine is joined, with this, the stomach is sized like a tube, the size of that stomach varies depending on the metabolic profile of the patient, and small intestine, we join that small tube, so that the food goes directly to the intestine, bypassing the duodenum," Pol said.

So when the food goes directly there, there are certain GLP or hormone release, in a physiological dose and rhythm, time, quantity, he added, noting that the surgery halts the damage.

"In our own retrospective analysis, we have performed over 100 surgeries, with 35 per cent on patients with uncontrolled Type-2 diabetes. All of them are currently off diabetes medications," the expert stated.

He lauded the rapid pace of improvement post-surgery. Many patients show near-normal blood sugar levels from the first post-operative day, proving that the benefits are weight-independent.

"The cost of the surgery, done via laparoscopy or robotic, is between Rs 3 and 6 lakhs," Pol said, adding that the benefits are indeed significant.

Researchers reveal new ways to identify bacteria more easily

Antibiotics are used far too frequently all over the world. Bacteria are getting resistant as a result. Curing bacterial infections is becoming increasingly challenging because antibiotics are one of our most powerful tools in the fight against them. The good news is that finding better ways for identifying infections is a crucial step towards requiring fewer antibiotics. "We have developed a simple tool that can identify all of the genetic material in bacteria. This allows us to find out more quickly what kind of bacteria a sick person or animal is affected by, or what kind of bacteria are found in food or the environment. We can then also decide whether it is necessary to use antibiotics against the bacterium, and if so what kind, so we don't have to use as much medication," says Professor Erika Eiser at Norwegian University of Science and Technology's (NTNU)Department of Physics. An international research group is behind the latest findings. The results have been presented in the prestigious Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) journal. Playing a key role in the work was Dr Peicheng Xu from the Institute of Physics Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, for whom Eiser was previously an academic supervisor. One reason why the new method is faster is that users do not have to go through a step called 'gene amplification'. This involves making several copies of the genetic material so it is easier to analyse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The research team, which as well as experts from the Education University of Hong Kong, included those from the Shanghai Normal University in China and Macquarie University in Australia, wanted to know how digital activity affected the brain's plasticity - or malleability - during critical periods of development. It is known that visual development mostly takes place before the age of eight, while the key time for language acquisition is up to 12.

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

Screen-based media were the most commonly used by the participants, followed by games, virtual visual scenes, video viewing and editing, and internet or pad use.

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

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

For example, negative impacts were witnessed in some studies on how screen time influences the brain function required for attention, executive control abilities, inhibitory control, cognitive processes, and functional connectivity. Other studies suggested that higher screen time is associated with lower functional connectivity in brain areas related to language and cognitive control, potentially adversely affecting cognitive development. Some device-based research was assessed in the research pool. Tablet device users were found to have worse brain function and problem-solving tasks. Video gaming and high internet users were found, in four studies, to produce negative changes in brain areas, impacting intelligence scores and brain volume. General "intensive media usage" was shown to potentially impact visual processing and higher cognitive function regions.

There were six studies, however, demonstrating how these digital experiences can positively impact a child's brain functionality. Such as, one found improved focusing and learning abilities in the frontal lobe of the brain. Meanwhile, another study suggested playing video games can increase cognitive demand, potentially enhancing children's executive functions and cognitive skills. Overall Chair Professor Li's team conclude that policymakers must act on these findings to support evidence-based practice for teachers and parents.

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

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

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

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

CDSCO labs flag 205 drug samples as 'not of standard quality' in November

New Delhi : The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Friday declared 205 drug samples tested by the Central and state drugs regulatory authorities as 'Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)' in its monthly drug alert for November.

While the Central Drugs Laboratories identified 64 drug samples as NSQ, the State Drugs Testing Laboratories identified 141 drug samples as NSQ. As per routine regulatory surveillance activity, the list of Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) and Spurious drugs is being displayed on the CDSCO portal on a monthly basis.

"For the month of November 2025, Central Drugs Laboratories have identified 64 Drug Samples to be Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) and State Drugs Testing Laboratories have identified 141 Drug Samples as Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)," the alert said. Identification of drug samples as NSQ is done based on failure of the drug sample in one or the other specified quality parameters. The failure is specific to the drug products of the batch tested by the government laboratory, and it does not warrant any concerns on the other drug products available in the market, the health officials said. Further, in November, "two drug samples from North Zone, Ghaziabad.

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Gaza's civil defense says 8,000 bodies of genocide victims remain under rubble

MI News Service, Gaza: The civil defense in the Gaza Strip says thousands of bodies are still buried beneath the ruins of destroyed buildings across the Palestinian territory, as rescue teams struggle to reach neighborhoods devastated during the Israeli regime's war of genocide.

In a statement issued on Thursday, spokesperson Mahmoud Basal said around 8,000 bodies remained under the rubble, despite ongoing search and recovery efforts.

Civil defense crews were seen carrying out operations with heavy machinery at the site of a building destroyed during Israeli attacks in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City on February 12.

Basal said teams were operating under severe constraints. According to the statement, they were working in "very difficult conditions" and with limited resources, making it hard to access many affected areas.

The latest figures came as a leading humanitarian law institute has warned that the overall death toll from the war that began in October 2023 might be far higher than widely reported.

The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights said the number of people killed in the coastal sliver might have exceeded 200,000. The assessment cited new data showing that the territory's population had declined by more than 10 percent since the launch of the genocide.

Stuart Casey-Maslen, head of the Academy's project on international humanitarian law, said such a sharp population drop suggested the tremendous loss. He stressed that commonly circulated casualty figures did not reflect the full scale of destruction.

Maslen described the situation as "extremely serious," warning that suffering continued even after a US-brokered ceasefire between the Gaza-headquartered Hamas resistance movement and Tel Aviv.

The two sides signed a deal in early October last year as part of a 20-point plan devised by Donald Trump that the US president claims is aimed at ending the genocide.

Israeli forces, though, have been found in daily deadly violation of the agreement ever since in, what observers have called, Tel Aviv's efforts at continuing the genocidal pattern.

Israeli forces fire at Al Jazeera crew covering settler attack in West Bank

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israeli forces opened fire at an Al Jazeera news crew on Friday, February 13, while it was covering a illegal settler attack in the occupied West Bank, as violence in the territory continues to escalate.

The Qatar-based channel reported that soldiers shot towards its team in the town of Talfit, south of Nablus, causing partial damage to camera equipment. The crew was reporting on an attack by Israeli settlers on Palestinians in the village.

Al Jazeera correspondent Tharwat Shaqra said troops used live ammunition before firing a tear gas canister that directly struck and damaged filming gear. She said the journalists were positioned in a clearly visible and exposed location and were targeted without being asked to leave.

The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the incident.

The shooting occurred as settlers, reportedly under the protection of Israeli forces, attacked Palestinians in Talfit.

According to the Palestinian Red Crescent, the number of injuries rose to 54. One person was shot and taken to hospital, while others were treated at the scene for injuries and suffocation after tear gas was fired.

As per media reports, Israeli forces fired live ammunition, stun grenades and tear gas towards Palestinians and their homes, and arrested three people during the clashes. The violence also extended to the neighbouring town of Qusra, where settlers stormed the Ras al-Ain area, the site of a newly established settlement outpost, and attacked residents.

Journalists covering events in the occupied Palestinian territories have frequently reported harassment and attacks. Israel shut Al Jazeera's operations inside Israel on May 5, 2024, and closed its offices in the West Bank on September 22, 2024. The closures have been repeatedly extended. In December 2025, Israeli Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi pledged to prevent the channel from operating "forever".

Israel has intensified operations in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since launching its military campaign in Gaza in October 2023. Palestinians view the escalation, which includes killings, arrests, displacement and settlement expansion, as a step towards the formal annexation of the territory.

UN Security Council condemns terrorist attack in Pakistani capital

MI News Service, New York: The members of the Security Council expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and the people of Pakistan, and wished a speedy and full recovery to those injured.

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 13 (Xinhua) -- The UN Security Council on Friday condemned "in the strongest terms" the suicide bombing terrorist attack at a mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan on Feb. 6, which has killed more than 30 people and injured many others.

In a press statement, the members of the Security Council expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and the people of Pakistan, and wished a speedy and full recovery to those injured.

Reaffirming that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, Security Council members underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice, the statement said.

Security Council members reiterated that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, and reaffirmed the need for all states to combat by all means, in accordance with the UN Charter and other obligations under international law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

SIR: Kerala MLA claims BJP targeting minority voters, will file complaint

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala MLA and Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) leader AKM Ashraf has made strong allegations against Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing it of colluding with electoral officials to reject votes from the Muslim community.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, February 13, the MLA appeared before the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) with those who claimed their names were targeted through false complaints filed by the BJP. Since losing the last election to IUML in the Majeshwari constituency of Kerala's Kasaragod, the saffron party is trying to control the electoral roll by deleting specific names during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), Ashraf alleged.

Several irregularities have been reported during the process, he added. In booth No 128, the Assistant Returning Officer informed the IUML MLA that the BJP district secretary, Lokesh Londa, allegedly came to remove 90 applications.

"BJP's district secretary has demanded that the vote be rejected," he told media persons.

After the alleged request, seven individuals were issued Form 7 notices for removal of their names from the electoral roll, Ashraf said. One of the individuals named in the Form 7, Mohammed, was born, brought up, and even voted for years, he said, adding that now he is being described as "not an Indian citizen."

Form 7s are filed with the ERO to request the deletion of a name from the voter list or to object to the inclusion of a name. It is filed for reasons such as death, shifting, or duplicate entries. However, since the SIR was initiated, multiple cases of Form 7 misuse have been reported across India, mostly targeted against minority voters.

The other six were marked as "permanently shifted" residence in their forms, he said. "On what basis are such determinations held?" the MLA asked. He accused the BJP leaders of being in cahoots with officials in the constituency.

Stating that most names sought to delete were those of the elderly individuals, he asked, "Isn't it wrong to drag these 60 70-year-old people falsely?"

The MLA promised to register a case, seeking action against those involved in the malpractice. He alleged that first-time voters are being deleted from the voter rolls despite possessing valid documents. Their applications are reportedly rejected for what he called "petty reasons."

"This is not Bihar or North India; this is Kerala. You cannot win by removing minorities from the voter list," he asserted.

Manjeshwar constituency is the northernmost assembly constituency in Kerala. In the last election, former BJP president K Surendran lost to Ashraf by 845 votes. Before that, PB Abdul Razak from IUML won narrowly by 89 votes, defeating Surendran.

UP: Muslim man booked under anti-conversion law for marrying Buddhist woman

MI News Service, Meerut: In Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, a planned interfaith wedding between Shahvez Rana, a Muslim man, and Akansha Gautam, a Buddhist woman, was disrupted after Akansha's paternal uncle filed a complaint under the state's anti-conversion law. The wedding was scheduled for Friday, February 13.

The uncle, Premchand Gautam, alleged that Rana deceived his niece by using the name "Saahil"—a family nickname printed on the wedding invitations—in a plot to manipulate and brainwash her, ultimately aiming to seize property. He claimed fear for Akansha's safety and accused Rana of concealing his identity.

However, Akansha and her mother firmly rejected these accusations, calling them politically motivated and rooted in a property dispute. Akansha emphasized that her relationship with Rana (whom she calls Sahil) has lasted six years and is entirely consensual. She accused her uncle of exploiting the situation since her father's death to target family property.

Speaking to reporters, Akansha defended her right to choose her partner in a democratic country governed by the rule of law. "I want to marry, and I will get married," she asserted, urging others not to view the issue through a Hindu-Muslim lens.

She questioned the "love jihad" label, pointing out, "Love jihad is when it is a Hindu-Muslim matter. I'm not even a Hindu, I'm a Buddhist," and noting she does not believe in goddess worship.

The controversy escalated when Sachin Sarohi, national president of the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Suraksha Sangathan, supported the uncle's complaint and announced a "Hindu mahapanchayat" outside the venue to highlight alleged irregularities.

Sarohi described "love jihad" as a widespread conspiracy where Muslim men target vulnerable Hindu women, particularly those without male guardians. He insisted his group opposes only concealment or coercion, not personal freedom, but vowed to "follow" the couple if they attempt to marry elsewhere, claiming they had only halted the Meerut ceremony.

Pahlavi calls on Trump to help the Iranian people: 'It's time to end the Islamic Republic'

MI News Service, Washington: The exiled son of Iran's last shah calls on US President Donald Trump to help the Iranian people and says it is "time to end the Islamic Republic."

"To President Trump… The Iranian people heard you say help is on the way, and they have faith in you. Help them," the US-based Reza Pahlavi tells reporters at the Munich Security Conference.

Trump said yesterday that a change of government in Iran would be the "best thing that could happen," as he sent a second aircraft carrier to the Middle East to ratchet up military pressure on the Islamic Republic.

He had earlier threatened military intervention to support a wave of street protests in Iran that peaked in January and were met by a violent crackdown that rights groups say killed thousands. Trump has since said he could take military action if Tehran does not agree to a nuclear deal.

Pahlavi, who has not returned to Iran since before the 1979 Islamic revolution that ousted the monarchy, says in Munich: "It is time to end the Islamic Republic."

"This is the demand echoing from the bloodshed of my compatriots who are not asking us to fix the regime but to help them bury it," he adds.

New round of talks on Ukraine to be held in Geneva on Feb 17-18

MI News Service, Moscow/Kiev: The next round of trilateral talks between Ukraine, the United States and Russia will be held on Feb. 17-18 in Geneva, Moscow and Kiev confirmed on Friday. The Russian delegation will be led by presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky, Russia's state news agency TASS reported, citing Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov.

Ukraine's chief negotiator, Rustem Umerov, wrote on Facebook that the Ukrainian negotiating team has been formed, incorporating the military, political, and security components of the process. Umerov stressed that achieving a sustainable and lasting peace remains the goal of the Ukrainian delegation at the talks.

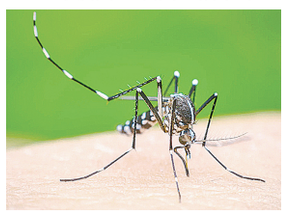
The first round of trilateral security consultations among the three countries was held on Jan. 23-24 in Abu Dhabi, where the Russian delegation was led by the country's military intelligence chief Igor Kostyukov. The second round was held in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 4-5. Following the meeting, U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff said that Russia and Ukraine had agreed on an exchange of 314 prisoners of war.

Dengue larvae found in 40 pct of inspected schools in Sri Lanka: health official

MI News Service, Colombo: Dengue larvae were found in 40 percent of schools inspected by Sri Lanka's Ministry of Health, according to an official from the country's National Dengue Control Unit.

Acting Director of the National Dengue Control Unit Kapila Kannangara told journalists on Saturday that recent surveys have revealed an increase in the percentage of schools where dengue mosquito larvae were detected.

He said health authorities were continuing inspection and prevention campaigns to reduce breeding sites and limit the spread of dengue, which remains a major public health concern in the country.

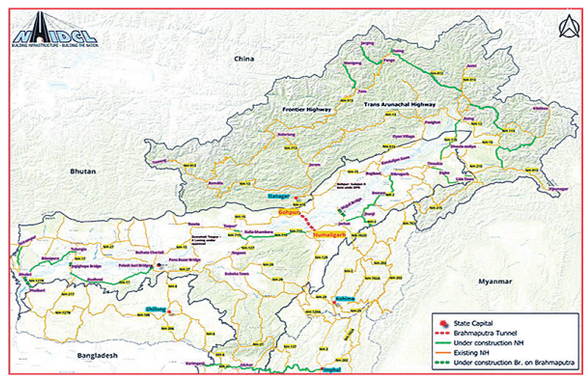


Kannangara added that fumigation activities were being carried out at centers hosting the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) examinations to protect students and staff during the exam period.

Sri Lankan health officials have repeatedly urged schools and communities to eliminate stagnant water and maintain clean surroundings to reduce mosquito breeding and curb dengue transmission.

Sri Lanka recorded over 51,000 dengue cases in 2025.

Cabinet approves construction of Twin TubeTBM road Underwater tunnel 2 Lane each under River Brahmaputra along with provision of Railway infrastructure in one of the tubes, in Assam with total length of 33.7 km



MI News Service, Kolkata, 14 Feb.26 : The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi,yesterday has approved construction of 4-Lane Access-Controlled Greenfield connectivity fromGohpur on NH-15 to Numaligarh on 715 section including 15.79 Km. of Road cum Rail Tunnelunder River Brahmaputra to be developed at a total capital cost of Rs.18,662 crore in Assam onEngineering procurement Construction (EPC).

Currently, connectivity between Numaligarh on NH715 and Gohpur on NH-15 is 240 Km. fromexisting Kaliabhambhora road bridge near Silghat on NH-52 which takes 6 Hours passing throughNumaligarh, Kaziranga National park and Biswanath Town. To address these challenges, the projectis proposed to be developed as 4-Lane Access-Controlled Greenfield connectivity from Gohpur onNH-15 to Numaligarh with Road cum Rail tunnel below the river Brahmaputra river. This would befirst underwater Road cum Rail tunnel in the India and 2nd in world. The project will providesignificant benefit to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and other North - Eastern States. This willenhance the efficiency of freight movement, reducing logistics cost and driving socio-economicgrowth in the region.

The project alignment integrates with 02 major National Highways (NH-15 and NH-715) and 02Railway lines i.e. Rangia-Mukongselek Railway Section under Rangia Division of NFR on GohpurSide and Furkating-Mariani loop line section under Tinsukia Division of NFR on Numaligarh side.The project providing seamless connectivity to key economic, social, and logistics nodes acrossAssam. Additionally, the project will enhance multi-modal integration by connecting with 11Economic Nodes, 03 Social Nodes, 02 Tourist nodes and 08 Logistic Nodes, providing enhancedconnectivity with 04 Major Railway Station, 02 Airport, and 2 inland water way thereby facilitating-faster movement of goods and passengers across the region.

Upon completion, the project will play a pivotal role in strategic considerations, regional economic-growth, strengthening connectivity between major economic centers and opening new avenues fortrade and industrial development. The project will also generate approximately 80 Lakhs person-daysof direct and indirect employment, and will open new avenues of growth, development andprosperity in surrounding regions.

Project Details

Feature	Details
Project Name	Construction of Twin Tube TBM road Underwater tunnel 2 Lane each under River Brahmaputra along with provision of Railway infrastructure in one of the tubes, in the state of Assam on EPC Mode with total length of project as 33.7 Km.
Corridor	Gohpur on NH-15 – Numaligarh on NH-715
Length (km)	33.7 Km.
Total Civil Cost (Rs Cr.)	11,982.36 Cr.
Land Acquisition Cost (Rs Cr.)	716.65
Total Capital Cost (Rs Cr.)	18,662.02
Mode	Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC).
Project Length	Instant Project of Length 33.77 Km.
Twin Tube TBM Tunnel with Railway in one of the tubes	15.79 Km.
Total Road cut & cover	1.26 Km.
Total Rail cut & cover	4 Km.
Major Roads Connected	National Highways – NH-15 & NH715
Rail Line connected	Rangia-Mukongselek Railway Section under Rangia Division of NFR on Gohpur Side Furkating-Mariani loop line section under Tinsukia Division of NFR on Numaligarh side
Economic / Social / Transport Nodes Connected	Airports (02) : Dony Paulo Holongi Airport Itanagar and Tezpur Airport Railway Stations (04) : Numaligarh Railway Station, Gohpur Railway Station, Golaghat Town Railway Station, Simaluguri Junction Inland Water way Terminals (02): Biswanath Ghat Water way terminal, Tezpur Water way terminal Economic Nodes (11) : Numaligarh Industrial Area, Jorhat DIC, IIDC Titabor, Industrial Area Junakinagar, Industrial Estate Nagaon, IIDC Demow, Industrial Estate Sivasagar, IIDC Nalbali, Industrial Area Dolabari, Mini Industrial Area Biswanath, MMLP Jogighopa. Social Nodes (03) : 1 Tribal district – Dima Hasao; 02 Aspirations District-Udalguri & Darrang Tourist Nodes (02) : Kaziranga National Park & Deopahar Archaeological Site
Major Cities / Towns Connected	Numaligarh, Tezpur, Gohpur Dibrugarh in Assam & Itanagar In Arunachal Pradesh
Employment Generation Potential	80 Lakhs Man-Days of Direct & In-direct
Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in FY-25	Estimated at 4680 Passenger Car Units (PCU)

We must continue the fight to save waqf property: Kamruzzaman

Nurul Islam Khan: We must continue the fight to save all waqf property including mosques, madrasas, graveyards. On Saturday, at the Kaliachak Nazrul Bhaban in Malda district, Maulana Kamruzzaman, member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and State Secretary of the Minority Youth Federation, called on everyone to join the movement. Maulana Kamruzzaman, Calcutta High Court lawyer Wasim Akram, Anjuman president Maulana Ramzan Ali, secretary Maulana Motijul Haque, Maulana Ziaul Haque and others spoke at the Waqf awareness camp held at the Kaliachak Nazrul Bhaban of Anjumane Ahle Sunnat wa Jamaat. The officials and imams of the management committees of various mosques and madrasas of three blocks of Kaliachak were present at the Waqf awareness camp. The responsible people expressed their anger as the mosque land was registered under Khatian number one. The mosque's supporters demanded that all the mosque land should be restored to the old Khatian number immediately. Kamruzzaman said that they will continue the movement to restore the mosque and graveyard land to the previous Khatian. He also said that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board is fighting against the Waqf Kalakanun in a democratic way across the country and is also arguing in the Supreme Court.

RANCHI U-23 SQUAD ANNOUNCED FOR INTER-DISTRICT ELITE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

MI CORRESPONDENT

RANCHI : The Ranchi District Cricket Association has announced the Ranchi district team for the Under-23 Elite Inter-District Cricket Tournament (2025-26).

The squad will depart for Bokaro on February 17 to participate in the prestigious state-level competition.

Ranchi will begin its campaign against Hazaribagh on February 18 (Wednesday). The tournament is expected to showcase some of the most promising young cricketers from across Jharkhand, providing them with a competitive platform to demonstrate their talent and temperament.

Uttam Kumar has been appointed captain of the Ranchi side. The selected players are: Uttam Kumar (Captain), Abhinav Sagar, Sunny Sachin Tiwari, Yash Kumar Rathore, Vatsal Tiwari, Aryan Raj, Nishant Kumar, Nitin Pandey, Aniket Raj Gupta, Krishna Yadav, Sheet Kumar, Shivam Krishna, Aman Kumar Mishra, Kumar Shantanu, and Siddhant Raj.

The team will be guided by coach Kuldeep Sharma, while Muktesh Singh Chauhan will serve as team manager.

Five players have been named on standby: Lakshya Shobhit Sinha, Navjot Singh Bajwa, Himanshu Gupta, Nazar Nawaz Khan, and Pranav Chaudhary.

According to Shailendra Kumar, Secretary of the Ranchi District Cricket Association, the team has undergone rigorous preparation and is confident of delivering a strong performance in the tournament.

The U-23 Elite Inter-District Championship is considered a crucial stepping stone for young cricketers aspiring to represent Jharkhand at higher levels. All eyes will now be on Ranchi's opening encounter as the team aims to start its campaign on a winning note.

T20 WC: All you need to know before blockbuster India-Pakistan Group A encounter

COLOMBO : The blockbuster clash between India and Pakistan in the T20 World Cup 2026 is set to go ahead as scheduled after a lot of drama here on Sunday at the R Premadasa Stadium. Have a look at the India vs Pakistan rivalry in T20 World Cups so far.

Defending champions India began their campaign with a win over the United States and have arrived in Colombo after beating Namibia by 93 runs. Pakistan, on the other hand, looked in all sorts of trouble against the Netherlands before sealing the thrilling encounter in their campaign opener. They followed it up with a clinical performance win against the USA.

India and Pakistan have been placed in the same group in the opening stages of the past five editions of the T20 World Cup and the previous two 50-over World Cup competitions. The last time they were placed in separate groups was the 2011 ODI World Cup in India, though the two eventually faced off in the semifinal, where India beat Pakistan before defeating Sri Lanka in the final.

The history of the India-Pakistan face-off in the T20 World cup remains heavily tilted in favour of the Men in Blue. Till now, the two sides have played each other eight times in the T20 World Cup, with India emerging victorious on seven occasions, while Pakistan managed to win only once (in 2021).

Moreover, India have enjoyed remarkable success at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. Since 2009, they have played 15 T20I matches at the venue, winning 11 and losing just four, underlining their consistency in Sri Lankan conditions.

Moreover, the rain threat looms over the high-intensity encounter, as weather forecasts show a strong possibility of rain on Sunday in Colombo.

According to projections, Colombo faces a 76 percent chance of rain during the day on Sunday, with the probability dropping to 13 percent in the evening with 100 percent cloud cover.

Overall head-to-head India vs Pakistan in T20Is: 16

India won: 13

Pakistan won: 3

Highest innings totals

India: 192-5 (20), Ahmedabad, Dec 28, 2012

Pakistan: 182-5 (19.5), Dubai , Sep 4, 2022

Lowest Innings totals

India: 119 (19), Nassau, June 9, 2024

Pakistan: 83 (17.3), Mirpur, Feb 27, 2016

Highest individual scores

India: 82*, V. Kohli, Melbourne , Oct 23, 2022

Pakistan: 79*, Mohmmad Rizwan, Dubai, Oct 24, 2021

Best bowling figures

India: 4-26, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Dubai, August 28, 2022

Pakistan: 4-18, Mohammad Asif, Kingsmead, Sep 14, 2007

Match details

When: Sunday, February 15, 7:00 PM IST

Where: R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo

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

SQUADS

India: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Varun Chakaravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Rinku Singh.

Pakistan: Salman Ali Agha (C), Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Khawaja Nafay, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Salman Mirza, Naseem Shah, Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shadab Khan, Usman Khan, Usman Tariq.

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Kolkata (West Bengal) [India], February 14 (ANI): A sensational half-century from Tom Banton and a three-wicket haul by spinner Adil Rashid were the highlights as England defeated Scotland by five wickets in their ICC T20 World Cup clash at Kolkata's Eden Gardens on Saturday, ending their side's winless streak against European nations in the tournament.

A winless streak that started with a shock loss to the Netherlands in the 2009 T20 WC at Lord's has finally ended in Kolkata, after two losses to the Netherlands, a loss to Ireland, and no results against Ireland and Scotland in between. Now, England is placed second in Group C with two wins and a loss, with four points, and Scotland is in third with a win and two losses. With two wins in two matches, the West Indies is at the top.

England won the toss and opted to bowl first.

The pairing of Jofra Archer (2/24 in four overs) and Sam Curran (1/33 in 3.4 overs) reduced Scotland to 42/3 in 5.5 overs. However, a 71-run stand between Michael Jones (33 in 20 balls, with five fours and a six) and skipper Richie Berrington (49 in 32 balls, with five fours and two sixes) helped the Scottish gain some footing in the game.

But it was the spin duo of Adil (3/36 in four overs) and Liam Dawson (2/34 in four overs) that destroyed all the momentum as Scotland collapsed from 113/3 to 152 all out in 19.4 overs, with Tom Bruce (24 in 18 balls, with a four and a six) and Oliver Davidson (20* in 15 balls, with two fours and a six) playing vital cameos as wickets fell on the other end.

In the run-chase, England lost their opening pair of Phil Salt (2) and Jos Buttler (3) early, reduced to 13/2 in two overs. All-rounder Jacob Bethell (32 in 28 balls, with two fours and a six) produced another important knock as he stitched a 66-run stand with Banton. After skipper Harry Brook's departure for just four, Banton (63* in 41 balls, with four boundaries and three sixes) got some support from Sam Curran (28 in 20 balls, with a four and two sixes) and Will Jacks (16* in 10 balls, with a four and six) as they reached the target in 18.2 overs, with five wickets left.

Banton was given the 'Player of the Match' for his knock.

Milestone for Tucker as Ireland registers first win in T20 WC 2026

COLOMBO [SRI LANKA] : Ireland's stand-in skipper Lorcan Tucker registered the highest score by an Irish batter in the history of the ICC T20 World Cup on Saturday.

Tucker achieved this milestone during his side's ICC T20 World Cup clash against Oman at Colombo. During the match, when his side was down and out at 64/4, he launched a counter-attack, scoring 94* in just 51 balls, 10 fours and four sixes.

This has outdone Curtis Campher's 72* against Scotland at Hobart in 2022. Also, this is the second-highest individual score by a captain in T20 WCs after Chris Gayle's 98 against India at Bridgetown in 2010.

Ireland achieved their highest-ever T20 International total and the second-highest in the history of the ICC T20 World Cup during their match against Oman on Saturday.

The Irish side posted 235/5 in their allotted 20 overs, the second-best total in tournament history, behind Sri Lanka's 260/6 against Kenya in Johannesburg in 2007.

Also, previously, the highest total for Ireland was against Austria back in 2023 at Edinburgh. Oman won the toss and chose to bowl first. The Irish lost their four wickets for just 64 runs. However, a fine captain's knock from Lorcan Tucker and his 101-run stand with Gareth Delany (56 in 30 balls, with three fours and four sixes) brought them back in the game. Later, a brutal finish from George Dockrell (35* in nine balls, with five sixes) took Ireland to 235/5 in 20 overs. Shakeel Ahmed (3/33 in four overs) was the pick of the bowlers for Oman. During the run-chase, Aamir Kaleem (50 in 29 balls, with five fours and two sixes) and Hammad Mirza (46 in 37 balls, with six fours and a six) did put up a fight for Oman, but the rest of the batters crumbled under the scoreboard pressure, and they were skittled out for 139/10 in 18 overs, with Joshua Little (3/16), Matthew Humphreys (2/27) and Barry McCarthy (2/32) being the pick of the bowlers for Ireland. With the win, Ireland moved to fourth position in their group, having won one and lost two matches. Oman, meanwhile, remains at the bottom of the table after losing all three of their games.

JOS BUTTLER BECOMES FIRST ENGLAND BATTER TO SCORE 4000 T20I RUNS

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : England wicketkeeper-batter Jos Buttler scripted history as he became the first batter from his country to reach the landmark of 4000 runs in T20I cricket.

Buttler achieved this feat during England's Group C ICC Men's T20 World Cup match against Scotland at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Saturday.

England batters behind Butler are former England captain Eoin Morgan (2458), Alex Hales (2074), David Malan (1892), and Jonny Bairstow (1671).

Buttler also became the fifth player to play 150 or more matches in T20Is. This list includes Ireland's Paul Stirling (163), India's Rohit Sharma (159), Ireland's George Dockrell (157), and Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi (150).

Earlier this month, Buttler scripted history as he became the most capped player for England in international cricket.

The right-handed batter achieved this feat during the second T20I of the three-match series against Sri Lanka at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium.

The 35-year-old surpassed legendary seamer James Anderson, who played 401 international matches for the Three Lions. He picked up 991 wickets across all formats.

Buttler has notched up 12,422 runs in 406 international matches across formats for the Three Lions. In Test cricket, Buttler has made 2,907 runs in 57 matches and 100 innings at an average of 35.90.

The right-handed batter has scored two centuries and 18 half-centuries in the longest format. In ODIs, Buttler has amassed 5,515 runs in 199 matches and 171 innings at an average of 39.11.

The 35-year-old has made 11 hundreds and 29 half-centuries. In T20Is, Buttler has scored 4000 runs in 149 matches and 137 innings at an average of 34.78. The wicket-keeper-batter has smashed one century and 28 half-centuries.

England are at the fourth position in Group C standings of the ongoing T20 World Cup. The Three Lions are having two points with a Net Run Rate of -0.650.

HUMAS WARRIORS CLINCHED ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE SEASON 3 MEN'S TITLE WITH LATE SURGE

LEH (LADAKH) : Mohd Issa, Ghulam Nabi Tak and Waseem Bilal struck in the final period as Humas Warriors were crowned men's champions of the Ice Hockey League Season 3, defeating Purig Warriors 3-1 at the Nawang Dorjay Stobdan (NDS) Stadium, according to a release.

Organised in partnership with the UT Administration of Ladakh and the Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh, the final remained finely poised for two periods before Humas delivered a decisive late surge to lift the trophy.

Humas Warriors and Sham Eagles emerged as title winners this season, while Purig Warriors and Shakar Chiktan Queens were runners-up in the men's and women's category respectively. The teams were felicitated by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri Kavinder Gupta, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh. The winners and runners-up received cash prizes of Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh, respectively.

Among the individual honours, Shahid Shabir of Humas Warriors and Padma Desal of Sham Eagles were named Player of the Men's and Women's Finals, respectively, for their decisive impact in the title clash. Waseem Bilal, also of Humas Warriors, was the Top Scorer (Men) after an outstanding campaign in which he scored 18 goals in 14 matches, playing a pivotal role in his side's run to the championship. In the women's category, Padma was awarded Top Scorer for her 9 goals and consistent performances throughout the season.

The day began with Tsewang Dolma, Regional Head - Ladakh, Social Mission, welcoming the gathering and thanking the community for its continued support. A short film tracing the journey of Ice hockey and the League's players was screened, followed by an address from IHAL spokesperson PT Kunzang, who highlighted how infrastructure development and grassroots leagues can strengthen the sport, support athletes and enable communities to grow. The men's final commenced with the ceremonial puck drop and concluded with a post-game address and awards ceremony, felicitated by the Chief Guest.

Chief Guest, Kavinder Gupta, Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, commemorated the event, saying, "I congratulate the people of Ladakh on the successful conclusion of the Ice Hockey League Season 3. Ice hockey is being taken up across the region, and with the infrastructure being developed, I am confident it can reach every village. We are working to make more such stadiums accessible to people. We want the game to bring people to Ladakh throughout the year, strengthening sports tourism and supporting the local economy, while also encouraging a culture of hard work among young people. A new sports policy has been introduced, with facilities for participants and winners, and through CSR support, we are also working to provide equipment to promising players. The UT Administration will continue to extend all possible support and facilities for the growth of sport in Ladakh," as per the release.

Bidisha Dey, Executive Director, Eicher Group Foundation, said, "As the League reaches its culmination, it has been encouraging to see the impact of our grassroots programmes reflected in Season 3--particularly through higher participation and improved performance across teams. The League marks a clear step forward in the overall quality of play across regions, as well as in the narrowing gaps between teams. The seriousness with which players and coaches have approached competition shows that Himalayan Ice hockey is entering a more mature phase. With over 34,000 fans turning up across the season, it reaffirms our belief that long-term grassroots investment can translate into credible, high-quality competition at scale," as per the release.

Captain Moheb Ur Rehman Mir, Humas Warriors, expressed their win, saying, "Purig Warriors made it a tough final, and we had to stay patient. We kept our shape, trusted each other, and waited for the right moments in the last period. The goals don't belong to any one player - those were team goals, built on the passes, the pressure, and the work off the puck. Finishing as league-stage table toppers is one thing, but winning the title takes everyone, and I'm proud of this team,' as per the release.

The men's final opened at high intensity, with Humas setting the early tempo. Waseem Bilal tested Purig goalkeeper Irfan Ali in the first minute, and further attempts from Shahid Shabir, Mohd Issa and captain Moheb Ur Rehman Mir kept pressure on the Purig defence. However, Irfan stood firm, while Humas goalkeeper Iftiqar Hussain matched him at the other end as Purig built chances through quick link-up play.

The opening period ended goalless.

Purig broke the deadlock in the second period. After Hilal Ahmad struck the post early, Kacho Shamshad capitalised in the seventh minute with a wrist flick into the top-left corner following a deflection off Nawaz Ali's attempt. Purig pressed to extend their advantage, but Iftiqar produced crucial saves to keep Humas within reach. Despite multiple efforts from Ghulam Nabi Tak, Waseem Bilal and Captain Moheb, Irfan maintained Purig's slender lead heading into the final period.

The third period proved decisive. Mohd Issa restored parity in the eighth minute, carrying the puck from the neutral zone before finishing with a precise flick into the top-right corner off Moheb's pass. Momentum shifted firmly in Humas' favour, and in the 12th minute, Ghulam Nabi Tak converted a powerful slap shot, again set up by captain Moheb. Purig searched for an equaliser, but Humas sealed the title in the 18th minute when Waseem Bilal tapped in the rebound from Shahid Shabir's blocked attempt to complete the comeback and secure a 3-1 victory.

The first period break featured a performance by young participants from the Ladakh Dance Academy, while the second interval saw Ladakhi hip-hop artist Buda Gyatso energise the crowd ahead of the decisive final period.

Spanning regions from Leh and Nubra to Changthang, Sham, Kharu, Drass, Kargil, Shakar Chiktan, and Zanskar, Season 3 has reflected rising competitive standards and growing community engagement, culminating in Humane Warriors and Sham Eagles to claim the championship.