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## SC asks NIA to complete probe of 'Gherao' of judicial officers, within two months

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday asked the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to complete within two months its probe into the April 1 violence at Mothabari in Malda district of West Bengal, in which a mob confined seven judicial officers for over nine hours.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said the NIA should file its report before the court of competent jurisdiction after completing the investigation.

"What is the position of investigation? Is it complete?" the bench asked.

Earlier on Friday the Supreme Court had allowed the NIA to file its charge sheet on completion of investigation in the sensational incident, when seven judicial officers, engaged in Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls were illegally confined by a mob for about 10 hours.

The SC bench was told by Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the NIA, that a fresh status report was filed by the probe agency giving details of the investigation carried so far. Taking note of the submission, the bench said, "The NIA will be at liberty to file chargesheet in a court of competent jurisdiction."

The court also permitted the NIA not to file any further status report in the case for the time being after Raju said that the investigators will be "neck deep into the investigation".

As many as 700 judicial officers from West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand were deployed in the SIR process to deal with over 60 lakh objections of those excluded from the voter list.

The top court had taken suo motu cognisance of a letter from the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Justice Sujoy Pal, detailing a harrowing incident of April 1 night, where seven judicial officers, including three women, and a five-year-old child were held captive by a mob for over 9 hours without food or water. Subsequently, the NIA took over the probe into the case on a complaint of the Election Commission at the instruction of the top court.

On April 13, the bench made it clear that the security cover provided to judicial officers engaged in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal will remain in place until the conclusion of the then upcoming assembly election and cannot be withdrawn without its prior permission. It also wanted to know if those arrested by the NIA for the April 1 gherao of seven judicial officers "had any political background", with the CJ saying "this has to be taken to a logical conclusion."

## Two Indians in cruise ship with hantavirus cases, evacuated

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Madrid:** Two Indian nationals aboard the Dutch vessel MV Hondius, which reported a 'Hantavirus' outbreak, were evacuated to the Netherlands and are healthy and asymptomatic, the Embassy of India in Spain said on Monday.

The luxury cruise ship, operated by Oceanwide Expeditions, began its journey on April 1 from Argentina's Ushuaia and arrived in Spain's Canary Islands on Sunday after the virus outbreak was reported.

The ship with around 150 individuals, including two Indian crew members, anchored in the Canary Islands, the Indian mission said in a statement posted on social media.

The Embassy of India in Spain has said that the two Indians aboard the Dutch vessel MV Hondius are healthy and asymptomatic.

Taking to their X account, the embassy said, "The two Indian nationals are healthy and asymptomatic. As informed by the Spanish National Centre for Emergency Monitoring and Coordination (CE-NEM), the 2 Indian nationals who were travelling as crew members, have been evacuated to the Netherlands where they will be quarantined as per relevant health safety protocol."

"The Ambassador is in close contact with the Spanish authorities and the 2 Indian nationals (crew members) and is regularly monitoring the situation to assure the well being and safety of the Indian nationals," the statement read. **● Continued to Pg 3**

# New BJP govt okays land transfer to BSF for B'desh border fencing, along with five other steps

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a historic decision at the first cabinet meeting of the new BJP government in West Bengal on Monday, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari announced that necessary permission has been accorded to start transfer of land to the BSF for erecting fences along the hundreds of kilometres of international borders with Bangladesh.

The process of transferring land will start from Monday itself and will be completed within the next 45 days, he said while addressing the media at Nabanna.

He also announced the cabinet's decision for implementation of the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat health scheme and several other schemes of the Union government in the state with immediate effect.

Announcing a total of six key decisions after the first cabinet meeting, Suwendu Adhikari, flanked by all five other newly inducted ministers on his side, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "development for all" would guide the new BJP government in the state.

He also promised to deliver "Sasashan" (good governance) and "Suraksha" (security) to the people from the day one.

The Chief Minister announced that the state government would hand over land to the BSF within 45 days for fencing the India-Bangladesh border, calling the move crucial for national security. He alleged that the previous (TMC) government had deliberately kept the process in abeyance to protect illegal infiltrators.

Suwendu Adhikari also announced implementation of all central schemes in the state, including Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

He further declared a five-year relaxation in the age limit for government job applicants, fulfilling a promise made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during electioneering.



Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari addressing the media along with other Ministers after the first cabinet meeting at Nabanna on Monday.

He said the new government has also decided to immediately implement the new criminal laws, including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, alleging that the previous regime had failed to do so because of ulterior motif.

The cabinet also approved immediate implementation of the June 2025 Census circular issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which was shelved by the TMC government to stop the benefits reach the women and certain section of the population, he said.

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du Adhikari has been in full action mode. The first Cabinet meeting, chaired by Adhikari, was held at Nabanna. The Chief Minister said his government would function on the model of a "double-engine" administration, similar to the governance framework currently operational in several National Democratic Alliance-ruled states across the country.

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**MI News Service, Kolkata:** New Chief minister of West Bengal Suwendu Adhikari was given a Guard of Honour by the state police at the state Secretariat 'Nabanna' when he enters there for the first time as the CM on Monday.

The event drew attention from political circles as scores of BJP supporters also stood nearby to welcome Suwendu Adhikari at Nabanna with spontaneous clapping and shouting 'Jai Sriram' slogans. The new Chief minister also accepted the gesture with folded hands.

Earlier, after leaving his Chl-nar Park house in the morning, Suwendu Adhikari went to the residence of state BJP President Samik Bhattacharya in the Salt Lake area, and after spending some time there, both of them left for Bengal BJP headquarters nearby.

Finding the Chief minister among them the state party workers, present at the headquarters greeted him with folded hands and with loud cheers. They also offered him sweets.

After about ten minutes Suwendu Adhikari left for Nabanna to chair the first Cabinet meeting in presence of all five newly inducted ministers namely - Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtaniya, Khudiran Tudu and Nisith Pramanik.

At around 12-30 .pm. Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari held his first press conference at Nabanna to announce six major decisions taken at the cabinet meeting.

Among the decisions announced on Monday are the

start of the process to hand over of land to the BSF for erecting fencing on the borders with Bangladesh, launching of all central schemes including Ayusman Bharat for the people of Bengal, increasing the age limit of government job aspirants, launching of the central training programmes for IAS and IPS officers and starting the already delayed Census programmes in the state which was deliberately kept in abeyance by the previous (TMC) government for nearly a year.

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## UPI payment leads to arrest of Suwendu Adhikari's aide's murder

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a major breakthrough after nearly a week-long intensive investigation into the brutal murder of Chandranath Rath, the personal assistant of West Bengal's new Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, three people have been arrested.

The success came after a joint operation conducted by the West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar police, the three men identified as Vishal Srivastava, Raj Singh and Mayank Mishra were arrested from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on Sunday night.

The arrests were made after the police tracked a UPI payment made by the assailants at a toll booth in Bally near Kolkata.

Chandranath Rath was on his way home when he was shot dead at point-blank range on Wednesday night, at around 10:10 pm. Rath was seated in the front passenger seat of his SUV, a Mahindra Scorpio, and was less than 200 metres away from his home in Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas.

The initial investigation has revealed that Rath's SUV was blocked by a silver-coloured Nissan Micra following which bike-borne assailants shot him. The killers then abandoned the Micra car and used another red car and a bike to flee.

The police scanned CCTV footage and tracked the car, which was seen making a payment at the toll plaza. All three arrested men were seated in the same car and had paid at a toll booth using UPI. This served as the crucial link that led cops to Rath's killers.

According to the police, the three arrested men are professional killers. While Vishal has roots in Bihar, the other two are from Uttar Pradesh. Vishal is said to have over 15 criminal cases against him, including murder and robbery.

The three men were produced in the Barasat court in Bengal on Monday and remanded to police custody for further investigation. Police have also recovered two bikes and seized Micra car so far. The investigation suggests that all three were stolen and the car even carried a fake number plate. "The four-wheeler used in the crime has been seized, but it is being reported that the number plate is fake and has been tampered with," Bengal's DGP Siddh Nath Gupta had said after the shooting. The car, a Nissan Micra, was registered as WB74AK2270.

Last week, on Friday, police traced the owner of one of the two bikes, and learned the bike was stolen. The bike was registered in the name of one Vibhish Kumar Bhattacharya on May 4, 2012.

Suwendu Adhikari has called the killing of Rath a "pre-planned" and "cold-blooded murder" which showcases the "15 years of Maha-Jungle Raj." He believes that the gunmen carried out a "revenge for two to three days."

Adhikari, who defeated Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee in her stronghold Bhabanipur, also alleged that the 2026 West Bengal Assembly election results triggered the murder. "He was killed because he was my aide and I defeated Mamata Banerjee in Bhabanipur. This could be the reason for his murder..." Adhikari told reporters after meeting Rath's family. "No matter how much we condemn how this murder was carried out, it is not enough. I stand with his family's demand... to apprehend those who committed this murder and ensure that they are punished. The post-mortem revealed four bullets were fired... this was premeditated." Rath's mother, Hasirani Rath claims the Trinamool Congress "gundagardi" (hooliganism) killed her son. "I hold the TMC responsible, it's their gundagardi, they are behind this," Chandranath Rath's mother said.

## PM Modi urges people to save fuel, forex for West Asia crisis

**MI News Service, Hyderabad:** Prime minister Narendra Modi has called for judicious use of fuel, postponement of gold purchases and foreign travel for a year among other measures, to strengthen the national economy in a bid to protect people from the adverse impact of the ongoing West Asia conflict.

Addressing a rally organised by the Telangana BJP here, he suggested reducing petrol and diesel consumption, using Metro rail services in cities more intensively, further popularising carpooling methods, increased use of electric vehicles (EVs), utilising railway services for parcel movement, and working from home to conserve foreign exchange amid the crisis in West Asia.

Stressing the need to save valuable foreign exchange due to the crisis, PM Modi also called for postponing the purchase of gold and unnecessary foreign travel during holidays for one year. "We have to save foreign exchange by any means," he said, adding that

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Modi said its priority is not serving the people but promoting divisive and hateful politics.

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## Pakistan sends Iran's response to the US for peace proposal

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Islamabad:** Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has stated that Iran has conveyed its response to a US proposal aimed at ending the conflict in West Asia, as efforts continued to sustain a fragile regional ceasefire.

Pakistan has been mediating talks between Washington and Tehran amid tensions that have disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz and rattled global energy markets.

Addressing an event marking the first anniversary of Pakistan's last conflict with India, Sharif said: "Right now, the Field Marshal [Asim Munir] informed me that [we have] received Iran's response. I cannot go further into details."

Earlier, Iranian media reported that Tehran had handed over its

response to the US **● Continued to Pg 3**

## Windmills Craftworks welcomes Stanley Jordan



**MI News Service, Kolkata :** India's most thoughtfully crafted space, Windmills Craftworks, is known for curating memorable experiences by converging music, global cuisine, craft beer, and architecture. This May, the Total Environment Music Foundation will exclusively present Stanley Jordan, the four-time Grammy-nominated jazz virtuoso, alongside the dynamic and versatile drummer Kenwood Dennard, live at Windmills Craftworks, Hyderabad on May 15th, 2026, followed by Windmills Craftworks, Bangalore on May 16th and 17th, 2026. Music lovers can expect evenings shaped by deep groove, fluid improvisation, and a compelling dialogue between two master musicians, bringing contemporary jazz to life in a setting designed for immersive listening.

## Bengali businessman hacked to death in Maharashtra, family cries murder conspiracy

**MI News Service, Kalna :** A pall of grief descended over Kalna after the body of a Bengali businessman, allegedly murdered while working outside the state, returned home on Sunday. The deceased, identified as Abhijit Kar (54), a well-known Nagardola operator from Shyamsunderpara in Ward No. 16 of Kalna town, was reportedly attacked with a sharp weapon in Maharashtra's Amravati district during preparations for a fair.

The incident has triggered outrage among family members, who have alleged that the killing may have stemmed from a financial dispute involving business partners. A written complaint has already been lodged with the Kotwali police station, while police have initiated an investigation into the murder. According to the family sources, Abhijit Kar has travelled to Maharashtra for the operation and management of amusement for nearby four decades and reportedly owned multiple rides operating across different states. The attack took place on Thursday afternoon during preparations for the Amaravati fair. Family members alleged that Kar was suddenly stabbed in the abdomen with a sharp weapon. He was rushed to a nearby hospital in critical condition, where he succumbed to his injuries on Friday. The victim's son, Shravan Kar, raised serious allegation over the circumstances surrounding the murder.

"My father had been involved in the Nagardola business for nearly forty years. We operate around 16 Nagardolas and also lease fairgrounds in different states. There were several business partners associated with the work. We strongly suspect that disputes over financial settlements led to this brutal murder," he said. The return of the businessman's body to Kalna on Sunday left the locality in mourning. Relatives and neighbours gathered outside the family residence as scenes of grief unfolded.

## State Police and Central Security Forces jointly conducted an extensive route march in sensitive areas to prevent any violence, unrest, or political tension after the elections

**MI News Service, Kharagpur :** In the Sabang area of Paschim Medinipur district, state police and central security forces jointly carried out a large-scale route march in sensitive areas to ensure peace and maintain law and order following the voting process. The strong presence of police and central forces across different parts of Sabang reflected the administration's strict security arrangements. Through the flag march, the administration attempted to send a message of security, confidence, and peace among the public. According to reports, the administration has remained on high alert after the completion of the election process. Since incidents of tension and violence are often reported in some areas after elections, the district administration and police have already taken precautionary measures. As part of these efforts, central security



personnel, under the leadership of senior state police officers, conducted foot patrols in several sensitive and highly sensitive areas of Sabang. During the route march, security personnel inspected major markets, crowded areas, intersections, and important roads. Continuous patrolling was carried out to build confidence among local residents. At several places, police officers interacted with people and appealed to them to maintain peace

and harmony. The administration clearly stated that strict legal action would be taken against anyone attempting to spread rumors, disturb the atmosphere, or incite violence. Police officials said the post-election situation is being closely monitored and every activity, big or small, is under surveillance. Officials further stated that additional police forces would remain deployed in the area, and joint patrolling would continue to ensure that any untoward incident is prevented immediately. The administration also appealed to people not to pay attention to rumors and to inform the police immediately about any suspicious activity. The disciplined presence of security forces and continuous monitoring during the route march created a sense of relief among residents. A large section of local people welcomed the administration's initiative, saying that the joint action of the central forces and state police had strengthened the feeling of security among the public. Residents believe that the administration's vigilance will help maintain peace and normalcy in the area, allowing people to continue their daily lives without fear. At present, joint surveillance by police and central forces is continuing across the region, while the administration is keeping round-the-clock watch on the situation.



Suvendu Adhikari visited the BJP party office for the first time since becoming the Chief Minister of West Bengal, accompanied by state BJP president Shamik Bhattacharya, at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Monday.

## 5th Samarth Bharat Conclave 2026 Held Successfully in Kolkata for Viksit Bharat

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** The 5th Samarth Bharat Conclave 2026, organized by AISECT Group, was successfully held today at Senses Hotel. The conclave was organized under the theme "Reimagining Impact: AI-Driven Skilling, Financial Inclusion & Social Enterprise for Viksit Bharat." The prestigious event was graced by Debashis Sen as the Chief Guest. Distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Sangeeta Jauhari, Abhishek Gupta, and Ambrish Jha were present on the dais. Representatives from State Bank of India also attended the conclave, including Subho Bhattacharya, Rahul Naskar, and Gadadhar Roy. The conclave commenced with traditional lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the welcome address delivered by Pranab Nayak. The sessions highlighted the importance of skill development, AI-enabled learning, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. During the event, the FI



Sen emphasized that AI-driven skilling and financial inclusion would play a crucial role in building a developed India and empowering youth through technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The conclave concluded with a valedictory session and vote of thanks. Entrepreneurs, training partners, educators, Centre Managers, SKPs, and stakeholders from across West Bengal and Eastern India actively participated in the event. The State Conference was successfully organized under the leadership and contribution of Pranab Nayak along with the dedicated efforts of the entire West Bengal team, making the event a grand success.

## Traditional Gajan Festival Celebrated with Devotion and Fervour in Belda Village, Draws Huge Crowds of Devotees and Visitors

**MI News Service, Kharagpur :** The traditional Gajan festival was organized with immense faith, devotion, and enthusiasm in Gaon Belda village under Narayangarh block of Paschim Medinipur district. The festival, celebrated by following age-old traditions and mythological rituals, created a deeply spiritual and festive atmosphere throughout the area. From early morning, excitement surrounding the Gajan festival was visible among people from the village and nearby regions. A large number of devotees gathered at the temple premises and festival grounds to take part in the celebrations. The festival began with the worship of Lord Shiva and various traditional religious rituals. Devotees actively participated in prayers, rituals,



and ceremonial activities associated with the occasion. The sound of traditional dhak drums, colorful processions, and folk cultural performances filled the entire atmosphere with energy and devotion. Devotees were seen dancing to the rhythm of the dhak, while village lanes echoed with religious chants and devotional songs. Local artists also presented cultural performances during the festival, which captivated the audience. Village elders said that the Gajan festival of Gaon Belda is a tradition that has continued for many years and is still celebrated today with the same devotion and joy. According to them, the festival is not only a religious event but also a symbol of the village's culture, tradition, and social unity. Hundreds of people from Gaon Belda and surrounding areas arrived to witness the celebrations. The presence of children, youths, and elderly residents turned the entire festival ground into a sea of people. Special arrangements were also made locally to maintain security and proper management during the event. After the successful conclusion of the Gajan festival, an atmosphere of happiness and excitement was seen among the villagers. Residents expressed hope that this historic festival would continue to be celebrated in the coming years with the same spirit of tradition and devotion.

## No translator, No oath? Kurmali MLAs face Assembly hurdle

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** A fresh controversy has surfaced ahead of the oath-taking ceremony of newly elected MLAs in the West Bengal Assembly, with five legislators from the Jangalmahal region facing uncertainty over taking oath in the Kurmali language due to the absence of an official translator in the Assembly Secretariat.

The issue has sparked sharp reactions among sections of the Kurmi community, especially after it emerged that despite official recognition of Kurmali by the state government in 2018, no translation arrangement exists within the Assembly for the language. According to Assembly sources, the concerned MLAs had approached the Secretariat expressing their desire to take oath in Kurmali. However, they were informed that the oath could only be administered in Bengali, Hindi, English, Urdu or Santali, as translators are currently available only for those languages. The development has triggered resentment among the five newly elected MLAs from Jangalmahal — Biswajit Mahato (Jaipur), Jaldhar Mahato (Balrampur), Rahudas Mahato (Baghmundi), Rajesh Mahato (Gopiballabhpur) and Biman Mahato (Shalbani) — all of whom belong to the Kurmi community. Several leaders and community representatives have termed the matter a question of linguistic dignity and constitutional recognition. Ajit Prasad Mahato, a prominent advocate of the tribal Kurmi community, questioned the gap between official recognition and administrative implementation.

## Retired Employees Protest at Medinipur Municipality Office Over Pending Pension Payments

**MI News Service, Kharagpur :** A major protest erupted at the Medinipur Municipality office in Medinipur town of Paschim Medinipur district over the demand for pending pensions. Retired municipal employees staged a sit-in demonstration and gherao outside the main gate of the municipality, strongly protesting against the administration. A large number of retired employees and their family members participated in the protest. The protesters alleged that they have not been receiving their pensions regularly for a long time, due to which nearly 500 families are facing severe financial hardship. Several retired employees are reportedly unable to bear expenses related to medical treatment, medicines, and daily necessities. The demonstrators claimed that despite repeatedly approaching the municipal administration, no permanent solution has been provided. President of the retired employees' organization, Shibu Panigrahi, strongly criticized the municipal administration and stated that for the first time in the history of the municipality, established in 1865, retired employees have been forced to take to the streets demanding their own pensions. He further alleged that the current Trinamool Congress-run municipality is focused only on corruption and "cut money" practices, while the rights of employees are being continuously ignored. He also claimed that due to mental stress and financial hardship caused by delayed pensions, five retired employees have died so far. Following these allegations, resentment among the protesters against the administration intensified further. During the demon-



stration, the retired employees warned that if all pending pension dues are not cleared by May 14, they will launch a large-scale movement from May 15 onward. The organization also threatened continuous protests, indefinite demonstrations in front of the municipality office, and other intensified agitation programmes. The protest created a tense atmosphere in and around the municipal premises for several hours. However, no official response from the administration has yet been issued regarding the matter. Meanwhile, the protesters asserted that their agitation would continue until their demands are fulfilled.

## BJP Supporter Ends Years-Long Vow After Change of Power in Bengal

**MI News Service, Nadia :** In a striking political moment emerging from the changing political landscape of West Bengal, a BJP supporter from Ranaghat finally ended his unusual vow after the BJP formed the new government in the state. The symbolic moment was marked by Ranaghat Uttar Paschim BJP MLA Parthasarathi Chatterjee, who personally made the supporter wear a kurta during a public programme. The incident took place at Ranaghat 23 Bigha area in Nadia district. According to local sources, the supporter, identified as Makhan Debnath, had allegedly taken a public pledge years ago that he would not wear a shirt until the Trinamool Congress government was removed from power. Residents claimed that he continued to move around bare-bodied as a mark of protest against what he described as the "extortion-driven rule" of the previous government. Following the BJP's electoral victory and formation of the new state government, a special event was organised at the ground of Ramnagar 23 Bigha Nabajagan Sangha and Library. During the programme, MLA Parthasarathi Chatterjee presented Makhan Debnath with a traditional Punjabi kurta and garlanded him, symbolically ending his long-standing vow. The event drew large participation



from local BJP leaders and supporters. Ranaghat deputy chief Shibu Mondal, panchayat member Rajib Ghosh, along with Alok Debnath, Shubhankar Das, Pankaj Debnath and Kiran Sutradhar were present at the gathering. Celebratory scenes unfolded across the area with drumbeats, slogans and flower garlands marking the occasion. Local BJP leaders described the incident as a reflection of public resentment and the desire for political change in the state. They alleged that corruption, extortion and political violence under the previous regime had triggered widespread anger among common people, with Makhan Debnath's vow becoming a symbolic expression of that sentiment.

## HCG Cancer Hospital Pays Tribute to Nurses for Lifesaving Service

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** Marking International Nurses Day, healthcare institutions across the country paid tribute to the unwavering dedication and sacrifice of nurses, widely regarded as the backbone of the medical system. Joining the observance, Dr. Rupali Basu, Regional Business Head, East & Andhra Pradesh, HCG Cancer Hospitals, New Town, highlighted the indispensable role nurses play in saving lives and supporting patients through the most critical stages of treatment. This year's International Nurses Day theme — "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives" — focuses on strengthening and empowering the nursing workforce at a time when healthcare systems worldwide continue to face growing pressure and demand. In a statement issued on the occasion, Dr. Basu described nurses as the "strength behind every healing story," emphasizing that their contribution extends far beyond clinical responsibilities. "On the occasion of International Nurses Day, we celebrate the dedication, compassion and resilience of nurses who stand at the very heart of healthcare. In cancer care especially, nurses are not merely caregivers — they become a constant source of strength, reassurance and emotional support for both patients and their families," she said. Highlighting the role of



oncology nurses in handling emotionally and physically demanding treatment environments, Dr. Basu noted that the commitment and empathy demonstrated by nursing professionals remain central to patient recovery and quality care. "At HCG Cancer Hospital, we deeply value our nursing teams for their clinical excellence, tireless service and human touch. Their silent yet extraordinary contribution makes a meaningful difference in countless lives every single day," she added. Healthcare experts have repeatedly stressed that nurses form the first line of patient care, often working extended hours under immense emotional and physical pressure. In specialized fields such as cancer treatment, their role becomes even more critical as they guide patients through prolonged and complex medical journeys.

## Tagore's Melodies Echo at Little Thespian's 41st Edition of Rang Adda Saturday Play Series

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated under the joint auspices of Kasba Arghya and Little Thespian. It celebrated its 41st Rang Adda in Saturday Plays Series organized by Kasba Arghya, wherein Shiba Prasad Bhowmik rendered Rabindra Sangeet. His melodious performance set the perfect tone for an evening of theatre, music, and artistic expression. Following this, Prof. Mahua Mukhopadhyay presented a lecture-



demonstration on the topic "Dance Elements in Tagore's Songs". She explained in detail how Gurudev incorporated various Indian dance styles into his

compositions. In the next segment of the evening, theatre veterans of Kasba Arghya Manish Mitra and Seema Ghosh performed a dramatic reading of excerpts from Rabindranath Tagore's play Raktakarabi. The program concluded with dramatic reading of Karna-Kunti Samvad presented by Uma Jhunjhunwala, president/director of Little Thespian and Md. Asif Ansari. The evening's powerful presentations were appreciated by the audience present.

# BJP Govt Retains Welfare Schemes Promises Transparency and Expanded Benefits

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The newly formed BJP government in West Bengal on Saturday indicated that social welfare schemes introduced by previous governments, including those launched during the Trinamool Congress regime, will continue under the new administration. Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, addressing the media after the first Cabinet meeting, said the government would not discontinue any existing social projects but would ensure greater transparency in implementation.

Without naming schemes such as LakshmirBhandar, Kanyashree, or SaboojSathi directly, the Chief Minister stated that welfare initiatives started "10 or even 30 years ago" would remain operational. However, he



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari was welcomed with bouquet by the State ministers Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Kshudiram Tudu, Ashok Kirtania and Nisith Pramanik before the first Cabinet meeting of the new West Bengal government at Nabanna on Monday.

stressed that strict verification mechanisms would be introduced to prevent "outsiders" or ineligible persons from availing benefits.

His remarks triggered speculation that the LakshmirBhandar scheme, under which women

currently receive monthly financial assistance, could be restructured or renamed under the BJP government. Ahead of the elections, the BJP had promised to increase the monthly assistance for women to Rs 3,000, double the existing amount provided

under the previous regime. Adhikari reiterated that the BJP government would fulfil promises made in its election manifesto and maintain continuity in social support programmes while ensuring accountability through Direct Benefit Trans-

fer (DBT) systems. He also announced that West Bengal would immediately join several Central welfare schemes, including Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana, and BetiBachaoBetiPadhao.

The Chief Minister further said the government would move towards a paperless administrative system and update online beneficiary portals. Pending works related to welfare projects would also be completed.

Apart from women-centric schemes, the BJP had promised a monthly allowance of Rs 3,000 for unemployed graduates. Students preparing for competitive examinations would receive a one-time assistance of Rs 15,000. The government also plans to add an extra Rs 3,000 to the Centre's PM-Kisan assistance, increasing the annual support for farmers in the state to Rs 9,000.

Adhikari announced that the next Cabinet meeting would be held on Monday, where issues related to RG Kar, crimes against women, and pending DA matters are expected to be discussed.

# State Announces Cabinet Portfolio Allocation



Moments from the first Cabinet meeting of the new West Bengal government, chaired by the West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari at Nabanna on Monday.

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Suwendu Adhikari on Monday began allocating portfolios to ministers in the newly formed BJP government in West Bengal following the first Cabinet meeting at Nabanna. The ministers had earlier taken oath at Brigade Parade Ground in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, though portfolios had not been announced at that time.

According to government sources, senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh has been assigned the Rural Development and Animal Resources Development departments. He will also oversee the Panchayat Department.

BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul has been given charge

of the Women and Child Welfare Department along with the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department.

Senior BJP leader Ashok Kirtaniya, considered an important Matua face of the party, has been allotted the Food Department, one of the key ministries in the state government.

Meanwhile, KhudiramTudu has been given responsibility for the Backward Classes Welfare Department. As anticipated in political circles, Nisith-Pramanik has been assigned the North Bengal Development Department. In addition, he will also handle the Sports and Youth Welfare Department in the new government.

## New BJP govt

**Continued from Pg 1:** Adhikari said the relaxation was aimed at helping candidates who had crossed the age limit due to the lack of recruitment opportunities in recent years.

He also said that the Bengal Cabinet has granted immediate implementation of the June 2025 Census circular. "The previous government ignored the June 2025 Census circular from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Bengal cabinet granted immediate implementation of it," he added.

## Two Indians

**Continued from Pg 1:** "WHO experts on the ground are working with the Spanish Health Ministry on the epidemiological assessment of the passengers and coordinating charter flights with the Interior Ministry," Director-General of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus posted on social media after the disembarkation operation started. The operation included disinfection processes and personal protective equipment in each phase of the transfer.

"Exterior Health confirms that all are asymptomatic," he added.

Hantaviruses are mainly transmitted to humans through contact with infected rodents or their excreta, such as saliva, urine and faeces.

People usually get infected by inhaling aerosolised virus particles from rodent urine, droppings, or saliva in closed or poorly ventilated spaces such as warehouses, ships, barns and storage areas.

The reported hantavirus cases appear to be isolated ones and its symptoms usually show between one and eight weeks after exposure.

Three people have died since the outbreak was first reported.

## Pakistan sends

**Continued from Pg 1:** response to the US proposal to Pakistan, which was subsequently conveyed to Washington.

The ongoing conflict, triggered by the US and Israel's joint strikes on Iran on February 28 and Tehran's subsequent retaliation, has remained under a ceasefire since April 8. Islamabad hosted one round of direct talks between Iran and the US on April 11, but the two sides failed to reach an agreement.

The Strait of Hormuz and Iran's nuclear enrichment programme remain key sticking points in the negotiations.

On April 21, US President Donald Trump indefinitely extended the ceasefire beyond its two-week deadline to allow more time for negotiations with Tehran.

The latest developments come at a time when the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait have reported drone incursions into their airspace, while a drone strike caused a minor fire aboard a commercial vessel near Qatar's coast.

Meanwhile, according to a media report, the latest US proposal focuses on ending the conflict, reopening the Strait of Hormuz and scaling back Iran's nuclear activities.

## PM Modi urges

**Continued from Pg 1:** promises to come to power only to forget them later.

During his visit to Hyderabad, the PM inaugurated Sindhu Hospital.

He said the hospital is a laudable effort to improve healthcare infrastructure in the city and surrounding areas. In a post on X, PM Modi also appreciated the hospital team's emphasis on integrating the latest technology and innovation.

# State to Begin Census Process, Alleges Previous Regime Delayed Exercise

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Suwendu Adhikari on Monday alleged that the previous government led by Mamata Banerjee had deliberately delayed the census process in West Bengal for nearly a year. Speaking after the first Cabinet meeting at Nabanna, the Chief Minister announced that administrative instructions had now been issued to immediately begin the census-related work in the state.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, Adhikari claimed that the previous administration had not only weakened

governance and administration but had also challenged constitutional processes by allegedly stalling the census exercise. According to him, the Office of the Registrar General under the Union Home Ministry had issued a notification regarding the census process on June 16, 2025, but the state government failed to act on it for several months.

The Chief Minister further alleged that official communications from the Union Home Ministry and internal administrative notes showed that the process had been intentionally

delayed. He claimed that confidential government documents related to the matter had come into the possession of the new administration.

Adhikari alleged that the delay was politically motivated and linked to the proposed delimitation and women's reservation initiatives of the Central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to him, the census was allegedly stalled to obstruct future electoral and administrative reforms connected to women's reservation.

The Chief Minister also

warned that accountability would be fixed for the delay. He said the government would identify those responsible for allegedly holding back the census work and indicated that a fact-finding committee would be constituted to investigate the matter.

"Administrative instructions have been issued today, and the census process will begin immediately," Adhikari said. He further remarked that the directive was finally being implemented after remaining pending for nearly eleven months.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, participated in a meeting with ministers in charge, newly elected MLAs, and secretaries of various departments at the Nabanna conference hall on Monday.

# CM Signals Tough Action Against Corruptions During SIR and Pandemic

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Suwendu Adhikari on Monday issued a strong warning against corruption and administrative irregularities while chairing a high-level meeting with senior bureaucrats and departmental secretaries at Nabanna. During the meeting, the Chief Minister stated that alleged misuse of power and administrative irregularities over the past 15 years would be thoroughly examined and strict action would be taken against those found responsible.

One of the major issues discussed during the meeting was the alleged irregularities in the issuance of OBC, SC and ST caste certificates. Adhikari reportedly warned officials that those who illegally issued caste certificates during the SIR process would not be spared. Ac-

ording to him, files and records related to allegedly fake caste certificates are already under review and appropriate punishment would follow after detailed scrutiny.

The issue of OBC certificates has remained controversial after the Calcutta High Court cancelled a large number of OBC certificates issued in the state. The matter is currently pending before the Supreme Court. The Chief Minister indicated that officials allegedly connected with the process could face investigation and disciplinary proceedings.

Adhikari also raised concerns regarding alleged irregularities in the state housing scheme known as "Banglar Bari". He instructed the Panchayat Department to identify so-called "ghost

beneficiaries" who allegedly received housing benefits despite lacking genuine eligibility. According to the Chief Minister, several deserving beneficiaries were excluded during the SIR review process while houses were sanctioned in the names of non-existent individuals.

He directed officials to conduct detailed verification of beneficiary lists and warned that misuse of public money would not be tolerated under the new administration. Officials present at the meeting said the Chief Minister repeatedly stressed the importance of transparency and accountability in welfare schemes.

Several other sensitive issues also came up during the discussions. Adhikari reportedly said allegations of corrup-

tion linked to procurement and medical equipment purchases during the Covid-19 pandemic would be investigated. He further stated that individuals allegedly involved in recruitment irregularities, including teacher recruitment scams and other appointment-related controversies, would remain under strict scrutiny.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to carefully verify applications submitted under the Citizenship Amendment Act process and ensure complete transparency in all procedures. He urged bureaucrats not to suppress facts or engage in sycophancy and assured honest officers of full support from the government while warning that wrongdoing would invite strict action.

# Suwendu Tells Bureaucrats to Work Fearlessly, Promises Transparent Governance

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Suwendu Adhikari on Monday held an extensive meeting with senior bureaucrats and departmental secretaries at Nabanna shortly after the first Cabinet meeting of the new government. According to sources, the meeting lasted nearly one-and-a-half hours, during which the Chief Minister issued a series of important administrative directions and stressed the need for transparent and law-based governance.

During the meeting, Adhikari reportedly assured officials that they should work without fear under the new administration. He told the bureaucrats that all decisions and instructions in the government would be issued in written form and that no work should be carried out based on verbal orders. He also encouraged officers

to approach him directly whenever necessary and assured them that they would have access to him in urgent situations.

Sources said the Chief Minister informed secretaries that administrative reforms would be introduced across departments, particularly in recruitment procedures where several irregularities and legal complications currently exist. He stressed that all future appointments and government functioning would strictly follow the law and guidelines laid down by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) of the Central government.

During the interaction, Adhikari also sought explanations from certain departments regarding recent administrative lapses. He reportedly asked the Food Department secretary why the department's

website had stopped functioning the previous day. The Chief Minister also questioned senior officials of the Health Department regarding departmental functioning and several ongoing issues.

According to sources, the Chief Minister instructed the Education Secretary to ensure that recruitment processes are conducted in a transparent and rule-based manner. He further warned officials against unnecessary expenditure and said public money must only be spent where genuinely required.

Adhikari also reportedly asked bureaucrats to stop using phrases such as "inspiration of the Chief Minister" in official communication and publicity material. He said government work should focus on public service rather than glorifying political leadership. Referring to the previous administra-

tion, the Chief Minister allegedly remarked that governance had become "for the party" instead of "for the people", and urged officials not to blindly agree with political instructions if they felt something was wrong.

He further told officials that they should openly express their opinions for the benefit of the state and not hesitate to raise concerns. Sources said he assured bureaucrats that honest officers would receive full support from the government.

The Chief Minister also proposed forming a communication group involving all departmental secretaries and the Chief Secretary for better coordination. Chief Secretary DushyantaNarjala and Home Secretary Sanghamitra Ghosh were among those present at the meeting.

# Murshidabad Mango Festival 2026

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Murshidabad Heritage Development Society and House of Sheherwali will host the month-long Murshidabad Mango Festival 2026 from June 1 to June 30 at Azimganj in West Bengal. The festival will showcase Murshidabad's rare Nawabi mango varieties and traditional orchard cul-

ture. Visitors will get an opportunity to explore historic mango orchards, hand-pick fruits, and taste heritage varieties such as Kohitoor, Bimli, Rani, Bhavani, Kala Pahar, and Sarandhra. Organisers said the festival aims to preserve and promote Murshidabad's centuries-old mango tradi-

tions, many of which cannot be commercially transported without losing their original flavour.

Festival guests will also enjoy traditional Sheherwali cuisine and mango-based delicacies, including aam panna, mango chutneys, sandesh, pickles, and seasonal farm-to-table meals.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, along with BJP state president Shamik Bhattacharya, offers floral tributes to Bharat Mata, Syama Prasad Mukherjee, and Deendayal Upadhyaya at the BJP party office in Salt Lake on Monday.

# BJP Govt Will Function as State Govt, Says Shamik Bhattacharya

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Shamik Bhattacharya on Monday made it clear that while the Bharatiya Janata Party would remain in touch with the government to ensure implementation of promises made in the party manifesto, the newly formed administration in West Bengal would function as the government of the state and not merely as a "BJP government". His remarks came after a meeting with newly sworn-in Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari at

the BJP state headquarters in Salt Lake.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Bhattacharya said, "The government will function like a government and the party will function like a party." He added that the party would maintain communication with the administration to ensure implementation of commitments made in the BJP's election manifesto, but stressed that the government's responsibility would be towards all people of the state.

According to party sources, the meeting focused on organisational coordination and implementation of the BJP's key electoral promises following the party's victory in the Assembly elections. Bhattacharya emphasised that while the party would guide the government on policy commitments and manifesto promises, the administration itself would function within constitutional and democratic norms as the elected government of West Bengal.

# Dilip Ghosh Says New Bengal Govt Will Fast-Track Central Schemes

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The newly formed government in West Bengal held its first Cabinet meeting at Nabanna on Monday under the leadership of Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari. Following the meeting, senior BJP leader and minister Dilip Ghosh said discussions focused on implementing several Central government schemes that, according to him, had remained stalled in the state under the previous administration.

Ghosh alleged that many welfare projects introduced

by the Centre for public benefit were not properly implemented earlier. He said the new government would work to ensure such schemes are introduced quickly and effectively across the state. He also hinted that ministerial portfolios could soon be finalised following Cabinet discussions.

Earlier in the day, Ghosh said the newly formed ministry was currently small and discussions on governance and development priorities were underway. He claimed that funds sent by the government led by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi had earlier been blocked by the Mamata Banerjee administration.

According to Ghosh, the BJP government would ensure benefits reached poor and marginalised people. He also said the new administration aimed to develop Bengal in line with the rest of India and work towards building "Sonar Bangla".

Later, during a gathering in Belegghata, Ghosh thanked party supporters and claimed that the politics of fear in Bengal had come to an end after the BJP's victory.

# Kolkata Man Arrested in Rs 3 Cr Digital Arrest Cyber Fraud Case

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A Kolkata youth was arrested for allegedly being involved in a cyber fraud racket that cheated an elderly woman in Haryana of nearly Rs 3 crore using the "digital arrest" scam method. The accused, identified as Rahul Roy, was arrested from the Bansdroni area in south Kolkata during a joint operation by Haryana Police and Kolkata Police.

Police said the incident took place a few months ago in Haryana's Panchkula district. The victim, the wife of a retired Army officer, received calls from fraudsters

posing as CBI officials. They claimed that a parcel sent in her name contained narcotics and told her she had been placed under "digital arrest".

The fraudsters allegedly kept the woman under constant pressure through video calls and sent fake official documents via WhatsApp to make the threats appear genuine. Frightened by the alleged legal consequences, the woman transferred nearly Rs 3 crore to bank accounts provided by the accused.

Following a complaint

lodged at Panchkula Police Station, investigators traced part of the defrauded money to a bank account in Kolkata. Rahul Roy was later identified and arrested. Police said efforts are underway to track down other members of the cyber fraud network.

Meanwhile, a similar fraud was recently reported from Kolkata's Noyabhad area, where another elderly woman was allegedly cheated of Rs 12.55 lakh after fraudsters threatened her with arrest. Police are investigating both incidents.

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Name Change I, Md. Saminur Rahaman S/O. Md. Abu Salam, residing at Vill & P.O. Chakla, P.S.- Ketugram, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman do hereby declare that my name has been recorded as Md. Saminur Rahaman, S/O- Abu Salam in my Aadhar Card and Md. Saminur Rahaman, S/O- Md. Abu Salam in my voter card and my documentary evidences. On 11/09/25 through affidavit no. 110925 before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, I affirm that Md. Saminur Rahaman, S/O Md. Abu Salam & Md. Saminur Rahaman, S/O- Abu Salam is the same single & identical person and my father Md. Abu Salam & Abu Salam is the same single and identical person.

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Name Change I, Asit Das (Old Name), Son Of Shambhu Charan Das, Resident 58/178, Paresch Mazumdar Road, Haldia, Kolkata- 700078. Do hereby Declared that I have Changed My Name From Asit Das (Old Name) To Asht Charan Das (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Asht Charan Das (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. ... Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/05/2026. Asht Charan Das (New Name) And Asit Das (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) AYESHA BIBI W/O- MD HAZRAT Ali Residing at, Vill- Inatpur, Post - Jadupur, P.S- Kaliachak, Dist- Malka, Pin- 732212, West Bengal...

Name Change I, Madhumita Paria (old name) W/o Bibek Maity, residing at 67/171, Raja Ramnagar Roy Road, Purba Barisha, Behala, Kolkata- 700008, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Madhumita Paria (Old Name) to Madhumita Paria Maity (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Madhumita Paria Maity (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 11/05/2026. Madhumita Paria Maity (New Name) and Madhumita Paria (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Priyanka Das (Aadhar, Voter Card & Bank A/c, W/o- Suman Das, D/o- Pintu Ram, R/o- N001, Roy Para, Monoharpur, Vicky Store, Dankuni, Dankuni M, Hooghly, WB-712311, that my name (after marriage) has also been recorded in my Father's fixed deposit account as PRIYANKA RAM as Nominee before PRIYANKA RAM instead of PRIYANKA DAS, vide an Affidavit No. 15101, dtd. 11.05.2026, before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kolkata. That PRIYANKA DAS & PRIYANKA RAM both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, Kuddus Khan (Old Name) S/o Lokman Ali Khan Residing at Vill - Baratajpur, P.O. - Baratajpur, P.S - Chanditala, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712306, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Kuddus Khan (Old Name) to Kuddus Ali Khan (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Kuddus Ali Khan (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 11-05-2026. Kuddus Ali Khan (New Name) and Kuddus Khan (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Md. Mofidul Islam Mir (Old Name), Son Of Monnaf Mir, Resident Of Magura Mirpara, Maheshtala, South 24 Parganas - 701141, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Mofidul Islam Mir (Old Name) To Mofidul Islam Mir (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Mofidul Islam Mir (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. ... Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/05/2026. Mofidul Islam Mir (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Anil Kumar Misra (old name) S/o Late Prithivihar Misra, residing at 15/C, Aninash Chandra Banerjee Lane, Belegata H.O., Kolkata- 700010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar Misra (old name) to Anil Misra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anil Misra (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 08/05/2026. Anil Misra (New Name) and Anil Kumar Misra (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Narayan Singha And Narayan Ch Singha (Old Name), Son Of Late Ananda Singha, Resident Of Vill- Bhaupatra, Po- Chandi, P.S- Mahishadal East Medinipur- 721628, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Narayan Singha And Narayan Ch Singha (Old Name) To Narayanchandra Singha (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Narayanchandra Singha (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 60 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/05/2026. Narayanchandra Singha (New Name) And Narayan Singha And Narayan Ch Singha (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Trisha Pal, D/O- Narayan Chandra Paul residing at 39, Purba Apartment, Dakshin Para Road, South Dum Dum, Dist.- 24 PGS (N), Pin- 700028 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Trisha Paul as declared before the Notary Public at Sealdah vide affidavit no. 008755 dated 27/04/2026 Trisha Pal and Trisha Paul both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Ramesh Sarangi (old name) S/o Late Pushkar Lal Sarangi, residing at Puroh Pravesh Block - F, Flat - 302/212, Girish Ghosh Road, Belur, Howrah - 711202, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ramesh Sarangi (Old Name) to Ramesh Kumar Sarangi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ramesh Kumar Sarangi (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 02/2026 sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 11/05/2026. Ramesh Kumar Sarangi (New Name) and Ramesh Sarangi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Anil Kumar Misra (old name) S/o Late Prithivihar Misra, residing at 15/C, Aninash Chandra Banerjee Lane, Belegata H.O., Kolkata- 700010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar Misra (old name) to Anil Misra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anil Misra (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 08/05/2026. Anil Misra (New Name) and Anil Kumar Misra (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Neelakshi Swar (Old Name) Wife Of Sukalyan Swar, Resident Of Salepur Ghosh Para, Po- Baruiarp, P.S- Baruiarp, South 24 Pgs- 700144, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Neelakshi Swar (Old Name) To Neelakshi Swar Das (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Neelakshi Swar Das (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 47 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/05/2026. Neelakshi Swar (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Haribar Sardar (old name) S/o Jubbar Sardar, residing at Vill- Dakshin Kalsur, P.O.- Kalsur, P.S.- Deganga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743438, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Haribar Sardar (Old Name) to Haribar Sardar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Haribar Sardar (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 11/05/2026. Haribar Sardar (Old Name) and Haribar Sardar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Sekh Purhan Ali S/o Abdul Aziz Residing of Vill. Thaipara, P.O. Sarai, P.S. Pandua, Dist. Hooghly have changed my father's name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Purhan Ali S/o Sk Abdul Aziz as declared before the 1st class judicial magistrate at chinsurah vide affidavit no 14385 date 07.05.26. Sekh Purhan Ali S/o Abdul Aziz and Sekh Purhan Ali S/o Sk Abdul Aziz both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Md Ibrar Alam (Old Name) S/o Late Ahamed Kalim Residing at 260, Belliour Road, District - Howrah, Pin - 711101, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Md Ibrar Alam (Old Name) to Ibrar Alam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ibrar Alam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 11-05-2026. Ibrar Alam (New Name) and Md Ibrar Alam (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Anil Kumar Misra (old name) S/o Late Prithivihar Misra, residing at 15/C, Aninash Chandra Banerjee Lane, Belegata H.O., Kolkata- 700010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar Misra (old name) to Anil Misra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anil Misra (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 08/05/2026. Anil Misra (New Name) and Anil Kumar Misra (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Rajendra Prasad Chowdhury (Old Name), Son Of Manager Chaudhary, Resident Of 299 Maduradaha, Hoopajura, P.O. - E.K.T. Kolkata - 700107, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rajendra Prasad Chowdhury (Old Name) To Rajendra Prasad Chaudhary (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Rajendra Prasad Chaudhary (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 48 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/05/2026. Rajendra Prasad Chaudhary (New Name) And Rajendra Prasad Chowdhury (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Haribar Sardar (old name) S/o Jubbar Sardar, residing at Vill- Dakshin Kalsur, P.O.- Kalsur, P.S.- Deganga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743438, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Haribar Sardar (Old Name) to Haribar Sardar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Haribar Sardar (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 11/05/2026. Haribar Sardar (Old Name) and Haribar Sardar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Tanusree Bakshi (Debnath), D/O Narayan Debnath, residing at College Para, Ranaghat, Nadia, shall henceforth be known as Tanusree Debnath as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Ranaghat Court, Nadia, West Bengal vide Affidavit No. 15770, dated 22.04.2026. Tanusree Bakshi (Debnath) and Tanusree Debnath, both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Lazar Patrose, Lazar (Old Name) S/o Patrose Appy Residing at 12 Dr Sudhir Bose Road, Khidderpore District - Kolkata, Pin - 700023, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Lazar Patrose, Lazar (Old Name) to Lazar Peter (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Lazar Peter (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 11-05-2026. Lazar Peter (New Name) and Lazar Patrose, Lazar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Anil Kumar Misra (old name) S/o Late Prithivihar Misra, residing at 15/C, Aninash Chandra Banerjee Lane, Belegata H.O., Kolkata- 700010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar Misra (old name) to Anil Misra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anil Misra (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 08/05/2026. Anil Misra (New Name) and Anil Kumar Misra (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Anjay Kumar Singh, S/O- Sri Haripal Singh, R/O.- S-215, Bhiku Lane (Lichu Bagan), P.S.- Metiaburu, Kol-700044, that, I have change my name & shall henceforth be known as from Ajay Kumar Singh (neck name) to Anjay Kumar Singh (actual name), vide an Affidavit before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class), at Alipore, That Anjay Kumar Singh & Ajay Kumar Singh both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, Lutfar Rahman Mallick (old name) S/o Bazar Mallick, residing at Bazar Khajuli, Howrah- 711303, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Lutfar Rahman Mallick (old name) to Lutfar Rahman Mallick (old name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 11/05/2026. Lutfar Rahman Mallick (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

The Medal Express: Eastern Railway's Sports Stars Script a Golden Chapter of Grit and Glory

MI News Service, Kolkata, May 11, 2026 : While the rhythmic clatter of trains defines the lifeline of Eastern Railway (ER), a different kind of thunder has been echoing across the playing fields of India. From the dusty tracks of cross-country trails to the intense silence of the shooting range, Eastern Railway's athletes have transformed the 2024-2026 sporting seasons into a saga of relentless ambition and podium finishes. Under the visionary leadership of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager of Eastern Railway, the Eastern Railway Sports Association (ERSA) has seen a massive resurgence, proving that the department's focus has shifted from mere participation to true dominance on the national stage.



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The journey over the last two years has been one of remarkable consistency and triumph. In the grueling world of Cross-Country running, the women's team maintained a strong presence, clinching a notable 4th position in the 2024-25 All India Railway (AIR) Championship. On the cricket pitch, the men's team continued to showcase their prowess by securing a top-4 finish during the 2024-25 season, while the football team proved their tactical mettle by reaching the Quarterfinals in back-to-back years. These performances on the turf have solidified Eastern Railway's reputation as a powerhouse in the country's most popular sports.

The 2024-2025 season served as a true festival of medals, where ER athletes hit the bullseye across a variety of disciplines. The Shooting team led the charge with a 2nd place finish, while both the Men's and Women's Volleyball teams displayed incredible coordination to bag Silver medals. The grit of the association was further highlighted by the Women's Boxing and Bridge teams, who both brought home prestigious Silver medals. Not to be outdone, the Women's Kabaddi, Men's Basketball, and Men's Table Tennis teams all stood tall on the podium, each securing 3rd place finishes and proving the sheer depth of talent within the organization. The momentum only accelerated as the calendar turned to the 2025-2026 season. In a stunning display of skill, the Bridge team upgraded their previous Silver to a shining Gold, becoming the undisputed champions of the AIR circuit. The Women's Basketball team made a massive leap to secure 2nd position, while the Women's Boxing and Cue Sports teams added more Bronze to the trophy cabinet. Whether it was the sharp focus required for a 4th place finish in Gymnastics or the sheer power displayed in Weightlifting and Powerlifting, ER athletes were present in every arena, pushing the boundaries of

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The Footsteps of the Lotus in Punjab! Chief Minister Bhagwant's Own Family Members Join the BJP

MI News Service, Chandigarh: Assembly elections are scheduled for next year in Punjab, which is currently governed by the Aam Aadmi Party. Even before the polls, however, the footsteps of the 'Lotus'—the BJP's symbol—have begun to resonate across the state.



Members of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's own family have now joined the BJP. On Monday, the Chief Minister's cousin, Gyan Singh Mann, formally accepted the party flag from Sunil Jakhar, the President of the Punjab BJP.

regarding the failure of the government and the administration to effectively tackle the floods in Punjab. Mann was seen raising his voice against the government's policies not only on social media but also on public platforms.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav Flags Off Dohrihat- Mau- Aunrihar Passenger Train

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav today virtually flagged off Dohrihat - Aunrihar Passenger Train via video conferencing.

The train will halt at Sadat, Jakhnani, Dullahapur, Mau, Indara, Kopa-ganj, Ghosi, Amila and Muradpur stations. The train will be extended upto Varanasi soon.

strengthening rail access across eastern Uttar Pradesh. The new train service will provide direct, affordable, safe, and comfortable daily rail travel to passengers of Mau, Ghazipur and surrounding areas.

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Two Young Women from Northeast India Molested, Clothes Torn! Delhi Police Identify 4 Accused



MI News Service, New Delhi: In the capital, allegations of molestation have surfaced against four youths involving two young women from the Northeast in the Nehru Place area. The women allege that, in addition to tearing their clothes, the accused also lunged at them wielding sticks.

The police stated that the accused have been identified based on CCTV footage. Searches are currently being conducted across various areas; however, they have not yet been apprehended. Meanwhile, both victims have been taken to AIIMS. Furthermore, the victims have informed investigators that they would be able to identify the accused if they were presented before them.

Bank of Baroda PUBLIC NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to the general public that the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, standing in the name of Mr. Ashim Saha, son of Santiraj Saha, and Mrs. Mahua Saha, wife of Ashim Saha, both residing at Paschim Bonomali, P.S. Barasat, District-North 24 Parganas, PIN-700124, has been mortgaged / charged in favour of Bank of Baroda as security for credit facilities availed by the said borrowers.

Engagement of Halt Contractor at Beteria Ghola Halt Station of Sealdah Division. Notice No.: CW/297/A-1/BETERIA GHOLA (BTGP) Dated: 08.05.2026. Applications in plain paper are invited from eligible persons of South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal for engagement of Halt Contractor for selling of tickets on prescribed Commission basis for 05 (five) years (initial period) at Beteria Ghola (BTGP) Halt station under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. SG.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/608 dated 08.05.26. Sr. DSTE, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 invites e-tender for the following work: e-Tender No.: SDSTE/TELE/7225-26/CAP. Name of work with its location: Augmentation & strengthening of Datacom Network at DRM building, Sealdah and B.R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.: KPA/EG/OT-17/25-26, Dated: 28.04.2026. Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (G), Eastern Railway Workshop, Kancharpara, Carriage / Loco Complex, North 24 Parganas, P.O. Kancharpara, Pin. 743145, West Bengal invites e-tender from the Reputed, Established and Experienced Govt. Licensed Electrical Contractors with sound financial capabilities for the following work: Tender No.: KPA/EG/OT-17/25-26, Name of the work: Renovation of heritage building / Institute at Vivekananda Institute at Hallsahar, Khudiram Bose, Bell & Kazi Nazrul Institute at Kancharpara for electrical (G) works.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender No.: SANDT-CON-SDAH-03-2026, Dated: 08.05.2026. Dy. CSTE/CON/Sealdah R.M.S. Building (2nd Floor), Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 invites Open E-Tenders against Tender No. SANDT-CON-SDAH-03-2026 for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

E-Auction Notice for Parking contracts over Kharagpur Division. E-Auction Notice No.: Com/G-30/2/Parking/CPRO/26/06 & 07. Date: 08.05.2026. For & on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for Parking Lot for Two Wheeler Parking at Pantihal, Panskura (South/1), Maurigram, Nalpur, Kharagpur (North), Gidhni, Kulgachia & Benapur and Mixed Parking at Kalakunda & Shalimar. Auction Catalogue No.: PaqrkingKGP-26. Auction date: 25.05.2026, Auction Start time: 10:30 hrs. & Closed Time: 12:30 hrs., which is notified in the https://www.ireps.gov.in/website & Parking Lot for Four Wheeler Parking at Santragachi & Midnapur (East) and Two Wheeler-Parking at Kharagpur (South/1), Bargachia, Bagnan (South), Girimaidan (North), Narayanganj and Mixed Parking at Bauria, Chakulia & Nandakumar. Auction Catalogue No.: PaqrkingKGP26-7. Auction date: 26.05.2026, Auction Start time: 11:00 hrs. & Closed Time: 13:00 hrs., which is notified in the https://www.ireps.gov.in/website. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact office of the undersigned. (PR-150) Sr. Divl. Comm. Manager, Kharagpur

Two pairs of new Trains between Krishnanagar City & Amghata stations. To enhance passenger connectivity, 02 (two) pairs of new EMU local trains will be introduced between Krishnanagar City Jn. & Amghata (Halt) stations in Krishnanagar City-Amghata single line section w.e.f. 13.05.2026. The timings of new trains are as follows: 31887 Krishnanagar City-Amghata, 31888 Amghata-Krishnanagar City, 31889 Krishnanagar City-Amghata, 31890 Amghata-Krishnanagar City. Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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Notice My client Sri Kunal Dasgupta son of Sanjoy Dasgupta, residing at Bally, Ramchandrapur, P.O. Bally Durgapur, P.S. Nischinda, Dist-Howrah, PIN-711205 lost his mother Deed (previous Deed) in respect of 1 Katha 12 Chittak, 30 Sq Ft land with some stonies pucca structure, in the District of Howrah, Mouza Bally, J.L. 14, P.S. Nischinda (old Bally), R.S. Plot No. 2178, Khatian No. 6386, also under Ambit of Durgapur Abhyonagar Gram Panchayat-I, Deed of Sale registered in the office of A.D.S.R. at Howrah vide Deed No. 1869 of 1993. In this regard my client already lodged one G.D.E. in Nischinda Police Station vide G.D.E. No. 402/2026 dated 07.04.2026. If anyone have any objection please inform within 15 days. Debashish Sinha, Advocate, Howrah Judges' Court, Contact No. 9163676781, WB F 1118/790 of 1998

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## From Awareness to Action: Avaada Group Flags Off 'Avaada Bharat Uday Yatra' to Drive India's Clean Energy Movement

**NOIDA:** Sensing urgency for adoption of green energy amid rising geopolitical uncertainty and ongoing disruptions in global fossil fuel supply chains, Avaada Group, one of India's leading integrated green energy conglomerates, today flagged off its ambitious renewable energy awareness initiative, 'Bharat Uday Yatra', aimed at building grassroots level awareness around green energy.

As part of the initiative, two custom-designed vans will travel across 9 states and 27 cities over 35 days, creating immersive, on-ground engagements with citizens, institutions, and communities. Through the initiative, the renewable energy company aims to touch millions of Indians, driving awareness around clean energy (solar, wind and water) adoption, energy efficiency, and sustainable living, while addressing common misconceptions around renewable energy.

Envisioned as a nationwide movement, 'Avaada Bharat Uday Yatra' goes



beyond a conventional outreach campaign to take the message of sustainability from cities to citizens, aligning with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to build a cleaner and more self-reliant India, while contributing to the national target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030. The 'Avaada Bharat Uday Yatra' was flagged off from the company's corporate office in

Noida Sector 62 amid a large and spirited gathering, as crowds assembled to witness and celebrate the momentous occasion. The event was presided over by senior leadership including Mr. Kishor Nair, Chief Executive Officer, Avaada Energy; Mr. Vinoo George, President - Manufacturing, Avaada Electric; and Mr. Prashant Choubey, President & Head - Green Hydrogen/Ammonia

Business & New Initiatives, Avaada Group, who collectively flagged off the Yatra amid much fervour and encouragement from those present.

Commenting on the launch of the Yatra, Mr. Vineet Mittal, Chairman, Avaada Group, said, "The time is now to accelerate adoption to the green energy in India. At a time when geopolitical uncertainties and disruptions in global fossil fuel supply chains continue to impact energy markets, India's transition to clean energy is not just an environmental priority but a strategic imperative for energy security and self-reliance. India stands at a defining moment in this journey, and the next phase must be driven by citizen participation. Through Avaada Bharat Uday Yatra, we aim to make clean energy more accessible, reliable, and actionable-transforming awareness into a nationwide movement."

The Yatra will traverse key urban and semi-urban centres across northern, central, western, and eastern

India before culminating in Delhi. During its journey across nine states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Delhi, the interactive vans will engage with communities, local leaders, and changemakers.

As a part of the initiative, street play (Nukkad Natak) will be organised to bring renewable energy concepts to life. This apart, there will be several myth-busting activities to help dispel common misconceptions. Citizens will also be encouraged to take Digital Green Pledge to become a part of the national movement and drive sustainability revolution.

By combining on-ground engagement with digital outreach, the initiative reinforces Avaada Group's commitment to accelerating India's clean energy transition-not just through capacity creation, but by enabling widespread behavioural change and citizen participation.

## RUNNING FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T - CELEBRATING THE POWER OF HUMANITY

**PATNA:** 19 organised app runs with 8000+ registrations/runners in India. 400+ runners at Patna Organised App Run (Chanakya National Law University - Patna) of Wings For Life Run World Run organised by Red Bull. Running for those who can't.

Held simultaneously across the globe, the run commenced at 4:30 PM IST with participants joining not only on-ground but also virtually through the Wings for Life World Run app.

The event witnessed participation from runners across various age groups and categories, including specially-abled participants, reinforcing the inclusive spirit of the initiative. More than just a race, the Wings for Life World Run stood as a global movement-bringing together people determined to support better treatment, advanced research, and hope for those living with spinal cord injuries.

Globally, 346, 527 official registered participants in the Wings for Life World Run 2026. Participants from 192 nations in 173 countries registered for the Wings for Life World Run 2026. There were 7 Flagship Run Locations, 648 App Run events across 73 different countries. That apart participants all over the globe ran in their own capacity. The 2026 edition of Wings for Life raised a total of 69.7 million Euros, all of which will be directed towards better treatment and advanced research for spinal cord



Runners participated in Wings For Life World Run - Organised App Run in Patna. Global run organised by Red Bull with 100 percent of registration/donations being used for spinal cord injury research.

Japan's Jo Fukuda was the winner of the run at the global level with a run of 78.95km clinched the title in the men's competition in Fukuoka, Japan, and Mikky Keetels with a distance of 62.24km came up trumps in the women's competition in Netherlands. Breda. Meanwhile, in India Samrat Putatunda (33.11km) won the men's competition in Kolkata and Urmila Bane (18.04km) in Mumbai won the women's competition.

"Wings for life world run is a great initiative. We all run for those who can't. It's not just a normal run but a whole experience where you have people dancing while running to the music, people cheering each other whenever someone stops or slows down there's a voice that comes

from behind 'let's keep going, you can do it'. What surprised me was an aunty of my mom's age running consistently and enjoying herself. I even took a video with her and told her I will show this to my mom. I could see people on wheelchairs and the runners helping them. Everyone together was having a good time. It wasn't a race but felt like a family of runners coming together for a part." Ankit Panth, India's popular gaming professional and Red Bull Player, at the Mumbai Organised App Run said.

Adding to the global stature of the event was Colin Jackson, a two-time World Champion and Olympic silver medalist in the 110m hurdles, who serves as the International Sports Director for the Wings for Life World Run.

continuing to nurture those she cares for.

Click here to watch the Mother's Day film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLOavtO11jk> The film reflects on an enduring truth: mothers have always been more than caregivers. They are intuitive decision-makers, balancing iradaa with vaade. Their emotional intelligence has long shaped not only their own journeys, but also the future of their families.

Speaking on the campaign, Mr. Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication & CSR, SBI Life Insurance, said, "A mother's instinct is often spoken about, but rarely understood in its true depth. It goes beyond care, it is an intuitive understanding of emotions often unspoken, and the ability to sense doubts, hopes, and decisions even before they are expressed. This quiet intelligence often becomes the invisible force guiding some of her most important choices, especially those that shape her family's future. At SBI Life, we see this instinct as a profound human truth, that guides mothers to stand by their loved ones, even as they pursue their aspirations with confidence, assured that what matters most to them is protected. Through our Mother's Day film - 'Bin Samjhaaye, SirfMaaSamajhti Hai', we honour mother's silent strength and reaffirm our commitment to being a trusted partner in every family's journey forward." Rooted in its philosophy of 'Apne Liye, Apno Ke Liye', SBI Life continues to champion the idea that true liberation comes from being able to pursue one's dreams while staying prepared for what matters most. Over the years, SBI Life has built a strong association with Mother's Day, reflecting the evolving identity of mothers through relatable, insight-led storytelling. This year's campaign continues that journey, placing the spotlight on the intuitive understanding that defines.

## IIT Madras BS Degree opens admissions for the next batch with 31 May being the deadline to apply

**RANCHI:** Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT Madras) BS Degree Programs have opened admissions for the 2026 academic cycle, with 31st May 2026 being the last date to apply. Designed to make high-quality IIT education accessible to a wider and more diverse learner base, the programs are open to anyone who has completed Class 12, with no age restrictions.

Offered as four distinct programs, namely BS in Data Science and Applications, BS in Electronic Systems, BS in Management and Data Science, and BS in Aeronautics and Space Technology, the degrees are uniquely structured to be pursued either as standalone qualifications or alongside a regular college degree.

The programs are delivered primarily online, with in-person examinations conducted at centres across India to ensure academic rigour and flexibility. Learners can progress at their own pace and benefit from multiple exit options, including Certificate, Diploma, or Degree pathways depending on their academic and career goals.

Students and parents interested in applying can visit the official portal for more details. With the appli-



cation deadline approaching on 31st May 2026, interested learners can apply through <https://study.iitm.ac.in>

Speaking about the programs, Prof. Prathap Haridoss, Dean (Academic Courses), IIT Madras, said, "These BS Degree Programs are designed to give students flexibility without compromising on quality. We are seeing a growing need for learners to build strong foundations in data, technology, and interdisciplinary thinking, regardless of their primary degree. This program allows students to access IIT Madras-level learning while pursuing other

academic or professional paths, thereby significantly enhancing their career opportunities."

**FUTURE READY SKILLS**

As career pathways continue to evolve and industry expectations expand, IIT Madras is enabling learners to build future-ready skills through a flexible academic model that removes barriers related to geography, conventional admission routes, and rigid learning structures. Unlike traditional engineering programs, admission to the BS Degree Programs does not require

clearing the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). Instead, students can enter through a qualifier process, making IIT Madras education accessible to a significantly larger student community across the country.

A highlight of the BS Degree Programs is their compatibility with other undergraduate courses. Students pursuing BCom, BSc, BBA, or Engineering degrees can simultaneously enrol in the IIT Madras BS programs, allowing them to strengthen their analytical, technical, and decision-making capabilities along-

side their core academic discipline.

This dual-degree flexibility is increasingly relevant in today's employment landscape, where organisations are seeking graduates who can combine domain expertise with strong data-driven and interdisciplinary problem-solving skills.

With tens of thousands of learners already enrolled from across India, the BS Degree Programs reflect IIT Madras' vision of democratising access to world-class education at scale. To support inclusivity, the Institute also offers fee support of up to 75 per cent for eligible students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring financial limitations do not become a barrier to learning.

The curriculum for the programs has been developed in consultation with industry and academic experts, with a strong focus on practical learning, real-world applications, and emerging technologies. Students gain exposure to areas such as data analysis, business decision-making, electronic systems, and aerospace technologies, preparing them for rapidly evolving career opportunities.

## Remembering a Pioneer of Scientific Development

P N Bose, the man of many 'firsts', didn't just give shape to J N Tata's vision for the nation; he paved the way for Indian industry and scientific thought. He was undoubtedly the key figure who led generations of Indians to take full part in the scientific development of the nation.

Born in Gaipur on May 12, 1855, P N Bose attended Krishnagar College and then St. Xavier's College for his education. In 1874, he was awarded a Gilchrist scholarship to study in London. After his return, he became a graded officer with the Geological Survey of India. The Siwalik fossils, which are housed in the British Museum's collection, were the subject of his early research. He is credited with establishing India's first soap factory and discovering petroleum in Assam. However, his contribution to the establishment of the Tata Steel Works at Jamshedpur was the most important. His letter to J N Tata was a factor in the plant's establishment at its present site.

P N Bose held the belief that India's redemption is

rooted in a return to its foundational principles, which were historically anchored in scientific knowledge and education. In his formative years, he was influenced by Keshab Chandra Sen, the eminent Brahmo reformer who motivated P N Bose to take competitive examinations and seek higher education in England. Alongside other distinguished scientists of his era, he maintained, against the dominant perspective, that Indian scientists could compete with their European counterparts in thought and inquiry. Consequently, when Curzon attempted to undermine J N Tata's initiative for the Indian Institute of Science, they collectively denounced his actions.

While studying at the Royal School of Mines, P N Bose participated in political gatherings and criticised government policies. In response to his dissent, the British Government made efforts to secure his services at the Geological Survey of India. During this time, he conducted surveys in the Narmada valley, Rewa state, Central

India, and the Shillong plateau. His publication, "National Education and Modern Progress," reflects his fervour for techno-scientific education in India. His initiatives contributed to the founding of the Bengal Technical Institute, which proudly exists today as Jadavpur University in Kolkata. PN Bose was the inaugural honorary Principal of the Institute.

Dr Rajendra Prasad remarked on PN Bose, "Even at that age, he could foresee huge potentialities for industrial progress by the utilisation of geological resources, particularly of coal, iron, and steel."

PN Bose contributed his scientific and geological expertise to the development of India's iron and steel sector, while Jamsetji Tata contributed his money and business acumen.

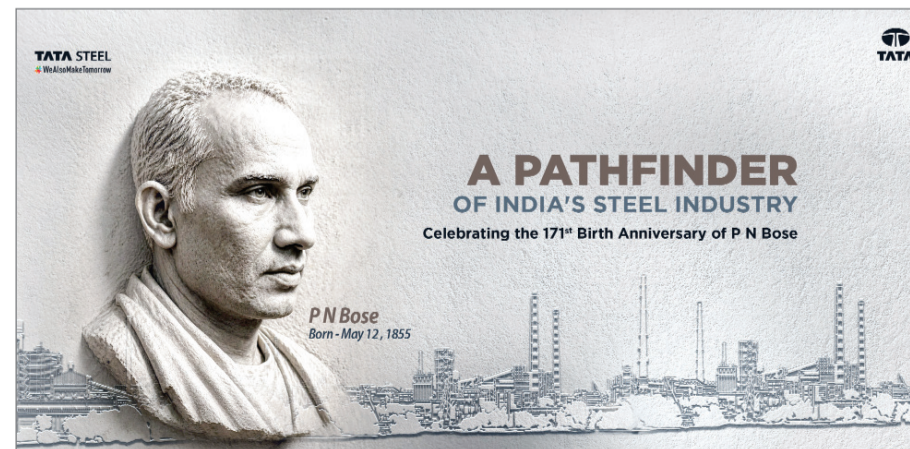
He made sure that the state of Mayurbhanj became the cradle of Indian heavy industry by alerting JN Tata to "an exceptionally rich and wide deposit of iron ore" he had discovered there.

## SC asks Centre to decide representation on monitoring institutions imparting religious education

**NEW DELHI :** The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to take a decision within four weeks on a representation seeking registration, recognition, regulation and monitoring of all institutions imparting secular or religious education to children below the age of 14 years.

A Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and SC Sharma disposed of the writ petition filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay after taking note of the submission that the petitioner had already made a representation before the Union Ministry of Education on February 10 this year.

During the hearing, the apex court declined to entertain the plea at this stage and asked the petitioner to await the outcome of the pending representation. It noted that in an earlier writ petition filed by the same petitioner, the apex court had refused to interfere and had instead granted liberty to approach the competent authority.



Referring to the earlier proceedings, the Justice Datta-led Bench observed that only around three months had passed since the representation was submitted before the Centre. "The first time you came without a representation, we said that once you are seeking a mandamus in terms of the 1974 judgment, you are required to first go to the authority for your grievance. Not much time has lapsed. On February

10, you submitted your representation," the top court observed. When the petitioner requested that the present writ petition be treated as a representation, the Justice Datta-led Bench declined the plea, observing that since a representation had already been filed, the competent authority should first take a decision on it. The plea sought directions to the Centre and state governments to register, recognise, super-

and monitor all institutions imparting secular education and/or religious instruction to children up to the age of 14 years.

The petition contended that thousands of unregulated and unrecognised institutions across the country were functioning without adequate supervision and claimed that such institutions could adversely affect children's right to quality education under Article 21A of the

Constitution. It further sought a declaration that institutions imparting religious instruction would fall under Article 26 of the Constitution and not under Articles 19(1)(g) or 30(1). The plea also sought directions declaring that the expression "educational institutions of their choice" under Article 30 referred only to secular or professional educational institutions and not religious educational institutions. In addition, it sought framing of guidelines and parameters for identifying minorities under Article 30 of the Constitution. In the petition, the petitioner claimed that during visits to border districts of Uttar Pradesh earlier this year, he found several allegedly unregistered and unrecognised institutions imparting religious instruction to children. The plea argued that all institutions dealing with children below 14 years, whether secular or religious, ought to be brought under a regulatory framework in view of Articles 21A, 39(f), 45 and 51A(k) of the Constitution.

## Russia, Ukraine accuse each other of violating 3-day ceasefire

**MI News Service, Moscow/Kiev :** Russia and Ukraine on Sunday accused each other of violating a declared three-day ceasefire.

The Russian Defense Ministry said Sunday that Ukrainian forces committed 16,071 violations of the ceasefire regime in the past 24 hours.

Russian forces responded to the ceasefire violations in kind, launching retaliatory strikes against multiple launch rocket system, artillery, and mortar positions, as well as command posts and drone launch sites, the ministry said.

On Saturday, the ministry also reported 8,970 ceasefire violations in multiple regions.

Ukrainian authorities said Sunday that at least one person was killed and 15 others were injured in Russian attacks across Ukraine despite the ceasefire.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces said in a statement that Russian forces attacked Ukrainian positions 60 times on Sunday.

Russia and Ukraine on Friday agreed to a three-day ceasefire from Saturday to Monday during the Victory Day celebrations.

## REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR NON-INTERLOCKING WORK OVER EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**MI News Service, Kolkata, May 11, 2026 :** In connection with left over doubling work in Samastipur-Darbhanga section of Samastipur Division over East Central Railway.

Pre Non-Interlocking/Non-Interlocking Rambhadrapur, Hayaghat & Thalwara stations including CRS inspection from 09.05.2026 to 14.05.2026. Consequently, the following trains will be regulated as under:

- Diversion of Trains:
  - 07006 Raxaul-Charlapalli Special (JCO 13.05.2026) will be diverted via Samastipur-Muzaffarpur-Sagauli-Raxaul instead of existing route Samastipur-Darbhanga-Sitamari-Raxaul.
  - 07051 Tirupati-Raxaul Special (JCO 11.05.2026), 07052 Raxaul-Tirupati Special (JCO 14.05.2026), 13043 Howrah-Raxaul Express (JCO 13.05.2026) & 13044 Raxaul-Howrah Express (JCO 14.05.2026) will be diverted via Samastipur-Muzaffarpur-Sitamari instead of existing route Samastipur-Darbhanga-Sitamari in both directions. Short-termination at/short-origination of trains:
    - 13185 Sealdah-Jaynagar Express (JCO 11.05.12.05 & 13.05.2026), 13031 Howrah-Jaynagar Express (JCO 11.05, 12.05 & 13.05.2026) and 15553 Bhalgalpur-Jaynagar Express (JCO 12.05, 13.05 & 14.05.2026) will be short-terminated at Barauni Jn.
    - 17008 Darbhanga-Charlapalli Express (JCO 12.05.2026), 13186 Jaynagar-Sealdah Express (JCO 12.05, 13.05 & 14.05.2026), 13032 Jaynagar-Howrah Express (JCO 12.05, 13.05 & 14.05.2026) and 15554 Jaynagar-Bhalgalpur Express (JCO 12.05, 13.05 & 14.05.2026) will be short-terminated at Samastipur Jn.
    - 18105 Rourkela-Jaynagar Express (JCO 12.05.2026), 17007 Charlapalli-Darbhanga Express (JCO 12.05.2026) will be short-terminated at Samastipur Jn.
    - 18106 Jaynagar-Rourkela Express (JCO 13.05.2026) will be short-terminated from Samastipur Jn.
- Moreover, 15553 Bhalgalpur-Jaynagar Express (JCO 11.05.2026) will be rescheduled for 1 hour from Bhalgalpur.

## Pezeshkian's Defiant Diplomacy: Iran Balances Resistance, Regional Outreach and Global Pressure

**MI News Service, Tehran :** The latest statements from Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian come at a critical juncture for West Asia. The Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly a fifth of global oil supplies pass, has once again emerged as the epicentre of geopolitical confrontation. Military incidents involving Iranian and American naval forces, rising oil prices, and stalled negotiations over sanctions and regional security have intensified fears of a broader conflict.

Against this volatile backdrop, Pezeshkian has adopted a dual-track approach: strong rhetoric against Western pressure combined with renewed emphasis on regional co-operation and diplomacy. His recent speeches and social media messages reflect Tehran's broader effort to position itself as both a defender of sovereignty and a champion of regional stability.

In a strongly worded statement shared on social media, Pezeshkian declared that Iran's foreign policy is based on "mutual respect and shared interests" and that "colonialism and exploitation will have no place in the future world". His remarks came amid renewed tensions



with the United States over maritime security in the Gulf and allegations of attacks on Iranian-linked shipping.

The Iranian president's comments were widely interpreted as a response to mounting American pressure in the Gulf region. Reports indicate that US naval forces have intensified operations around the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman, including actions against Iranian oil tankers accused of violating maritime restrictions.

At the same time, Pezeshkian has categorically rejected calls for Iranian "surrender" reportedly linked to statements by US President Donald Trump. In remarks carried by several international media outlets, the Iranian leader insisted that Tehran would "not bow our heads" to foreign pres-

sure. The language echoed the longstanding Iranian political narrative of resistance against foreign domination; a theme deeply embedded in the Islamic Republic's ideological framework since the 1979 revolution.

However, unlike some of his hardline predecessors, Pezeshkian appears keen to pair resistance rhetoric with diplomatic engagement. Over recent weeks, Tehran has intensified consultations with neighbouring countries, particularly Iraq, which remains one of Iran's most important regional partners.

During conversations with Iraqi leaders, Pezeshkian described Iraq not merely as a neighbour but as a "brother," underlining the strategic depth of bilateral ties. He emphasised Iran's readiness to

expand cooperation in economic, political and security fields and called for dialogue-driven solutions to regional crises.

The emphasis on Iraq is strategically significant. Baghdad occupies a delicate position between Tehran and Washington and has repeatedly sought to mediate regional tensions. Iran views stable relations with Iraq as essential not only for trade and energy cooperation but also for maintaining its influence across the wider region.

Iranian media reports indicate that Tehran and Baghdad are considering new mechanisms for broader economic and infrastructural cooperation, including joint expert teams in multiple sectors. Such initiatives reflect Iran's attempt to offset the impact of sanctions and external pressure through deeper regional integration.

Pezeshkian has also reportedly engaged with European leaders, including French officials, regarding regional peace and de-escalation efforts. These contacts demonstrate Tehran's continuing interest in diplomatic channels despite the sharp deterioration in relations with Washington.

## Iran sends proposal to US through Pakistan to end war

**MI News Service, Tehran :** US President Donald Trump and Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei are pictured against a backdrop of Gulf maritime infrastructure amid escalating regional tensions.

Iran on Sunday, May 10, submitted its response to a United States proposal aimed at ending the ongoing conflict, with Tehran emphasising a permanent halt to hostilities and maritime security in the Gulf, according to Iranian state media reports.

The response was delivered through Pakistani mediators, Iran's official news agency IRNA reported, describing the proposal as an initial framework centred on ending the war rather than addressing wider political disputes at this stage.

Iranian state broadcaster IRIB said the proposal calls for an end to fighting "on all fronts, especially Lebanon", where Israeli attacks have continued despite a ceasefire agreement reached earlier this year.

The diplomatic move comes amid rising tensions in the region and concerns over shipping security in the Strait of Hormuz, a key global energy route.

Sources cited by Reuters said mediation efforts are currently aimed at securing an initial agree-



ment to halt fighting while broader negotiations continue on unresolved issues, including Iran's nuclear programme.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said negotiations with foreign powers would not amount to surrender, insisting Tehran would continue defending its national interests.

In a post on X on Sunday, Pezeshkian said Iran would "never bow" to its enemies and stressed that any dialogue or negotiations would be pursued from a position of strength.

He added that the purpose of talks was to protect the rights of the Iranian people and safeguard the country's interests.

US President Donald Trump said Washington is closely monitoring Iran's underground enriched ura-

nium stockpile and warned that any attempt to access the site would provoke a military response.

Speaking in an interview aired on Sunday, Trump said the facility remained under surveillance through US military and space-based monitoring systems.

"If anybody got near the place, we will know about it," Trump said, adding that the US would respond forcefully to any such move.

He also referred to the role of the US Space Force in tracking activity around the site, claiming Washington maintained continuous oversight of the area.

US President Donald Trump said the United States could target "every single" site in Iran within two weeks, while claiming Tehran had already suffered military defeat.

In an interview with independent journalist Sharyl Attkisson aired on Sunday, Trump said Iran may not fully recognise the extent of its losses. "They're militarily defeated," Trump said. "That doesn't mean they're done."

He added that the US military could expand operations further if necessary, claiming Washington had already struck around 70 percent of its intended targets.

## BJP's Nitesh Rane demands ban on AIMIM similar to PFI crackdown

**MI News Service, Mumbai :** Maharashtra minister and senior BJP leader Nitesh Rane launched a scathing attack on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) following the arrest of its corporator Mateen Majid Patel for allegedly sheltering Nida Khan, the prime accused in the high-profile Nashik TCS religious conversion and sexual harassment case.

Rane equated AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi with Osama bin Laden, stating there is "no difference whatsoever" between the two. "The very work that Osama bin Laden used to carry out through



Al-Qaeda is precisely what Asaduddin Owaisi is now doing through AIMIM," he told the media. He described AIMIM as a "terrorist organisation" and

demanding an immediate ban on the party, similar to the ban imposed on the Popular Front of India (PFI).

The minister further criticised AIMIM's political record, alleging that the party has delivered little development in the areas it represents. He claimed their agenda is limited to a single point — promoting Jihad — and accused the party of polarising society rather than focusing on governance.

Earlier, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis strongly criticised the AIMIM corporator, asserting that Mateen Majid Patel played a clear

role in hiding Nida Khan. Fadnavis assured that a thorough investigation is underway to uncover the full conspiracy, including possible links to a larger conversion racket.

Nida Khan was taken into custody by Nashik police after her anticipatory bail was rejected by the court. She was produced before a Nashik court on Friday following a joint operation by Nashik and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar police.

The controversy has intensified political tensions in the state, with the ruling BJP mounting pressure on AIMIM over the sensitive case.

## Israeli soldier killed in Hezbollah drone attack near Lebanon



**MI News Service, Jerusalem:** The Israeli military said Monday that a reservist was killed by a Hezbollah explosive drone attack near the Lebanon border on Sunday, bringing to 18 the number of Israeli soldiers killed since the current round of fighting with Hezbollah began on March 2.

The soldier was identified as Command Sergeant Major Alexander Glovanyov, 47, a heavy transport vehicle driver in the 6924th Transport Battalion. According to official Israeli figures, four Israeli civilians have also been killed in Hezbollah attacks since March 2.

In Lebanon, Israeli attacks have killed at least 2,846 people and wounded 8,693 others, the Lebanese Health Ministry said on Sunday. The Israeli military issued an evacuation warning on Saturday, urging residents of nine villages and towns in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa to flee and stay at least 1,000 meters away from their homes, citing imminent strikes.

Despite a fragile ceasefire, Israel escalated its bombardment of Beirut's southern suburbs on Thursday, saying it was targeting Hezbollah sites.

## A Year After Op Sindoor, Pak Army Chief's Unprovoked Threat To India

**MI News Service, Islamabad :** A year after getting crushed by India during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan's Chief of Defence Staff, Field Marshal Asim Munir, has issued an unprovoked threat, saying any future "misadventure" against Islamabad will result in "extremely widespread, dangerous, far-reaching and painful" consequences for New Delhi. Speaking at an event at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, Munir, who is also Pakistan's Army chief, claimed that Islamabad's strategy was "superior" to that of India during the May 2025 conflict.

"Our enemies should know that if any attempt is made in the future to carry out a misadventure against Pakistan, then the impact of war would not be limited, but extremely widespread, dangerous, far-reaching and painful," he said, according to a report by Dawn.

Munir further alleged that India "made a failed attempt to test our resolve by violating the sovereignty and territory" of Pakistan during the military conflict last year. He claimed Islamabad responded "with full national unity and military force".

He further claimed that the conflict between the two nuclear powers "was not merely a traditional war fought between two countries or militaries, but in reality, it was a decisive mark (battle) between two ideologies, in which, thanks to Allah, the truth won and falsehood was met with defeat."

Quoting a Quranic verse, he alleged that the May 2025 conflict was "not a sudden incident", but rather a part of India's "tactics".

"The false flag operations of 2001, 2008, 2016 and 2019 are a testament that even in the past, India has made failed attempts to impose an illegitimate war on Pakistan and [...] achieve narrow-minded, long-term political and military objectives through allegations, exaggeration, warmongering and misleading imagination of limited aggression," Munir reportedly said.

Reiterating his warning, Munir said that if "Pakistan's enemies" undertook any such move in the future, the effects of war would not remain limited. This is not the first time Munir has issued unprovoked threats directed at New Delhi. In December

last year, he threatened India with Pakistan's so-called military preparedness, asserting that Islamabad's response in future conflicts would be "swifter, more severe, and more intense".

He escalated his threats by claiming that Indian infrastructure, including dams on the Indus River, could be targeted.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, carrying out airstrikes on nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) that eliminated at least 100 terrorists. The strikes triggered a rapid escalation in tensions, with Pakistan launching retaliatory strikes, though most of them were thwarted by the Indian military.

## Trump says Iran's response to end war 'totally unacceptable'

**MI News Service, Washington :** US President Donald Trump on Monday, May 11, rejected Iran's reply to a US-backed proposal aimed at ending the ongoing conflict, calling Tehran's response "totally unacceptable" amid continuing tensions across the Middle East.

On the 73rd day of the US-Israeli war on Iran, Trump said he had reviewed the message delivered through Pakistani mediation but offered no details about the contents of the Iranian response.

"I have just read the response from Iran's so-called 'Representatives.' I don't like it — TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

The message from Tehran was delivered through Pakistani media-



atic amid ongoing diplomatic efforts to contain the conflict.

Iranian state media said Tehran had sought an immediate cessation of fighting along with assurances over maritime safety in the Strait of Hor-

muz. According to The Wall Street Journal, the Iranian position did not satisfy Washington's expectations concerning Tehran's nuclear commitments.

The latest developments underscored grow-

ing international concern over the widening conflict and its potential impact on regional security, energy supplies and global shipping routes.

An Iranian official said Tehran's response to the latest US proposal was "realistic and positive", according to Al Jazeera.

The official said the proposal focused on ending regional fighting, especially in Lebanon, and included discussions on the Strait of Hormuz, Iran's nuclear programme and sanctions relief.

Tehran is also seeking guaranteed mechanisms for lifting sanctions and international assurances to ensure any future agreement is upheld, the official added.

Iranian state media defended Tehran's latest

response to Washington after US President Donald Trump dismissed the proposal as "totally unacceptable".

In a statement shared on Telegram, Iran's state broadcaster IRIB said Tehran's reply "emphasises the fundamental rights of the Iranian nation" and accused the United States of demanding "surrender to Trump's greed".

According to IRIB, Tehran's proposal called for war reparations from the United States, recognition of Iran's sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz and the lifting of sanctions. The broadcaster also said Iran demanded the release of frozen Iranian assets held abroad as part of any agreement to end the conflict.

## Nationwide Initiative to Strengthen Newborn Survival : NRP Day Celebrated Across West Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata, May 11, 2026 :** In a landmark nationwide effort to improve newborn survival, the National Neonatology Forum (NNF) India has celebrated NRP Day on May 10th with large-scale, hands-on skill training programs being conducted across India. This initiative represents one of the largest synchronized healthcare training efforts in the country. This historic initiative is being led under the leadership of Dr. Lallan Kumar Bharti, President, NNF India, with the vision of ensuring that every newborn receives timely and effective resuscitation support at birth. Newborn mortality remains a major public health challenge in India. A significant proportion of neonatal deaths occur due to inability of the baby to establish breathing at birth. The first few minutes after birth are critical, and timely intervention by trained healthcare providers can prevent these avoidable deaths. Simple, evidence-based skills to help babies breathe at birth can make the difference between life and death. Recognizing this urgent need, NNF India has conceptualized and executed this massive capacity-building initiative. Across the country, 998 training courses are being conducted, with nearly 20,000 healthcare providers participating. These trainings are reaching not only metropolitan cities but also rural and remote regions, including geographically challenging areas. In West Bengal, this initiative is being implemented across multiple centres, contributing significantly to strengthening newborn care services in the state. Local Training Details: Venue: Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata 700043 Course Coordinator: Dr. Anindya Bera Number of Participants Trained: 14 These hands-on trainings are being conducted completely free of cost and include healthcare workers from both government and private sectors. This inclusive approach ensures wider reach and uniform strengthening of newborn care practices. NNF India has played a crucial role in providing complete support for planning, coordination, standardization, and execution of these trainings across all centres, ensuring quality and consistency.

## Eastern Railway To Introduce Two(02) Pairs Of Emu Services Between Krishnanagar City Jn. & Amghata Halt Stations In Sealdah Division

**MI News Service, Kolkata, May 11, 2026 :** As a step forward towards fulfillment of the need of the passengers, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to introduce 02 (two) pairs of EMU local services between Krishnanagar City Jn. & Amghata Halt stations with effect from 13.05.2026.

31887 & 31889 Krishnanagar City Jn. - Amghata Halt EMU local will leave Krishnanagar City Jn. at 05:20 hrs. & 22:15 hrs. to reach Amghata Halt at 05:35 hrs. & 22:30 hrs. respectively. And in opposite direction, 31888 & 31890 Amghata Halt - Krishnanagar City Jn. EMU local will leave Amghata Halt at 05:43 hrs. & 22:40 hrs. to reach Krishnanagar City Jn. at 05:58 hrs. & 23:00 hrs. respectively.

## CANCELLATION OF TRAINS FOR NON-INTERLOCKING WORK OVER SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**MI News Service, Kolkata, May 11, 2026 :** Due to Pre-Non Interlocking/Non Interlocking/Post-Non Interlocking work in Bilaspur Division over South East Central Railway, following trains will remain cancelled: -

- Cancellation of trains:
  - 22512 Kamakhya - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Karmabhoomi Express (Journey commencing on 13.06.2026).
  - 22511 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus - Kamakhya Karmabhoomi Express (JCO 16.06.2026).
  - 17321 Vasco Da Gama - Jasidih Express (JCO 12.06.2026).
  - 17322 Jasidih - Vasco Da Gama Express (JCO 15.06.2026).
  - 17005 Hyderabad - Raxaul Express (JCO 11.06.2026).
  - 17006 Raxaul - Hyderabad Express (JCO 14.06.2026).
  - 17007 Charlapalli - Darbhanga Express (JCO 09.06.2026 & 13.06.2026).
  - 17008 Darbhanga - Charlapalli Express (JCO 09.06.2026 & 12.06.2026).
  - 22843 Bilaspur - Buxar Express (JCO 12.06.2026).
  - 22844 Buxar - Bilaspur Express (JCO 13.06.2026).
  - 13425 Malda Town - Surat Express (JCO 13.06.2026).
  - 13426 Surat - Malda Town Express (JCO 15.06.2026).

**SAI RAMPES UP SUPPORT FOR INDIAN WEIGHTLIFTERS AHEAD OF COMMONWEALTH AND ASIAN GAMES**

**NEW DELHI** : The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has intensified its support for Indian weightlifting with a combined investment of nearly Rs 1.95 crore towards international competition exposure and long-duration national coaching camps, as the country's lifters compete at the ongoing Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships in Gandhinagar.

The government had sanctioned approximately Rs 70.45 lakh for India's participation in the ongoing Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships being held in Gujarat till May 17, with an initial contingent comprising 22 athletes, six coaches, five support staff, and three referees for the continental event. The championships are seen as a crucial benchmark competition in the build-up to the 2026 Commonwealth Games and 2026 Asian Games.

Among the promising Khelo India Athletes competing in Gandhinagar are Bedabarat Bharali (79kg), Parv Chaudhary (94kg), Gyaneshwari Yadav (53kg), Sanjana (77kg), Maibam Martina Devi (486kg), Charu Pesi (65kg), T Madhavan (71kg), Valluri Ajaya Babu (79kg), Abhishek Nipane (88kg), Komal Kohar (48kg), and Koyel Bar (53kg).

Alongside competition support, SAI has also approved two parallel elite national coaching camps running from April 1 to August 31 at Weightlifting Warriors, Modinagar, and the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports in Patiala. The 122-day camps, backed with ₹60.23 lakh and ₹64.75 lakh respectively, are aimed at preparing senior men and women lifters for major international events and qualification pathways linked to the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games cycle.

Ten athletes each are a part of the two camps being organised through SAI Lucknow and SAI NSNIS Patiala, respectively, until the end of August.



**Dharamsala: Punjab Kings' Suryansh Shedge plays a shot during the Indian Premier League 2026 match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals, at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamsala on Monday, May 11, 2026.**  
(Photo: IANS)

**IPL 2026: When and where to watch GT vs SRH, know all details**

**AHMEDABAD** : Gujarat Titans will look to continue their strong winning momentum when they host Sunrisers Hyderabad in Match 56 of the Indian Premier League 2026 at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Tuesday.

Both teams head into the contest in impressive form, making the encounter a crucial battle in the race for playoff positions. Gujarat Titans currently occupy third place on the points table with seven wins from 11 matches and arrive on the back of four consecutive victories. Their latest triumph came in dominant fashion against the Rajasthan Royals, whom they defeated by 77 runs in Jaipur.

Led by Shubman Gill, the Titans have found consistency at a critical stage of the tournament, with both their batting and bowling units clicking together during the winning run. Playing at home will further boost their



confidence as they aim to strengthen their position in the top four. Sunrisers Hyderabad, meanwhile, have emerged as one of the form teams of the season after recovering strongly from a difficult start.

After losing three of their opening four matches, the side led by Pat Cummins has staged a remarkable turnaround, winning six of their last seven games to climb to second place in the standings, just behind Royal

Challengers Bengaluru.

The clash also brings together two sides with contrasting head-to-head numbers. Gujarat Titans have largely dominated the rivalry since both teams first met in 2022, winning five of their seven encounters against Hyderabad. Sunrisers have managed just one victory, while one match ended without a result. Their most recent meeting, played in May last year, ended in a Gujarat Titans victory, and the hosts will once again look to make home advantage count in what promises to be one of the key contests of the league stage.

When: Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 PM IST  
Where: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

Where to watch: The GT vs SRH match will be broadcast on Star Sports channels, with JioHotstar live-streaming the game.

Squads:

Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (c), Jos Buttler (wk), Kumar Kushagra, Glenn Phillips, Rashid Khan, Manav Suthar, Nishant Sindhu, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Kagiso Rabada, Ravishrinivasan Sai Kishore, Jayant Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Jason Holder, Tom Banton, Luke Wood, Sai Sudharsan, Rahul Tewatia, Arshad Khan, Anuj Rawat, Kulwant Khejroliya, Gurnoor Brar, M Shahrukh Khan

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Travis Head, Ishan Kishan, Heinrich Klaasen, Smaran Ravichandran, Abhishek Sharma, Harsh Dubey, Kamindu Mendis, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Pat Cummins (c), Eshan Malinga, Jaydev Unadkat, Harshal Patel, SAIL Arora, Praful Hinge, Liam Livingstone, Shivam Mavi, Jack Edwards, Brydon Carse, Sakib Hussain, Zeeshan Ansari, Aniket Verma, Amit Kumar, Krains Fuletra

**'I regret bringing Messi to Calcutta': Organiser Satadru Dutta breaks silence on legend's chaotic India tour event**

**KOLKATA** : Nearly six months after Lionel Messi's controversial Kolkata appearance spiralled into chaos, organiser Satadru Dutta has admitted he regrets bringing the Argentine football icon to the city, while insisting that his intentions were rooted in emotion and football culture.

Dutta reflected on the fallout from the event, which led to massive controversy, allegations of security lapses, and his eventual arrest.

"It's not a couple of months. It's now close to six months. See, in my wildest dream, I never thought this because you know Messi, Lionel Messi coming for his first private tour starting from Calcutta, Mecca football, and then you know things happen like this. I never dreamt it," Dutta told IANS. The organiser said his attachment to Kolkata played a key role in bringing Messi to the city despite the logistical and financial challenges involved in securing the football superstar for a private appearance.

"If you ask me honestly, I do regret bringing Messi to Calcutta, but I had an emotional connection with this place, being a son of the soil. I thought the fans should see

Messi, and Calcutta should celebrate Lionel Messi football. He's, you know, he being a world champion, but then as I told you, I never thought that things would turn around to this," he added.

Dutta claimed the event represented years of effort and persuasion to convince Messi to undertake what he described as the footballer's first private tour. "It was a three-year effort, you know, three years of effort I have given to bring Messi. And it was very tough to convince him. It was his first private event, don't forget that," he said.

The event, billed as one of the biggest football spectacles in the city in recent years, ended amid crowd unrest and allegations of organisational failure, with Dutta later spending time in custody as investigations into the incident began.

Despite the controversy, Dutta maintained that ordinary football fans were not responsible for the event's collapse. "And if I just get support from the government, just saying that, okay, the security will be good. I will go for Messi. Why not? Because see, the fans have not done anything wrong, right?" he said.



**Srinath, Menon retained as ICC keeps elite panel of umpires, match referees unchanged for 2026 27**

**DUBAI** : India's Javagal Srinath and Nitin Menon are amongst the elite panel of match referees and umpires kept unchanged by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for the 2026 27 international cricket season.

The decision comes after an annual review and selection process was conducted comprehensively by the ICC's Umpire Selection Panel, which determined that the current group of elite officials would continue in their roles, reflecting satisfaction with their strong contribution over the past year.

"The decision to retain the Emirates ICC Elite Panel for the 2026-27 season reflects the consistency and high standards that have come to define officiating at the international level. Over the past year, the panels have demonstrated a strong blend of accuracy, composure, and professionalism, which is critical to maintaining the integrity of the game."

"What stands out is not just the quality of decision-making, but the ability to operate with clarity and confidence in high-pressure situations, across formats and conditions. That consistency provides assurance to players, teams, and fans alike."

"On behalf of the ICC, I would like to con-



gratulate all members of the panels on their re-selection. Their performances over the past season have fully justified this continuity, and we look forward to seeing them build further on these standards in the year ahead," said ICC CEO Sanjog Gupta.

The Umpire Selection Panel, comprising ICC General Manager - Cricket Wasim Khan (Chair), former English Premier League referee Mike Riley, former international umpire and coach Peter Manuel, and former international player and commentator Sanjay Manjrekar, reviewed performances before deciding to

retain the existing panel.

"The decision reflects the ICC's commitment to recognising and rewarding excellence, with the panels' consistency and high standards demonstrated by members at the recent ICC Men's T20 World Cup and in men's bilateral cricket across the previous calendar year. "The umpires' outstanding on-field performances, professionalism, decision-making accuracy, and third umpiring have contributed significantly to the quality and integrity of international cricket," added the ICC.

ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees (2026/27): Jeff Crowe (New Zealand), Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka), Andrew Pycroft (Zimbabwe), Richie Richardson (West Indies), Javagal Srinath (India).

ICC Elite Panel of Umpires (2026/27): Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka), Christopher Gaffaney (New Zealand), Adrian Holdstock (South Africa), Richard Illingworth (England), Richard Kettleborough (England), Nitin Menon (India), Allauddin Paleker (South Africa), Ahsan Raza (Pakistan), Paul Reffel (Australia), Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid (Bangladesh), Rodney Tucker (Australia), Alex Wharf (England).

**One-month countdown: FIFA World Cup preparations gather pace**

**MEXICO CITY** : With one month remaining before the FIFA World Cup kicks off in Mexico City, organisers across the three host countries are finalising stadium preparations and security planning, while teams monitor injuries ahead of squad selections.

The June 11-July 19 tournament will be the first World Cup to feature 48 teams, with matches in 16 cities across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Here are some of the key talking points as the buildup enters its final stretch.

Host cities are racing to ensure match venues and key infrastructure are ready for the tournament.

At Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, crews face a tight schedule to remove temporary facilities used for this month's Formula One Grand Prix and adapt the complex to FIFA requirements, while workers in New Jersey are installing a temporary grass pitch over MetLife Stadium's artificial surface, reports Xinhua.

In Mexico City, renovation work continues at Estadio Azteca, which is due to stage the opening match on June 11. The stadium has faced legal and operational complications linked to its refurbishment - notably a dispute over luxury box access rights and construction delays - although organisers continue to say it will be ready in time.

Mexico City International Airport is also still undergoing redevelopment ahead of the tournament, with authorities saying last month that work was about 70% complete.

TICKET SALES  
FIFA President Gianni Infantino has defended ticket prices after seats for the final in New Jersey were listed for more than two million U.S. dollars on the governing body's resale platform.

"If somebody buys a ticket for the final for two million dollars, I will personally bring him a hot dog and a Coke to make sure that



he has a great experience," Infantino told reporters earlier this month.

He said the resale listings did not reflect the original ticket prices and argued FIFA's pricing was consistent with other major sporting events in the United States.

FIFA has not provided a recent update on overall ticket sales, although it released additional batches of tickets in April and May through "last-minute sales" phases. Secondary market data shows tickets remain available for many matches.

SECURITY ISSUES

Security planning has intensified across the three host countries in recent months. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said in March that nearly 100,000 security personnel would be deployed across Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Monterrey during the tournament, with authorities increasing patrols around airports, hotels, and fan zones.

Canada's public safety ministry announced additional funding in April for World Cup security preparations, including support for policing, border management, and emergency coordination in host cities. The ministry said up to 145 million Canadian dollars (105 million U.S. dollars) would be made available to support safety and security operations during the tournament.

In the United States, federal agencies are continuing to coordinate preparations through the White House task force established for the World Cup.

**KSS MEMORIAL SHOOTING: NUPUR KUMRAWAT TOPS WOMEN'S 50M RIFLE PRONE EVENT**

**BHOPAL** : Madhya Pradesh's Nupur Kumrawat emerged on top in the 50m Rifle Prone Women ISSF event at the 24th Kumar Surendra Singh (KSS) Memorial Shooting Championship, currently underway at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy in Bhopal. Nupur delivered a superb performance on Monday to top the women's field with a score of 624.3. Army Marksmanship Unit's Priya finished second with 623.9, while Maharashtra's Bhakti Bhaskar Khambkar secured third place with 622.2. Punjab's Anjum Moudgil was fourth with 621.7. Gujarat's Lajjakumari Tilakpuri Gauswami placed fifth with 620.0. Kerala's Vidarsa K Vinod finished sixth with 619.2. Gujarat's Pallavi Suthar was seventh with 618.9, and Railways' Ayushi Podder completed the top eight with 618.3. In the 50m Rifle Prone event for junior women, Tamil Nadu's M.A. Akschadha Aiswarya clinched the title with an impressive score of 618.2. Punjab's Nimrat Kaur Brar secured the silver medal with 617.7, while Madhya Pradesh's Pratha Rathod claimed bronze with 617.6. Madhya Pradesh's Yugeswari Bais finished fourth with 616.6, followed by Punjab's Pranjali in fifth with 616.3. Rajasthan's Khushi Jadeja in sixth with 616.3, NCC's Bhumi Sanjay Mahajan in seventh with 615.3, and Chandigarh's Geet in eighth with 615.2. 50m Rifle Prone Youth Women Completing a double, M.A. Akschadha Aiswarya also topped the youth women's event with a score of 618.2, underlining her dominance across categories. Punjab's Nimrat Kaur Brar finished second with 617.7, while Madhya Pradesh's Pratha Rathod secured third place with 617.6. Madhya Pradesh's Yugeswari Bais was fourth with 616.6, followed by Punjab's Pranjali in fifth with 616.3. Rajasthan's Khushi Jadeja in sixth with 616.3, NCC's Bhumi Sanjay Mahajan in seventh with 615.3, and Chandigarh's Geet in eighth with 615.2.

