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Suvendu Adhikari on his maiden trip to North Bengal, promises to fulfill region's developmental aspirations

MI News Service, Siliguri: In his maiden visit to north Bengal after becoming the Chief minister, Suvendu Adhikari on Wednesday said he will work to fulfill the developmental aspirations of the people of the region, as promised by Prime minister Narendra Modi during his election campaign.

Acknowledging the overwhelming support of the people of entire North Bengal to the BJP in the just concluded elections, Suvendu Adhikari said he will visit north Bengal every month along with other ministers of his cabinet to look into their problems and solve them soon.

"We will work towards fulfilling all the promises made in our 'Sankalpa Patra' (poll manifesto) and those by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Suvendu Adhikari told reporters on his arrival at the Bagdogra airport here from Kolkata.

He said the BJP government will return the "debt of north Bengal's people", who, he said, have been supporting the saffron party since 2009.

"The BJP government will sincerely work towards giving north

Bengal its developmental dues to erase the deprivation meted out to the region by the previous regime," he said.

The North Bengal Development Minister will hold office in Siliguri one day every week, the Chief minister said, with the minister in charge of the department, Nisith Pramanik, in tow.

North Bengal has been a BJP bastion for quite some years now and the people of the region hope for some new announcements for the region by Suvendu Adhikari in his first visit after taking oath as the Chief minister on May 9, a local saffron party leader said.

Women in traditional red and white sarees blowing conch shells, and men beating 'dhaks' (drums) lined the streets through which the Chief minister passed in a motoreade after landing at Bagdogra airport here.

Soon afterwards Suvendu Adhikari visited the Siliguri BJP office, where he met hundreds of enthusiastic party workers, supporters and leaders.

Later in the afternoon the Chief minister held an administrative review meeting at Uttar-



Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari arrives at Siliguri on his maiden visit to North Bengal on Wednesday

kanya, the north Bengal arm of the state secretariat with senior government and police officials,

informed sources said. Incidentally, the BJP won 40 of the 54 assembly constituencies in

north Bengal in the recently concluded elections, surpassing the previous record of 30 seats in the

2021 polls.

Suvendu Adhikari, who went to Diamond Harbour on Saturday

and held an administrative review meeting there reached Siliguri on a days maiden visit.

Tomorrow, the Chief minister will leave for Durgapur for another administrative meeting there.

Meanwhile, ahead of the Chief minister's visit, Nisith Pramanik, the minister of north Bengal development and sports and youth affairs departments, reached Uttarkanya on Tuesday and held a preliminary meeting with officials of the north Bengal development department (NBDD), formed by Mamata Banerjee after she assumed power in 2011.

"Certain anomalies in jobs taken up by NBDD during the tenure of the earlier government have come to our notice. We will open all necessary files and conduct a comprehensive probe. Any contractor awarded work by the department and found involved in corruption will be blacklisted," Pramanik said after the meeting.

"We will seek proposals from all north Bengal MLAs, irrespective of their political affiliation, and then select projects. I will personally speak to them, including those from Trinamool Congress. There should be a balance in the selection of projects so that no district or no Assembly segment is left behind," he added.

During their campaign, BJP leaders and candidates repeatedly alleged that no important administrative work was carried out in Uttarkanya over the past several years.

On this, Pramanik said: "We have an efficient set of officials, engineers and staff here at the NBDD. If required, we will consult with the chief minister to increase manpower. We will put in efforts to see that even cabinet meetings are held at Uttarkanya."

Nisith Pramanik also emphasised that the BJP government would develop sports infrastructure in the state, particularly in north Bengal.

"As the minister of state in the Union sports ministry, I tried to bring in central funds to improve sports in Bengal, but the earlier state government didn't take the initiative to avail such funds. We will develop the existing stadiums and other sports arenas and set up new infrastructure across the state," Pramanik said.

Puri's Jagannath Temple opposes proposed 'untimely' Rath Yatra in Punjab

MI News Service, Puri: The authorities of the Jagannath Temple in Puri has opposed the decision of a temple at Ferozepur in Punjab to hold an 'untimely' Rath Yatra.

Arabinda Padhee, IAS, the Chief Administrator of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), has, however, urged the Ferozepur district administration to take steps to stop the proposed Ratha Yatra on May 23, saying it violated the scriptures, thereby hurting the religious sentiments of the devotees in other parts of the country.

He pointed out that the Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath this year will be held on July 16, following the Hindu almanack..

In a letter to Ferozepur District Magistrate Deepshikha Sharma, the SJTA Chief Administrator described the proposed conduct of Rath Yatra at the Jagannath Mandir of Ferozepur Cantonment on random dates as a "sensitive matter".

Padhee came to know about this

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Bengal govt hands over 27 km land to BSF for border fencing

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major administrative decision with far reaching consequences, the West Bengal government on Wednesday formally handed over 27 km land near the Indo - Bangladesh border areas to the Border Security Force (BSF) to speed up fencing work along the international border.

Soon after assuming the office, the new BJP government under the Chief ministership of Suvendu Adhikari had promised to hand over the entire land required for completing the fencing on the border areas in the state to the BSF within 45 days from May 9. The hand over of land is required to accelerate border fencing in several unfenced stretches across the state.

The move is aimed at strengthening border security, curbing illegal infiltration and completing long-pending infrastructure work in sensitive areas along the international boundary.

Announcing the formal handing over of 27 km land in the first phase at an administrative meeting at state Secretariat Nabanna this afternoon, Chief minister,Suvendu Adhikari squarely blamed the previous regime for not initiating any such process 'deliberately' which had unnecessarily delayed and slowed down border fencing processes for the past several years, affecting security-related projects in multiple districts.

The government stated that the decision would help the BSF complete crucial fencing

work and improve surveillance mechanisms in vulnerable regions.

The handing over of land was important for strengthening national security and for preventing illegal movement across the border, the Chief minister said.

About 2200 km long India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal remains one of the country's most sensitive international boundaries, with several stretches totalling about 650 km still required infrastructure development and enhanced monitoring systems.

Accordingly, today's move is to give a significant push to ongoing border management efforts while improving coordination between state authorities and security agencies.

The remaining required land would also be handed over to the BSF in due course within the next one month to ensure a foolproof security on the international borders with Bangladesh, the Chief minister said during the official ceremony when state Home Secretary Sanghamitra Ghosh handed over the necessary documents to the Director General of the BSF.

Among others state Chief Secretary Mnooj Agarwal was present

According to Union Home Ministry data, of the 2,217 km of Indo- Bangladesh border in West Bengal, around 1,600 km has been fenced,while the remaining around 650 km remains uncovered, of which 456 km is feasible for fencing.

Joint military exercise of 13 nations on counter-terrorism begins in Meghalaya

MI News Service, Guwahati / Shillong: For the first time since Independence, a joint military exercise comprising defence personnel from as many as 13 countries across the globe, began in Meghalaya on Wednesday with a focus on counter-terrorism operations, official sources said.

Providing details of the rare Defence exercise, its PRO Lieutenant Colonel Mahender Rawat said the multilateral military exercise, named 'PRAGATI 2026', commenced at Umroi Military Station with the participation of 12 friendly nations -- Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

"The two-week long exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in semi-mountainous and jungle terrain. The training programme will include joint planning exercises, tactical-level drills and coordinated operations designed to improve adaptability, endurance and tactical proficiency of participating troops," he added.

Rawat said the joint exercise also aims to improve interoperability and coordination among participating armies through tactical drills, joint planning exercises and simulated counter-terror operations in difficult terrain conditions.

Training sessions during the exercise will centre on endurance, adaptability, discipline and operational coordination in challenging environments. Officials said the programme is designed to help troops exchange operational experiences and evolve common approaches to security threats faced across the region.



Thai Army reports Cambodian infantry firing at a border military outpost.

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The Indian Army will also showcase indigenous defence equipment and innovations developed under the Centre's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The exhibition is expected to provide a platform for interaction between foreign contingents and Indian defence manufacturers while highlighting India's growing defence production capabilities.

Military officials said the exercise seeks to strengthen regional defence ties, improve intelligence-sharing mechanisms and establish long-term cooperation among participating countries. Cultural exchanges and professional interactions

have also been included in the programme to deepen military-to-military engagement.

PRAGATI stands for 'Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region'. Officials described the exercise as an effort to promote cooperation based on mutual respect, equality and shared security interests.

A number of senior military officers and dignitaries attended the opening ceremony. Major General Sunil Sheoran, Additional Director General of Infantry, welcomed the participating contingents and stressed the importance of collective engagement in tackling evolving security challenges.

He urged the troops to learn from one another's operational experiences and said the participation of different nations would contribute towards building a coordinated response to common regional threats.

India-Italy relationship reaches a decisive stage, say PM Modi, Meloni

MI News Service, New Delhi / Rome: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni have said the long-standing relationship between India and Italy has now reached a decisive stage, evolving from a cordial friendship into a special strategic partnership.

In an article, jointly written by the two leaders for the Indian and Italian media, PM Modi and Meloni said that at a time when the international system is undergoing a profound change, the partnership between the two countries is guided by regular exchanges at higher political and institutional levels.

Earlier on Wednesday PM Modi arrived in Italy from Norway on the last leg of his five-nation tour of West Asia and Europe .

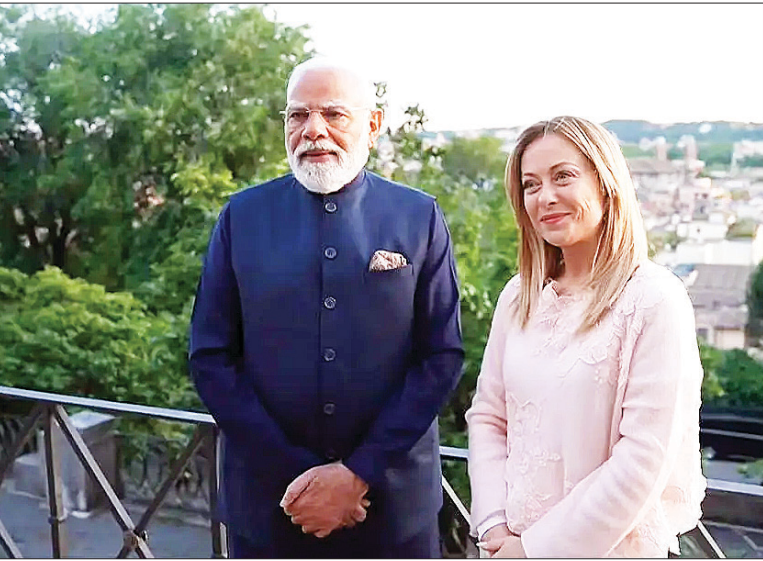
The two leaders said the bilateral relation between the two nations is gaining a new and higher dimension that combines the economic dynamism, societal creativity, and millennia-old civilisational wisdom of both the countries.

"The relationship between India and Italy has now reached a decisive stage. In recent years, our ties have expanded with unprecedented momentum, evolving from a cordial friendship into a special strategic partnership grounded in the values of freedom and democracy, and a common vision for the future," they said.

The two leaders also said the cooperation between India and Italy mirrors the awareness that prosperity and security in the 21st century will be shaped by the ability of nations to innovate, manage energy transitions, and strengthen strategic sovereignty.

To this end, they said they have committed to deepen and diversify the bilateral relationship with a view to pursuing new objectives and pooling the two countries' complementary strengths.

"We aim to forge a powerful synergy



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni, in Rome, Italy.

between Italian design, manufacturing excellence, and world-class supercomputers — reflecting Italy's position as an industrial powerhouse — and India's rapid economic growth, engineering talent, scale, and innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem with over 100 unicorns and 200,000 start-ups," they said.

PM Modi and Giorgia Meloni who is also the President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic further stated that this is not a simple integration, but a co-creation of value where the respective industrial strengths amplify one another.

They said the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and India paves the way for increased trade and investment in both directions.

"We want to reach and exceed the Euro 20 billion target for trade between India and India by 2029, with a focus on defence and aerospace, clean tech-

nologies, machinery, automotive components, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, textiles, agri-food, tourism and more," they said.

In the article, PM Modi and Meloni said "Made in Italy" has always been synonymous with excellence worldwide, and today it finds a natural synergy with the high-quality goals of the "Make in India" initiative.

The growing interest of Italian businesses in the production of goods for India and the increasing presence of Indian industries in Italy, numbering over 1,000 from both sides, is a positive sign that will strengthen the integration of our supply chains, they said.

The two leaders said technological innovation lies at the very heart of the partnership and the coming decades will be shaped by a technological revolution of unmeasurable scope, marked by advances in such sectors as artificial intel-

ligence, quantum computing, advanced manufacturing, critical minerals, and digital infrastructure.

They said India's dynamic innovation ecosystem, coupled with a highly skilled professional talent pool, and Italy's advanced industrial capabilities make the cooperation in the above sectors both natural and strategic.

"The growing partnership between our Universities and Research Centres will support this. India's Digital Public Infrastructure is already finding resonance with a large number of countries particularly in the Global South," they said.

The leaders said AI, in particular, is already impacting societies and the global economy and Italy and India have long been collaborating to ensure that its development is responsible and human-centred.

India and Italy also see AI as a powerful instrument for inclusive development, especially for the Global South, where digital public infrastructure and accessible, multilingual technologies can bridge divides rather than deepen them, they said.

"Building on India's vision of MANAV — putting human at the centre of technology — and Italy's leadership in promoting a human-centric 'algor-ethics' rooted in its humanist tradition, our partnership seeks to ensure that AI acts as a catalyst for social empowerment," they said.

PM Modi and PM Meloni said their approach combines India's digital scale with Italy's ethical and industrial expertise, ensuring technology serves human dignity.

They said that by sharing best practices in secure digital cooperation, capacity-building and resilient cyber infrastructure, the two countries aim to create an open, trustworthy and equitable digital space in which every nation can shape and benefit from AI.

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India still among fastest-growing economies: UN report

MI News Service, New Delhi /Washington (DC): Holding the global uncertainties and economic shocks arising from the ongoing West Asia crisis responsible, the United Nations has revised India's economic growth forecast for 2026 to 6.4 per cent from its earlier projection of 6.6 per cent.

A report released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) on Wednesday, however, stated that despite the ongoing crisis, India as a robust country still remains one of the fastest-growing major economies.

West Asia crisis has delivered yet another shock to the global economy, slowing growth, reigniting inflationary pressures and heightening uncertainty, it said.

Ingo Pitterle, Senior Economist and Officer-in-charge of Global Economic Monitoring Branch, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA, said India is "not immune" to current global challenges.

"It is a large energy importer and it is also exposed to other channels, for example, remit-



tances, add to some vulnerability. Also, a global financial tightening will make monetary policy more complicated," he added.

Pitterle pointed out that the West Asia "shock" for all countries is having a dual impact on growth - it is lowering growth while at the same time pushing up inflation, and in doing so it is constraining the policy space. "This will also be the case for India. So, the question then remains, how will the central bank and also the fiscal author-

ities respond to that?..."

The report, however, noted that India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies, with output still expected to expand by 6.4 per cent, though the step-down from 7.5 per cent in 2025 "underscores the drag from higher energy import costs and tighter financial conditions."

"We have seen structurally very robust growth in India, which has been driven by consumer demand, by public

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Polycab India Limited

MI News Service, Siliguri: Polycab India Limited has launched a new 'Quick Service Depot' in Siliguri to enhance its distribution infrastructure. This initiative aims to improve Polycab's supply chain for quicker deliveries and better service responsiveness in North Bengal. The depot, covering 9,250 sq.ft., is located about 7 kms from New Jalpaiguri station and will support the distribution of Polycab's diverse product range, including wires, lighting, fans, switches, switchgear, and conduits.

A Trinamool Congress booth president has been arrested on charges of attempting to rape a woman



MI News Service, Kharagpur : A Trinamool Congress booth president has been arrested by police for allegedly attempting to rape a woman in the Makrampur area under Narayanagarh Block in West Midnapore district. The incident has sparked widespread discussion and tension in the area. The arrested accused has been identified as Deepak De. According to local sources, he was the Trinamool Congress booth president of Nayapukur Booth in the Makrampur region. Following the incident, political circles in the area have also become active. According to police sources, the accused allegedly stopped the woman on the road in the Synthali Booth area of Makrampur and attempted to rape her. When the woman resisted and news of the incident spread among local residents, tension escalated in the locality. It is alleged that after the incident, the accused hid inside the house of a nearby resident. Acting on the information, Narayanagarh police reached the spot and launched an operation, eventually arresting the accused. Police have taken Deepak De into custody and started questioning him. He was later produced before the Kharagpur Sub-Divisional Court. Police stated that a serious investigation into the entire matter is underway. Meanwhile, local residents have expressed anger over the incident and are demanding strict action against the accused.

TMC panchayat Chief arrested over Rs70 lakh self-help group scam

MI News Service, Hooghly: In a major crackdown on alleged financial irregularities and post-election violence, police on Saturday night arrested TMC panchayat president Rajdeep Dey from Hooghly district's Arambagh sub-division on multiple serious charges, including extortion, criminal intimidation and alleged embezzlement of nearly Rs70 lakh belong to self-help groups. According to police sources, Dey — who heads a panchayat in the Goghat area — had allegedly been absconding since the declaration of the election results. Acting on a complaint lodged at Goghat Police Station, investigators launched a search operation before finally taking him into custody late Saturday night. The FIR reportedly names Rajdeep Dey along with several others and includes a wide range of allegations: extortion, forcible collection of money, misuse of government funds and property, siphoning off self-help group money, post-poll attacks, vandalism, spreading terror in local areas and criminal conspiracy. Police sources said investigators are examining financial transactions and local complaints linked to the alleged diversion of public and welfare funds.

AIIMS Kalyani unveils advanced Laser Unit; Samik Bhattacharya announces second AIIMS for North Bengal

MI News Service, Nadia : In a significant boost to public healthcare infrastructure in West Bengal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Kalyani on Wednesday inaugurated a state-of-the-art Laser Unit under its Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery. The facility was formally inaugurated by BJP state president and Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya, who used the occasion to make a series of major announcements on healthcare expansion, governance and party discipline.

The newly launched facility is being projected as one of the first comprehensive laser treatment units among government hospitals and Institutes of National Importance (INI) in the country. Hospital authorities said the initiative aims to make advanced reconstructive and aesthetic treatment accessible to common people, particularly patients suffering from burn injuries, acid attack scars, trauma-related deformities and chronic skin disorders.

Present at the inauguration were AIIMS Kalyani Executive Director Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Sinha, Head of the Department of Burns and Plastic Surgery Prof. (Dr.) Gaurav Ranjan Choudhary, senior hospital administrators, doctors and representatives of Airports Authority of India.

According to officials, the unit's flagship Fractional CO2 Laser Machine has been provided under the Corporate Social Responsibility

Heroin Manufacturing Material Worth Rs. 1 Crore Seized in Nadia, Two Arrested

MI News Service, Nadia : In a major crackdown on an alleged inter-state narcotics network, Palashipara police in Nadia district arrested two persons and seized more than one kilogram of "crude" — a key raw material used in the manufacture of heroin. Police estimated the market value of the seized contraband at nearly Rs. 1 crore.

The arrested accused were identified as Hafiz Abdul Hamid, a resident of Minabazar in Thoubal district of Manipur, and Iyarlul Sheikh of Baur area in Palashipara, Nadia. Both were produced before the Krishnanagar NDPS Court on Wednesday, where police sought 10 days' custody for further investigation.

According to police sources, the accused were allegedly part of a larger inter-state drug trafficking network operating between



north-eastern states and West Bengal. Investigators suspect that "crude", derived from poppy extract and used as a primary ingredient in heroin production, was being smuggled regularly from Manipur and Nagaland into Bengal.

Acting on a tip-off, officers of Palashipara police station laid a trap near Jhulatala Bottala area on Wednesday afternoon. Police had received information that a consignment of narcotics-related material

would enter Nadia through neighbouring Murshidabad district.

During surveillance, officers intercepted a motorcycle carrying the two accused soon after they crossed into Palashipara from Murshidabad. A search of their bags reportedly led to the recovery of the contraband substance. The motorcycle used in the operation was also seized.

Investigators said Iyarlul Sheikh had allegedly travelled to Murshidabad earlier

in the day to receive Hafiz Abdul Hamid, who had arrived from Manipur carrying the material. Police are now probing the intended destination of the consignment and trying to identify others linked to the racket.

Officials believe the seized "crude" was meant for processing heroin locally before being distributed to different parts of the state. Police are also examining whether a wider trafficking syndicate with interstate links is operating through border areas of Nadia and Murshidabad.

Law enforcement agencies have expressed concern over the growing involvement of youths in the illegal narcotics trade, driven largely by the lure of quick money. Officers said the investigation is likely to reveal more names connected to the network in the coming days.

"Hospital Turned Into a Dustbin": BJP MLA Anupam Biswas Slams State of Kalyani JNM Medical College

MI News Service, Nadia : Serious questions have once again been raised over the condition of Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College and Hospital after BJP MLA from Kalyani Assembly constituency, Anupam Biswas, launched a scathing attack on the administration during an inspection visit on Tuesday.

Calling the present condition of the hospital "no different from a dustbin," the legislator alleged that healthcare services at one of the state's key government medical institutions had virtually collapsed, leaving patients and their families to suffer immensely.

Accompanied by hospital superintendent Dhruvajyoti Sarkar, the MLA visited several departments including the emergency ward, blood bank, inpatient wards and food distribution units. Following the inspection, Biswas addressed the media and expressed deep dissatisfaction over what he described as "administrative failure, poor maintenance and unchecked corruption inside the hospital premises."

"The condition of this hospital is shameful. Patients come here hoping for treatment but are instead subjected to misery and negligence. There is hardly any difference between the city's garbage dump and this hospital," he remarked.

According to the BJP MLA, several air-conditioning units across wards have remained non-functional for a long period, causing severe hardship to patients amid soaring temperatures. He claimed that elderly and critically ill patients were the worst affected by the poor infrastructure and lack of basic facilities.

Biswas also questioned the quality of food being served to admitted patients. Alleging that minimum nutritional and hygienic standards were not being maintained, he said many patients were being forced to consume "substandard and unhealthy meals."

"The poor come to government hospitals because they cannot afford private treatment. If even basic dignity and proper food cannot be ensured, then the entire healthcare mechanism stands exposed," he said.

The MLA further alleged that emergency services were in an alarming state. Due to shortage of doctors, nursing staff and inadequate infrastructure, patients were allegedly not receiving timely treatment. Families of patients, he claimed, were often being compelled to purchase medicines and medical essentials from outside despite being admitted to a government-run institution.

Describing the overall atmosphere as "death-like," Biswas stated, "This medical college has turned into a death chamber. People are terrified after entering the hospital. If immediate corrective measures are not taken, public confidence in the healthcare system will completely erode."

One of the strongest allegations made during the visit concerned the alleged presence of a broker and syndicate nexus operating inside the hospital campus. The BJP legislator claimed that certain groups were extorting money from vulnerable patients and their families in exchange for hospital services such as admission, bed allocation and diagnostic

arrangements.

"There will be no place for middlemen and syndicate culture here. I have clearly informed the hospital authorities that if the situation does not improve within seven days, I will be forced to take stronger action," Biswas warned.

He further said that he would directly inform the Chief Minister and the State Health Minister about the "deplorable condition" of the hospital if immediate reforms were not undertaken.

The remarks have triggered fresh political debate in the district. The BJP has repeatedly accused the state administration of failing to maintain healthcare standards in government hospitals, while the ruling establishment has maintained that continuous efforts are being made to improve medical infrastructure and services across West Bengal.

Notably, only a few days ago, several media reports highlighted unhygienic conditions, damaged infrastructure and severe patient distress inside Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College and Hospital. Those reports had already drawn public attention toward the deteriorating condition of the institution. Hospital authorities, however, had claimed that steps were being taken to address the problems.

The latest inspection by the local MLA and his explosive comments have now intensified pressure on the administration. Attention is now focused on whether the hospital authorities will be able to bring visible improvements within the seven-day deadline set by the legislator.

Government Flour Seized in Nandkishorepur; Businessman Arrested

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Sensation spread in the Nandkishorepur area under Narayanagarh police station limits in West Midnapore district after a major case of alleged hoarding and illegal trafficking of government ration flour came to light. Police have detained local businessman Prashant Sahu and started questioning him in connection with the case.

According to reports, local residents along with BJP workers and supporters received information that a vehicle loaded with a large quantity of government ration flour was being transported out of the area. Suspecting irregularities,



the locals stopped the vehicle and informed Narayanagarh police. After receiving the information, police reached the spot and launched an investigation. During the investigation, police identified three separate warehouses in the

area. When searches were conducted, hundreds of sacks filled with ration flour bearing government stamps were recovered from the warehouses. Investigating officers were reportedly shocked to see the large number of sacks stacked in rows inside the godowns. After learning about the incident, officials from the district food department also reached the spot and initiated a detailed inquiry into the matter. According to police sources, more than 100 sacks of flour have been seized so far. BJP workers alleged that government ration meant for poor people had been illegally diverted outside the area for a long time

and claimed that large-scale corruption could be involved. The party has demanded a fair investigation and strict action against those responsible. However, detained businessman Prashant Sahu has denied all allegations against him. He claimed that the government flour was being mixed with puffed rice and rice husk to prepare fish feed, which was supposed to be supplied outside the area. At present, police are continuously questioning Prashant Sahu. Investigators are also trying to determine where such a huge quantity of government ration flour came from and who else may be involved in the alleged network.

Ghatal Tension After Tarpaulin Scam Claim; Aid Found at Local Chemist

MI News Service, Kharagpur : A major controversy has erupted in the Ghoraihat area under Mansuka No. 1 Gram Panchayat in Ghatal block of Paschim Medinipur district over alleged misuse of government relief materials. Government tarpaulins and other relief items belonging to the Disaster Management Department were reportedly recovered from the medicine shop and residence of Trinamool Congress panchayat member Ram Pal, triggering political tension in the area. The incident led to heated arguments and unrest between BJP and Trinamool Congress supporters, forcing police to intervene and bring the situation under control. According to local sources, following recent administrative and political changes, attempts were allegedly being made to shift government relief materials to another location. During this process, local residents reportedly noticed government tarpaulins and other relief supplies stored inside the shop and house. When people raised objections and questioned the matter, the alleged irregularity came to light. As news of the incident spread, a large number of local residents gathered at the spot. BJP workers alleged that government relief materials were being illegally stored in a private shop instead of being distributed to needy people. BJP MLA Sheetal Kapat strongly reacted to the incident and demanded a fair investigation into how government re-



lief materials reached a private shop and residence. He warned that "whoever is found guilty should not be spared." Meanwhile, accused panchayat member Ram Pal defended himself by stating that due to lack of adequate space in the panchayat office, the relief materials had been temporarily stored in his shop and house. He denied any wrongdoing or irregularities. The issue further escalated as BJP and Trinamool supporters engaged in intense arguments and protests. Sensing growing tension, police forces reached the area and managed to pacify both sides. The administration has initiated an investigation into the matter. Police are trying to determine who authorized the storage of government relief materials in a private shop and residence, and whether any rules or regulations were violated. At present, tension continues to prevail in the Ghoraihat area, while the administration is closely monitoring the situation.



Polling personnel leave the dispersal centre after collecting EVMs and election materials on Wednesday for the fresh poll to be held in the 144 Falta Assembly Constituency in South 24 Parganas on Thursday.

BJP Mandal Chief Injured in Alleged Trinamool Attack in Hooghly

MI News Service, Hooghly: Political tension flared in Hooghly district's Tarakeswar after a local Trinamool Congress leader was arrested on allegations of brutally assaulting a BJP Mandal president on Tuesday night. The injured leader, identified as Saheb Majhi, is the president of Mandal No. 3 in Tarakeswar block. He is currently undergoing treatment after allegedly being attacked with bamboo sticks and left injured on the roadside. Police arrested the accused, local Trinamool leader Sheikh Azhar, following a written complaint lodged by the victim. Authorities confirmed that an investigation into the incident is underway. According to local sources, the incident took place when Saheb Majhi was reportedly on his way to offer prayers at a nearby temple on Tuesday evening. Allegedly, while he was passing through a local road alone, Sheikh Azhar and several associates intercepted him and launched a violent attack. The assailants allegedly beat him mercilessly, struck him on the head with a bamboo pole and threw him onto the road before fleeing the area. Locals rushed to the spot after hearing cries for help and rescued the injured leader. He was later admitted to Tarakeswar Rural Hospital for treatment. Speaking after the incident, Saheb Majhi alleged that he had an altercation with Azhar shortly before the attack. "He suddenly confronted me on the way. After a heated exchange, he and his associates attacked me. I was beaten brutally and hit on the head with bamboo sticks," Majhi alleged. The incident has triggered sharp political reactions in the area, adding to growing concerns over allegations of violence and intimidation linked to local political rivalries in parts of the district.

13th International Art of Giving Day Celebrated in 190 Countries

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar : The 13th International Art of Giving Day, inspired by the vision of Dr Achyuta Samanta, was celebrated this year across 190 countries spanning six continents. In addition, followers and well-wishers of the Art of Giving movement participated in the campaign at 50,000 locations internationally, including all 222 FIVB member nations, all 28 states and 8 Union Territories of India, every city and town across the country, and all district headquarters, blocks, and panchayats of Odisha.

In Odisha alone, the day was observed at 20,000 locations. On the occasion of the 13th International Art of Giving Day, the movement directly impacted nearly 2.5 crore people, including followers and supporters.

For the past one week, Art of Giving programmes have been organised at various places around the world and across different cities in India, witnessing participation from people of all sections of society. Every year, the International Art of Giving Day is celebrated with a unique theme.

This year's theme was "Share to Shine," signifying



that sharing happiness with others also leads to one's own growth and progress. As part of this year's celebrations, arrangements were made for the distribution of volleyballs and nets at more than 3,000 locations across Odisha. Inspired by Achyuta Samanta's vision for the development of sports and to foster harmony and friendship among youth, 9,100 volleyballs were distributed this year.

"What I am today is because of the concept of 'Art of Giving'. I have received warmth, love and affection of people because of this movement", Dr Samanta said.

A mega programme marking the 13th Art of Giving Day was organised in Bhubaneswar with participation from people from various walks of life. On the occasion, the Art of Giving theme song, sung by

renowned Hindi playback singer Shaan, was unveiled. Among others, Rabindra Narayan Behera, MP, Lok Sabha, Indian tennis legend and Padma Bhushan awardee Leander Paes, Tibetan Buddhist master and Spiritual Director of Ripa International Center, Switzerland, Getrul Jigme Rinpoche, and Femina Miss India Nikita Porwal attended the event.

As in previous years, the prestigious AOG Hero Awards were presented to noted medical expert Dr. Bidyut Das, Rotarian Ajay Agrawal, and KIIT professor Kumar Debadatta for their remarkable contributions to social service. Each awardee received a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh. The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor of KIIT and KISS Prof Saranjit Singh and other senior functionaries.

India still among fastest-growing economies: UN report

Continued from Pg 1: investment, but also by strong performance in services exports. These main drivers will largely remain intact, so India will clearly remain one of the fastest growing economies in the world," Pitterle said in response to a query.

The report projects that the country could grow at 6.6 per cent in 2027.

Responding to a question on India's growth forecast, Shantanu Mukherjee, Director of Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA said that for many countries that rely on exports, it is important to keep in mind that when import costs go up, exports could also suffer.

"This is a longer term structural issue that you may begin to see play out when things like freight costs, logistics costs, industrial petrochemicals like diesel fuel start increasing the cost for businesses," he said.

"Having said that, like many other large economies, India has some space to manage these, which is why I think we've been saying all along that a lot depends on whether you can manage these shocks within existing buffers before your inventories, fiscal space run out. That's crucial," Mukherjee said.

Global GDP growth is now forecast at 2.5 per cent in 2026-0.2 percentage points below the January projection and well below pre-pandemic norms, the report said.

Incidentally , in view of these multiple global economic crisis, Prime minister Narendra Modi during his recent trip to West Asia and Europe has expressed concerns and said this current decade is perhaps the most damaging decades of all times .

Puri's Jagannath Temple

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"The proposed observance is not in consonance with the prescribed religious calendar and the established scriptural traditions governing this sacred festival.

"As per the 'Tithi' and established rituals associated with Lord Shree Jagannatha, Rath Yatra is to be celebrated on July 16 this year," Padhee mentioned in the letter.

He said that any observance of this sacred festival on a date other than that prescribed by the scriptures is likely to hurt the religious sentiments of millions of devotees of Lord Jagannatha.

The SJTA also mentioned that under resolutions adopted by the Puri Jagannath temple's managing committee under the chairmanship of the Gajapati Maharaja of Puri, it has consistently expressed its strong objection to such untimely observances.

"I request you to take appropriate steps to prevent Jagannath Mandir, Ferozpur Cantonment, from conducting Rath Yatra on the aforementioned date, and to ensure that this sacred ritual is observed strictly in accordance with the established religious traditions and scriptural prescriptions of the Moola Pitha of Shree Jagannatha Temple, Puri," the letter stated.

On Monday, the SJTA had also written a protest letter to the authorities of the Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh on a proposal to conduct the Rath Yatra on June 14 instead of July 16.

BJP Govt Promises 1yr Delivery of Electoral Commitments, Puts North Bengal at Top Priority

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The BJP government will fulfill all promises made to the people within one year, declared Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari during his first visit to North Bengal after assuming office. He further announced that North Bengal will receive top priority in all developmental initiatives undertaken by the government. North Bengal has consistently delivered strong electoral results for the BJP in recent elections, and this has increased public and political attention on the Chief Minister's visit. Before attending a scheduled administrative meeting at Uttarkanya in Siliguri on Wednesday, he met party workers at a BJP office in the city. There, he reiterated that the commitments made in the party's manifesto would be implemented within a fixed timeframe.

He stated that some outcomes of governance are already visible and more results are expected from June onward. According to him, the government will deliver on its promises in phases over the next three months, six months, and ultimately within one year.

The Chief Minister emphasized that North Bengal will play a central role in the government's development strategy. Referring to the region's consistent electoral support, he described North Bengal as a strong base of BJP support and confirmed that it would receive priority in policy implementation and development funding.

He also announced that he will visit North Bengal again in July to review progress on



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari in Siliguri on Wednesday.

development initiatives. Before that visit, he urged BJP workers to document and compile suggestions for the state government. These proposals will be collected during his July tour, and feasible projects will be implemented on a priority basis.

Addressing party workers, he introduced a structured communication system where suggestions for governance improvements can be forwarded through district BJP presidents via WhatsApp. According to him, this system will ensure faster communication between grassroots workers and the administration.

The Chief Minister stressed that his government will not allow any anti-state activities and will ensure a complete transformation in governance. He clarified that the goal is not merely a change in political symbols or leadership but a structural change

in administration. He stated that within two weeks, several administrative improvements have already begun, aimed at eliminating corruption, syndicate networks, extortion, and mafia influence.

He also criticized previous governments, alleging that they attempted to create divisions among communities in the hill regions. He said such practices harmed social harmony and development. In contrast, he assured that the new government would focus on unity, development, and public welfare.

During his speech in Siliguri, the Chief Minister reiterated that North Bengal had historically supported the BJP, and therefore the government is committed to repaying that trust through accelerated development. He also mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's electoral promises for the region will be fully imple-

mented.

The Chief Minister further highlighted plans for major infrastructure development in North Bengal, including the establishment of an AIIMS-level hospital, new IIT and IIM campuses, a cancer hospital, and expanded free healthcare services for economically weaker sections. These initiatives, he said, will significantly improve the region's healthcare and education infrastructure.

Law and order was another key focus of his address. He stated that the government will follow a strict policy against crime, corruption, extortion, and any deterioration of public safety. He emphasized that the rule of law will be strictly enforced without exception.

He also proposed administrative reforms, including monthly visits by cabinet ministers to North Bengal and weekly grievance hearings by the North Bengal Development Minister at Uttarkanya. According to him, these steps will bring governance closer to the people and ensure faster resolution of public issues.

Senior leaders including NishithPramanik and MP Raju Bista were present at Bagdogra to welcome the Chief Minister during his visit. The government also reaffirmed its commitment to reviving stalled projects in tea garden regions, tourism sectors, and other key development areas.

The Chief Minister concluded by stating that North Bengal will not only witness political change but also a comprehensive transformation in governance and development, with all promises delivered in a structured and time-bound manner.



Union Minister of State for Education and DoNER, Sukanta Majumdar calls on West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Wednesday.

Assembly Secy Clarifies Rules Behind Delay in Recognising Sovandeb as Opposition Leader

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Fresh controversy has emerged in the West Bengal Assembly over the delay in granting official recognition to Sovandeb-Chattopadhyay as the Leader of Opposition and his recent RTI query regarding the matter. Amid the growing debate, Assembly Secretary Soumen-drath Das has clarified that the required procedural rules were not properly followed by the Trinamool Congress while submitting the proposal.

The controversy began after it was noticed that Sovandeb-Chattopadhyay had still not been allotted the official chamber designated for the Leader of Opposition inside the Assembly premises, despite the party informing the Assembly that he had been selected for the post. The office room reportedly re-

mains locked.

Explaining the matter, the Assembly Secretary stated that the application submitted by the Trinamool Congress did not include any formal resolution copy or written support document from party MLAs. According to him, there was no official mention of how many legislators supported SovandebChat-topadhyay's appointment as Opposition Leader.

He further pointed out that a similar procedural issue existed in the proposal seeking recognition of Firhad Hakim as Chief Whip. Due to these administrative and legal shortcomings, Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose reportedly asked for proper resolution documents in accordance with Assembly rules, but those papers were not submitted.

SoumendraNath Das stated that the Speaker's decision inside the Assembly is final and cannot be challenged. He also clarified that although SovandebChattopadhyay was allowed to follow traditional protocol during the Speaker election process, that did not automatically confirm official recognition of his position without the necessary supporting documents.

The Secretary emphasized that the issue is currently pending because the required paperwork has not yet been submitted properly. As a result, the final decision regarding official recognition of SovandebChat-topadhyay as Leader of Opposition now depends entirely on the discretion of the Assembly Speaker and completion of procedural formalities.

BHIM App Records Massive Growth in FY26



Lalitha Nataraj, MD & CEO, NBSL, addressed on BHIM Payments App records over 300% growth in transaction volumes in FY26, driven by ease of use, security and innovation kolkata on Wednesday

MI News Service, Kolkata: BHIM App recorded over 300 percent growth in transaction volumes during FY26, reflecting the rapid rise of digital payments across India. The

app saw monthly transaction volumes rise from 5.93 crore in April 2025 to 21.6 crore in March 2026. In April 2026, transactions further increased to 22.49 crore, with a total

transaction value of 26,040 crore.

In West Bengal, 71 percent of transactions were peer-to-merchant payments, mainly for groceries, restaurants, quick commerce, e-commerce, and fuel stations. The app also witnessed increasing use of RuPay Credit Card on UPI services.

NBSL MD and CEO LalithaNataraj said the growth reflects rising public trust in secure and user-friendly digital payment platforms.

The app supports over 15 regional languages, including Bengali, and includes features such as UPI Circle, Split Expenses, Family Mode, spending analytics, prepaid recharge, forex booking, rewards, and UPI Lite Auto Top-Up, making digital transactions more accessible and convenient for users across urban and rural India.

Free Bus Travel for Women from June, Pink Card System to Be Introduced

MI News Service, Kolkata: From June, women in West Bengal will be able to travel free of cost on government buses under a new scheme introduced by the state. The government has decided to issue a special "Pink Card" to eligible women passengers. This card will be used to obtain zero-fare tickets from bus conductors. Until the distribution of these cards is completed, women will be allowed to travel free by showing valid identification such as voter ID, Aadhaar card, or any proof of permanent residency in the state.

According to sources in

Nabanna, the Transport Department is preparing detailed guidelines for implementing the scheme effectively across the state. Several proposals have already been submitted, and the final approval from the state administration is awaited. Surveys have also been conducted by the Transport Department to estimate the number of women who currently use government buses daily across Kolkata and other parts of the state.

The initiative aligns with the government's election promise to provide free bus travel for women, which was announced

as part of its manifesto and later confirmed in cabinet meetings. It has been stated that the facility will be applicable in all government buses, including AC, non-AC, and long-distance services.

Officials estimate that around 1.8 lakh women in Kolkata and nearly 4 lakh women across the state currently use government buses every day. With the introduction of free travel, this number is expected to increase further by approximately one lakh additional passengers. Preparations are underway to handle this expected rise in ridership.

75 Years of ITEF



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Income Tax Employees Federation (ITEF) celebrated its 75th anniversary by announcing year-long programmes focused on employee welfare and social service. Founded in 1953, the federation has worked for workers' rights and social development across the country. The celebrations began with flag hoisting and a programme at MahajatiSadon. Welfare initiatives including blood donation, health check-up and eye camps will start from July 10. Federation leaders reaffirmed their commitment to humanitarian causes and employees' rights.

Kolkata Hosps to Get Tight Security Overhaul

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has initiated a major plan to restructure and strengthen security in five major government hospitals in Kolkata. The move aims to prevent incidents of vandalism, maintain discipline, and ensure better protection of public property. Authorities have stated that strict police surveillance will be enforced, and anyone found damaging government property may face heavy fines along with imprisonment.

The Kolkata Police has already issued official letters to the administrations of SSKM Hospital, NRS Medical College and Hospital, R. G. Kar Medical College, National Medical College, and Calcutta Medical College. The directive outlines a comprehensive security upgrade and stricter coordination between hospital authorities and law enforcement agencies.

Under the new plan, every hospital will be equipped with wireless communication systems to ensure immediate response in case of any disturbance. Hospital superintendents and principals will maintain direct communication with local police stations, divisional officers, and the Lalbazar control room. Fire safety measures will also be strengthened with functional hydrants and fire extinguishers installed across all hospital premises, along with better coordination with the fire department.

Night patrols will be intensified with joint teams of police personnel and hospital security staff conducting regular rounds. Entry into hospital premises will be strictly regulated. Visitors and attendants will no longer have unrestricted access, and entry will be allowed only after proper checks at designated gates. Visiting hours will be strictly enforced, and movement within hospital buildings will be controlled.



Lalitha Nataraj addresses a programme on BHIM Payments App recording over 300% growth in transaction volumes in FY26, driven by ease of use, security and innovation, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Firhad Clarifies Stand Amid Controversy Over Alleged Notice in Property Issue

MI News Service, Kolkata: The controversy surrounding the alleged demolition of an illegal portion of a residence linked to Abhishek Banerjee has triggered a major political uproar in West Bengal. The issue has not only shaken the opposition camp but has also created tension within the ruling party, the Trinamool Congress.

Recently, Mamata Banerjee reportedly expressed strong dissatisfaction during a meeting with party legislators over the handling of the matter. She questioned why she was not informed in advance about the notice related to the demolition and reportedly reprimanded Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim over the lack of communication. The mat-

ter led to intense discussions and internal disagreements within the party meeting.

In response to the controversy, Firhad Hakim clarified that he has no knowledge regarding the property details of Abhishek Banerjee or the demolition notice itself. He stated that such matters fall outside his jurisdiction as Mayor. He added that he has not taken any lease or personal involvement in the issue and therefore cannot comment on private property matters.

Hakim further explained that the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) building department independently handles notices and related procedures. He said it is not within the Mayor's authority to decide who receives no-

tices or under which section they are issued. According to him, the Municipal Commissioner has the administrative authority in such cases, and he is not involved in those decisions. He emphasized that he can only speak about established rules and procedures.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress spokesperson and Belaghata MLA Kunal Ghosh also addressed the issue. He stated that as party spokespersons, they comment only on general political positions and are not aware of the specific details regarding individual properties or notices. He added that whether any notice was issued or not is a matter that only the concerned individual or their legal representatives can clarify.



Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nanda distributes heat-protection essentials to police personnel and civic volunteers deployed in traffic management duties across the city amid the scorching summer heat in Kolkata on Wednesday.

India-Italy relationship reaches a decisive stage

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The leaders said conceiving AI as a tool created by humans for humans means firmly asserting that technology cannot replace individuals or undermine their fundamental rights, nor be used to manipulate public debate or alter democratic processes.

"Our approach to defending freedom and human dignity in an increasingly interconnected world hinges on this very challenge," they said.

PM Modi and PM Meloni said the India-Italy cooperation also covers the space sector and India's impressive advancements in space exploration and satellite technology, together with Italy's aerospace engineering excellence, offer significant opportunities for next-generation technology development.

They said Italy and India intend to further strengthen their

cooperation in sectors such as defence, security and strategic technologies.

"Our collaboration will help ensure the security of critical maritime routes, strengthen resilience in the face of threats, such as terrorism, international criminal networks, drug trafficking, cyber-crimes and human trafficking," they said.

The leaders said energy is another key pillar of our partnership and the global transition towards diversified energy sources requires innovation, investment, and cooperation.

"Our collaboration along with other countries in key India-led initiatives -- International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) -- is also important in this context," they said.

The two leaders said physical, digital and human connectivity is the thread that weaves us together and both India and Italy

are located at the very heart of two crucial hubs of the global economy, the Indo-Pacific and the Mediterranean -- regions that cannot be viewed as separate spheres, but as increasingly interconnected spaces.

As a matter of fact, the leaders said they are witnessing the emergence of what might be termed the Indo-Mediterranean, an important corridor for trade, technology, energy, data and ideas tying the Indian Ocean to Europe.

"It is precisely within this interconnected space that our bond naturally evolves into a special strategic partnership -- one that bridges two continents and shapes new global dynamics," they said.

They said the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) represents a vision aimed at connecting our regions through modern transport and infrastructure, digital networks, energy systems, and resilient supply chains. India and Italy

are also committed to working together with other partners to make this vision a reality.

"We can address our shared challenges by drawing upon the profound partnership and the enduring cultural ties between our nations," they said.

Within Indian culture, PM Modi and Meloni said, the concept of "Dharma" evokes the sense of responsibility that must guide our actions, while the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" -- the world is one family -- resonates powerfully in the interconnected digital age.

They said such values find a natural echo in Italy's humanist tradition, rooted in the Renaissance, which highlights the dignity of each individual and the power of culture to unite peoples and societies.

"Our shared vision, therefore, aims to lay the foundation for a strong and forward-looking India-Italy Partnership with our people at the centre," the two leaders said.

Name Change

I, Akhtar Hussain Ansari (Old Name) S/o Wazul Ansari Residing at Room No G 5, 17, Kokari Agar, Near S.K Roy School, Transit Camp, P.O.- Antop Hill, Mumbai City, Maharashtra - 400037, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Akhtar Hussain Ansari (Old Name) to Akhtar Hussain Wazul Ansari (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Akhtar Hussain Wazul Ansari (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on Dated 19-05-2026. Akhtar Hussain Wazul Ansari (New Name) and Akhtar Hussain Ansari (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ansari Samira Aktar (Old Name) W/o Md. Ejaz Anwar Residing at BL-B, 3-FR, FL-2, Raj Charan Ghosh Lane, Po - Tiljala, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700039, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ansari Samira Aktar (Old Name) to Samira Aktar Hussain Ansari (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Samira Aktar Hussain Ansari (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 19-05-2026. Samira Aktar Hussain Ansari (New Name) and Ansari Samira Aktar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Taufique Khan (Old Name) S/o Salam Khan Residing at 14/H/5, Bibi Bagan Lane, Tangra District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Taufique Khan (Old Name) to Toufique Khan (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Toufique Khan (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 20-05-2026. Toufique Khan (New Name) and Taufique Khan (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Upma Maheshwari (Old Name) W/o Kuldeep Nagori Residing at Flat no 3F, Tower 2, 83 Residency, Ballygunge Palace, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700019, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Upma Maheshwari (Old Name) to Sakshi Nagori (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sakshi Nagori (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 10 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 18-05-2026. Sakshi Nagori (New Name) and Upma Maheshwari (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, TARUN KUMAR SETH (Old Name), S/o LT GANESH SETH, R/o: Vill.- Choto Jirakpur, R. N. Mukherjee Road, P.O.- Basirhat - R.S., P.S.- Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as TARUN SETH (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Basirhat Court Affidavit No.- 20123/26 dt. 16-05-2026, TARUN KUMAR SETH (Old Name) and TARUN SETH (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

নাম ও পদবি পরিবর্তন

I, PAPIYA MAJUMDER, D/o- RABIN MAJUMDER, R/o: Neora Dighi Road, P.O.- Bhabla, P.S.- Basirhat, North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that my actual name is PAPIYA MAJUMDER which is recorded in my educational documents. But in my EPIC Card (vide No. HVD 3293651), PAN Card (CMWPM 90306QI) my name has been recorded as PAPIYA MONDAL and in Aadhaar Card (8596 3863 0902) it is PAPIYA MONDAL (MAJUMDER) and in O.B.C certificate (No.- 022139 dt. 09-03-2012) it is PAPIYA MAJUMDER (MONDAL). On 03-12-2025 through affidavit no. 30135/25 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that PAPIYA MAJUMDER, PAPIYA MONDAL, PAPIYA MONDAL (MAJUMDER) and PAPIYA MAJUMDER (MONDAL) is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Areeni Bedi, W/o- Sri Pawan Tarsem Bedi (Aadhar + Pan Card), D/o- Sri Kiriti Bhushan Ghosh, R/o- Flat No. 4, Pooja Apartment, Sadacher Society, Datatawadi, P.O.-Wadi, Dist.- Nagpur, Maharashtra-440223, Presently-Godre Prankti, Sukchar, P.S.- Khardaha, Dist- 24 Pgs. (N), Kolkata-75, WB, that my & husband's actual name has been wrongly recorded in my son's (Ayukht Pawan Bedi) birth certificate as Areeni Ghosh Bedi & Pawan Tarsemali Bedi in place of Areeni Bedi, W/o- Sri Pawan Tarsem Bedi, vide an Affidavit Sl. No. 93, dtd. 13.05.2026, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Barrackpore. That, Areeni Bedi/Areeni Ghosh Bedi, W/o- Sri Pawan Tarsem Bedi/Pawan Tarsemali Bedi both are same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Raymond Valentin Alias Mukul Rozario (old name) S/o. Late Anthony Rozario, R/o. 400/1, Manaspur Road, Manasatola, Sahaganj, Chinisarup, Hooghly-712104, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Raymond Valentin Alias Mukul Rozario to Raymond Mukul Rozario (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Raymond Mukul Rozario in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 10111 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 27/10/2025. I, Raymond Mukul Rozario & Raymond Valentin Alias Mukul Rozario S/o. Late Anthony Rozario, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shreya Chakraborty (old name), W/o. Debajyoti Dutta, D/o. Subir Chakraborty, R/o- 523, Fulpukur Road, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712011, W.B., do hereby declare that after marriage I have changed my name from Shreya Chakraborty to Shreya Dutta (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shreya Dutta in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 8497 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 30/03/2026. I, Shreya Dutta & Shreya Chakraborty W/o. Debajyoti Dutta, D/o. Subir Chakraborty, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Soumen Pal S/o.- Mohit Mohan Pal/Mohit Pal, R/o.- Vill.- R.O.- Begampur, P.S.- Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly-712306, WB that, I have change our (my & father's) name and shall henceforth be known as Soumen Paul, S/o.- Lt. Mohit Paul, vide an Affidavit No.-11183, dtd. 19.05.2026, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Serampore, Dist.-Hooghly. That, I Soumen Paul/Soumen Pal, S/o.-Mohit Mohan Pal/Mohit Pal/at.Lt.Mohit Pal all are same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, TARUN CHAKRABARTY (old name), S/o ANIL CHAKRABORTY, residing at VILL-HARIPUR SUNDARBAN, HARIPUR, PIN 743357, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from TARUN CHAKRABARTY (Old Name) and henceforth I shall be known as TARUN CHAKRABORTY (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. TARUN CHAKRABORTY (New Name) and TARUN CHAKRABARTY (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Satish Taparia (Old Name), Son Of Brijmohan Taparia, Resident Of D1-153, Saltlake City Tankno-10, Sector-II Bidhannagar, Sechhawan, Kolkata-700091, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Satish Taparia (Old Name) To Satish Kumar Taparia (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Satish Kumar Taparia (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 199 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/05/2026. Satish Kumar Taparia(New Name) And Satish Taparia(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Deepa Pandit (Old Name), Wife Of Somenath Pandit, Resident Of 30/1, Haripada Bhattacharya Lane Near Nout Rasta Santragachi, Howrah-711104, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Deepa Pandit (Old Name) To Priyanka Pandit(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Priyanka Pandit (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 10 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/05/2026. Priyanka Pandit(New Name) And Deepa Pandit(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sundaram Chowdhury, Son Of Uttam Kumar Chowdhury, Resident Of Siddha Galaxia Ph 1 Street No-707, Action Area-Ic Flat No-701, Rajarhat, North 24 Parganas-700135, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Lubna Chowdhury(Old Name) To Lubna Sundaram Chowdhury (New Name) And Henceforth She Shall Be Known As Lubna Sundaram Chowdhury(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 13 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/05/2026. Lubna Sundaram Chowdhury(New Name) And Lubna Chowdhury(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Qumar S Chowdhury (Old Name), Wife Of Sundaram Chowdhury, Resident Of Siddha Galaxia Ph 1 Street No-707, Action Area-Ic Flat No-701, Rajarhat, North 24 Parganas-700135, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Qumar S Chowdhury(Old Name) To Qumar Sundaram Chowdhury(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Qumar Sundaram Chowdhury(New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/05/2026.Qumar Sundaram Chowdhury(Old Name) And Qumar S Chowdhury(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sanjib Kumar Das S/o Late Ranajit Kumar Das Residing at A-9, Multiplex, Flat No. 4K, Po+Ps - Kalyani, District - Nadia, Pin- 741235, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my deceased father name from Ranjit Das, Ranjit Kumar Das, Ranjit Kr. Das, Ranjit Kumar Das (Old Name) to Ranjit Kumar Das (New Name) and henceforth he shall be known as Ranjit Kumar Das (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 55 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kalyani on Dated 19-05-2026. Ranj Kumar Das, Ranjit Kr. Das, Ranjit Kumar Das (Old Name) and Ranjit Kumar Das (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ipsita Das, Ipsita Bhakta (Old Name) W/o Sanjit Kumar Das Residing at A-9, Multiplex, Flat No. 4K, Po+Ps - Kalyani, District - Nadia, Pin- 741235, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Ipsita Das, Ipsita Bhakta (Old Name) to Ipsita Das Bhakta (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ipsita Das Bhakta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 56 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kalyani on Dated 19-05-2026. Ipsita Das Bhakta (New Name) and Ipsita Das, Ipsita Bhakta (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Mohiuddin Alam (Old Name) S/o Md Mehboob Alam Residing at 147/7, 3rd floor, West Chowbaga, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700105, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Mohammed Mohiuddin Alam (Old Name) to Mohiuddin Alam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Mohiuddin Alam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 20-05-2026. Mohiuddin Alam (New Name) and Mohammed Mohiuddin Alam (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mohammed Nawazish (Old Name) S/o Mohiuddin Alam Residing at 147/7, 3rd floor, West Chowbaga, P.S - Anandapur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700105, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Mo-hammed Nawazish (Old Name) to Md Nawazish (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Nawazish (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 20-05-2026. Md Nawazish (New Name) and Mohammed Nawazish (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sarvari Khatoun (Old Name) W/o Akhtar Hussain Ansari Residing at Room No. 17, Chawl No G/5, Kokari Agar Transit Camp, Truck Terminal Road, New 90 Feet Road, Antop Hill, Mumbai, Po - Antop Hill, District - Mumbai City, Maharashtra - 400037, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sarvari Khatoun (Old Name) to Sarvari Khatun Akhtar Hussain Ansari (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sarvari Khatun Akhtar Hussain Ansari (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 19-05-2026. Sarvari Khatun Akhtar Hussain Ansari (New Name) and Sarvari Khatoun (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Debarsree Das (Old Name), Daughter Of Shibaprasad Das Residing At 504 Gamma Homes 2, Hossainpur, Kolkata, Pin- 700107, West Bengal. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debashree Das (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 20 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/05/2026. Debarsree Das And Debashree Das Both Are The Same And Identical Person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) SAMIR KR BARAL S/O-BIMALAKANTA BARAL Residing at, -Vill- Begamganj, Post- Jiaganj, Ps- Jiaganj, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742123, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAMIR KR BARAL TO SAMIR KUMAR BARAL (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SAMIR KUMAR BARAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2251 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SAMIR KUMAR BARAL and SAMIR KR BARAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) AKTAR HOSSAIN S/O-ANESH SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Ashariadaha, Post - Ashariadaha, Ps-Lalgola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742148, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AKTAR HOSSAIN TO MD AKTAR ALI (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD AKTAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2251 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MD AKTAR ALI and AKTAR HOSSAIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) RANA SEKH S/O-SAMSER SEKH Residing at, Vill- Ekghoria, Post- Ekghoria, Ps- Burwan, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742173, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RANA SEKH TO RANA SK (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) RANA SK in all purpose, vide affidavit No- 2249 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, RANA SK and RANA SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, URMILA SHAW (OLD NAME), WIFE OF ANAND KUMAR SHAW, RESIDENT OF 53, SANATAN MISTRY LANE, P.O.- SALKIA, DIST - HOWRAH, PIN - 711106, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM URMILA SHAW (OLD NAME) TO URMILA DEVI (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS URMILA DEVI (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 31 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 19/05/2026. URMILA DEVI (NEW NAME) AND URMILASHAW (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOHAMMED SALEHBHAI HAMID, SON OF LATE SALEHBHAI HAMID, RESIDING AT 22, BRABOURNE ROAD, 4th FLOOR, KOLKATA 700001, HEREBY DECLARE THAT MOHAMMED SALEHBHAI HAMID AND MOHAMMED SHEIKH SALEHBHOY HAMID ARE ONE AND THE SAME IDENTICAL PERSON AND BOTH NAMES REFER TO MYSELF. VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 37 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 20/05/2026. MOHAMMED SALEHBHAI HAMID AND MOHAMMED SHEIKH SALEHBHOY HAMID ARE BOTH SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, CHANDRASWAR THAKUR (OLD NAME), SON OF LATE ARUNODI SAHA (OLD NAME), RESIDENT OF 5218, VIKR KANANDA NAGAR, U D A T R A J P U R, P O - P. S. MADHYAMGRAM, DIST - NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN - 700129, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ARUNODAY SAHA (OLD NAME) TO R U N O D I S A H A (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS CHANDRESWAR THAKUR (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 32 SWORN BEFORE THE 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BARRACKPORE ON 27/04/2026. CHANDRESWAR THAKUR (NEW NAME) AND CHANDRASWAR THAKUR (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE

I, KISHORU MOHAN SAHA, RESIDENT AT 5218, VIKR KANANDA NAGAR, U D A T R A J P U R, P O - P. S. MADHYAMGRAM, DIST - NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN - 700129, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ARUNODAY SAHA (OLD NAME) TO R U N O D I S A H A (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS ARUN SAHA (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 32 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 19/05/2026. ARUN SAHA (NEW NAME) AND ARUNODAY SAHA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change

I, SAMAR BARMAN (Old Name) S/o LATE KHAGENDRA NATH BARMAN & H/o LATE RITA BARMAN residing at Address - FLAT NO-E-703, RAIL VIHAR ACTION AREA - I, NEAR DLF - 1, BID-NAGAR, KOLKATA-700156, INDIA, WB have changed and shall henceforth be known as SAMAR CHANDRA BARMAN (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 20/05/2026. SAMAR BARMAN and SAMAR CHANDRA BARMAN both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, UMASANKAR PANDA (old name), S/o KANAILAL PANDA, residing at VILL-DIGAMBARPUR SUNDARBAN, DIGAMBARPUR, PIN 743349, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from UMASANKAR PANDA (Old Name) to UMASHANKAR PANDA (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as UMASHANKAR PANDA (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. UMASHANKAR PANDA (New Name) and UMASANKAR PANDA (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Paramita Chakraborty (old name), D/o Tarun Chakraborty, residing at VILL-HARIPUR SUNDARBAN, HARIPUR, PIN 743357, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Paramita Chakraborty (Old Name) to PRAMITA CHAKRABARTY (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as PRAMITA CHAKRABARTY (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. PRAMITA CHAKRABARTY (New Name) and Paramita Chakraborty (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sarajit Das (old name), son of Sudhir Kumar Das resident of 175, Karunamayee Ghat Road, Haridevpur, Kolkata, Pin-700082, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sarajit Das (old name) to Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 27 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 20/05/2026. Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) and Sarajit Das (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Shanawaz Rayeen (old name), D/o Late Mohammad Ismail, residing at Asansol Dhubia Talaw, Mautiwalla Asansol (M Corp), Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, P.S.- Asansol South, Paschim Bardhaman- 713301, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shanawaz Rayeen (Old Name) to MD Shanawaz (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as MD Shanawaz (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. MD Shanawaz (New Name) and Shanawaz Rayeen (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, M. S. Bhabane (Old Name), Son Of Shyam Ghabane, Resident Of House No 37, Goriay Layout, 2nd Bus Stop, Vill - Gopalnagar, Po- Ranapratapnagar, Nagpur-440022, Maharashtra, India do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From M. S. Bhabane (Old Name) To Manoj Shyam Ghabane & Manoj S Ghabane (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Manoj Shyam Ghabane & Manoj S Ghabane (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 2761 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat On 13/03/2026.Manoj Shyam Ghabane & Manoj S Ghabane (New Name) And M. S. Bhabane (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ershad Begum (old name), W/o Sharafat Hussain, residing at I-139, Kasai Para, P.O.- Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ershad Begum (Old Name) to Irshad Begum (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Irshad Begum (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Irshad Begum (New Name) and Ershad Begum (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ashfia (old name), D/o Md Shaheem, residing at Z-3/168/3, Dr. A.K. Road, P.O.- Badartala, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashfia (Old Name) to Ashfia Shaheem (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ashfia Shaheem (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Ashfia Shaheem (New Name) and Ashfia (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Rakhi Vishwash (old name), W/o Prakash Biswas, residing at Beraberia, P.O.- Beraberia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700121, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rakhi Vishwash (Old Name) to Rakhi Biswas (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rakhi Biswas (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 18/05/2026. Rakhi Biswas (New Name) and Rakhi Vishwash (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Prosen Vishwas (old name), S/O Prakash Biswas, residing at Beraberia, P.O.- Beraberia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700121, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Prosen Vishwas (Old Name) to Prosen Biswas (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Prosen Biswas (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 18/05/2026. Prosen Biswas (New Name) and Prosen Vishwas (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Prokash Vishwash & Prakash Vishwash (old names), S/o Santosh Biswas, residing at Beraberia, P.O.- Beraberia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700121, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Prokash Vishwash & Prakash Vishwash (Old Names) to Prakash Biswas (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Prakash Biswas (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 18/05/2026. Prakash Biswas (New Name) and Prokash Vishwash & Prakash Vishwash (Old Names) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Tabarak Ali Sardar (old name), S/o Khalil Rahaman Sardar, residing at Kirtankhola, Kripakhalhi, South 24 Parganas, 743338, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Tabarak Ali Sardar (Old Name) to Tabarak Sardar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Tabarak Sardar (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Tabarak Sardar (New Name) and Md Tabarak Ali Sardar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sofura Bibi (old name), C/o Md Meser Ali Gazi, residing at Vill & P.O.- Sayestanagar, P.S.- Baduria, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743427, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sofura Bibi (Old Name) to Chafura Bibi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Chafura Bibi (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 18/05/2026. Chafura Bibi (New Name) and Sofura Bibi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sarajit Das (old name), son of Sudhir Kumar Das resident of 175, Karunamayee Ghat Road, Haridevpur, Kolkata, Pin-700082, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sarajit Das (old name) to Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 27 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 20/05/2026. Sarajit Kumar Das (new name) and Sarajit Das (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Interstate fraud network probe: three held at Jaipur airport



MI News Service, Jaipur: The Rajasthan Police were probing an inter-state fraud network after the Jaipur East Airport Police arrested three men allegedly attempting to travel to Iraq using fake tourist visas from Jaipur International Airport, said officials on Wednesday.

Police have recovered three forged tourist visas from the accused and launched an investigation into the larger network involved in arranging fraudulent travel documents.

The arrested accused have been identified as Suresh Kumar (47), a resident of Ambekar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh; Alok Kumar Singh (31), a resident of Patna, Bihar; and Rupesh Yadav (32), a resident of East Champaran, Bihar. According to DCP (East) Ranjita Sharma, the trio arrived at Jaipur airport on Tuesday, intending to travel to Baghdad, Iraq.

During routine document verification, airport officials grew suspi-

cious about the authenticity of their visas and stopped them for questioning. The accused, during interrogation, reportedly confessed that they were unable to travel using their original multiple-entry Iraq visas. They then came in contact with a Jaipur-based agent identified as Mukesh Lakhar, who allegedly promised to arrange tourist visas for them. Police said the accused arrived in Jaipur on May 17 at the agent's instructions and were accommodated at a hotel in the Polo Victory area.

The following day, the agent allegedly handed over the tourist visas and coached them on how to respond during airport questioning. The accused were reportedly instructed to tell immigration officials that they were travelling to Baghdad because a machine shipped from Jaipur had developed a technical fault and required repairs. However, airport officials became suspicious during the verification process.

On being questioned further, the trio allegedly panicked, leading to their detention and subsequent arrest.

A case has been registered at the Airport Police Station under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Police officials said the accused are being intensively interrogated, while efforts are also underway to identify the broader network involved in supplying fake visas and facilitating illegal overseas travel.

BOI hikes rates on its medium & long term FDs

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bank of India (BOI) has increased interest rates on medium and long-term Fixed Deposits of less than ₹ 3 Cr for tenures ranging from 1 to 3 years, effective from 18th May, 2026.

The revised rates for 1 year to less than 2 years is 6.50% p.a., for 2 years to less than 3 years @6.60% p.a., and for 3-year @6.70% p.a. Senior Citizens and Super Senior Citizens will get an additional interest 0.50% and 0.65% p.a. for deposits with a maturity of 6 months to less than 3 years.

For FDs of 3 years and above, Senior Citizens and Super Senior Citizens will get an additional 0.75% p.a. and 0.90% p.a. over and above the applicable ROI.

Further, non-callable deposits (above ₹ 1 Cr with minimum tenure of 1 year) will earn an additional 0.15% p.a. Loan against Fixed Deposit and Premature Withdrawal options are available only on callable deposits. Customers can open Fixed Deposits at any Bank of India branch or through the BOI Omni Neo App/internet banking.

‘Dino World’ in kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata is all set to travel back millions of years. In a first-of-its-kind experience for West Bengal, South City Mall has launched ‘Dino World’, a massive immersive prehistoric world designed to transport visitors into the era of dinosaurs and giant creatures that once ruled the Earth. Dino World offers children an opportunity to discover the fascinating world of prehistoric creatures through immersive storytelling and hands-on engagement experiences. The attraction will also feature specially curated workshops and interactive sessions for children, designed to spark curiosity, creativity and learning while keeping kids meaningfully engaged during their vacations.

Coal Min appreciates ECL’s effort

MI News Service, Santoria: Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Government of India, visited Eastern Coalfields Limited on 13th May 2026.

The visit marked an important occasion for reviewing the company's operational achievements, ongoing initiatives, and strategic roadmap for future growth.

As part of the programme, the Minister visited the Kunustoria Area of ECL, where he was welcomed by Satish Jha, CMD, ECL in the presence of Md. Anzar Alam, Director (Finance), Gunjan Kumar Sinha, Director (HR), Girish Gopinathan Nair, Director (Technical), senior executives, General Managers, and Heads of Departments. A ceremonial Guard of Ho-

Kinetic Watts & Volts Enters Odisha with First-Ever Dealership in Bhubaneswar, Strengthening National EV Expansion



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Kinetic Watts & Volts Ltd., the electric vehicle arm of Kinetic India, today announced its official entry into the Odisha market with the inauguration of its first dealership in Bhubaneswar. This milestone marks an important step in the company's ongoing national expansion strategy, as it continues to strengthen its presence across emerging and high potential markets in India. Adapted from reference release The newly launched Kinetic EV dealership – Synthol Kinetic, is located at Shop No. Plot No. MIG-II-5/2,

Ground Floor, Damana Square, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar and is designed to offer customers a seamless and comprehensive ownership experience through integrated Sales, Service and Spares (3S) support.

Kinetic's entry into Odisha reflects its strategic focus on expanding into important regional markets, where demand for practical, reliable, and cost-efficient mobility solutions continues to grow. The Bhubaneswar dealership is equipped with dedicated service infrastructure, ensuring access to trained technicians, genuine spare parts, and consistent after-sales support, key to building long-term confidence in EV ownership. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ajinkya Firodia, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Kinetic Watts & Volts, said, “Our entry into Odisha marks an important milestone in Kin

Rahul calls Modi and Shah ‘traitors’; BJP hits back: ‘Your language is like that of terrorists’

MI News Service, New Delhi: Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi has once again sparked controversy while targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. The BJP alleges that Rahul has dishonored the dignity of the office of the Prime Minister of the country. Furthermore, BJP leaders have gone so far as to lash out at Rahul, labeling him “anti-national.”

Rahul Gandhi is currently in Raebareilly on a two-day visit. Speaking at a public rally there, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha addressed Congress workers, stating: “From now on, if any RSS leader comes to your home—and if they speak of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah—then look them straight in the eye and retort: ‘Your Prime Minister is a traitor; your Home Minister is a traitor; the RSS is a traitor. You are engaged in the business of selling off India; you are attacking every auto-



nomous institution; you are attacking our Constitution; you are attacking Ambedkar; you are attacking Mahatma Gandhi.” The BJP views this harsh criticism from Rahul as a personal attack.

However, it did not end there; on this day, Rahul Gandhi also launched a scathing attack regarding the Prime Minister’s visit to Italy.

The Leader of the Opposition began his taunts the moment a video surfaced showing Modi presenting chocolates to Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. He remarked,

“An economic storm is raging over our heads, yet our Prime Minister has gone to Italy to hand out candies. Farmers, the youth, women, laborers, small business owners—everyone has tears in their eyes. But the Prime Minister is smiling; he is cheerfully making reels. Watching this, only BJP members are applauding. This is not leadership; it is a farce.”

A counter-response to Rahul’s comments soon arrived from the BJP camp as well. The saffron brigade asserted that Rahul Gandhi is behaving like an adversary nation. Union Minister Giriraj Singh stated, “Rahul Gandhi’s rhetoric resembles that of a hostile nation. Rahul is speaking like an enemy state. The entire world is already aware of the state of India’s economy; we do not require a certificate from Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi is seeking to destabilize the country—much like terrorists do. This amounts to sedition.”

As part of austerity measures Assam govt aims 20% cut in fuel cost

MI News Service, Guwahati : The newly sworn-in Assam government has come out with a slew of austerity measures, including slashing of fuel expenditure by 20 per cent and downsizing the convoy size of all ministers, to ensure fiscal prudence in the wake of the West Asia crisis.

In an 'Advisory on Austerity Measures' issued in the form of an 'Executive Order' by Finance Commissioner and

Secretary Jayant Narlikar, the Assam government has also set a target to cut 10 per cent in revenue and establishment expenditure, excluding salaries, pensions, debt repayment and charged spendings. It also listed out a few steps to enhance revenue generation and carry out energy audits for minimum wastage of power.

"In the interest of administrative propriety and in view of the national appeal arising from the prevailing crisis in West Asia, the government considers it necessary to enforce additional measures of fiscal prudence and economy," he said. The Finance Department has, from time to time, issued "general instructions on austerity measures" to contain non-developmental expenditure and mobilise additional resources for priority schemes, and such measures are intended to promote fiscal discipline without adversely affecting the operational efficiency, Narlikar said.

He also stressed that in

the present circumstances, which require "heightened administrative readiness and national solidarity", a set of directions are issued to all departments and district administrations for strict compliance until further orders. The order said that a 20 per cent reduction in POL expenditure shall be implemented during the current financial year. "Ten per cent cut in revenue/establishment expenditure in the current year vis-a-vis FY2025-26. Exemptions include salaries, pensions, debt repayment and charged expenditure," it added.

To achieve these targets, the convoy size of the Chief minister, other ministers and senior officials shall be drastically reduced without compromising the prescribed security protocol, while inter-district movement of CF and Assam Police shall be restricted.

"In cases of urgency relating to law and order, prior approval of the government shall be obtained. Home and Political Department will is-

sue necessary directives in this regard," it added.

The government said that priority shall be given to electric vehicles at the time of hiring of vehicles by the government departments, and public transport, carpooling and EV usage will be promoted.

The Transport department will issue a notification regarding incentives to buy EVs by public at large and to develop public EV charging infrastructure across the state.

"DoHUA to initiate transition of municipal public transport towards non-fossil fuel alternatives over the next 12 months; Guwahati Municipal Corporation to transition towards a fully green public transport system," the order said.

Besides, official or private foreign visits by ministers and government officials shall remain deferred for the next six months, except where such visits are necessitated by national or strategic interests.

Banning the purchase of new vehicles for the next six months, the government asked to minimise official ve-

hicle movement within the state and restricted non-essential travel within or outside the state.

To cut government spending, large gatherings or physical meetings have been advised to be deferred or shifted to virtual mode unless related to essential services.

"Working lunches, official dinners, cultural functions, lavish hospitality arrangements and entertainment expenses, at the cost of the public exchequer, shall be avoided. Non-essential training programmes or exposure visits involving travel may be avoided," it added.

To increase revenue generation, all departments shall ensure timely revision and rationalisation of user charges, licence fees, lease rents and service charges wherever feasible, according to the order.

"Departments should carry out energy audit in their offices to reduce wastage of electricity. Municipal authorities to undertake economy in power consumption by avoiding wasteful usage of streetlights, etc," it added.

Stepping Stones to Success: Shape Your Child's Future with Eastern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides

MI News Service, Kolkata: Looking for a vibrant way to build your child's confidence, teach them life-saving skills, and unlock premier government job opportunities? The Eastern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides welcomes young boys and girls into a grand legacy of adventure, discipline, and community service designed to prepare them for a bright future.

The roots of Scouting in the Indian Railways trace back to the early twentieth century, making it one of the oldest and most respected youth organizations in the country. Over the decades, this movement has evolved into a powerhouse of youth development. Operating directly under the administration of Eastern Railway, the organization has spent generations transforming ordinary children into responsible, courageous citizens who are always ready to serve the nation.

The doors to this incredible journey are wide open to everyone, including school students, children of railway employees, and local commu-



nity youth. Parents can easily register their children at the nearest Eastern Railway district headquarters located across major divisions like Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, and Malda. Young youngsters can join as Cubs and Bulbuls between five and ten years of age, progress to Scouts and Guides from ten to seventeen, and finally become Rovers and Rangers up to the age of twenty-five.

Scouting is far more than classroom learning because it emphasizes education through outdoor adventure.

Through structured weekend camps and gatherings, young members master essential survival skills like first aid, knot-tying, map reading, and emergency rescue techniques. Beyond these practical skills, children participate in high-energy extracurricular activities such as hiking, night camping, stargazing, sports, and cultural festivals that teach teamwork, disaster management, and the value of community service.

Joining this organization is also a major investment in a child's future career

and employment prospects. High-achieving members can earn the prestigious Rashtrapati Award, which is signed by the President of India and looks spectacular on any resume. Most importantly, Indian Railways reserves a special Scouts and Guides Quota in its recruitment processes, providing certified members with exclusive preference and dedicated vacancies for secure government jobs.

Highlighting the grand vision of the movement, Shri Shriram Majhi, who holds the dual responsibility of State Secretary for Eastern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides as well as Chief Public Relations Officer of Eastern Railways, stated that the primary goal is to mold the character of the younger generation by teaching them self-reliance and the pure joy of helping others. He emphasized that the dedication of these young members is truly unmatched, adding that beyond immense personal growth, this unique platform opens up incredible career paths, including direct job opportunities within the secure network of the Indian Railways.

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Corrigendum & Addendum
Corrigendum and Addendum of Tender Notice No. 222-S/1/W-I dated 15.05.2026, to be Opened on 10.06.2026, published earlier by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, the following changes have been made in **Tender Value** against following tender number only which will be read as: **Sl. No. 1. Tender No. : TN-36-26-27. Published Tender Value : 4,17,31,580.06. Amended Tender Value : 4,17,31,579.65. Sl. No. 2. Tender No. : TN-37-26-27. Published Tender Value : 5,52,38,890.29. Amended Tender Value : 5,52,38,890.20. Sl. No. 3. Tender No. : TN-38-26-27. Published Tender Value : 2,73,58,501.50. Amended Tender Value : 2,73,58,500.32. Sl. No. 4. Tender No. : TN-39-26-27. Published Tender Value : 2,73,58,501.50. Amended Tender Value : 2,73,58,503.71.** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. SDAH-49/2026-27
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.eir.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER
On behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, S. E. Railway, Adra, Pin-723121, West Bengal invites following e-tender for the following work. Details are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. **Sl. No.: Tender Notice No.:** Name of the work & Tender Value respectively : (1); **Snt_e_Tender_ADA 26_27_10:** Reliability, Improvement of Telecom Equipments including Railnet and Replacement of 48V charger at CTC room over Adra Division. ₹ 1,04,06,800.60; (2); **Snt_e_Tender_ADA 26_27_11:** S&T work in connection with conversion of Chowrahi Siding as block station with block working system between Chowrahi and Ramkanali along with EI working system at Chowrahi. ₹ 5,43,67,021.58; **Closing date & time of tender is** 08/06/2026 - 11:00 Hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 & 2). (PR-203)

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E-Tender No.: 42-2026-27, dated 18.05.2026. Following e-Tender is invited by Senior Divisional Engineer (IV), Eastern Railway, Howrah, New DIRM Building, near Rail Museum, Howrah-711101 from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work under **SR.DEN/4/Howrah. Description of work:** Improvement of Bolpur & Guskara colony and Rampurhat – Construction of RPF office building at Rampurhat. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 2,06,17,043.63; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 4,12,400.00; **Tender Form Cost :** Nil. **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) months for the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ band/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working date. **Closing date and time of tender :** 10.06.2026 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of Earnest Money Document (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of E-Tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website. **Note:** Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-tender Portal). No manual offer will be accepted. HWH-83/2026-27
Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.eir.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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আমার মঞ্চের শ্রী মনোনেশ দাস পিতা - শ্রী ভোলানাথ দাস 30.01.2026 সালে A.D.S.R.DOMJUR অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 050400292 নং দলিল দ্বারা শ্রী কুমার সোম পিতা স্বর্গীয় ভোলানাথ দাস নামে মালদার পক্ষে নিম্নে 11.02.2022 সালে A.D.S.R.DOMJUR অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 050400888 নং ভোলানাথ কুন্তু পিতা স্বর্গীয় শিবেশ্বরনাথ কুন্তু মহাশয় আমোক্তোরের নিকট ইচ্চে মৌজা - নারান, জে.এল. 40 হাল আর 1945 নং খতিয়ানে সাবেক ও হাল 2311 নং দাগে কতিপয়ে 05 শতক সম্পত্তি ক্রয় করিয়া নাম পরিবর্তনের আবেদন করেন উক্ত বিষয়ে দাগা বা খার্দ সরঞ্জাম কার্যে কোন আপত্তি থাকলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের 1 মাসের মধ্যে ডোমজুড B.L.&L.R.O. এর নিকট আবেদন করতে পারেন, অন্যথায় আইনদ্বারা কার্য হইবে। সুমিত কুমার চক্রবর্তী, আড্ডাতোকৈ

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এছাড়া সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী অমরনাথ বন্দোপাধ্যায় এরফে শ্রী অমরনাথ বন্দোপাধ্যায়, পিতা - শ্রীমল্ল চন্দ্র বন্দোপাধ্যায় এরফে শ্রীমল্ল বন্দোপাধ্যায়, সাক্ষি - অমরনাথ, পোলাবা, হুগলী- ৭১১৪৮, মহালয় বিহাট ইং ০১/০৫/২০১৬ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর. আড়া, কুচুড়া, হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-00045/2016 নং আমোক্তোরনামা দলিল বলে আমার মঞ্চেরধা ১) শ্রীমতী বনিনী বানার্জী (মোঃ), স্বামী শ্রী ভান্ডার ঘোষ, ১) শ্রী ভান্ডার ঘোষ পিতা শ্রী বনমোহন ঘোষ, উভয়ের সাক্ষি - নবীনুর, সুলতানাবাদ, পোলাবা, হুগলী-৭১১৪৮, মহালয়/মহালায়াকৈ ক্ষমতাগ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তোরের নিম্নে ক্রয়কৃত এবং উক্ত আমোক্তোরনামা বলে আমার মঞ্চেরধা নিম্ন তলপাঠি ভুক্ত সম্পত্তি বিলাত ইং ৩৫/০৫/২০১৭ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, হুগলী, কুচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-00802/2017 নং বিক্রয় কোলাপা দলিল সূত্রে ১) শ্রী তপন মলিক, ১) শ্রী পানম মলিক ও ৩) শ্রী পলাশ মলিক, সকলের পিতা শ্রী সাধন মলিক, সকলের সাক্ষি - অমরনাথ, পোলাবা, হুগলী-৭১১৪৮, মহালয়/মহালায়াকৈ ০.০৮ একর বা ০.৮ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছেন। তলপাঠি: জেলা হুগলী, থানা পোলাবা, মৌজা জালাবি, সাবেক ১৪৫ হাল ১৯ নং জে.এল.ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর. ১৯৬/২৬ নং খতিয়ান ইচ্চে, আর.এস. তথা হাল এল.আর. ১১২৭ নং দাগে শালি জমি যেল আনার ১.১৭ একর বা ১.৭ শতক ভূমিতে ০.৪০৫০ জমি ০.০৮ একর বা ০.৮ শতক উক্ত বিক্রয় কোলাপা দলিলে আমোক্তোরনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি ইচ্চে। এছাড়া সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান তলপাঠি ১) শ্রী তপন মলিক, ১) শ্রী পানম মলিক ও ৩) শ্রী পলাশ মলিক, সকলের পিতা শ্রী সাধন মলিক, তাদের উক্ত খতিয়ান সম্পত্তি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পতন করবার জন্য বি.এল.এডভ এল.আর.ও ফর্ম-কুচুড়া রক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইচ্চে কাহারও কোন আইনদ্বারা আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ১ মাসের মধ্যে সারিফ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য হইবে।
ইতি- মীর মজব কলিমুদ্দিন (উকিলবার), চন্দননগর কোর্ট, হুগলী

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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1.	(Borrower) Shree Krishna Enterprise & (Guarantor) Sanjiv Mukherjee & Somenath Mukherjee Subhojit Mukherjee & Santosh Mukherjee & Rama Mukherjee & (Mortgagor) Santosh Mukherjee & Rama Mukherjee/ Represented By Partners Sanjiv Mukherjee, Somenath Mukherjee, Subhojit Mukherjee Bagdola, Motigan Near Motigan Hip Pump, North 24 Parganas West Bengal Bangon- 743235/ 161205003820	Sabek Dag No. 267, Hal Dag No. 245, Khatian No. 1036, Hal Khatian No. 175/1 & 130/3, Mouza Jyampur No. 215 (Sabek) 107 (Hal), Thana Municipal, Mahokuma & A.D.S.R.O. Bangon, Ward No. 18, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Owned By Santosh Mukherjee, Rama Mukherjee, (Admeasuring An Area of 10 Decimal North: Raju Sahani South: Sadhana Borasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 2 Katha 8 Chatak 9 Sq. Ft. North: plot No. 10 South: Plot No. 6 East: 12 Feet Wide Road West: Plot No. 13/ Date of Symbolic: 15/05/2026	19/11/2025 Rs. 11,20,655.27/-	Bon-goon

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: May 21, 2026
Place: Bangon
Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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1.	Bishnu Pada Tewary/ Jhuma Rani Tewary/ 15/25, Thakurpukur Road Ikhtaka Opposite Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Badu Municipality District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 700128/ LBAL00004775202/ LBAL00004775200	Holding No. 15/25, Thakurpukur Road. R.S. Dag No. 242, 243, Revisional Settlement Khatian No. 150 & 65, L.R. Khatian No. 133, 111, 228, 339, 145 And 189, J.L. No. 72, Touzi No. 146, Hal No. 17, Ward No. 20, Mouza Katheri Gram, Panchayat Anwarpur, P.S. Municipality District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 2 Katha 8 Chatak 9 Sq. Ft. North: plot No. 10 South: Plot No. 6 East: 12 Feet Wide Road West: Plot No. 13/ Date of Symbolic: 18/05/2026	November 25, 2025 Rs. 32,29,280.00/-	Kolkata/ Kashmar

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Date: May 21, 2026
Place: Kolkata
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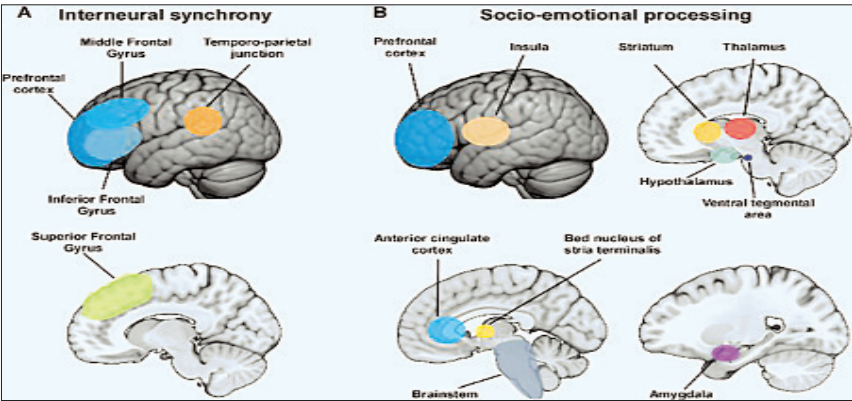
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1.	Ranjit Singh/ Sandip Kumar Singh/ 103/A Foreshore Road P.O. and P.S. Shibpur District Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711102/ LBMD00005816728/ LBHOW00005730299	Lake Shore Apartment, Flat No 5C, 5th Floor, R.S. Dag No 6401, L.R. Dag No. 6425, Khatian No. 1434/1011, L.R. Khatian No. 1821/1, J.L. No. 51, Mouza Nibra, Police Station Dumjura, Pan Choyet Bankra II, District Sub Registrar Howrah and Additional District Sub Registrar Dumjura, Dist Howrah, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 1070 Sq.Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Variable Undivided Indivisible and Impartable Share in Land North: Part of R.S. Dag No. 6401, South: Flat No. 5B, East: Flat No. 5D, West: Part of R.S. Dag No. 6401/ Date of Physical: 18/05/2026	September 26, 2025 Rs. 20,08,913.0	

Study sheds light on the brain's role in emotion regulation

A recent study led by a team of experts has uncovered fascinating insights into the human brain's ability to regulate emotions, potentially paving the way for innovative therapeutic approaches. The findings of the study shed light on the distinct areas of the brain responsible for emotion regulation, particularly within the anterior prefrontal cortex and other higher-level cortical hierarchies. These regions, crucial for abstract thought and long-term representations of the future, were found to play a pivotal role in enabling individuals to activate emotion regulation-selective brain regions, thereby enhancing resilience against negative experiences.

Co-author Peter Gianaros from the University of Pittsburgh spearheaded the analysis of two independent datasets of fMRI studies. Participants were subjected to fMRI scans while being exposed to stimuli designed to elicit negative emotions, such as distressing images. What sets this study apart is the participants' subsequent task of recontextualizing the stimuli by generating alternative thoughts to mitigate



their aversiveness. The researchers then meticulously examined the neural activity to discern the specific brain regions involved in emotion regulation versus emotion generation.

The study also unraveled the intricate interplay between neurotransmitters and emotion regulation systems. Neurotransmitters such as dopamine and serotonin were identified as key players in

shaping neural communication and influencing the brain's capacity for self-regulation. Remarkably, the researchers discovered that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5HTA, were notably abundant in areas involved in emotion regulation. These findings raise thought-provoking questions about the potential long-term effects of drugs that bind to these receptors on individuals'

ability to self-regulate.

Senior author Tor Wager, the Diana L. Taylor Distinguished Professor in Neuroscience and director of the Dartmouth Brain Imaging Center at Dartmouth, emphasized the significance of these findings. He stated, "Our results showed that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5HTA, were especially rich in areas that are involved in emotion regulation. When drugs that bind to these receptors are taken, they are preferentially affecting the emotion regulation system, which raises questions about their potential for long-term effects on our capacity to self-regulate."

Furthermore, the study shed light on the potential implications for mental health treatments, particularly in the context of depression and psychedelic drugs. The serotonin receptor 5HTA, strongly affected by psychedelic drugs, holds promise for altering individuals' ability to self-regulate and may offer insights into the inefficacy of these drugs without appropriate psychological support.

Adults with intellectual disabilities are at risk for dementia

Intellectual disability (ID) is thought to be associated with an increased risk of dementia and its onset is influenced by both inherited and acquired factors. It is also known that a lower cognitive reserve-the capacity for thinking developed by learning and deliberate mental effort-increases the risk of dementia in the general population.

It is hypothesised that dementia is more common in people with ID given the likelihood of a shorter educational lifespan and a reduced intellectual capacity.

The prevalence of dementia among individuals with ID without Down syndrome (DS) in comparison to the general population is unknown, and the risk variables that affect dementia risk aren't fully understood.

Recently, researchers uncovered the prevalence of dementia and identified the risk factors that can lead to dementia among people with ID in Japan. The team was led by Professor Shintaro Takenoshita, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry at Okayama University Hospital, Japan. Their findings were published in the journal Alzheimer's Research & Therapy on 18 July 2023.

"Diagnosing dementia in people with ID is difficult owing to the mixed effects of innate cognitive decline and the cognitive decline that occurs over time due to dementia. However, it is quite possible to diagnose dementia if cognitive and lifestyle functions are assessed chronologically based on information from family and other support persons. We believe that even in persons with intellectual disabilities, dementia needs to be properly evaluated," explains Prof. Takenoshita regarding the group's motivation to pursue the study.

The team surveyed the severity of ID, educational history, and comorbidities across 1,831 participants in residen-



tial treatment facilities spread across Japan. The relevant data was collected by interviewing caregivers of all the participants, and a direct examination was performed-using clinical criteria for dementia and neurocognitive disorders-for participants suspected of having cognitive decline.

Emphasizing the report's key findings, Prof. Takenoshita says, "We found that 6.44% of the participants were diagnosed with dementia. Furthermore, our analyses revealed that dementia was more prevalent in younger people with ID compared to the general population. Lastly, we pinpointed seven factors with significant links to dementia. These were hypertension, depression, stroke, age, severity of ID, duration of education, and traumatic brain injury."

These findings are expected to enable better screening for dementia and improve the support and medical care for people with ID. It is important to note that some of the risk factors are modifiable. Therefore, depending on a patient's profile, providing adequate education, preventing head trauma and stroke, and making hypertension and depression medications readily available could be the first steps in preventing the onset of dementia in people with ID.

"This is the largest study that explores the prevalence of dementia in a population with ID. Additionally, we minimized the study's bias by surveying participants from a wide geographic range. This implies that the risk factors we identified are reliable targets for designing interventions intended to minimize the risk of dementia in people with ID," explains Prof. Takenoshita.

Moving forward, Prof. Takenoshita is confident that future studies can build on the scope of his team's work. As the understanding of dementia evolves, public health recommendations in medical policies can be developed specifically for people diagnosed with ID. Along these lines, the insights on the modifiable risk factors can potentially help catch the onset of dementia and ensure that people with ID do not miss out on treatment or interventions that are readily available.

Hantavirus Infection

Hantaviruses are a group of viruses belonging to the Bunyaviridae family that are mainly found in rodents (such as rats, mice and voles). There are two main groups of diseases in human caused by Hantaviruses, namely Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome (HFRS) and Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS). HFRS is caused by Old World hantaviruses present in Europe, Asia and Africa. HPS is caused by New World hantaviruses and mainly occurs in North and South America.

Mode of transmission

Hantavirus is mainly transmitted through direct contact with the faeces, saliva or urine of infected rodents or by inhalation of the virus in their aerosolised excreta.

People may also get infected via:

- Being bitten or scratched by infected rodents
- Eating food contaminated with infected rodent's urine, droppings or saliva
- Touching the eyes, nose and mouth after contacting articles contaminated with an infected rodent's urine, droppings or saliva

Human to human transmission is extremely rare.

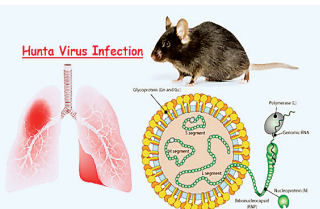
Clinical features

In HFRS, initial symptoms begin suddenly and include intense headache, back and abdominal pain, fever, chills, nausea, and blurred vision. Other symptoms may include flushing of the face, inflammation or redness of the eyes and rash. At later stage, there may be low blood pressure and acute kidney failure. The case fatality rate ranges from less than 1% to 15%.

In HPS, early symptoms include fatigue, fever and muscle ache, especially in the thighs, hips, back and sometimes shoulders. There may also be headache, dizziness, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. Respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath may appear 4 to 10 days later. A case fatality rate of as high as about 40% was reported.

Incubation period

Symptoms may start to develop around 1 to 8 weeks after exposure.



Management

There is no specific treatment for hantavirus infection. Supportive care is the mainstay of management. It is important for patients to seek early medical management.

Prevention

No vaccine against Hantaviruses is available in Hong Kong at present. Rodent control is the primary strategy for preventing hantavirus infection.

To prevent the infection, the public should adopt the following measures: Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes. Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, hand hygiene with 70 to 80% alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative.

Eliminate sources of food and nesting places for rodents in our living environment:

- Store food properly and handle pet food carefully so that it will not become food for rodents. Store all refuse and food remnants in dustbins with well-fitted cover. Dustbins must be emptied daily.
- Keep premises, especially refuse rooms and stairways, clean. Avoid accumulation of articles.
- Inspect regularly all flowerbeds and pavements for rodent infestation. Avoid the following high-risk activities to reduce contact with rodent: Handling live or dead rodents with bare hands; entering rodent infested space; handling rodent excreta or nests; keeping wild rodents as pets; handling equipment or machinery kept in areas found with rodents, hand plowing or planting; lying on the ground, and living in residence frequented by rodents.

Identification of brain signals for improved memory

Memory performance varies widely between people. Now, scientists at the University of Basel have found that specific brain signals are connected to these variations.

While it is well known that certain brain regions play a crucial role in memory processes, so far it has not been clear whether these regions exhibit different activities when it comes to storing information in people with better or worse memory performance.

Having investigated this matter, a research team led by Professor Dominique de Quervain and Professor Andreas Papassotiropoulos has now published its results in the journal Nature Communications.

In the world's largest functional imaging study on memory, they asked nearly 1,500 participants between the ages of 18 and 35 to look at and memorize a total of 72 images. During this process, the researchers recorded the subjects' brain activity using MRI. The participants were then asked to recall as many of the images as possible - and as in the general population, there were considerable differences in memory performance among them.

Signals in brain regions and networks

In certain brain regions including the hippocampus, the researchers found a direct association between brain activity during the memorization process and subsequent memory performance. Individuals with a better memory showed



a stronger activation of these brain areas. No such association was found for other memory-relevant brain areas in the occipital cortex - they were equally active in individuals with all levels of memory performance.

The researchers were also able to identify functional networks in the brain that were linked to memory performance. These networks comprise different brain regions that communicate with each other to enable complex processes such as the storage of information.

"The findings help us to better understand how differences in memory performance occur between one individual and another," said Dr. Léonie Geissmann, the study's first author, adding that the brain signals of a single individual do not allow for any conclusions to be drawn about their memory performance, however.

According to the researchers, the results are of great importance for future research aimed at linking biological characteristics such as genetic markers to brain signals.

Basel-based research on memory

The current study forms part of a large-scale research project conducted by the Research Cluster Molecular and Cognitive Neurosciences (MCN) at the University of Basel's Department of Biomedicine and the University Psychiatric Clinics (UPK) Basel. The aim of this project is to gain a better understanding of memory processes and to transfer the findings from basic research into clinical applications.

Do you know cognitive behavioral therapy comforts fibromyalgia pain experienced by brain? Study finds

Patients with fibromyalgia (FM), a condition that mostly affects women and is marked by chronic pain, tiredness, and brain fog, usually have limited access to treatment options and explanations for their symptoms.

Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), according to researchers at Mass General Brigham, can significantly lessen the burden of FM by, among other things, reducing pain-catastrophizing, a detrimental cognitive and emotional response that can exacerbate pain by way of helplessness, rumination, and intrusive thoughts. Neuroimaging research that demonstrates a decline in connection between brain regions associated with self-awareness, pain, and emotional processing lends support to this conclusion.

The findings of the study were published in Arthritis & Rheumatology.

"In this study, we looked at the interplay between psychological processes and the brain's connectivity patterns in response to pain," said co-senior author Robert Edwards, PhD, a clinical psychologist in the Department of

Anesthesiology, Perioperative & Pain Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system. "We wanted to explore how CBT, a talk therapy aimed at combatting maladaptive thoughts, can enhance individuals' daily functioning and alter the brain's processing of pain-related information."

Edwards explains that CBT can reduce negative cognitive and emotional responses to pain. He says that while these responses are normal, they can amplify the disabling effects of chronic pain, and make conditions like FM more burdensome.

The research team for the study included researchers from three Mass General Brigham members: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. Mass General Brigham brings together 16 member institutions, including academic medical centers, top-tier specialty hospitals, community hospitals and more. Research that spans more than one of these entities is more than

the sum of its parts, helping to provide insights and unique perspectives from multiple settings and areas of expertise.

Researchers recruited 98 women, randomly assigning 64 to a treatment group receiving CBT and 34 to a control group that

received education about FM and chronic pain but was not taught specific CBT techniques. All participants were between 18 and 75 years old and had a confirmed FM diagnosis for at least six months. To collect baseline data, all participants completed several validated pain and quality of life questionnaires.

Each group participated in eight intervention sessions, con-



sisting of 60-75-minute visits with a licensed mental health provider. Participants were primarily assessed for their levels of pain interference, or a measure of how much their pain disrupted their daily activities, pain catastrophizing, pain severity and the overall impact FM had on patients' quality of life.

Results demonstrated that those who underwent CBT experienced significantly greater reductions in pain interference. CBT participants also exhibited significantly less pain catastrophizing and reported that their FM symptoms had significantly less impact on their daily lives.

The team saw evidence that after undergoing CBT, patients experienced changes in the activities of all three networks that suggested a diminished focus on pain.

"Prior to participants undergoing CBT, we saw that certain parts of the brain linked to self-awareness and sensation were very connected, suggesting patients were pertinently aware of the pain sensation they were experiencing and internalized these symptoms," said co-first author Jeungchan Lee, PhD, an instructor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation based at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and the Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital. "After CBT, these connections were significantly less strong, suggesting that patients were better at separating themselves from their pain after therapy."

This study was limited to women, partly because of its high prevalence, and partly to eliminate confounding gender differences in brain activity. In the future, the researchers hope to collect data from men and non-binary patients with FM. Additionally, CBT includes several therapeutic components, and these results cannot be generalized to assess the impact across all forms of CBT on reducing FM chronic pain.

Both Lee and Edwards agree that these findings ultimately suggest that complex chronic pain conditions like fibromyalgia should be addressed with a multitude of pharmacological and cognitive therapies.

EU agrees to implement trade pact after Donald Trump threats



MI News Service, Strasbourg: EU lawmakers and member states reached a deal in the early hours of Wednesday to implement the bloc's nearly year-old trade pact with the United States, with President Donald Trump threatening new tariffs unless it is done by July 4.

The 27-nation bloc struck an accord with Washington last July setting levies on most European goods at 15 percent, but to Trump's frustration it had yet to make good on its pledge to scrap levies on most US imports in return.

Negotiators from the EU's parliament and capitals wrangled late into the night, finally emerging several hours after midnight with news of an agreement to move forward.

"This means we will soon deliver on our part," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said as she welcomed the agreement and called for the implementa-

tion process to be finalised quickly.

"Together, we can ensure stable, predictable, balanced, and mutually beneficial transatlantic trade," von der Leyen said in a social media post.

The EU agreement puts the bloc on track to meet Trump's deadline for ratification of the deal sealed in Turnberry, Scotland, between Trump and von der Leyen, and hopefully turn the page on more than a year of transatlantic trade battles.

Short of that, Trump had warned the European Union should expect "much higher" tariffs -- and had already vowed to raise duties on European cars and trucks from 15 to 25 percent.

The tariff blitz unleashed by Trump before the Turnberry accord, including hefty levies on steel, aluminium and car parts, jolted the bloc into cultivating trade ties around the world.

But the EU cannot af-

ford to neglect the 1.6-trillion-euro (\$1.9-trillion) relationship with the US, its largest trade partner.

The EU parliament gave the deal a conditional green light in March, after months of delay caused by Trump's designs on Greenland and a US Supreme Court ruling striking down many of the president's tariffs.

Lawmakers were under pressure to renege on several amendments that the Americans considered unacceptable -- including a suspension clause that would scrap favourable tariff conditions for US exporters should the US breach the deal.

The final text empowers the European Commission to trigger the suspension mechanism if the US fails to meet its commitments or disrupts trade and investment with the EU, including by "discriminating against or targeting EU economic operators".

It also gives the EU means to address spikes in US imports "that cause or threaten to cause serious injury to domestic producers", with suspension again a possible outcome.

But parliament also agreed to scale back some demands -- and the final text notably gave the US until the end of the year to drop surtaxes above 15 percent on steel components, rather than insisting on it as a precondition.

Putin, xi Jinping hail "unyielding" ties in talks

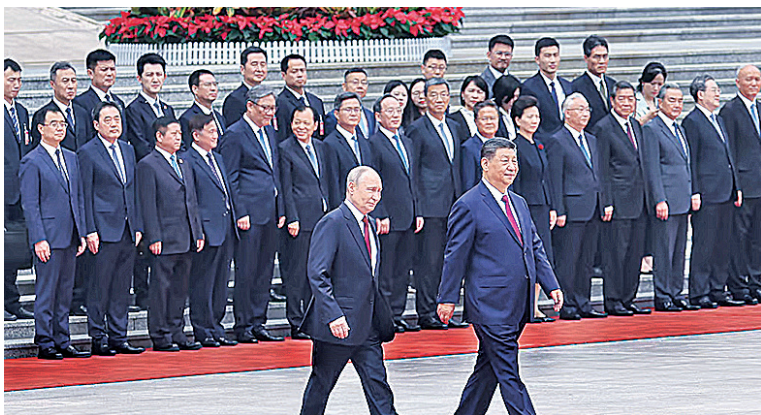
MI News Service, Beijing: President Xi Jinping hailed China and Russia's "unyielding" ties in talks with Vladimir Putin

on Wednesday, as the pair met to underscore their alliance days after Donald Trump's visit to the Asian superpower economy.

Putin's visit will be scrutinised for tangible takeaways.

Putin is however weakened by years of Russia's war on Ukraine, as sanctions by Western powers put the squeeze on energy revenues and increased Moscow's dependence on China, the main buyer of Russian oil. The US war on Iran has however hampered crude and gas flows, giving an opportunity to Putin to offer Russian energy sources as an alternative.

Analysts believe that Putin could use the visit to push for progress on the major "Power of Siberia 2" natural gas pipeline from Russia to China through Mongolia -- a land alternative to crude imported by sea from the Middle East. Opening talks in Beijing's opu-



lent Great Hall of the People, Putin and Xi were quick to laud their countries' special ties as they extended their treaty of "friendly co-operation".

Beijing and Moscow have "continuously deepened our political mutual trust and strategic coordination with a resilience that remains unyielding", Xi told the Russian leader, according to Chinese state media.

Putin, meanwhile, told Xi relations had reached and "unprecedentedly high level" despite "unfavourable external factors", without naming any third country, video from Russian media showed.

Xi warned of "unilateral and hegemonic countercurrents running rampant", in a veiled swipe at the United States.

Xi has played host to a series of world leaders as an increasingly

unpredictable United States under Trump pushed many to shore up alliances with Beijing, and the war in Iran has further accelerated the trend.

It is worth to mention that Russia-China ties have deepened since Moscow launched its invasion of Ukraine in 2022, with Putin visiting Beijing every year since as his country is shunned by Western powers.

Putin's visit promises to be less opulent than Trump's, emphasising that "the Xi-Putin relationship does not require that kind of performative reassurance", said Patricia Kim from the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Xi welcomed Putin with open arms as an "old friend" when he last visited Beijing in September 2025 -- language the Chinese leader did not extend to Trump last week.

Both Putin and Xi view ties as "structurally stronger and more stable" than those between China and the United States.

Iran Guards say they 'coordinated' 26 ships passing through Hormuz since yesterday

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran's Revolutionary Guards navy says they allowed more than 25 vessels, including oil tankers, to transit the Strait of Hormuz over the past 24 hours. Iran has largely blocked shipping through the strait, a vital global energy conduit, since the outbreak of war with the United States and Israel on February 28.

Iran, which has been under a US naval blockade since April 13 despite a ceasefire, has insisted that ships transiting through the waterway must obtain permissions from the Iranian armed forces.

"Over the past 24 hours, 26 vessels -- including oil tankers, container ships and other commercial vessels -- transited the Strait of Hormuz," says the Guards' navy in a post on X. It adds that the ships passed after "coordination and security provided by the IRGC Navy."

Yesterday, South Korea said one of its oil tankers passed through the strait, marking the first passage by a vessel from the country since the war began.

San Diego mosque shooters radicalized online, left writings of hatred, authorities say

MI News Service, Los Angeles: The two teenage gunmen who killed three people at a San Diego mosque Monday and then themselves were radicalized online and expressed white supremacist views and hatred toward multiple religions and races, authorities said Tuesday.

The pair "didn't discriminate on who they hated," Mark Remily, the lead Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent in San Diego, said at a press briefing. Authorities said the teenagers met online before carrying out the attack at the Islamic Center of San Diego, the largest mosque in San Diego County. The facility also houses the Al Rashid School. At the time of the attack, there were about 140 children inside.

San Diego Police Chief Scott Wahl said the two shooters arrived in camouflage and attempted to barge through the front doors of the facility. They were immediately confronted by the mosque's security guard, Amin Abdullah, one of three killed in the attack.

"He sacrificed his life to stop them from getting inside the classrooms," Imam Taha Hassane, director of the Islamic Center of San Diego, said at the briefing. Based on security camera footage at the mosque, authorities said Abdullah engaged the shooters in a gun battle and used his radio to call for an immediate lockdown of the school before being wounded in the lobby. His resistance forced the gunmen back outside, where they ultimately shot and killed him.

WHO says Ebola outbreak not "pandemic emergency"

MI News Service, Geneva: The risk of the Ebola epidemic is "high at the national and regional levels, and low at the global level," and the situation is not a "pandemic emergency," the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday.



Speaking at a press conference, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that a WHO Emergency Committee met on Tuesday and agreed with his earlier assessment that the Ebola situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda is a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), but is not a pandemic emergency.

Tedros early on Sunday declared the PHEIC for the Ebola outbreak in the two countries, marking the first time a WHO chief had done so without first convening an Emergency Committee.

So far, 51 cases have been confirmed in the northern provinces of Ituri and North Kivu of the DRC, said Tedros, adding that the scale of the epidemic in the DRC is much larger.

Uganda has also informed WHO of two confirmed cases in the capital Kampala, including one death, among two individuals who traveled from the DRC to Uganda, he said, adding that a U.S. national working in the DRC has also been confirmed positive.

Israeli parliament advances bill to dissolve itself

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israeli lawmakers gave preliminary approval on Wednesday to a bill to dissolve parliament, a move that could bring the next election forward by several weeks.

The bill, which still requires three full readings, passed with 110 votes in favor in the 120-member parliament. There were no votes against.

Recent polls predict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would lose the election. Surveys show his current coalition of right-wing parties would win about 52 seats, nine short of the majority needed to form the next government.

Death toll reaches 22 in China rains

MI News Service, Beijing: The death toll from heavy rains across central and southern China since the weekend has risen to 22, state media reports showed on Wednesday, with 20 more people still unaccounted for.

Natural disasters and extreme weather events are common in China, particularly in the summer, when some regions experience intense rainfall while others bask in searing heat.

Several areas across China have been hit by "record-breaking rainfall" in recent days, triggering school and work suspensions as well as allocation of relief funds.

Five were reported dead and 11 others missing in the rugged central province of Hunan, state news agency Xinhua said Wednesday.

A report the previous day by Xinhua said that more than 61,500 people in one provincial county were affected by the downturn, without elaborating.

In the southern region of Guangxi, 10 people were confirmed dead on Tuesday after a truck plunged into a swollen river while attempting to cross on Saturday evening. The first death in that incident was reported on last Sunday.

The nearby province of Guizhou has also been battered by heavy rains, resulting in four deaths and five more missing.

Hundreds of detained Gaza flotilla activists arrive in Israel

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli authorities have begun detaining hundreds of activists seized from a Gaza-bound flotilla at the southern port of Ashdod on Wednesday, a rights group said, after Israeli forces intercepted their vessels at sea. The Global Sumud Flotilla set sail from Turkey last week in the latest attempt by activists to breach Israel's blockade of the Palestinian territory, after Israeli forces intercepted a previous convoy last month.

Israeli authorities said 430 activists aboard the flotilla were en route to Israel, while rights group Adalah said some had already arrived at Ashdod port and were being held there. "Having set sail toward Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid and challenge the unlawful blockade, these civilian participants were forcefully abducted from international waters and taken into Israeli territory entirely against their will," Adalah said.

"These acts are a direct extension of Israel's policies of collective punishment and starvation of Palestinians in Gaza." The Israeli foreign ministry dismissed the operation as a publicity stunt serving Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas. "Another PR flotilla has come to an end. All 430 activists have been transferred to Israeli vessels and are making their way to Israel, where they will be able to meet with their consular representatives," a spokesman from the foreign ministry said late on Tuesday.

"This flotilla has once again proved to be nothing more than a PR stunt at the service of Hamas," the spokesman added. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier denounced the flotilla as "a malicious scheme designed to break the blockade we have imposed on Hamas terrorists in



Gaza".

The United States on Tuesday sanctioned four people associated with the Global Sumud Flotilla and accused them of being "pro-terrorist". Around 50 ships had departed from southwestern Turkey on Thursday.

Nine Indonesian citizens who were part of the flotilla "have all been reported arrested by Israel," a spokeswoman for Indonesia's foreign ministry said, citing information dated Wednesday. Indonesia called on Israel to immediately release all vessels and crew members, adding that "every diplomatic channel and consular measure will continue to be fully utilised".

It is worth to mention that Israel controls all entry points into Gaza, which has been under an Israeli blockade since 2007. During the Gaza war, triggered by Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel, the territory has suffered severe shortages of food, medicine and other essential supplies, with Israel at times halting aid deliveries entirely. A previous flotilla attempt was intercepted last month in international waters off Greece, with most activists expelled to Europe. Two were brought to Israel, detained for several days and then deported.

Nearly 300 cataract patients in Burundi to get free surgery from Chinese doctors

News Service, Bujumbura : Nearly 300 cataract patients will receive free surgery from Chinese ophthalmologists in collaboration with their Burundian counterparts, officials announced Tuesday at the official launch of the "Walk Towards Light" campaign held in the Burundian commercial capital Bujumbura. During the 21-day campaign, 100 of the 300 cataract patients will be treated at the Bonne Action Lacan Center and 200 at

Prince Regent Charles Hospital, both located in Bujumbura. Oscar Nihabose, acting permanent secretary at the Burundian Ministry of Public Health, expressed his gratitude to China for its unwavering support of the health sector in Burundi. "This campaign is a concrete example of the excellent relations of friendship, cooperation, and fraternity that have united our two countries for many years," he said. This "Walk Towards Light" project

demonstrates the shared commitment of both countries to further strengthen cooperation in the health sector and to provide concrete solutions to people's needs, Nihabose noted. "For many of our fellow citizens, cataract remains a silent suffering that deprives people, and often entire individuals, of their dignity and their right to live," said Liliane Nkengurutswe, executive secretary of the Office of the First Lady for the Development of Burundi.

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4.	Pijush Kanti Mukherjee- Deceased Through Its Legal Heirs/ Keya Mukherjee/ 141/H, Bishalaxmi Tala Road, Municipal Premises No. 167, Bishalaxmi Tala Road, Which Includes 86C, Bishalaxmi Tala Road Also P.O. And P.S. Parnasree, K.M.C. Ward No. 132, District 24 Parganas (South), West Bengal, Kolkata- 700060/ LBAL000005135753/ LBAL000005143966/ LBAL000006116146/ LBAL000005335133	Flat On The Ground Floor, North-East And South Side, K.M.C. Premises No. 167, Bishalaxmi Tala Road, Mailing Address 141/H, Bishalaxmi Tala Road, R.S. Dag No. 12704, R.S. No. 83, C.S. And R.S. Khatian No. 1730, Touzi No. 346, J.L. No. 2, Ward No. 132, Within The Ambit of South Suburban Municipality, Now Within The Limits of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.S. Behala, Now Parnashree, Mouza Behala, Pargana Balia, Sub. Registry Office Behala, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of- 922 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area More or Less Together With Undivided Impartible Proportionate Share or Interest In The Land North: Property of Calcutta Port Trust South: 10' Ft. Wide K.M.C. Road, East: Property of Dilip Kumar Roy West: Property of Sri Rajendra Nath Sanyal/ Date of Symbolic 15/05/2026	January 29, 2026 Rs. 30,69,430.78/-	Kolkata
5.	Montila Pramanik- Deceased Through Its Legal Heirs/ Malati Pramanik/ Bijon Kumar Pramanik/ 2, Bakrahat Road, (Pramanik Para), Hanspukur, P.O. Joka, P.S. Thakurpukur, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal Kolkata- 700104/ LBAL000005620322	"Moly Apartment", Flat No. A2, Northeast Side, 1st Floor, Municipal Premises No. 86B, Das Para Road, Having Its Postal Premises No. 86, Das Para Road, Premises Located On James Long Sarani, Assessee No. 41-124-04-0972-4, Mouza Purba Barisha, J.L. No. 23, Touzi No. 1-6, 8-10, 12-16, R.S. No. 43, Pargana Khaspur, R.S. Khatian No. 228, R.S. Dag No. 1963, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 124, Police Station Thakurpukur, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700063, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of- Covering A Super Built Up Area of 900 Sq. Ft. More or Less And 1 Covered Garage or Car Parking Space On The Ground Floor, North-East Side Measuring About 135 Sq. Ft. Alongwith Undivided Proportionate Share And Interest of The Land And Amenities of The Building North: 8ft. Wide Wide Common Passage, South: Temple of Ram Thakur. East: Land of Nanda Roy West: 60 Ft. Wide James Long Sarani/ Date of Symbolic 15/05/2026	January 29, 2026 Rs. 38,20,770.01/-	Kolkata
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Date: May 21, 2026

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



AHMEDABAD : 2022 Champions Gujarat Titans (GT) will clash with five-time winners Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in their last group stage match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 to be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Thursday.

Gujarat Titans are currently placed at second spot in the points table with 16 points in 13 matches. They are qualified for the IPL 2026 playoffs and will look to finish the league stage on a high to seal a top-two finish. GT is coming to the contest after registering a dominant win against the Kolkata Knight

Riders at Eden Gardens.

Meanwhile, on the other side, Chennai Super Kings (CSK) are placed at sixth position in the points table with 12 points in 13 matches, and they will need to win their final match against GT to stay in the playoffs qualification race. CSK also needs to win the match with a big margin to improve their net run rate, which can play a big role in deciding the fourth team if other teams' results go in their favour.

CSK and GT have faced each other nine times in IPL 2026, in which Gujarat have come victorious on five occasions, and Chennai have won only four matches.

When: Friday, May 21, 7:30 PM IST

Where: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

Where to watch: The GT vs CSK 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 Shahrulkh Khan

Chennai Super Kings: Ruturaj Gaikwad (c), MS Dhoni (wk), Devon Conway, Rahul Tripathi, Shaik Rasheed, Vansh Bedi (wk), C Andre Siddharth, Rachin Ravindra, Ravichandran Ashvin, Vijay Shankar, Sam Curran, Anshul Kamboj, Deepak Hooda, Jamie Overton, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Ramakrishna Ghosh, Ravindra Jadeja, Shivam Dube, Khaleel Ahmed, Noor Ahmad, Mukesh Choudhary, Dewald Brevis, Nathan Ellis, Shreyas Gopal, Matheesha Pathirana.



Mumbai Indians' captain Hardik Pandya plays a shot during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday.

'NOW WE WANT TO PLAY MORE TESTS AGAINST AUS, ENG & INDIA,' SAYS SHANTO AFTER HISTORIC WIN OVER PAKISTAN

SYLHET : Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto called for more Test matches against top nations such as Australia, England, and India after his side completed a historic 2-0 Test series sweep over Pakistan with a 78-run win in the second Test at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

Bangladesh sealed their first-ever home Test series victory against Pakistan after spinner Taijul Islam claimed a match-winning 6-120 to bowl Pakistan out for 358 while defending a target of 437 on the final day.

Following the victory, Shanto said Bangladesh now wants to challenge themselves more regularly against the top Test-playing nations in both home and away conditions.

"We actually want to play Test matches. We want to play with every team. I think now we want to play more Tests with Australia, England, India, both home and away,"



Shanto told reporters after the match.

"Because when we get the chance to play matches, when we get those new experiences, the team will slowly build. Otherwise, playing with the same team again and again, playing in the same conditions, it is difficult to actually build a team," he added.

The Bangladesh skipper

also expressed hope that the ICC would schedule more Tests for his side against stronger opponents.

"So hopefully, the ICC will give us more Test matches with all the teams. Now that we are getting the chance to play more matches, this is a positive aspect. But if we can play more and better matches with Australia, England, and India, of course, it will be bet-

ter for our team," he said.

Bangladesh were briefly put under pressure on the final day as Mohammad Rizwan and Sajid Khan added important runs in the morning session before the hosts fought back strongly.

Shanto admitted the tense final session tested his side emotionally but praised his players for staying calm under pressure.

"It's difficult to explain the emotion in the last hour because, honestly, they were batting well and we were a little under pressure. But compared to the previous Test matches, controlling that emotion and not panicking has become a little better," he said.

"But there is still a need for improvement. Overall, I feel very proud as a captain to see the work ethic of every player. Every player worked hard, and everyone contributed to this result," he added.

Despite the historic series win, Shanto insisted Bangladesh are still developing as a Test side and have several areas to improve.

"What I always say is that we have to build our Test team slowly, there is still a lot of room for improvement. When we play consistently well at home and abroad, then I would say that our team is better than before," he said.

NEPAL STARS MAKE ODI RANKINGS GAINS AFTER BACK-TO-BACK WINS IN LEAGUE 2

DUBAI : A string of impressive performances in the ongoing ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 has propelled several Nepal players up the latest ICC Men's ODI Player Rankings. Nepal secured consecutive victories over the USA and Scotland last week on the road to next year's ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, with their bowlers leading the way. Experienced all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee was a standout, claiming a four-wicket haul against the USA. The 26-year-old's efforts earned him a jump of three spots to 79th overall on the ODI bowlers' list, while his all-round performances saw him rise three places to 25th among ODI all-rounders. Nepal's spin duo also made gains, with Sandeep Lamichhane moving up six rungs to equal 36th and Lalit Rajbanshi climbing 16 places to equal 53rd on the latest ODI bowlers' rankings. Despite these movements, Afghanistan all-rounder Rashid Khan continues to dominate the ODI bowlers' rankings with a commanding 705 rating points, while his teammate Azmatullah Omarzai remains the No. 1-ranked all-rounder in ODIs. Scotland's in-form Brandon McMullen has also made notable progress, moving up two spots to sixth overall in the all-rounder list following a career-best 73 against Nepal. That innings additionally helped McMullen climb six places to 53rd among ODI batters. Nepal's batting efforts have not gone unnoticed either, with Saiteja Mukkamalla advancing five spots to 61st and Aasif Sheikh rising seven positions to equal 86th in the updated ODI batters' rankings. At the top of the ODI batting charts, New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell continues to hold the No.1 spot, followed by India's Virat Kohli. Ibrahim Zadran, Rohit Sharma, and Shubman Gill complete the top five, with a potential shakeup expected when India and Afghanistan clash in the three-match ODI series next month.

Pant hasn't done anything wrong, deserved to continue as vice captain in Tests: Kaif

NEW DELHI : Former India batter Mohammad Kaif has said Rishabh Pant deserved to continue as vice captain of the Test team, insisting that the wicketkeeper batter remains India's biggest match winner in the red ball format and that he hadn't done anything wrong.

Pant's elevation as India's vice-captain in Tests after Shubman Gill was made the new red-ball skipper last year for the tour of England was seen as a clear signal that the wicketkeeper-batter was identified as a leader-in-waiting.

Even when Gill was ruled out of the Guwahati Test against South Africa last year due to a neck injury, Pant led India, though it ended in a massive 408-run defeat, as the hosts suffered a 2-0 series loss.

But the selectors' latest call while announcing the squad for the one-off Test against Afghanistan left everyone surprised, as Pant has now been replaced as vice-captain by KL Rahul, who's one of the current players to have captained India across all three formats.

"Rishabh Pant hasn't done anything wrong. Red-ball and white-ball cricket are two very different for-

mats. You are judging him based on the IPL, saying that he is not doing a good job as captain, that his team is losing, and that he is not scoring runs. But I believe there is no bigger match-winner for India in Tests, as a batter, than Rishabh Pant," said Kaif on JioHotstar.

Pant's recent form as a batter and captain in IPL 2026 for Lucknow Super Giants has been a horrid one, but Kaif felt taking decisions on the basis of mixing formats is not good from the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee.

"The problem is that people mix the formats. Why didn't Auqib Nabi get the nod? Because he didn't take wickets in the IPL? These are two completely different formats. KL Rahul is 34 years old. On one hand, you don't pick Mohammed Shami, saying that age is not on his side and that you are looking at younger players.

"So, I'd want them to be consistent. Either go by form, regardless of age, and if you are scoring runs or taking wickets, you should get picked. Because I think Rishabh Pant deserved to continue as vice-captain," he added.



Fakhar, Ayub ruled out of selection for ODIs against Australia due to injuries



LAHORE : Pakistan have been dealt a big blow ahead of their upcoming ODI series against Australia as their opening pair, Saim Ayub and Fakhar Zaman, have been ruled out of selection for the three-match series due to injuries.

The hosts are yet to announce the squad for the ODI leg of Australia's tour of Pakistan, scheduled to begin on May 30. The hosts will now have to find new sets of openers for their series against Australia.

According to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), both players are currently undergoing rehabilitation and recovery under the close supervision of the board's medical staff.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced that both players are currently recovering from injuries and have been advised to continue their rehabilitation

programmes under the supervision of the PCB medical panel. Consequently, they have been ruled out of selection for the ODI series," the PCB said in the statement.

"The PCB wishes both players a speedy recovery and looks forward to seeing them return to competitive cricket at the earliest opportunity. Further updates regarding the squad and player fitness will be shared in due course," it added.

The pair last featured for Pakistan during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 and was more recently in action in the Pakistan Super League (PSL).

Fakhar is one of the most experienced players on the Pakistan side. He has played 92 ODIs and scored 3861 runs at an average of 45.42. He has also hit 11 centuries and 19 half-centuries. While Saim has played 17 ODIs and scored 751 runs. He has also taken nine wickets.

According to the schedule released by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Australia's tour will begin on May 30, with the first ODI to be played in Rawalpindi, followed by the remaining two matches on June 2 and 4 in Lahore.

Pakistan will come into the series after suffering a 2-1 defeat against Bangladesh in ODIs, followed by a 2-0 loss in the Test series.

IPL 2026: Boost for RCB as opener Phil Salt set to rejoin squad later this week

NEW DELHI : In a timely boost for defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), opener Phil Salt is set to return to India later this week after spending a month back home on the sidelines due to a finger injury.

Salt, 29, injured a finger on his left hand while diving to save a boundary during RCB's defeat to Delhi Capitals in an afternoon clash at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on April 18. He then flew home to recover and spend time with his young family.

But now, as per a report from ESPNcricinfo, Salt is set to come back to India and rejoin RCB. "It remains to be seen if Salt will be available to play in RCB's final league-stage match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Friday, but they are unlikely to take any risks so close to the playoffs," further said the report. In his absence, RCB have already secured qualification for the playoffs and are well placed to reach Qualifier 1, to be played at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala next Tuesday, barring a significant dent to their net run rate.

Salt had provided a significant spark at the top of the order for RCB by amassing 202 runs across six innings at an impressive strike rate of 168.33 before the finger injury forced him out of the lineup.

In his absence, his England teammate Jacob Bethell has partnered with Virat Kohli at the top of the batting order. But Bethell has struggled to make an impact, amassing only 96 runs in seven innings with a highest score of 27.

His place could come under pressure even if Salt is not cleared to play in Friday's clash at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium after batting all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer struck an unbeaten 73 in RCB's win over Punjab Kings in Dharamsala on Sunday.

With regular skipper Rajat Patidar missing the game against PBKS due to not travelling to Dharamsala after being struck on the helmet by a sharp bouncer from Kolkata Knight Riders' pacer Kartik Tyagi during the clash in Raipur, Iyer stepped up to make crucial runs for RCB.

