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RBI inject Rs 81,590 Cr into banking system

MI News Service, Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday injected Rs 81,590 crore transient liquidity into the banking system through a three-day variable rate repo (VRR) auction. Transient liquidity is temporary cash flow fluctuations in a financial or banking system, while a Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction is a monetary tool used by the RBI to inject short-term liquidity into the banking system. In a release the RBI said the funds were infused at a 5.26 per cent cut-off rate.

The demand for funds still remained lower than the notified amount of Rs 1 lakh crore despite

the sharp drop in liquidity surplus in the banking system. However, in comparison with the previous auction conducted on May 21, the demand is higher from banks in Friday's auction.

Currently, the liquidity in the banking system is estimated to be in surplus of around Rs 58,876.29 crore as on May 21, as compared to Rs 1.51 lakh crore as on May 20. The tightness in the liquidity surplus has led to a sharp uptick in the overnight call money rates. Money market experts anticipate that the RBI would announce another VRR auction to manage evolving liquidity conditions.

India-USA relations have not lost momentum: MARCO RUBIO

MI News Service, New Delhi: Relations between India and the US have not lost momentum, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Sunday after holding high-level talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Rubio, who is currently in New Delhi, said, "India-US relations have not lost momentum ... India-US relations will come out much stronger in the coming years."

He further said the US hopes that the long-pending trade deal between the two countries will be sealed soon, adding that both sides are "strategically aligned" on almost all key global issues. After the meeting, which included deliberations on the West Asia conflict, Jaishankar said that India is for "unimpeded" maritime commerce.

"We discussed the situation in West Asia, Indian subcontinent and East Asia," Jaishankar said. The foreign minister further said that he discussed civil nuclear co-



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operation with his American counterpart, adding: "Secretary Rubio and I welcomed recent cooperation between India and the US in the energy sector."

BJP's DEBANGSHU PANDA wins Falta by over 1 Lakh votes; tally now 208

FALTastic BJP blossom 'LOTUS' in 'Moghul Garden'

MI News Service, Kolkata/Falta: BJP candidate Debangshu Panda created history by winning the Falta By-poll by more than one Lakh votes. He secured 1,49,666 votes in the Falta assembly re-poll on Sunday, turning a constituency once seen as a showcase of TMC's organisational muscle into the site of a political reversal that could resonate far beyond South 24 Parganas.

Panda got polled 1,49,666 votes. He has beaten CPI(M)'s Sambhu Nath Kurmi, who secured 40,645 votes. Congress candidate Abdur Razzak Molla stood third with 1,0084 votes, while TMC nominee Jahangir Khan – once among the most talked-about faces of the Falta campaign – slipped to fourth spot with just 7,783 votes.

What was once projected by the TMC as the invincible "Diamond Harbour model" appeared to be unravelling on Sunday, as the BJP raced ahead in the Falta repoll, turning a local contest into a broader political statement, just days after it ended the TMC's 15-year reign and scripted a regime change in Bengal.

The scale of the BJP's lead transformed what was expected to be a straightforward electoral exercise into a politically loaded outcome carrying implications far beyond the constituency.

Until a few weeks ago, Falta was being described by the Trinamool Congress camp as one of the key symbols of its organisational dominance in the Diamond Harbour belt. The constituency had witnessed aggressive political mobilisation and had become central to a bitter face-off between the BJP and TMC.

Then came a sequence of events that altered the political script.

Khan, who cultivated a larger-than-life 'Pushpa'-style image of defiance during the campaign and emerged as one of the most recognisable faces of the contest, dramatically announced two days before the repoll that he was stepping



Winner BJP candidate Debangshu Panda after receiving winner certificate in the re-election in Falta on Sunday.

Falta Re-Election result

Winner : DEBANGSHU PANDA: BJP:1,49,666 votes

Second place: Sambhu Nath Kurmi:CPIM:40,645 votes

Third place: Abdur Razzak Molla:Congress:10,084 votes

Fourth place: Jahangir Khan:TMC:7,783 votes

aside "for Falta's interest".

In a move that triggered political shockwaves, Khan cited chief minister Suwendu Adhikari's promise of a special development package as one of the reasons for his withdrawal.

The TMC swiftly distanced itself from the announcement, terming it his "personal decision".

The constituency saw little sign of an

active TMC campaign during the repoll. Party offices largely remained inactive and Khan himself stayed away from public view. On polling day, residents said his residence remained locked and local party workers were conspicuous by their absence.

The BJP, sensing an opportunity, sharpened its attack and repeatedly claimed that the repoll would reveal what

a "free election" in Falta looked like.

A local BJP leader pointed to the "irony" of the changing political landscape.

"From this very region, Abhishek Banerjee had secured a massive Lok Sabha lead in 2024. This election may tell a different story about what voters wanted when they could vote freely," he asserted.

The constituency had become the centre of controversy after the April 29 polling, when complaints surfaced over alleged use of perfume-like substances, ink marks and adhesive tapes on EVMs at multiple booths.

Subsequent scrutiny also revealed alleged attempts to tamper with web-camera footage from polling stations, prompting the Election Commission to order a repoll in all 285 booths.

The repoll, held on May 21 under

Falta victory is beginning of a new era: SUVENDU

MI News Service, Kolkata: BJP's massive victory at Falta has elated the BJP leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari. Suwendu candidly said "Diamond Harbour has turned into Loss-Bar model" for TMC.

In a post on X, he said, "The notorious 'Diamond Harbour' model has turned into the 'Trinamool's Loss-Bar' model!!! First of all, I bow my head in salutation to the people of Falta—the divine populace—who, with an overwhelming mandate, sent Shri Debangshu Panda, the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate, to the Assembly in the bye-election for the Falta constituency. I am especially grateful to Falta's voters; I had appealed to them to secure victory for BJP's candidate by a margin of one lakh votes, and the winning margin has surpassed one lakh. Through development, we shall repay this debt to you. We are committed to building a golden Falta."

"A party devoid of principles or ideals, which had morphed into a mafia syndicate, has had its skeletal state laid bare upon losing power. By abusing state machinery, this lot plundered public funds, extorted people's hard-earned money, and through syndicates and a culture of threats, its leaders treated the nation as their private fiefdom," he added.

an unprecedented security blanket of around 35 companies of central forces, recorded over 87 per cent turnout among the 2.36 lakh electorate.

BJP's formal victory in Falta by over one lakh votes eventually take BJP's tally to 208 in the 2026 Assembly polls.

Nandigram is my soul, I haven't forgotten anything: SUVENDU

MI News Service, Nandigram: Since the 2021 elections, there have been long-standing allegations that BJP workers across various districts have been subjected to harassment at the hands of Trinamool activists. Multiple workers have reportedly been murdered, and their homes vandalized.

While speaking at a rally in Nandigram on Sunday, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari issued a clear warning: "Every wrong will be accounted for." Addressing his party workers, he stated, "If you wished, you could go and pry the very bricks out of the homes of Trinamool workers. But do not do that; the BJP does not engage in such acts. I remember everything; I will not let anyone off the hook."

Following the 2021 elections, state politics became highly volatile amidst allegations of post-poll violence. The BJP has repeatedly claimed that its workers have been subjected to attacks and harassment across the state. There are allegations that numerous workers have been killed. On Sunday—marking his first public rally in Nandigram since assuming the office of Chief Minister—Suwendu Adhikari finally broke his silence on these issues.

He remarked, "The Chief Minister—who suffered defeat twice—did not even offer financial assistance to the families of the slain BJP workers." Immediately thereafter, addressing his own party workers, he



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari at Nandigram on Sunday.

reiterated: "If you wished, you could go and pry the very bricks out of the homes of Trinamool workers. But do not do that; the BJP does not engage in such acts. I remember everything; I will not let anyone off the hook. Every wrong will be accounted for."

It is worth noting that the 2026 elections marked a political transition in the state. The people of Bengal have ousted the Trinamool Congress, handing over the reins of the state government to the BJP. Since the declaration of the election results, the Trinamool Congress has alleged that its workers have been subjected to harassment in various parts of the state.

However, the BJP State President has repeatedly instructed party workers not to take the law into their own hands. He has even stated that if anyone—regardless of their political affiliation—creates unrest, they should be arrested. Yet, in most instances, the allegation persists that it is actually Trinamool workers who have 'switched sides' overnight and are now attacking their former comrades.

In essence, the BJP leadership maintains that their workers are not responsible for any of the unrest. On this day, Suwendu, too, made it clear to his party workers that there is no justification for them to take the law into their own hands; the party itself will ensure that every injustice is duly accounted for.

SAMIK & NIRMALA discuss resurgence of BENGAL economy

MI News Service, Kolkata / New Delhi: State BJP president Samik Bhattacharya met Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman at her Delhi residence and discussed ways to boost Bengal's economy, with particular focus on industrialisation and immediate steps to start production at the Ashoknagar oilfield in North 24-Parganas.

The Ashoknagar oilfield is a petroleum and natural gas extraction site located about 48km from Calcutta. Discovered by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in 2018, it is the first oil and gas-producing field in eastern India. Estimates say the basin contains reserves of over 240 million barrels of oil.

Bhattacharya's plea regarding the oilfield is significant at a time when the country is concerned about fuel supply disruption following the US-Iran conflict.

Although drilling at the site had started, it was stopped months



West Bengal BJP President Samik Bhattacharya with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.

before the Assembly elections because of local disputes. A source said that as the BJP had come to power in the state, the ONGC would have no issue executing its work.

"The Prime Minister has spoken about building a 'Sonar Bangla' (Golden Bengal). We have a vision and a specific plan for it. Nirmalaji is aware of how a path can be shown towards the economic recovery of the state, where in-

dustries have been virtually destroyed," said Bhattacharya, a Rajya Sabha member.

Bhattacharya's meeting with Sitharaman assumes significance after chief minister Suwendu Adhikari called on both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, along with other high-profile personalities, in Delhi on Thursday to discuss several issues and plans for

Bengal.

The state BJP chief claimed that Bengal would shine once again with joint efforts by the central government and its various departments.

"She (Sitharaman) believes that it is possible to overcome these conditions and restore Bengal from its present impoverished state. For that, she will do whatever is necessary. And together — the Prime Minister, the finance minister, the home minister, and all of us — we can undoubtedly take Bengal to a different and better place," he added.

Before the Assembly elections, the BJP had promised to offer a different Bengal with industries, jobs, and the overall development of the state through the efforts of a "double-engine" government. After coming to power, the BJP understood that Bengal's economic revival could be ensured only if the central government offered full-fledged support.

"The doubling of the monthly dole under Annapurna Yojana, compared to the existing Lakshmi Bhandar scheme, will impose an additional burden on the exchequer. The state government needs to open avenues for continuous recruitment to vacant government posts, besides setting up industries. Therefore, funds under different schemes from the Union government will play a pivotal role in the development of the state," said a source.

Bhattacharya also agreed that Bengal's exchequer was in poor shape and the state needed robust industrialisation to stand alongside other developed states.

"Over the past 50 years, the industry in Bengal has been virtually destroyed. Bengal has now turned into a state of migrants. The per capita income has fallen to one of the lowest levels. We have to come out of this situation. We must stand alongside Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu," he added.

RED FORT BLAST: NIA uncover AI-driven terror engineering

MI News Service, New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe into the Red Fort area car blast case in Delhi has found that a chargesheeted accused, linked to an offshoot of global terrorist outfit Al-Qaida, allegedly misused an artificial intelligence (AI) platform for "terror engineering", official sources said on Sunday.

They said the accused persons had also made rocket Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and tested them in the Qazigund forest in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The glaring findings are part of a voluminous 7,500-page chargesheet filed by the NIA on May 14 in connection with the high-intensity vehicle-borne IED blast that rocked the national capital on November 10 last year.

The chargesheet, submitted before a special NIA court here, details what officials described as a meticulous, "almost laboratory-grade" approach adopted by the accused pin the fabrication and use IEDs.

One of the charge-sheeted accused emerged as the "in-house engineer" of the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH) interim terror module, linked to Al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

AQIS and all its offshoots have been notified as terrorist organisations by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The accused, Jasir Bilal Wani, had stayed at the Al Falah University campus in Faridabad, Haryana, on two to three occasions during 2024-25 to provide "technical support" for the conspiracy, the chargesheet said.

The University's role came under the scrutiny of law enforcement agencies after the probe revealed that three doctors employed there were allegedly involved in the blast.

Jasir was introduced to Dr Umer un Nabi, another key accused and the driver of the explosive-laden car, by Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather. The explosion had resulted in the death of 11 people and left several others injured, according to the chargesheet.

The NIA findings state that Adeel was instrumental in supplying IED ingredients, including powdered sugar and potassium nitrate in the form of NPK fertiliser, to Jasir, while Dr Umer is said to have conducted research on improvised rocket IEDs and provided guidance.

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West Bengal State BJP President Samik Bhattacharya was present in a ceremony at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in Kolkata on Sunday where meritorious students were felicitated

Another setback for Trinamool! Kakoli resigns from the post of District President



MI News Service, North 24 Pargana: Trinamool suffered a crushing defeat in the recently concluded assembly elections. Trinamool lost most of the seats in North 24 Parganas, including Barasat and Barrackpore. In this situation, MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar resigned from the post of Barasat district president, blaming the IPAC for Trinamool's poor result without naming them. She mentioned this in a letter sent to the party's state president Subrata Bakshi. She also said that she resigned from the post of district president taking moral responsibility for the party's defeat in Barasat.

Kakoli complained at a press conference, "I did not appoint IPAC. But I have seen how all their young employees have behaved with full-time party workers like us, it is beyond words. I have been here as a public representative for 17 years. The doors of my office are open to the public, the office

is open 24 hours, there are people. All complaints and demands were submitted here. I have done a lot of work in the 7 assembly constituencies of my Lok Sabha constituency for so long. I had hoped that the people would be with us. But the results showed that the people did not accept it. There has been corruption at all levels in the party. However, I cannot accept the Trinamool's decline to 80."

It is worth to mention that Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar is a long-time Trinamool soldier. She has been seen on the streets with Mamata Banerjee at various times in the movement. Apart from being a three-time MP from Barasat, she has also held the posts of the President of the organizational district and the President of the Mahila Trinamool Congress. The Trinamool supremo gave her an important post in the Lok Sabha as well. That is, the Chief Whip. But after the party suffered a major setback in the recently concluded assembly elections, she was removed from that post. Another senior MP, Kalyan Banerjee, got the responsibility of the Chief Whip. Kakoli posted quite angrily on social media. She wrote, "I have received the reward for four decades of loyalty to the party."

Janajagruti Seba Pratisthana celebrated it's foundation day

MI News Service, South 24 Pargana : On the occasion of the Foundation Day of Janajagruti Seba Pratisthana, Dr. Lisha Panda, Founder Trustee of the trust, took a decisive step by adopting a small school set up in a remote village of West Bengal. Dr. Panda visited the school, named Maa Sarada Vidya Mandir, located in Shyamnagar village in the South 24 Pargana district, where she interacted with the teachers, students, and their guardians.

The school is run by a private group of individuals and caters to the educational needs of around 200 students studying in classes ranging from Nursery to Class 4.

To commemorate the occasion, volunteers of Janajagruti Seba Pratisthana



distributed school bags and food packets to the students of Maa Sarada Vidya Mandir. According to Dr. Lisha Panda, the trust will work gradually towards the infrastructural development of the school.

Awareness Camp Held in Junglemahal to Prevent Human-Elephant Conflict, Forest Department Asked to Be More Active

MI News Service, Kharagpur : A special awareness camp was organized in the Junglemahal region, including West Medinipur and Jhargram districts, to address the growing incidents of human-elephant conflict. Local villagers, forest department officials, public representatives, and members of various social organizations participated in the program. During the camp, people were advised to remain alert during elephant movements and follow essential safety measures. Legislators present at the event expressed concern over the increasing incidents of elephants entering villages, damaging crops, and causing loss of life and property. They said the forest department must work in a more active, responsible, and prompt manner to ensure the safety of local residents.

The legislators pointed out that in many cases, delayed information in rural



areas leads people to unknowingly get too close to elephants, resulting in accidents. They demanded that the forest department increase village-level announcements through loudspeakers, strengthen night patrolling, improve rapid alert systems, and deploy more personnel in affected areas. Forest officials stated that elephant movements are being continuously monitored and special surveillance teams have been activated in affected regions. Villagers were also urged not to gather in crowds to watch elephants,

not to provoke them, and to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the forest department. The awareness camp also provided important information to villagers regarding elephant behavior, maintaining a safe distance, taking precautions during nighttime, and immediately informing the forest department in case of emergencies. At the end of the program, all participants collectively pledged to work towards reducing human-elephant conflict and fulfilling their shared responsibility toward forest and wildlife conservation.

ED recovered gold worth Rs. 4 crore from a property of the Businessman Linked to Arrested Police Officer

MI News Service, Kolkata/ Murshidabad: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has recovered gold reportedly worth nearly Rs. 4 crore during searches at properties linked to a businessman said to be close to arrested Kolkata Police Special Branch Deputy Commissioner Shantanu Sinha Biswas, intensifying the widening financial probe surrounding the senior police officer. Sources within the investigation said the recovery was made during a recent raid at a residence on Marquis Street in Kolkata. Along with the gold, investigators also seized a "suspicious diary" believed to contain crucial financial records and transaction details now under forensic scrutiny. The searches form part of an aggressive ED crackdown launched after the arrest of Shantanu Sinha Biswas last Thursday in connection with the high-profile businessman Sona Pappu case.

Ration rice smuggling bid busted in Nadia, around 600 sacks seized

MI News Service, Nadia : A major alleged ration rice smuggling racket was unearthed in West Bengal's Nadia district on Sunday after alert local residents intercepted a truck loaded with suspected Public Distribution System (PDS) rice at Phulia under Shantipur police station limits. Police have detained two persons in connection with the incident, while officials seized nearly 600 sacks of rice from a warehouse in the area.

According to local sources, the incident took place at a warehouse near Phulia Station Road where labourers were allegedly loading rice sacks onto a truck. Residents grew suspicious after noticing that sacks bearing government ration stickers were reportedly being shifted inside the godown and repackaged into different bags before loading.

As suspicion mounted,



locals surrounded the vehicle and staged a protest, alleging that subsidised ration rice meant for beneficiaries was being diverted for illegal trade. The situation soon turned tense, prompting intervention by police from Shantipur police station.

Senior officials, including the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Shantipur block and food department authorities, rushed to the spot and

conducted a search operation inside the warehouse. Administrative sources said around 600 sacks of rice were recovered during the raid.

Police have so far detained two persons for questioning. Investigators suspect that the rice was being illegally transported outside the district for black-market sale. Local residents alleged that the consignment was meant to be smuggled to Birb-

hum district, though officials have not yet confirmed the claim.

Sources in the administration said the owner of the warehouse is currently absconding. Police have launched a search operation to trace him and identify others allegedly involved in the network. Authorities are also examining the origin of the seized rice and whether it was siphoned off from the public distribution system.

The incident triggered sharp political reactions in the area, with several BJP leaders reaching the spot and demanding a thorough investigation into the alleged racket.

Though tension prevailed in the locality for some time, police later brought the situation under control. A detailed investigation is now underway to uncover the larger supply chain behind the alleged diversion of ration materials.

"Democracy has returned to Falta": Debangshu Panda



a crematorium to selling fish. There was also a debate about the change of venue. As soon as the results of the election were clear, he reminded Abhishek Banerjee of that and targeted him. No, BJP candidate Debangshu Panda did not take the path of attack. Abhishek had said, 'I will hold your neck and sell your head.' Debangshu replied, "I am educated. I will not

speak the language like him. I am saying come, let's eat fish and rice."

This is not the end. Debangshu further said about the results, "Democracy has returned to Falta. Falta will no longer be a show-off. There will be no oppression of mothers and sisters. People could not vote for 10-15 years. This time everyone voted fearlessly. That is why the Diamond Harbour model has been shattered." Debangshu said, "Trinamool is over. There will be no more Trinamool. Jahangir Khan is also over. After that, action will definitely be taken against him according to the law." After the victory, he also assured the people of Falta of employment. It is worth noting that the deposit of the Trinamool candidate was confiscated in Falta.

Horrific Road Accident in Salboni Injures 8 Including Child, MLA Biman Mahato Ensures Immediate Treatment

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Panic spread in the Bhangabadh area under Salboni block of West Medinipur district after a tragic road accident took place. A head-on collision occurred between a Maruti car and a Toto (e-rickshaw) on the Salboni-Sijua road. The impact of the crash was so severe that the Toto was completely mangled, triggering chaos and cries for help at the spot. A total of eight people, including a small child, were injured in the accident. According to reports, all the injured are residents of the Salboni area, and the condition of three persons is said to be critical. Eyewitnesses said that soon after the collision, local residents rushed to the spot and began rescuing the injured passengers from the damaged vehicles. Coincidentally, Salboni MLA Biman Mahato was returning from a program through the same route at that time. Seeing the accident, he immediately stopped his convoy and personally joined the rescue efforts without delay. The MLA promptly informed the police administration, following which police personnel reached the scene. With the help of local residents, all the injured were shifted to Salboni Super Speciality Hospital in police vehicles. After reaching the hospital, MLA Biman Mahato was seen personally mon-



itoring the treatment arrangements. He spoke with doctors and hospital authorities and instructed them to ensure that there was no negligence in the treatment of the injured patients. Speaking to reporters, Biman Mahato said that he noticed the accident while returning after attending a program. He immediately informed the officer-in-charge of the local police station and ensured that the injured were taken to the hospital without delay. He further stated that strict action would be taken against anyone found negligent in providing medical treatment to the injured. Following the incident, concern has spread across the area. Local residents have demanded stronger traffic management and improved road safety measures from the administration in view of the increasing number of road accidents in the region.

Extortion on behalf of Trinamool MLA! Policeman arrested in Howrah

MI News Service, Howrah: Allegations of extortion on behalf of Trinamool MLA! Now a policeman himself has been arrested! The sensational incident took place in Sankrail, Howrah. The name of the arrested person is Shahin Mollah alias Sunny. He was currently in the home guard at Shibpur police lines. The incident

has created a sensation in the area. The police are in action mode after the change of government in the state. Chief Minister Shuvendu Adhikari has given the message that Trinamool leaders involved in post-poll violence and corruption will not be spared. Trinamool leaders and councilors are being ar-

rested in various places. Now a policeman has been added to that list.

It is learnt that Sahin Molla alias Sunny is a resident of Raghudevhati Chowk Srikrishna area of Sankrail. Initially, he was working at the Manikpur outpost. Later, he was sent to the Home Guard at Shibpur Police Lines.

Two Killed in Lightning Strikes Amid Severe Storm in Nadia's Nakashipara

MI News Service, Nadia : A woman was among two persons killed in separate lightning strike incidents during a severe thunderstorm that swept across parts of Nadia district on Saturday afternoon. The tragic incidents took place in Nakashipara, casting a pall of gloom over the area.

The deceased were identified as Tapan Pramanik (50), a resident of Gobipur, and Unnati Sarkar (32) of Durgapur area. According to local sources, heavy rain and thunderstorms lashed several parts of south Bengal following weather forecasts issued earlier in the day. During the storm, Tapan Pramanik was reportedly working in a jute field when lightning struck the area, leaving him critically injured. Locals rushed him to Bethuadahari State General Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

In another incident, Unnati Sarkar was inside her house carrying out household chores when lightning



struck a coconut tree near her residence. She sustained severe injuries in the impact. Family members immediately took her to the same hospital, but doctors could not save her.

Hospital sources stated that both victims had died before being brought to the medical facility. The back-to-back deaths have triggered concern among residents as incidents of lightning strikes continue to rise with the onset of pre-monsoon storms across the region. Local residents alleged that lightning-related fatalities have become increasingly frequent during the changing weather conditions. Authorities have urged people to avoid open fields, water bodies and tall trees during thunderstorms and to remain indoors during severe weather conditions.

Blood donation camp at CIT Park



MI News Service, Kolkata : A blood donation camp was successfully organised at CIT Park under Entally Constituency on May 24, 2026, by Adv. Dilip Ram, State Co-Convenor of the BJP Health Cell, inspired by Hon.ble C.M, Mr. Suvendu Adhikari, in the presence of BJP General Secretary Dr. Biswapriya Roy Chowdhury, and BJP leaders Imran Naqbi (Bihar), Santosh Pathak, Adv. Priyanka Tibrewal, and Md. Mukhtar, President of BJP Minority Cell, along with other ministers, party leaders, social and political activist Mr. Khwaja Khairuddin, and human rights & RTI activist Sk. Nazrul Haque. Adv. Dilip Ram, a dedicated advocate and social activist apart from being a BJP leader, was lauded for his countless contributions to society, with residents of the Entally Assembly constituency stating they would not forget the contributions of Adv. Dilip Ram and Adv. Priyanka Tibrewal towards the welfare of the people. A traditional Bengali lunch of fish and rice was also arranged for approximately 1,000 people, and the camp saw enthusiastic participation from local residents and party workers, making the initiative a success.

Relief Materials Recovered from Trinamool Office in Garbeta, Public Anger Erupts

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Tension and anger spread across the Garbeta area of West Medinipur district after a large quantity of relief materials was reportedly recovered from a party office of the All India Trinamool Congress. According to reports, tarpaulins and blankets meant for relief distribution were found stored inside the office, leading to serious allegations from local residents. Locals alleged that the relief materials, which had recently arrived for needy and affected families, were never distributed among the poor. Residents claimed that instead of reaching the intended beneficiaries, the materials were being kept hidden inside the



party office under the guise of administrative and relief arrangements. After the incident came to light, strong resentment spread in the area, and a large number of people gathered at the spot in protest. Villagers further alleged that many affected families are still deprived of essential

assistance such as tarpaulins and blankets, while relief materials were found stocked inside the party office. They demanded a fair investigation and strict action against those responsible. Upon receiving information about the incident, police reached the location and began an

investigation. Authorities are trying to determine how the relief materials reached the office and whether they were stored there for distribution purposes or for some other reason.

The incident has also intensified the political atmosphere in the region. Opposition parties have targeted the All India Trinamool Congress, accusing it of politicizing relief materials meant for the poor. However, no official statement has yet been issued by the Trinamool Congress regarding the matter. At present, police are continuing their investigation, while local residents are closely watching for administrative action in the case.

"I want Bikash-da to lose"— Comrade Shatarup fires a broadside at the Leftist lawyer over his handling of the Devraj-Aditi case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Why did Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya—a veteran lawyer and Leftist leader known for championing the fight against corruption—agree to represent Devraj Chakraborty and Aditi Munshi in court? He is currently facing a barrage of verbal attacks over this decision. Even members and activists within his own party are spewing vitriol against him. Leftist leader Shatarup Ghosh publicly declared, "I hope Bikash-da loses this case." Bikash, however, continues to offer arguments in defense of his actions, asserting that those fueling this controversy are simply misguided.

A few days ago, rumors circulated that Devraj Chakraborty—a Trinamool leader and the husband of a former MLA—had been arrested. It was subsequently revealed, however, that these reports were baseless. Following this incident, Devraj and Aditi, accompanied by his wife, approached the Cal-



cutta High Court. Fearing they might be arrested on charges of possessing assets disproportionate to their income, they filed a petition for anticipatory bail. It was Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya—the Leftist leader and veteran lawyer—who argued their case in court. This move has sparked widespread controversy. The question on everyone's lips is: how could a lawyer who has consistently advocated

against corruption now choose to represent those accused of it? A faction within the Leftist camp has even alleged that he has sacrificed his principles and moral integrity for the sake of money.

Leftist leader Shatarup has spoken out regarding this matter. While he stopped short of directly opposing the party's veteran leader, he stated, "I want Bikash-da to lose." He fur-

ther added, "In the past, Bikash Bhattacharya has even fought cases on behalf of Arjun Singh. It is true, however, that questions have now been raised regarding his handling of this particular case. Only Bikash Bhattacharya can address this issue; indeed, he has already articulated his stance on the matter. Now, if the party deems it necessary to provide a response to this issue, the leadership will deliberate on it and issue a statement. However, it must be remembered that Partha Chatterjee and his associates once served jail time in cases litigated by Bikash Bhattacharya." Yet, no matter how many arguments he marshals in the leader's defense, Shatarup has made it clear that, personally, he does not view the matter favorably. This stands in contrast to Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, who has repeatedly asserted that he simply cannot comprehend why his handling of the case has sparked such controversy.

Bengal Weather Set for Major Turnaround After 48 Hours

MI News Service, Kolkata: After days of relentless heat and suffocating humidity, the weather pattern across West Bengal is expected to undergo a significant shift later this week, with the Meteorological Department forecasting a fresh spell of rain, thunderstorms and Kalbaisakhi activity across large parts of the state beginning Wednesday.

Even as South Bengal continues to reel under oppressive overnight temperatures and severe discomfort, weather officials have indicated that conditions may gradually change with moisture-laden systems triggering widespread atmospheric instability over the region. Kolkata recorded a minimum temperature of 29.9 degrees Celsius, underlining the intensity of the ongoing humid spell. Several districts across South Bengal endured another night of extreme discomfort, with high moisture content in the air sharply pushing up the "feel-like" temperature despite intermittent cloud cover. The Met office has issued a yellow alert for South Bengal from Thursday through Friday, warning of thunderstorms, gusty winds, lightning and scattered rainfall in multiple districts. Officials said temperatures are likely to dip by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius after Tuesday, although humidity levels will continue to remain dangerously high. According to the forecast, sporadic rain activity may begin from Wednesday before intensifying into a broader thunderstorm pattern later in the week. Kalbaisakhi conditions are expected to develop across almost all districts, including Kolkata, between Thursday and Saturday. Isolated hailstorms cannot be ruled out, officials warned. Districts likely to witness stronger thunderstorm activity include Nadia, Murshidabad, Birbhum, Purulia, Bankura, East and West Burdwan, East and West Medinipur, and Jhargram. These regions are also expected to face severe heat stress and humidity-related discomfort until the rain system strengthens. Meanwhile, North Bengal remains under the grip of intense rainfall activity. The Meteorological Department has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall across several northern districts, with scattered downpours expected to continue till Wednesday.

Holding Centres Ready as Bengal Tightens Crackdown on Infiltration

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is preparing to establish a network of high-security holding centres across multiple districts as authorities intensify efforts to identify, detain and deport alleged illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators under a fresh enforcement framework now being implemented across the state. The move comes amid renewed administrative action following directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on February 2, 2025, concerning the detection, detention and deportation of illegal foreign nationals.

According to senior administrative sources, the state government has begun operationalising a large-scale verification and deportation mechanism in coordination with district administrations, police units and intelligence agencies. Officials stated that individuals identified as Bangladeshi or Rohingya infiltrators who allegedly entered India after December 31, 2024, would be housed in specially designated holding centres pending verification and deportation proceedings. Foreign nationals released from correctional facilities are also expected to be transferred

to these centres before further legal action. Authorities clarified that the proposed facilities are being described as "holding centres" rather than formal detention camps. However, movement within the premises will remain strictly regulated, and those lodged there will not have unrestricted freedom outside the facility. Administrative sources indicated that temporary holding units may be established in unused government infrastructure, including vacant school buildings, farmers' mandis and other state-owned properties across different districts. Security arrangements and surveillance systems are expected to remain under strict administrative supervision. Under the new protocol, biometric information of suspected infiltrators, including fingerprints and facial recognition data, will be collected immediately after detention. The details will then be uploaded to the Foreigners Identification Portal (FIP) maintained by the Union Home Ministry. The guidelines also require the formation of Special Task Forces in every district to coordinate identification, verification and deportation operations. Multiple agencies

are expected to work jointly during the process to ensure faster implementation.

In cases where detained individuals claim Indian citizenship, the matter will be referred to the relevant district or state authorities for verification. Officials have been instructed to complete the verification process within 30 days, during which the individual will remain under supervision inside the holding centre. Authorities further stated that once a person is officially declared an illegal foreign national, their details will be centrally recorded and blacklisted to prevent future entry into India. The information may also be shared with agencies such as UIDAI, the Election Commission of India and passport authorities for cancellation of identity documents and government benefits where applicable. The state government will initially bear the transportation and logistical costs linked to deportation procedures, though reimbursement is expected from the Centre later. The development marks one of the most extensive administrative exercises undertaken in Bengal in recent years concerning illegal infiltration and border enforcement.

Skechers X Mohun Bagan Super Giant Celebrate Football Fandom With "Live Like a Mariner" Experience



MI News Service, Kolkata: Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG), in association with Skechers, The Comfort Technology Company introduced a unique fan engagement initiative titled "Live Like a Mariner." Celebrating India's rich football legacy and the deep-rooted fan culture of West Bengal, the activation was designed to

bring fans closer to the game through immersive, once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

As part of the initiative, Skechers hosted an on-ground fan activation at a prominent mall in Kolkata, drawing participation from football enthusiasts across different parts of the state. The engagement featured a series of interactive and skill-based activities designed to celebrate participants' abilities, passion, and connection with the sport. Through the activation, select fans were given the opportunity to be a "Mariner for a Day" - a first-of-its-kind initiative that offered an inside look into the world of professional football.

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RED FORT BLAST: NIA uncover AI-driven terror engineering

Continued from Pg 1: The chargesheet brings on records that Jasir had turned to YouTube and ChatGPT, searching for "how to make a rocket and in what proportion should the mixture be", highlighting the alleged misuse of digital and AI platforms for terror engineering.

Jasir allegedly prepared rocket IEDs and tested them in the Qazigund forest along with Dr Umer, Dr Muzammil Shaheel, and other co-accused, the chargesheet mentions.

Remnants of the devices were recovered from deep inside the forest by NIA teams during extensive field investigations based on disclosures made by Jasir.

According to the chargesheet, Dr Umer, seeing the potential in Jasir, also provided him two drones (UAVs) with instructions to improve their flying range and payload capacity, the NIA probe

reveals. He had planned to weaponise the drones by fitting them with explosives to carry out attacks on security installations in Kashmir and other parts of the country, it said.

In another instance, the group tested a cylinder-based IED in the Youshmurg forest near Matan in Anantnag, involving Dr Umer, Jasir, Dr Muzammil, and Dr Adeel, the chargesheet states.

The remnants of these tests were later seized by NIA teams from the locations at the instance of Dr Adeel.

In a controlled simulation conducted by the NIA as part of an investigation, Jasir demonstrated his ability to fabricate functional rocket IEDs using commercially available materials before a bomb detection and disposal squad expert team, sources said.

The most chilling forensic finding relates to the trigger

mechanism of the vehicle-borne IED used by Dr Umer, they said.

Between December 2023 and January 2024, Jasir allegedly placed orders through his Flipkart account for various components used in trigger mechanisms, including a sensor-inductive proximity switch, a heat gun, a piezo plate, a remote control relay-switch RF (radio frequency) transmitter and receiver kit, a flameless rechargeable pocket lighter, a soldering kit, and an LED electronic kit, according to the NIA chargesheet.

The procurement was funded by Dr Umer, with Jasir receiving the items through cash-on-delivery orders, it said.

These components were later assembled and handed over by Jasir to Dr Umer for use in making IEDs.

Eventually, Dr Umer used the trigger mechanism to detonate

the VB-IED, leading to the blast near the Red Fort area, the chargesheet said.

The NIA found that the accused had also fabricated and tested various types of IEDs. The explosive used in the blast was Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP), which was clandestinely manufactured after procuring constituent ingredients and conducting experiments to perfect the explosive mixture.

Earlier, the Srinagar police had busted the blast-linked "doctor" or "white-collar" module involving medical professionals.

A wider "jihadi conspiracy" was later exposed through a detailed scientific and forensic investigation as the accused, some of whom were radicalised medical professionals, were found to be inspired by AQIS/AGuH ideology to carry out the deadly attack, the NIA chargesheet said.

Major Demolition Drive Targets High-Profile Illegal Structures in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: A sweeping demolition drive targeting alleged illegal constructions gathered massive momentum across Kolkata on Sunday as civic authorities, backed by heavy police deployment and central forces, launched coordinated bulldozer operations in multiple high-profile locations including Tiljala, Belegghata, Kasba, Ballygunge, Ultadanga and Behala.

The aggressive enforcement campaign, described by officials as one of the city's largest anti-illegal construction operations in recent years, focused on structures allegedly linked to individuals accused of criminal activities, land-related irregularities and unlawful real-estate expansion. Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Paul personally supervised portions of the demolition drive in Kasba's Bosep-

ukur area, where excavators and heavy machinery were deployed to raze allegedly unauthorised multi-storey structures. Among the properties targeted were constructions allegedly linked to controversial figures including Sona Pappu and Raju Naskar. In Tiljala, civic teams demolished portions of a structure allegedly associated with Faiyaz Khan, son of MLA Javed Khan. Simultaneously, demolition operations were carried out against a multi-storey building in Ballygunge allegedly connected to Sona Pappu. Speaking during the operation, Minister Agnimitra Paul declared that at least six identified illegal structures across the city would face demolition as part of the ongoing crackdown. "Sona Pappu is a notorious criminal. Illegal structures linked to him and Raju Naskar are being demolished.



Two structures associated with MLA Javed Khan and his son have also been identified for action," the minister said. She further warned that the crackdown would not stop at demolition alone. According to her, authorities would also initiate action against those involved in financing, constructing and facilitating such alleged illegal projects. "Action will be taken not only against those who built these structures but also against those who enabled and funded them," she said, while also questioning how such constructions allegedly continued

unchecked over several years. The city witnessed an extraordinary security arrangement throughout the day as bulldozers moved into densely populated neighbourhoods under tight protection. Large contingents of police personnel and central forces were stationed at demolition sites to prevent unrest and maintain order during the operations. Officials indicated that the crackdown forms part of a broader policy of strict enforcement against unauthorised construction, illegal urban expansion and alleged criminal-backed real-estate activity in Kolkata and adjoining districts. The scale and intensity of Sunday's operation have already triggered major political and administrative reactions, with the demolition campaign emerging as one of the most high-profile civic enforcement actions currently unfolding in the state.

WBJEE 2026 Begins on Sunday With Record Security Across Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is set to witness one of its largest competitive examination exercises on Sunday as more than 1.20 lakh candidates prepare to appear for WBJEE 2026 across 264 examination centres under extensive security and monitoring arrangements. According to official figures released by the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board, a total of 1,20,856 candidates will sit for the state's premier engineering entrance examination, which serves as the gateway to leading engineering and technological institutions across the state.

The examination schedule has been divided into two sessions, with the mathematics paper to be held from 11 am to 1 pm, followed by physics and chemistry from 2 pm to 4 pm after a one-hour break. Authorities expect heavy movement of students and guardians throughout the day and have made elaborate logistical arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of the examination.

A major highlight of WBJEE 2026 is the introduction of carbon copies of OMR answer sheets for candidates, marking a significant procedural reform in the history of the state joint entrance examination system. Under the new arrangement, one copy of the OMR sheet will be retained for official evaluation while the duplicate carbon copy will remain with the examinee for future reference. Officials stated that the initiative has been introduced to enhance transparency and strengthen trust in the evaluation process amid growing public scrutiny over competitive examinations and recruitment systems. The examination will be conducted under strict surveillance with stringent security measures enforced across all centres. Candidates are being screened with metal detectors before entry, while electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, smart watches and other communication devices have been completely prohibited inside examination venues. Students have also been instructed to report at least one-and-a-half hours before the examination to facilitate security checks and avoid last-minute congestion. Only transparent water bottles and essential admit-card-related documents are being allowed inside the centres. To ensure fairness and prevent malpractice, the Joint Entrance Board has appointed special observers to monitor proceedings and supervise compliance with examination guidelines.

Oil Industry Maintains Seamless Supply of Petroleum Products Despite Global Headwinds

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Oil Industry assures all consumers that availability of essential petroleum products—Petrol, Diesel, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)—remains normal and uninterrupted across all consumer touchpoints. The overall supply position continues to be stable and adequate, with no shortages reported in major cities or rural areas. This is despite the severe disruption globally due to crisis in West Asia.

IndianOil, BPCL and HPCL

are maintaining sufficient stock of fuel and are supplying customers without any issues. The stocks are being monitored on industry basis and are being replenished without any issue.

LPG supplies to domestic consumers are being prioritized and remain normal across the state. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure uninterrupted delivery to all consumers.

The Oil Industry is maintaining close coordination on logistics, stock movement, and

retail operations to ensure seamless availability of products. The public is requested to remain assured about consistent service and continue with normal consumption patterns.

We further reassure citizens that there is no cause for concern and sincerely appeals to consumers to avoid panic buying. The public is also advised to rely only on official communications from Oil Marketing Companies for accurate and verified information regarding fuel availability.

Midnight File Movement Row Rocks Kolkata Municipal Corporation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fresh controversy has erupted inside the Kolkata Municipal Corporation after serious allegations surfaced regarding the alleged clandestine movement of sensitive civic documents from the corporation's Treasury Building during nighttime hours. The allegations have intensified political tension within the civic body, which is already under scrutiny over issues related to illegal construction approvals and administrative functioning. The explosive charge was raised by Ward No. 45 councillor Santosh Pathak, who alleged that crucial files connected to irregularities and controversial construction approvals were being shifted in a coordinated manner from different municipal departments. According to Pathak, he had been receiving information for several days about suspicious movement of files and documents stored inside bags within the Treasury Building premises. Fearing possible tampering, destruction or disappearance of important records, he reportedly lodged a verbal complaint with

Municipal Secretary Kishore Kumar Biswas and demanded stronger night security arrangements at the corporation headquarters.

Following the complaint, Pathak, accompanied by the municipal secretary, carried out an inspection of the Treasury Building amid growing concern over the alleged transfer of records. The councillor claimed that several municipal employees and insiders had alerted him about attempts to secretly relocate files allegedly linked to controversial civic approvals and construction-related clearances granted over previous years. He further alleged that documents from multiple departments were being shifted internally and that plans existed to remove certain records from the premises during the night. The allegations have deepened the atmosphere of unrest within the civic administration. The corporation has recently witnessed internal friction and controversy, including tensions surrounding the abrupt cancellation of a scheduled municipal session

that led to sharp exchanges in political and administrative circles. Pathak alleged that hundreds of building plans may have been approved irregularly before the elections and hinted that records connected to those approvals could now be at risk. He also questioned why additional surveillance and security mechanisms had not been introduced despite the sensitive nature of the files stored inside the corporation headquarters. Municipal authorities have so far not issued any formal statement responding to the allegations. However, the controversy has intensified demands for tighter monitoring of civic records, preservation of official documents and an independent inquiry into municipal files linked to construction approvals and civic clearances. The incident has once again placed the functioning of Kolkata's civic administration under the spotlight, fuelling fresh political debate over allegations of irregularities, missing records and internal disorder within the city's highest municipal institution.

Kasba Demolition Drive Intensifies as Illegal Floors Face Bulldozer Action



A building developed by Sona Pappu at 142 B.B. Chatterjee Road in Kasba is being demolished by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) on Sunday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: A large-scale demolition drive targeting alleged illegal constructions intensified in the Kasba area of Kolkata on Sunday, as bulldozers and heavy machinery tore through unauthorised portions of multi-storey buildings under tight security arrangements. The operation formed part of a wider civic crackdown against illegal construction activities across the city and adjoining areas, including Tiljala and Belegghata, where authorities have launched aggressive enforcement measures against structures allegedly violating

sanctioned building plans and municipal regulations.

Officials supervising the operation stated that the demolition would be carried out in phases to ensure structural safety and systematic removal of unauthorised portions. According to civic authorities, upper floors and illegally added sections were being dismantled first, after which partitioned areas and remaining extensions would also be demolished. Engineers and enforcement officials closely monitored the process while excavators and earthmovers operated continuously throughout the day.

The demolition drive attracted major public and political attention after Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Pal personally visited the site and reviewed the ongoing operation. Accompanied by municipal engineers, enforcement officials and senior police officers, the minister inspected the disputed structure and assessed the progress of the demolition. Large sections of the building were gradually reduced to rubble as authorities continued the operation under heavy security cover. Civic officials maintained that the demolition was being executed after following due ad-

Name Change
I, Ashoke Kumar Mondal (Old Name) S/o Kalkinkar Mondal Residing at 122 Rabindra Nath Tagore Road, South Dumdum, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700077, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashoke Kumar Mondal (Old Name) to Ashok Mondal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ashok Mondal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Ashok Mondal (New Name) and Ashoke Kumar Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rakesh Chandulal Pandya (old name), son of Late Chandulal Pandya resident of 16-1, Tower-2/375, Prince Anwar Shah Road, Ps-Jadavpur, Kolkata, Pin- 700068, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rakesh Chandulal Pandya (old name) to Rakesh Pandya (new name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rakesh Pandya (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 22/05/2026. Rakesh Pandya (new name) and Rakesh Chandulal Pandya (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabir Hossain (old name), S/o Md Rafiq, residing at 60/H/1, Dr. Sudhir Bose Road, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sabir Hossain (Old Name) to Md Sabir Hossain (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Sabir Hossain (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Md Sabir Hossain (New Name) and Sabir Hossain (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sakil Mollick (Old Name), Son Of Isa Mallick, Resident Of Vill-Sapkhali, Po & Ps-Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas-743503, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sakil Mollick (Old Name) To Sakil Mallick (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sakil Mallick (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 22 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2026.Sakil Mallick (New Name) And Sakil Mollick (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rizia Mondal (Old Name), Wife Of Late Solaيمان Mondal, Resident Of Vill-Uttar Chandpur, Po-Makhal Gachha, Ps-Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas-743422, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rizia Mondal (Old Name) To Rijia Bibi (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Rijia Bibi (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 10 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/05/2026. Rijia Bibi(New Name) And Rizia Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Ashim Mondal S/O Late Kartick Chandrup Mondal, residing at 193/5 Thakurpura Road, Kol- 700063 declare that Ashim Kr. Mondal and Ashim Mondal both are same and identical person, Ashim Mondal is the correct name (As per Aadhaar, Pan), declared by 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, WB, affidavit no. 42295 dated 13/05/26.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Aji (Old Name) S/o Sk Sekender Residing at Vill - Baranga, Po - Depal, Ps - Ramnagar, District - East Medinipur Pin - 721453, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shaikh Aji (Old Name) to Sk Aji (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Aji (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Sk Aji (New Name) and Shaikh Aji (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabenur Begam (old name), W/o Md Yousuf Khan, residing at 4, Ibrahim Road, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sabenur Begam (Old Name) to Md Yousuf Khan (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Yousuf Khan (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Md Yousuf Khan (New Name) and Sabenur Begam (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruma Bandyopadhyay (Old Name), Daughter Of Raj Krishna Banerjee, Resident Of 369/1, Kalitla Purbachal Road, Avishikta, Phase-1, Flat-2c,803, P.O-Haltu, Kolkata-700078, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Ruma Bandyopadhyay (Old Name) To Ruma Banerjee(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ruma Banerjee (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 19 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2026. Ruma Banerjee (New Name) And Ruma Bandyopadhyay (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, MONIRA BEGAM (old name) D/O-SEKH MOHAMMAD HOSSAIN, W/O- MOLLA MAHE ALAM, residing at VILL- RAJHAT, P.O- RAJHATI BANDAR, PS-KHANAKUL, DIST-HOOGHLY, 712417, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MONIRA BEGAM (Old Name) to MANIRA BEGAM (New Name) and henceforth shall be known as MANIRA BEGAM (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 22/05/2026. MANIRA BEGAM (new name) and MONIRA BEGAM (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAFAR SK S/O- BELU SK Residing at, - Vill- Raigram, Post-Raigram, Ps- Salar, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 724201, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAFAR SK To BADREDOZA (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) BADREDOZA in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2262 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, BADREDOZA and JAFAR SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Sujaul (Old Name) S/o Sk Aji Residing at Vill - Baranga, Po - Depal, Ps - Ramnagar, District - East Medinipur Pin - 721453, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shaikh Sujaul (Old Name) to Sk Sujaul (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sk Sujaul (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Sk Sujaul (New Name) and Shaikh Sujaul (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Yousuf (old name), S/o Md Yunus, residing at 4, Ibrahim Road, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Md Yousuf (Old Name) to Md Yousuf Khan (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Yousuf Khan (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Md Yousuf Khan (New Name) and Md Yousuf (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jigria Sekh (old name) S/o Golum Rasul Sekh, resident of Vill- Mirpur, P.O.- Chak Enayetnagar, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jigria Sekh (Old Name) to Jigriya Sekh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Jigriya Sekh (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Jigriya Sekh (New Name) and Jigria Sekh (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sneha Sharma (old name), D/o Vijay K. Sharma, by faith Hindu, residing at BC-113 Salt Lake, Block-BC, Siddhanganagar North, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700064, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sneha Sharma (Old Name) to Samyaa Ali (New Name) W/o Mir Shakir Ali, by faith Islam, and henceforth I shall be known as Samyaa Ali (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 18/08/2006. Samyaa Ali (New Name) and Sneha Sharma (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) FATEMA BIBI W/o- SK ALAMIN Residing at, - Vill- Choto Sujapur, Post- Choto Sujapur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from FATEMA BIBI To MST FATEMA BIBI (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) MST FATEMA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2261 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MST FATEMA BIBI and FATEMA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Soumen Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Mrigendra Nath Ghosh Residing at Fider Road, Shaktigarh, Po- Shyamnagar, Ps- Basudevpur, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743127, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Soumen Ghosh (Old Name) to Somen Ghosh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Somen Ghosh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Somen Ghosh (New Name) and Soumen Ghosh (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Krishna Paul (Old Name), Wife Of Sunil Chandra Paul, Resident Of 49, Arunachal East, Panihati (M), P.O.- Sodepur, P.S.- Khardah, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700110, Do Herely Declare That I Have Change My Name From Krishna Paul (Old Name) To Krishnarani Paul (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Krishnarani Paul (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 27 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Krishnarani Paul (New Name) And Krishna Paul (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sushmita Kundu Das (old name), W/o Soumik Das, residing at 1/1, Ramkrishna Ghosh Road, P.O.- Sinthi, Ps.- Baranagar, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700050, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sushmita Kundu Das (Old Name) to Sushmita Das (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sushmita Das (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Sushmita Das (New Name) and Sushmita Kundu Das (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Syed Mohammad Zaynuddin (old name), S/o Syed Mohammad Belaluddin, residing at 9C, Tiljala Lane, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Syed Mohammad Zaynuddin (Old Name) to Syed Mohd Zaynuddin (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Syed Mohd Zaynuddin (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Syed Mohd Zaynuddin (New Name) and Syed Mohammad Zaynuddin (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SEKH ALAMIN S/o- SAJ-JAT SEKH Residing at, - Vill- Choto Sujapur, Post- Choto Sujapur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SEKH ALAMIN To SK ALAMIN (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) SK ALAMIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2260 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SK ALAMIN and SEKH ALAMIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Asmaul Husna D/O Late Iyakub Sardar Residing at Rajipur, Taki Municipality Ward 12, Po+Ps - Hasnabad, District- West Bengal, Pin - 743426, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my deceased father name from Yakub Ali Sardar (Old Name) to Iyakub Sardar (New Name) and henceforth he shall be known as Iyakub Sardar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Yakub Ali Sardar (Old Name) and Iyakub Sardar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunil Paul (Old Name), Son Of Late Umesh Chandra Paul, Resident Of 49, Arunachal East, Panihati (M), P.O.- Sodepur, P.S.- Khardah, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700110, Do Herely Declare That I Have Change My Name From Sunil Paul (Old Name) To Sunil Chandra Paul (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sunil Chandra Paul (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 26 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Sunil Chandra Paul (New Name) And Sunil Paul (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sathi Roy (old name) W/o Palash Roy, residing at Subhash Nagar, P.O.- Rabindranagar, Hooghly, 712103, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sathi Roy (Old Name) to Promila Roy Sathi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Promila Roy Sathi (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Promila Roy Sathi (New Name) and Sathi Roy (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ananya Ganguly Banerjee (old name) W/o Subhashish Ganguly, resident of Flat No. 5E, Fifth Floor, Plot AE-04, Street No-0077, Action Area-I, New Town, P.O.- New Town, Pin-700163, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ananya Ganguly Banerjee (Old Name) to Ananya Ganguly (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ananya Ganguly (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit (No. 16) sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Ananya Ganguly (New Name) and Ananya Ganguly Banerjee (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN S/o- MD JARIJSH ALI Residing at, - Vill- Samsi Hospital Road, Post- Samsi, Ps- Ratua, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732139, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN To MD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2259 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN and MOHAMMAD MOHIDUR RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shampa Navin Padvi (Old Name) W/o Nabin Parui Residing at Vill+Po - Manasatala Dafarpur, Ps- Domjur, District- Howrah, Pin- 711405, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shampa Navin Padvi (Old Name) to Sampa Parui (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sampa Parui (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Sampa Parui (New Name) and Shampa Navin Padvi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanat De & Sanat Kr Dey (Old Name), Son Of Raddyashyam Dey, Resident Of Manikpur Nathpara, Po-Harinavi, South 24 parganas-700148, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sanat De & Sanat Kr Dey (Old Name) To Sanat Kumar Dey (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sanat Kumar Dey (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Sanat Kumar Dey(New Name) And Sanat De & Sanat Kr Dey (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Azharuddin Mohammed (old name) S/o Farid Alam, resident of Hussain Agar, Bumpur, Bardhaman, Pin- 713325, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Azharuddin Mohammed (Old Name) to Md Azharuddin (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Azharuddin (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 30 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Md Azharuddin (New Name) and Azharuddin Mohammed (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Serajuddin (old name) S/O Md Nizamuddin Resident of 131, Collin Street, P.O.- Park Street, P.S.- New Market, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Serajuddin (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Executive Magistrate at Howrah, vide an affidavit No. 6516 dated 21/05/2026. Mohammed Serajuddin (new name) and Md Serajuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MIR MOJAMMEL HAQUE S/O- MIR MAJUIR RAHAMAN Residing at, - Vill- Maslandapur uttarpara, Post- Sadarpur, Ps- Harischandrapur, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732123, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MIR MOJAMMEL HAQUE To MIR MOJAMMEL HOQUE (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) MIR MOJAMMEL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2258 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MIR MOJAMMEL HOQUE and MIR MOJAMMEL HAQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Navin Sahadeo Padvi, Navin Parui (Old Name) S/o Sahadeb Parui Residing at Vill+Po - Manasatala Dafarpur, Ps- Domjur, District- Howrah, Pin- 711405, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Navin Sahadeo Padvi, Navin Parui (Old Name) to Nabin Parui (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Nabin Parui (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Nabin Parui (New Name) and Navin Sahadeo Padvi, Navin Parui (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Gouri Sankar Gupta (Old Name), Son Of Late Mohan Lal Gupta, Resident Of 21, Baptist Burial Ground, Howrah, P.O.- Salkia, P.S.- Golabari, Dist- Howrah, Pin- 711106, Do Herely Declare That I Have Change My Name From Gouri Sankar Gupta (Old Name) To Gouri Shankar Gupta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Gouri Shankar Gupta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No.14094, Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Howrah On 23/04/2026. Gouri Shankar Gupta (New Name) And Gouri Sankar Gupta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, AMIYA KUMAR KHAN (old name) S/O GOURIHARI KHAN, resident of Palasan, Palasan, Bardhaman, Pin- 713424, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from AMIYA KUMAR KHAN (Old Name) to AMIYA KHAN (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as AMIYA KHAN (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 29 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. AMIYA KHAN (New Name) and AMIYA KUMAR KHAN (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sayoni Sarkar (old name) W/O Ankit Gupta Resident of 53, Christopher Road, P.O.- Gobinda Khatik Road, P.S.- Tangra, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sayoni Sarkar Gupta (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Executive Magistrate at Howrah, vide an affidavit No. 6525 dated 21/05/2026. Sayoni Sarkar Gupta (new name) and Sayoni Sarkar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RAKIA W/o- AJAD ALI Residing at, - Vill- Khanpur, Post-Gopalpara, Ps- Chanchal, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732126, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RAKIA To ROKIA BIBI (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) ROKIA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2257 On Date 15 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ROKIA BIBI and RAKIA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kamal Navin Padvi (Old Name) S/o Nabin Parui Residing at Vill+Po - Manasatala Dafarpur, Ps- Domjur, District - Howrah, Pin- 711405, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Kamal Navin Padvi (Old Name) to Kamal Parui (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Kamal Parui (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Kamal Parui (New Name) and Kamal Navin Padvi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Samir Ch Mandal (Old Name), Son Of Bahadur Mandal, Resident Of 311/26, K.C.Lane, Shibtala, Mallickbati High School, Chinsurah, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712103, Do Herely Declare That I Have Change My Name From Samir Ch Mandal (Old Name) To Samir Chandra Mandal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Samir Chandra Mandal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Bankura On 17/04/2026. Samir Chandra Mandal (New Name) And Samir Ch Mandal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tania Mukherjee (Old Name), Wife Of Sourav Mukherjee, Resident Of 166/1, Panchanantala Road, Paschim Puturi S.C.Kolkata-700041, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Tania Mukherjee (Old Name) To Tania Paul (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Tania Paul (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 28 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2026. Tania Paul (New Name) And Tania Mukherjee (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pradeep Kumar Vishwakarma (old name) S/O Jamuna Prasad Vishwakarma Resident of The Soul, 6TH Floor, Flat- 601, Tower-1, New Town, Action Area-11, Rajarhat, P.O.- Rajarhat, North 24 Parganas, Pin-700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradeep Vishwakarma (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Executive Magistrate at Howrah, vide an affidavit No. 5907, dated 12/05/2026. Pradeep Vishwakarma (new name) and Pradeep Kumar Vishwakarma (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rayhan Molla S/o. Abdul Wahid Molla, R/o. Satghari, Jejur, Haripal, Hooghly, do hereby declare that, in my son's (Abdul Imran Mollah) birth certificate (Being Regn. No. 676, dtd. 17.06.2005) & also Pan Card (XXXXXX136K), where my /son's father's name has been recorded as Abdul Rayhan Mollah & his all other documents my /son's father's name has been recorded as Abdul Raihan Molla, instead of my correct & actual name Rayhan Molla. That I/ my son's father Rayhan Molla, Abdul Rayhan Mollah & Abdul Raihan Molla all are the same & one identical person, vide an affidavit no. 1519, dated 14.05.2026, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court.

Name Change
I, Pratima Mondal (Old Name) W/o Ashoke Mondal Residing at 122 Rabindra Nath Tagore Road, South Dumdum, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700077, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Pratima Mondal (Old Name) to Pratima Mondal Sengupta (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Pratima Mondal Sengupta (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Pratima Mondal Sengupta (New Name) and Pratima Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Heena Rajendra Suriaya (old Name), S/o Rajendra Suriaya, resident of 20, Shakespear Sarani, 2nd Floor, Middleton Row Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700071, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Heena Rajendra Suriaya (Old Name) to Heena Suriaya (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Heena Suriaya (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 17 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Heena Suriaya (New Name) and Heena Rajendra Suriaya (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdul Tahid Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Late Abdul Adut Mondal, Resident Of Vill- Baigachi, PO & P.S.- Ashokenagar, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743222, Do Herely Declare That I Have Change My Name From Md Abdul Tahid Mondal (Old Name) To Abdul Tahid Mondal (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Abdul Tahid Mondal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Abdul Tahid Mondal (New Name) And Md Abdul Tahid Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Indu Debi Khemka (Old Name) W/o Raj Kumar Khemka Residing at Club Town Greens, 167, Jessore Road, Block-3, Bangur Avenue, North 24 Parganas- 700055, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Indu Devi Khemka (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 05-05-2026. Indu Debi Khemka (Old Name) and Indu Devi Khemka (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjay Kumar Kundu (old name), S/o. Prabhash Chandra Kundu, R/o. Duplexpati Road (North), Chanderpore, Hooghly- 712136, W.B., do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar Kundu to Sanjay Kundu (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sanjay Kundu in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 36 sworn before Notary Public, Chandernagore, Hooghly Court on 12/05/2026. I, Sanjay Kundu, Sanjay Kumar Kundu, Sanjay Kundu & Sanjay Kr. Kundu S/o. Prabhash Chandra Kundu, all are the same & one identical person. Sanmyo Kundu is my son.

Name Change
I, Md Iqbal (Old Name) S/o Md Israil Residing at 462/1, M G Road, Po+Ps- Budge Budge, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700137, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Md Iqbal (Old Name) to Md Iqbal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Iqbal (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 22-05-2026. Md Iqbal (New Name) and Md Iqbal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Heena Rajendra Suriaya (old Name), S/o Rajendra Suriaya, resident of 20, Shakespear Sarani, 2nd Floor, Middleton Row Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700071, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Heena Rajendra Suriaya (Old Name) to Heena Suriaya (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Heena Suriaya (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No 17 sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Heena Rajendra Suriaya (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sheikh Nizamuddin (old name), S/o Moimuddin Shaikh, residing at 41/H/13, Dr. Sudhir Bose Road, P.S.- Watgunge, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sheikh Nizamuddin (Old Name) to Shaikh Nizamuddin (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shaikh Nizamuddin (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 22/05/2026. Shaikh Nizamuddin (New Name) and Sheikh Nizamuddin (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Akber Ali (old name) S/o Sk Ahmed, resident of 18/2/H/13, Mominpore Road, P.S.- Ekbalpore, P.O.- Khidderpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Akber Ali (Old Name) to Akbar Ali (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Akbar Ali (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 22/05/2026. Akbar Ali (New Name) and Akber Ali (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Eastern Railway's Howrah Division took safety straight inside running trains - checking security, fire preparedness, coach condition and passenger experience on board

MI News Service, Kolkata, May 24, 2026 : DRM Howrah Leads Surprise Sunday On-board Safety Drive

Senior officers and staff mobilised for intensive checks on Mumbai Mail and Purva Express over Howrah-Barddhaman section

Howrah, 24 May 2026: In a strong passenger-focused initiative to reinforce on-board safety, train security and service quality, Shri Vishal Kapoor, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, led a surprise Sunday morning inspection drive of important passenger trains over the Howrah-Barddhaman section.

The drive was carried out with the participation of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Coordination, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Howrah, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/General and Senior Divisional Security Commissioner, along with a large number of officers and staff drawn from the concerned departments. The mobilisation of multiple departmental teams on a Sunday morning reflected Howrah Division's priority towards direct field verification of passenger-facing railway services.

The inspection covered important train services including Mumbai Mail in the Barddhaman-Howrah direction and Purva Express over the Howrah-Barddhaman stretch. Senior officers personally travelled on board and reviewed conditions in actual running circumstances. The objective was to assess, at passenger level, how safety, security, cleanliness, coach preparedness, staff response and passenger-interface systems perform during real train movement.

The exercise was planned as a surprise, coordinated and multi-departmental field action. Without causing inconvenience to passengers and without disclosing operational details, officers and



staff carried out broad checks relating to fire-risk prevention, coach safety preparedness, passenger security vigilance, cleanliness and hygiene, passenger amenities, staff alertness, on-board discipline, passenger luggage security and grievance-response mechanisms.

The RPF dog squad was deployed for extensive security checking of passenger luggage and coach areas. During the inspection, one passenger was detected smoking inside the lavatory area of an AC 3-tier coach and was booked as per rules. Railway officials reiterated that unsafe practices such as smoking inside trains pose a serious risk to fellow passengers and will be dealt with strictly.

The DRM also interacted directly with passengers during the journey and obtained feedback on their travel experience, including cleanliness, safety perception, staff response, coach condition, passenger amenities and any difficulties faced during travel. Passengers were advised to make active use of Rail Madad and other official railway applications for assistance, grievance redressal and railway-re-

lated support before, during and after the journey.

The inspection was not a routine formality. It was a direct on-board review of railway services at the point where the passenger actually experiences them. Aspects requiring correction and further improvement were noted by the concerned Senior Branch Officers and their teams for necessary follow-up action.

Speaking during the inspection, the DRM emphasised that passenger safety and security are live responsibilities and must remain visible inside trains, at stations and throughout the journey. He stated that Howrah Division will continue such surprise and intensive inspections to strengthen passenger confidence, improve service delivery, prevent unsafe practices and ensure better coordination among departments responsible for safe and secure train operations.

Howrah Division remains committed to ensuring that passengers experience safer, cleaner, more secure and more responsive train services, with continuous field-level monitoring by senior officers and frontline teams.

Regulation Of Trains For Non-Interlocking Work Over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata, May 24, 2026 : For the conversion of Panel Interlocking into Electronic Interlocking at Panagarh station in Bardhaman-Asansol section over Asansol Division, 04 days Pre Non-Interlocking/Non-Interlocking work (from 12:00 hrs. to 18:00 hrs.) has been planned on UP/Down line from 24.05.2026 to 27.05.2026.

Consequently, the following trains will be regulated as under :

CANCELLATION OF MEMU/PASSENGER TRAINS
• On 24.05.2026, 25.05.2026, 26.05.2026 & 27.05.2026 : 1. 63518 Asansol-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 2. 63522 Asansol-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 3. 63513 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger, 4. 63515 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger.
• On 27.05.2026 : 1. 63511 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger, 2. 63516 Asansol-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 3. 63549 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger, 4. 63550 Andar-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 5. 63552 Asansol-Andal MEMU Passenger, 6. 63517 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger, 7. 63524 Asansol-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 8. 63514 Asansol-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger, 9. 63521 Barddhaman-Asansol MEMU Passenger.

CANCELLATION OF MAIL/EXPRESS TRAINS
• On 27.05.2026 : 1. 22321 Howrah-Siuri Hool Express, 2. 22322 Siuri-Howrah Hool Express.

SHORT TERMINATION/ SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS
• 63509/63510 Barddhaman-Jhajha-Barddhaman MEMU Passenger (both JCO 24.05.2026, 25.05.2026 & 26.05.2026)

KOLKATA eye return of BRITISH AIRWAYS, LUFTHANSA

MI News Service, Kolkata/ New Delhi: A team of officials from Kolkata airport recently spoke to representatives of British Airways and Lufthansa about the possibility of resuming operations from the city, where both airlines once operated.

The discussions took place at an aviation event in China last month. The airlines have asked airport officials to submit data on passengers travelling from Calcutta to Europe, the UK and the US. Aviation experts, however, said that amid global uncertainty, major airlines are unlikely to launch new routes immediately.

The talks were held during Routes Asia 2026 in China in April. The event brought together aviation leaders, airports and tourism authorities to discuss network strategies and air service development in the Asia-Pacific region.

"I spoke to representatives of British Airways and Lufthansa at Routes. They have asked for data on the number of passengers from Calcutta travelling to Europe and the UK. I will prepare the report soon and send it to them," said Vikram Singh, director of Calcutta airport.

Sources said both airlines have flying rights from India, allowing them to operate flights with a specified number of seats.

British Airways, Lufthansa and Air India had once operated direct flights from Calcutta to London and Frankfurt. All three withdrew services because of poor yields.

Air India had operated the Dhaka-Calcutta-London route before withdrawing it in October 2008. After Air India pulled out, British Airways discontinued its direct London ser-



vice and Lufthansa suspended flights to Frankfurt, ending Calcutta's direct air links with Europe.

Airline sources had then said the city lacked sufficient business-class passengers, resulting in low yields. The lack of industries in Bengal was a key reason.

But with the BJP now in power in Bengal, there is hope of fresh investments in the state.

"There are around 500 passengers from Calcutta travelling to Europe, the UK and the US every day on average. Most go through Gulf hubs such as Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi, while some travel via Delhi and Mumbai," said Anil Punjabi, chairman of the eastern region of the Travel Agents Federation of India.

"Now there is renewed hope for

business investments in Bengal. So direct connections to Europe, the UK and the US could become viable again, with enough business-class passengers," Punjabi said.

Sources said the airport director recently met chief minister Suwendu Adhikari during his visit to the airport. Suwendu assured the airport director of full assistance in resolving issues, the sources said.

"The BJP coming to power in the state could change Calcutta's international connectivity scenario," said an airline official.

At present, Calcutta handles around 25 international flights daily on average, mainly connecting the city to Southeast Asia and Gulf destinations.

Airline officials said the airport

also requires a facelift to attract international carriers.

"We have plans to improve the airport. More than 30 digital display stands will replace paper notices pasted on walls. This will give the terminal building a facelift," said airport director Singh.

The notices are issued by agencies such as customs, immigration, security and airlines, and contain information on passenger regulations and permitted baggage items.

The airport is also attempting to improve washroom conditions. "There have been complaints on social media about the condition of the washrooms," Singh said.

He added that the walls along the ramp leading to the departure level are now cleaned every night to remove stains.

Aviation experts said longer flight paths caused by airspace closures linked to the US-Israeli war with Iran, increased flying hours and rising aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices are discouraging airlines from launching new routes in the coming months.

Air India recently announced route rationalisation because of these global factors.

"Air India... announced the rationalisation of its services on select international routes between June and August 2026. The adjustments have been made in response to a combination of factors, including continued airspace restrictions over certain regions and record high jet fuel prices for international operations, which significantly impact the commercial viability of certain planned services," the airline had said in a statement.

BENGAL govt order 'HOLDING CENTRES' for illegal 'foreigners'

MI News Service, Kolkata/Nandigram: The Bengal government has ordered all district administrations to set up 'holding centres' for apprehended foreigners and foreign prisoners awaiting deportation or repatriation, as part of the launch of a statewide crackdown on alleged illegal immigrants.

In a letter issued by the home and hill affairs department to district magistrates, officials were asked to initiate the process in line with Union home ministry guidelines concerning the deportation of "Bangladeshi/Rohingyas apprehended for staying illegally in this country".

The Home and Hill Affairs Department of Bengal wrote a letter to the district magistrates of all districts on the

setting up of holding centres for apprehended foreigners, as well as for the released foreign prisoners awaiting deportation/repatriation. (Screen grab from social media)

"It is requested to take initiative/appropriate action for setting up of Holding Centres in the district for apprehended foreigners as well as for the released foreign prisoners awaiting deportation/repatriation in accordance with the MHA guideline under reference," the order said.

Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari had said on Wednesday that the state government would implement Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) laws relating to illegal immigration and infiltration under the policy of

"detect, delete, deport."

"The Indian government had sent an order on May 14, 2025, asking the Bengal government to identify Bangladeshi immigrants and hand them over to the BSF for deportation. But the previous government did not act," Suwendu said.

According to the Bengal government, individuals eligible under the CAA who entered the state before December 31, 2024, could be granted legal citizenship status.

"Non-Muslim immigrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians — can apply for citizenship under the CAA if they have arrived from Bangladesh, Pakistan or Afghanistan before December 31, 2024," a senior government official said.

Shantanu Sen Praises State Government, Sparks Political Speculation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior physician and former Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP Shantanu Sen has triggered intense political speculation after publicly congratulating the newly formed state government and Chief Minister Subhendu Adhikari for initiating what he described as "development-oriented and public welfare projects" in Bengal's healthcare sector.

In a strongly worded social media statement, Sen — once suspended by his party during the turbulent phase of the RG Kar movement — expressed appreciation for the government's recent initiatives in the medical and public health infrastructure sector. "As a long-time soldier of the medical movement, former All India President of the Indian Medical Association and current State Secretary of the IMA Bengal State Branch, I sincerely thank and congratulate the newly elected government and the Hon'ble Chief Minister for taking up several developmental and public welfare

initiatives in the health sector," Sen wrote. The statement has generated widespread discussion within political and medical circles alike, particularly given Sen's long-standing association with the Trinamool Congress leadership and his proximity to party MP Abhishek Banerjee in previous organisational and public outreach programmes. Sen had played a key operational role in the much-publicised 'Sevashray' healthcare initiative, where his responsibilities reportedly included coordination with medical professionals and execution of health camps across districts. His latest remarks assume added significance in light of his strained relationship with the party during the RG Kar agitation period. During the movement, Sen openly supported junior doctors and backed the controversial "night occupation" protest programme, drawing sharp criticism from sections of the party leadership. The fallout was immediate. He was removed from the position of

party spokesperson and later suspended on allegations of anti-party activities by the disciplinary committee. Though the political distance was eventually reduced and communication restored, the episode marked one of the most visible internal disagreements involving a senior party-linked medical figure. The timing of Sen's latest comments has further fuelled speculation, particularly as the state administration has moved to reopen and review files linked to the RG Kar case following the change in power. Political observers believe the statement may carry significance beyond routine courtesy, especially given the ongoing churn in Bengal's political landscape and renewed scrutiny surrounding past controversies in the health sector. While no formal political shift has been indicated by Sen, his public endorsement of the government's healthcare initiatives has undoubtedly intensified debate over evolving equations within Bengal's political and medical establishment.

8 Drown in River in Karnataka; PM Expresses Condolences.

MI News Service, North Kannada: Eight members of the same family drowned while gathering shellfish in a river. It has been reported that seven of the deceased were women. Two other individuals remain missing. A pall of gloom has descended upon the North Kannada district of Karnataka following this tragic accident on Sunday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep

condolences over the incident and has announced financial assistance for the families of the victims.

The tragedy occurred in the Tatte Hakkalu River, near Shirali village in Bhatkal. Many people living in the vicinity of this river earn their livelihood by gathering shellfish from its waters. Accordingly, a group of 14 individuals had ventured into the river on this day to collect

freshwater shellfish. Police stated that while gathering shellfish, several members of the group drifted into the deeper sections of the river. At that moment, the water level and current suddenly surged. Unable to accurately judge the depth of the water and the intensity of the current, they were swept further into the river's depths. As the current suddenly intensified, one or two individuals

were swept away. Several others jumped into the river in an attempt to rescue them; however, they too succumbed to the powerful current and drowned. So far, eight bodies have been recovered in connection with this incident. Rescue teams—comprising police personnel and local residents—are currently conducting a search operation to locate the two missing individuals.

A passenger evacuation mock drill conducted with NDRF & WBF & ES teams inside Metro tunnels



MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway always gives top priority to the safety and security of the commuters. As part of regular updating the skills and to check the preparedness of Metro staff and all concerned to tackle any emergency circumstances like earthquake etc. an evacuation mock drill was conducted jointly with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services (WBF&ES) personnel inside the Metro tunnels in between Jai Hind Bimanbandar and Jessore Road Metro stations on 23.05.2026 night after the commercial hours.

Motormen and station officials were trained and counseled by NDRF and WBF&ES team on how to take immediate necessary action to rescue passengers from a trapped rake in case of such an emergency.

The objective of this mock drill was to update the evacuation skills as well as check alertness and preparedness to tackle such emergencies.

Senior Metro officers and staff of different departments were present during this drill.

It is to be noted that Metro Railway authorities regularly conduct such mock drills inside the tunnels and on viaducts keeping in mind the passengers' safety.

Pre-Poll Municipal Works Face Probe; Contractor Payments Suspended

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a sweeping administrative crackdown on pre-election civic projects, the state's Municipal Affairs and Urban Development Department has effectively put the brakes on the ambitious Paray Samadhan* development scheme across municipalities, triggering panic among contractors and civic officials alike.

Multiple projects sanctioned under the scheme — including road repairs, drainage construction, water supply upgrades and installation of street lights — have either been suspended midway or scrapped entirely pending fresh verification of their necessity, quality and tender procedures. Sources in the department said several works for which files had already been cleared, tenders floated and contractors appointed, were abruptly cancelled after the Assembly election announcement stalled execution on the ground. In many municipalities, work orders issued before the polls now

stand frozen indefinitely. The administration has now made it clear that no contractor payments will be released without physical inspection and audit clearance. According to senior officials, on-site investigations have already begun in municipalities across the state to examine whether projects under the *Paray Samadhan* initiative were genuinely required, whether tender norms were properly followed, and whether public funds were used transparently. The scrutiny is not limited to urban areas alone. Sources indicated that similar payment freezes and audits are underway in several panchayat regions as well, where rural development works linked to the same scheme have also come under the scanner. Despite the scale of the suspension, municipal officials admitted that no formal written notification has yet been circulated, with most directives reportedly being conveyed verbally from higher authorities. Adding urgency

to the process, the Municipal Affairs Department has reportedly fixed an 18-day deadline for completion of all field inspections. Investigation reports from every municipality must be submitted to the department by June 10, officials confirmed. In a major financial move, funds earlier allocated to municipalities under the scheme have reportedly been withdrawn by the government pending audit review. Simultaneously, accounts departments in several civic bodies, including the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, have been instructed not to process contractor bills linked to the questioned projects. The state government has constituted a high-level committee headed by Municipal Affairs Department Principal Secretary Khalil Ahmed to oversee the statewide probe into the scheme's implementation and expenditure patterns. From Friday onward, teams began conducting physical verification of completed and ongoing projects undertaken before

the elections. Early findings, sources claim, have raised concerns in several areas over hurried execution and alleged poor-quality construction. The freeze has sparked sharp resentment among contractors, many of whom now fear severe financial losses. Several contractors alleged that they completed work under official government orders and are now being denied payments despite project completion. Some contractor groups have threatened to boycott future municipal tenders until pending dues are cleared, while others are reportedly preparing legal action against civic authorities and the state government. With audits intensifying and payments halted statewide, the once high-profile *Paray Samadhan* scheme has now entered a phase of unprecedented scrutiny, exposing deep administrative tensions over pre-election spending, project execution and accountability within the civic infrastructure network.

Abhishek Banerjee Seeks More Time Over KMC Illegal Construction Notice

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee has sought additional time from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) in connection with notices issued over alleged unauthorised construction and property valuation discrepancies linked to his Kalighat residence, marking a significant shift in tone after days of political confrontation surrounding the issue.

According to municipal sources, Banerjee's legal representatives have formally written to the civic body requesting a 10-day extension ahead of the expiry of the municipality's deadline on Monday. The request has intensified political discussion over the

high-profile case, which has already triggered sharp reactions across Bengal's political landscape. The controversy erupted after KMC officials served notices to two addresses associated with the Diamond Harbour MP — one on Kalighat Road and another on Harish Mukherjee Road — seeking clarification over alleged additional construction and whether proper civic permissions had been obtained for the structures in question. Municipal authorities had also reportedly directed demolition of portions identified as unauthorised within the Santiniketan residence premises in Kalighat. In a dramatic development earlier, civic officials pasted notices directly on the boundary

wall of the property, drawing immediate political attention. Sources within the civic administration said multiple properties linked to Banerjee are currently under scrutiny as part of a broader verification and valuation exercise. The latest move is being seen as a marked departure from Banerjee's earlier public posture on the matter. Days ago, while leaving a meeting in Kalighat, the Trinamool leader had reacted sharply when questioned by journalists regarding the municipal notices. From inside his vehicle, Banerjee challenged critics to identify the allegedly illegal portions of the property before raising questions publicly. His remarks, delivered in a visibly combative tone,

had triggered widespread debate and intensified political reactions at the time. However, Sunday's development suggests a more conciliatory legal approach, with Banerjee now formally engaging with the municipal process through his counsel. Civic officials indicated that requests for extensions in such cases are routinely considered under municipal procedure, although no final decision had officially been communicated till Sunday evening. The case has rapidly evolved into one of the most politically sensitive civic disputes in recent weeks, with the issue of illegal construction and municipal compliance now moving to the centre of Bengal's intensifying political confrontation.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The widening political crackdown on alleged corruption, extortion and post-poll violence in West Bengal intensified on Sunday with the arrest of influential Newtown panchayat chief Rita Gayen in Rajarhat's Hatiara area.

Rita Gayen, head of Jangra-Hatiara Panchayat No. 2 and a prominent Trinamool leader in the region, was taken into custody by police during a raid conducted by officers from Newtown Police Station. Initial reports indicate that multiple allegations, including extortion, have been levelled against her.

Investigators said Gayen will be produced before a court, while several other allegations linked to her

tenure and local administrative functioning are also under examination. The arrest comes amid an aggressive statewide enforcement drive launched after the change in government, with authorities repeatedly signalling a zero-tolerance approach toward corruption, extortion rackets and politically linked criminal activity. Police sources said leaders and public representatives from multiple districts are currently under scrutiny, with investigations focusing on allegations ranging from financial irregularities and intimidation to post-poll violence. The arrest of Gayen follows closely on the heels of another high-profile action in Kolkata, where Trinamool councillor and Bor-



ough 16 chairman Sudeep Polley was arrested late Saturday night in connection with an extortion case registered at Thakurpukur Police Station. Police sources described him as an influential political figure within the civic structure. Officials indicated that law-enforcement agencies are now actively pursuing complaints that had allegedly remained dormant for years. Senior officers said the administration has directed police units across the state to move aggressively against extortion networks and corrup-

tion-related offences irrespective of political stature. According to sources, more than 70 individuals linked to various political and criminal allegations have reportedly been arrested across the state over the past week as part of the intensified operations. The developments have triggered major political tremors across several districts, with multiple influential local leaders now reportedly under surveillance or investigation. As the crackdown widens, the arrests are being viewed as part of a broader attempt by the administration to project a hardline stance against corruption and politically backed criminal activity in both urban and semi-urban pockets of the state.

Extortion Case Lands Newtown Trinamool Panchayat Head in Police Net

Study recommends people to think twice before going on a diet

WASHINGTON DC : A new qualitative study focuses on the negative interpersonal and psychological repercussions of 'yo-yo dieting,' or weight cycling. The work emphasises the dangers of yo-yo dieting and how difficult it is for people to escape the pattern.

"Yo-yo dieting - unintentionally gaining weight and dieting to lose weight only to gain it back and restart the cycle - is a prevalent part of American culture, with fad diets and lose-weight-quick plans or drugs normalized as people pursue beauty ideals," says LynseyRomo, corresponding author of a paper on the study and an associate professor of communication at North Carolina State University.

"Based on what we learned through this study, as well as the existing research, we recommend that most people avoid dieting, unless it is medically necessary. Our study also offers insights into how people can combat insidious aspects of weight cycling and challenge the cycle." For the study, researchers conducted in-depth interviews with 36 adults - 13 men and 23 women - who had experienced weight cycling where they lost and regained more than 11 pounds. The goal was to learn more about why and how people entered the yo-yo dieting cycle and how, if at all, they were able to get out of it. All the study participants reported wanting to lose weight due to social stigma related to their weight, and/or because they were comparing their weight to that of celebrities or peers. "Overwhelmingly, participants did not start dieting for health reasons, but because



they felt social pressure to lose weight," Romo says. The study participants also reported engaging in a variety of weight-loss strategies, which resulted in initial weight loss, but eventual regain. Regaining the weight led people to feel shame and further internalize stigma associated with weight - leaving study participants feeling worse about themselves than they did before they began dieting. This, in turn, often led people to engage in increasingly extreme behaviors to try to lose weight again. "For instance, many participants engaged in disordered weight management behaviors, such as binge or emotional eating, restricting food and calories, memorizing calorie counts, being

stressed about what they were eating and the number on the scale, falling back on quick fixes (such as low-carb diets or diet drugs), overexercising, and avoiding social events with food to drop pounds fast," says Romo. "Inevitably, these diet behaviors became unsustainable, and participants regained weight, often more than they had initially lost." "Almost all of the study participants became obsessed with their weight," says Katelin Mueller, co-author of the study and graduate student at NC State. "Weight loss became a focal point for their lives, to the point that it distracted them from spending time with friends, family, and colleagues and reducing weight-gain temptations such as

drinking and overeating." "Participants referred to the experience as an addiction or a vicious cycle," Romo says. "Individuals who were able to understand and address their toxic dieting behaviors were more successful at breaking the cycle. Strategies people used to combat these toxic behaviors included focusing on their health rather than the number on the scale, as well as exercising for fun, rather than counting the number of calories they burned. "Participants who were more successful at challenging the cycle were also able to embrace healthy eating behaviors - such as eating a varied diet and eating when they were hungry - rather than treating eating as something that needs to be closely monitored, controlled or punished." However, the researchers found the vast majority of study participants stuck in the cycle. "The combination of ingrained thought patterns, societal expectations, toxic diet culture, and pervasive weight stigma make it difficult for people to completely exit the cycle, even when they really want to," Romo says. "Ultimately, this study tells us that weight cycling is a negative practice that can cause people real harm," Romo says. "Our findings suggest that it can be damaging for people to begin dieting unless it is medically necessary. Dieting to meet some perceived societal standard inadvertently set participants up for years of shame, body dissatisfaction, unhappiness, stress, social comparisons, and weight-related preoccupation. Once a diet has begun, it is very difficult for many people to avoid a life-long struggle with their weight."

Skin Diseases: Types of, Symptoms, Treatment & Prevention



Skin disease symptoms vary significantly, depending on what condition you have. Skin changes are not always due to skin diseases. For example, you may get a blister from wearing ill-fitting shoes. However, when skin changes show up with no known cause, they may be linked to an underlying condition.

Generally, skin diseases may cause:

- Discolored skin patches (abnormal pigmentation).
- Dry skin.
- Open sores, lesions or ulcers.
- Peeling skin.
- Rashes, possibly with itching or pain.
- Red, white or pus-filled bumps.
- Scaly or rough skin.

Do skin diseases usually return after treatment?

Many skin conditions are chronic (long-lasting). Treatment can reduce symptoms, but you may need to continue medication or other treatments to keep symptoms at bay.

Some skin conditions go away without treatment. You may also have periods of remission (months or years with no symptoms).

Some health conditions can increase your chances of developing a skin disease. You may be more likely to experience skin changes or symptoms if you have :

Diabetes: People with diabetes may have trouble with wound healing, particularly on their feet.

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD): Some IBD medications can lead to skin problems such as vitiligo or eczema.

Lupus: This chronic condi-

tion can lead to inflammation and skin problems, such as rashes, sores or scaly skin patches.

Skin changes can also be the result of pregnancy, stress or hormonal changes. For example, melasma is a common skin disease that mostly affects pregnant women. Conditions like alopecia areata, acne, Raynaud's phenomenon or rosacea may get worse when you're stressed.

Some skin diseases are not preventable. For example, there is no way to change your genetics or prevent an autoimmune disorder.

You can take steps to avoid contagious or infectious skin diseases. You may prevent contagious skin diseases or reduce their symptoms if you:

Avoid sharing utensils, personal items or cosmetics.

Disinfect objects you use in public spaces, such as gym equipment.

Drink plenty of water and eat a nutritious diet.

Limit contact with irritants or harsh chemicals.

Sleep seven to eight hours per night.

Use sun protection to prevent sunburn and other sun damage.

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.

Study links long-term antidepressant use to increased risk

Vienna (Austria) : A new study presented at the European Society of Cardiology's EHRA 2025 congress reveals a concerning link between the use of antidepressants (AD) and an increased risk of sudden cardiac death (SCD), particularly for those with prolonged use of the medication.

Sudden cardiac death, defined as an unexpected fatality due to a heart-related issue, typically occurs within one hour of the onset of symptoms or within 24 hours in cases that are unwitnessed.

For individuals under 39, the primary causes are often thickening of the heart muscle or electrical problems with the heart, while in older individuals, it is more likely linked to narrowed blood vessels.

Previous studies have shown that individuals with psychiatric disorders face higher risks of both overall mortality and sudden cardiac death. However, the specific impact of antidepressant medications on SCD risk has remained unclear until now.

The latest research, conducted by scientists in Denmark, examined deaths among residents aged 18 to 90 years in 2010, reviewing death certificates and autopsy reports.

The study found that individuals exposed to antidepressant medications had a significantly higher incidence of sudden cardiac death compared to those not using such medications. The cohort of 643,999 individuals who had been prescribed antidepressants was compared with the general population, which had 4.3 million residents. Among those exposed to antidepressants, 1,981 cases of sudden cardiac death were recorded, compared to 4,021 in the unexposed group. The risk of SCD was higher across all age groups for



those who had been on antidepressants, with notable differences depending on the length of exposure. When the data was adjusted for age, sex, and comorbidities, individuals who had used antidepressants for 1 to 5 years were found to have a 56 per cent higher risk of sudden cardiac death compared to the general population. Those who had used the medications for six or more years faced a 2.2 times greater risk. The study further revealed that younger individuals were more significantly affected by longer antidepressant use. For those aged 30-39 years, the risk of sudden cardiac death was nearly three times higher with 1 to 5 years of antidepressant exposure, and up to five times higher for those using antidepressants for six or more years. In older

individuals, particularly those aged 50-59 years, the risk of sudden cardiac death doubled with 1 to 5 years of antidepressant use, and increased fourfold with six or more years of exposure. However, the risk appeared to level off in people over 70 years, with a less significant difference between shorter and longer exposure periods. Dr Jasmin Mujkanovic, a co-author of the study from Rigshospitalet Hjertercentret in Copenhagen, explained, "Exposure time to antidepressants was associated with a higher risk of sudden cardiac death, and linked to how long the person had been exposed to antidepressants. Those exposed for 6 years or more were at even more increased risk than those exposed for 1 to 5 years, when compared with people unexposed to antidepressants in the general population."

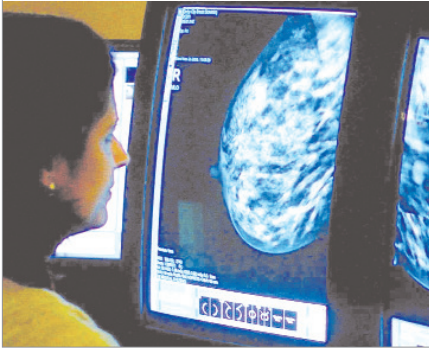
Dr Mujkanovic also suggested that the increased risk could stem from the potential adverse effects of antidepressants, but added, "The exposure time to antidepressants might also serve as a marker for more severe underlying illness. Additionally, the increase could be influenced by behavioural or lifestyle factors associated with depression, such as delayed healthcare seeking and poor cardiovascular health."

This new research emphasizes the need for further studies to better understand the potential cardiovascular risks associated with antidepressant medications, particularly for those with prolonged use. As the study highlights, individuals using these medications for extended periods may face significantly higher risks of sudden cardiac death, underlining the importance of careful monitoring and management of their health.

Study sheds more light on detection of breast cancer

FLORIDA [US] : Scientists have developed a saliva test that detects breast cancer and has shown promising results in preclinical testing. A new handheld gadget, according to researchers from the University of Florida and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taiwan, detects breast cancer indicators from a small sample of spit. Their findings appeared in the Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology B.

"Imagine medical staff conducting breast cancer screening in communities or hospitals," said Hsiao-Hsuan Wan, a UF doctoral student in the Department of Chemical Engineering and the study's lead author. "Our device is an excellent choice because it is portable -- about the size of



your hand -- and reusable. The testing time is under five seconds per sample, which

makes it highly efficient." The new tool works by placing a saliva sample on a test strip, which is treated with specific antibodies that respond to cancer biomarkers.

Electrical impulses are sent to contact points on the biosensor device. Signals are measured and translated into digital information about how much biomarker is present. The results are quick and easy to interpret, Wan said. During testing, the device distinguished between healthy breast tissue, early breast cancer, and advanced breast cancer in a small group of 21 women. Their biosensor design uses common components like glucose testing strips and the open-source hardware-software platform Arduino.

Bengali Cinema Takes Centre Stage at HFF 2026 with Powerful Stories of Memory, Identity, and Resistance

KOLKATA: 18th edition of the Habitat Film Festival (HFF) returned with an expansive and compelling showcase of Indian cinema, bringing together 10 days, 20 languages, and the finest films from 2025-2026. Held from May 15 to 24, 2026 at the iconic India Habitat Centre, the festival continued its legacy as one of the country's most vibrant platforms for cinematic expression.

The Bengali showcase at HFF 2026 emerged as one of the festival's most compelling highlights, bringing together an evocative mix of restored classics and contemporary independent voices shaped by memory, displacement, identity, and social realities. A major highlight of the section was the special Ritwik Ghatak Retrospective featuring landmark films such as Meghe Dhaka Tara, Komal Gandhar, Subarnarekha, and Jukti Takko Aar Gappo -cinematic masterpieces that continue to resonate through their deeply human



exploration of partition, belonging, and cultural fragmentation.

Alongside these classics, contemporary Bengali cinema presented equally powerful narratives rooted in lived experience and emotional intimacy. Baksho Bondi / Shadowbox offered a layered portrait of confinement and resilience, while Porshi / Neighbours explored fragile human relationships and social tensions within urban spaces. Dear Maa unfolded as an intimate emotional journey centred around family and memory, and

Adamya / The Unbroken reflected courage and perseverance in the face of adversity. Films such as Moti, You in This City, This City Inside You, and Under the Jackfruit Tree further expanded the showcase with nuanced storytelling, poetic visual language, and deeply personal reflections on identity, loneliness, and belonging.

Prof. (Dr.) KG Suresh, Director, India Habitat Centre stated, "The 18th edition of the Habitat Film Festival has once again demonstrated the endur-

ing power of cinema to connect, challenge, and inspire. From timeless classics to fearless contemporary storytelling, HFF continues to create a meaningful space where audiences engage deeply with India's evolving cinematic landscape."

The festival also featured a curated showcase of short films and documentaries from Film and Television Institute of India, a package by the Indian Documentary Producers' Association, works nominated by the Film Critics Guild, and documentaries by the Public Service Broadcasting Trust, foregrounding intimate, independent voices and deeply personal narratives.

A special exhibition presented in collaboration with the Indra Gandhi National Centre for the Arts showcased iconic Hindi film posters from the 1950s onwards, alongside rare vintage advertising posters and brand endorsements featuring legendary film personalities across generations.

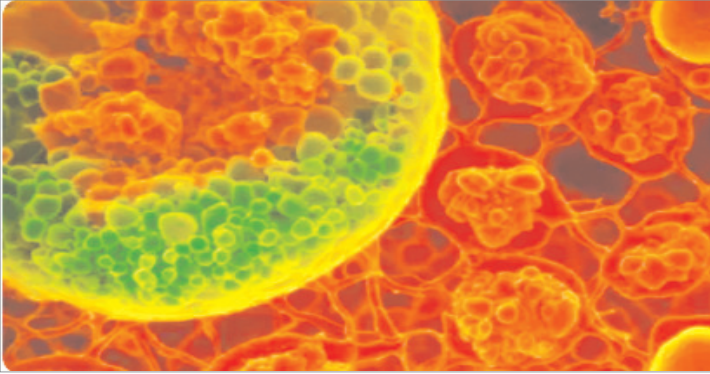
Researchers find ways to prevent idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

MICHIGAN [US] : The most frequent type of pulmonary fibrosis scarring of the lungs is idiopathic, which means that the cause is unclear. Researchers are working quickly to develop treatments to prevent or reduce idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and associated lung disorders, which can cause severe shortness of breath, dry cough, and intense exhaustion. The average survival time after being diagnosed with IPF is about three to five years, and there is no cure.

A recent U-M study conducted by Sean Fortier, M.D. and Marc Peters-Golden, M.D. from the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at U-M Medical School, discovered a pathway used during normal wound healing that has the potential to reverse IPF.

Using a mouse model, they simulated IPF by administering bleomycin, a chemotherapy agent that causes cell injury and confirmed that the resulting lung scarring resolved itself over the span of about six weeks. Because of this, "studying fibrosis is kind of tough," said Fortier. "If we're going to give experimental drugs to try and resolve fibrosis, we have to do it before it resolves on its own. Otherwise, we will not be able to tell if the resolution was the action of the drug or natural repair mechanisms of the body." However, he said, "there's actually a lot to learn about how the mouse gets better on its own. If we can learn the molecular mechanisms by which this occurs, we may uncover new targets for IPF."

The process by which lung injury either leads to healing or fibrosis relies in part on what happens to a cell called a fibroblast, which forms connective tissue. During injury or illness, fibroblasts are activated, becoming myofibroblasts that form scar tissue by secreting collagen. When the job is done,



"That's totally in keeping with the fact that they do slow the progression, but they don't halt or reverse disease," said Fortier. Fortier hopes the discovery that this pathway reverses fibrosis leads to exploration of additional brakes on fibrosis. "So much work on fibrosis has focused on how we can prevent it, but when a patient presents to my clinic with a dry cough, shortness of breath, and low oxygen as a result of underlying IPE, the scarring is already present.

these fibroblasts must be deactivated, or de-differentiated, to go back to their quiet state or undergo programmed cell death and be cleared.

"This is the major distinction between normal wound healing and fibrosis - the persistence of activated myofibroblasts," explained Fortier. That deactivation is controlled by molecular brakes. The study examined one of these brakes, called MKP1 - which the team found was expressed at lower levels in fibroblasts from patients with IPF.

By genetically eliminating MKP1 in fibroblasts of mice after establishing lung injury, the team saw that fibrosis continued uncontrolled.

"Instead of at day 63, seeing that nice resolution, you still see fibrosis," said Fortier.

"We argued by contradiction: when you knock out this brake, fibrosis that would otherwise naturally disappear, persists and therefore MKP1 is necessary for spontaneous resolution of fibrosis."

They performed several additional studies using CRISPR techniques to demonstrate how MKP1 applies the brakes, mainly by deactivating the enzyme p38a, which is implicated in a cell's reaction to stress. Furthermore, they demonstrated that neither of the two current FDA approved drugs for lung fibrosis, pirfenidone and nintedanib, are able to turn off myofibroblasts.

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‘World will get some good news’: Rubio hints at imminent US-Iran deal

MI News Service, New Delhi: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Sunday said that "significant progress" has been made in diplomatic efforts involving the US and Iran, while indicating that a "good news" regarding the Strait of Hormuz could be emerge in the coming hours.

While addressing a joint press conference with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday, Marco Rubio said, "I do think perhaps there is the possibility that over the next few hours the world will get some good news, at least with regards to the straits and with regards to a process that can ultimately leave us where the president wants us to be and that is a world that no longer has to be in fear or worry about an Iranian nuclear weapon and so, I do think there's some good news on that front, but not final news on that front. But, perhaps a little bit later today, we'll have more to say. But, some progress has been made. I don't want to downplay that. But I still want to caveat it by saying we still have some work to do, we will see."

Rubio reiterated US President Donald Trump's stance that Iran can never possess a nuclear weapon. He said, "On the Iran situation, there'll be, I believe, maybe more news coming out a little bit later today on this topic.



And I'll leave it to the president to make further announcements on it. Suffice it to say that some progress has been made, significant progress, although not final progress has been made. Ultimately, here's, I remind everybody, I think this ties into the second question that was asked with relations to it. What is the goal here? The goal here ultimately, the ultimate goal is that Iran can never have a nuclear weapon. Iran can never possess a nuclear weapon. The President has been clear about that they will never possess a nuclear weapon, certainly not as long as Donald Trump is president of the United States."

He stressed that US and its

partners in the Gulf region have been working on an outline that could lead to a completely open Strait of Hormuz without tolls. However, he mentioned that it requires that Iran fully accepts and implements it.

Rubio said, "Related to that is this issue of the straits. This is an international waterway. They don't own it. It's an international waterway and what they are doing now is basically they are threatening to destroy commercial vessels using an international waterway, that is illegal under any concept of international law that governs us. But it's also an... but If we allowed that to become normal, we would be normalizing an unacceptable status quo and setting a danger-

ous precedent that could be replicated here in this region and in multiple places around the world. So, the desire, the president has, his preference is to find a diplomatic way that these problems can be solved that's always the president's preference. He would have much rather have me and the Department of State solve this problem than the Department of War having to solve this problem but the problem is going to be solved one way or the other."

"So, we've made some progress over the last 48 hours working with our partners in the Gulf region on an outline that could also ultimately, if it succeeds, leave us not just with a completely open straits, and I mean open straits without tolls, and with addressing some of the key things that underpin what has been Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions in the past. So, we think we've made some progress on the outline of something that, if it works, could give us that outcome. Obviously, that will require full Iranian acceptance and then compliance, and it will require some future work on negotiating the details. When you're talking about a nuclear program, as an example, these are highly technical matters and ones that would probably need to be addressed over some period of time," he added.

Powerful explosion near railway track in southwest Pakistan, 24 killed



MI News Service, Islamabad: At least 24 people were killed on Sunday in a blast targeting a train carrying military personnel in Pakistan's turbulent southwestern province of Balochistan, a senior official said.

It is learnt that army servicemen were among the victims in the attack in the provincial capital Quetta, which left more than 50 people injured.

The official said that the train carrying army personnel and their family members was going from Quetta to Peshawar in Pakistan's northwest.

The train was passing a signal at Chaman Pattak in Quetta "when an explosives-laden car hit one of the carriages that resulted in a big blast", the official said.

Another official told

that the army personnel were travelling to celebrate the Eid holiday, which is due to start on Tuesday.

Images showed a mangled train carriage on its side as people clambered over the wreckage to find survivors. People could be seen carrying blood-soaked victims on stretchers away from a derailed car, while armed security forces stood guard.

The attack happened in an area where security forces are usually stationed, badly damaging several nearby buildings and smashing more than a dozen vehicles parked along the road, according to witnesses and images circulating on social media.

Balochistan government official Babar Yousafzai said authorities were still investigating the

blast, but gave no further details.

Quetta is the capital of insurgency-hit Balochistan province.

The oil- and mineral-rich province has long been the scene of a low-level insurgency, with separatist groups such as the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army, or BLA, demanding independence from Pakistan's central government. The insurgents have frequently targeted security forces, government installations and civilians in the province and elsewhere in the country.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion was likely to fall on the BLA, which has claimed responsibility for similar attacks in the past.

World Health Assembly concludes with resolutions to safeguard human health

MI News Service, Geneva: The six-day 79th World Health Assembly concluded on Saturday in Geneva, during which member states adopted multiple resolutions to advance multilateral cooperation in safeguarding human health.

Held under the theme "Reshaping global health: a shared responsibility," the assembly adopted more than 20 decisions and 13 resolutions on issues including stroke, tuberculosis, antimicrobial resistance, emergency care, haemophilia, precision medicine and radiation.

In his closing remarks, President of the Assembly Victor Attallah Lajam said that amid intensifying geopolitical conflicts, frequent public health emergencies and severe challenges to the multilateral system, the assembly successfully completed its agenda, once again demonstrating the power of multilateralism.

Attallah, also minister of health of the Dominican Republic, said the assembly focused on its core mission of protecting human health and adopted a series of major decisions and future guidance with direct impact, noting that these outcomes will benefit millions or even more people, with emphasis on strengthening emergency preparedness and response, curbing antimicrobial resistance, promoting innovation in indigenous peoples' health, regulating ethical organ transplantation, and enhancing the protection and support for health workers.

On emerging issues such as digital health, interoperability, artificial intelligence and digital governance, in-depth discussions were held, and the need for ethical and inclusive frameworks was reaffirmed to advance people-centred, interoperable and diverse medical cooperation in precision medicine and diagnostic imaging, the president added.

The assembly also addressed a range of political and administrative issues, including an agreement to reform the global health architecture through a member state-led joint process hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Nigerian troops repel assault on military facility, kill 12 suspected terrorists

MI News Service, Abuja: At least 12 suspected terrorists were killed in a gunfight with Nigerian troops after they attempted to attack a military facility in the northeastern state of Borno, the army said on Saturday. In a statement, Nigerian Army spokesperson Sani Uba said the suspected terrorists tried to infiltrate a military position in Kirawa town along the Nigeria-Cameroon border early Friday, but were repelled by troops of the 153 Task Force Battalion and allied forces.

Rahul Gandhi Says 'Rich vs Poor' Will Replace Hindu-Muslim Politics in India

MI News Service, New Delhi: Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has said that the political discourse in India is gradually shifting from religious polarization to economic inequality, asserting that "rich versus poor" politics will eventually replace the long-dominant Hindu-Muslim narrative in the country.

Speaking during a recent public interaction, Gandhi argued that issues such as unemployment, inflation, rising inequality, and concentration of wealth are becoming central concerns for ordinary Indians, cutting across religious and caste lines. According to him, economic distress among youth and working-class citizens is forcing people to rethink political priorities beyond communal divisions.

"The real divide in India is not Hindu versus Muslim. It is increasingly becoming rich versus poor," Gandhi said, while criticizing what



he described as policies favoring a small group of wealthy corporates at the expense of common citizens.

The Congress leader claimed that the growing gap between the rich and the poor has become impossible to ignore, especially amid rising prices, job insecurity, and agrarian distress. He also alleged that communal politics has often been used to divert public attention from pressing

economic issues.

Political observers say Gandhi's remarks reflect the Congress party's broader attempt to reposition the national political debate around economic justice, welfare, and social equity ahead of upcoming elections. Over the past few years, the party has increasingly focused on themes such as unemployment, caste census, minimum income guarantees, and alleged crony capitalism.

The statement has already triggered sharp political reactions. Leaders from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party accused Gandhi of attempting to create class divisions and dismissed his comments as politically motivated. BJP leaders argued that the government's welfare schemes have benefited millions of poor Indians irrespective of religion or caste.

His remarks resonate with a growing section of the population frustrated by economic challenges and widening inequality.

Israeli official: Trump told Netanyahu that final Iran deal will see nuclear program dismantled, all enriched uranium removed

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump reassured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a phone call last night that the final agreement with Iran will fully dismantle Tehran's nuclear program, a senior Israeli official says in a statement.

Trump "clarified that he will stand firm in the negotiations on his longstanding demand for the dismantlement of Iran's nuclear program and the removal of all enriched uranium from Iranian territory, and that he will not sign a final agreement without these conditions being met," the official says.

Washington is keeping Jerusalem updated on the negotiations "over a memorandum of understanding to reopen the Strait of Hor-

muz and enter negotiations toward a final agreement on the points that remain in dispute," the statement reads, adding that Netanyahu thanked Trump for his "exceptional commitment to Israel's security." Yesterday, The New York Times reported that the US has almost completely excluded Israel from the negotiations. For his part, Netanyahu told Trump that Israel will preserve its freedom of action against "all threats in all arenas," the official says.

"The prime minister emphasized that Israel will preserve its freedom of action against threats in all arenas, including Lebanon, and President Trump reiterated his support for this principle," the official says.

Russia uses hypersonic Oreshnik missile in deadly attack on Kyiv



MI News Service, Kyiv: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says Russia used the powerful hypersonic Oreshnik ballistic missile during a mass drone and missile attack on Kyiv that killed at least two people, marking the third time the weapon has been used in the four-year war.

The intense aerial assault damaged buildings across the Ukrainian capital, including near government offices, residential buildings and schools. The Oreshnik, which is capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads,

struck the city of Bila Tserkva in the Kyiv region, Zelenskyy says in a post on Telegram. The target was not immediately clear. Russia's defense ministry confirms it used the Oreshnik, as well as other missile types, to strike Ukrainian "military command and control facilities," air bases and military industrial enterprises. It did not specify where the targets were. The ministry adds the attack was retaliation for Ukrainian strikes on "civilian facilities on Russian territory," without immediately giving details.

Bangladesh puts AI in driving seat to tackle traffic problem

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh's densely populated capital, infamous for grinding gridlock, has launched its first AI-powered traffic enforcement system in a bid to bring order to one of the world's most congested cities. Across Dhaka, buses, cars, motorcycles and pedal rickshaws jostle for space - seeming to treat signals, pedestrian crossings and even traffic police as obstacles to overcome.

On-the-spot police fines often spark arguments, confrontations are common, and officers are sometimes struck by vehicles refusing to obey commands. Speaking to media traffic sergeant SM Nazim Uddin said, "Those who violate the rules turn against us."

"But since AI was introduced, people behind the wheel have started obeying the law -- and we have been spared the everyday quarrels."

Despite repeated attempts to modernise traffic management, the city of more than 22 million people had remained reliant



on manual control, with officers stretching ropes across roads before traffic lights turned green.

But in April, Dhaka police linked traffic cameras to artificial intelligence software designed to automatically detect violations. Motorist Hannan Rahman Jibon, 28, was among the first drivers caught.

"I ran a red light and the owner of my car, who was sitting at home, received a text message saying that the vehicle had violated traffic rules," said Jibon, who was hit with an automatic 2,000 taka (\$16) fine. "I am more careful now, with cameras in-

stalled in many different parts."

City police spokesman N.M. Nasiruddin said the AI system used existing traffic-monitoring camera feeds - with the software identifying offences ranging from signal and lane violations to illegal parking.

Coverage does not stretch across all the city, and manual traffic enforcement will be phased out over time, but police say it is changing behaviour.

"We have started getting results," Nasiruddin said. "We have prosecuted at least 300 vehicles."

Proposed US-Iran peace deal aims to return Hormuz traffic to pre-war levels

MI News Service, Washington/Tehran: A proposed agreement between the United States and Iran could restore maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz to pre-war levels within 30 days, according to reports by Tasnim News Agency.

The reported memorandum of understanding (MoU) requires the complete removal of the naval blockade during the same period. Iranian media said Tehran would not allow normal transit through the waterway unless maritime restrictions imposed on Iran are lifted.

The proposal also reportedly includes the phased release of part of Iran's frozen overseas assets. Tasnim reported that Tehran has not accepted any nuclear-related obligations at the current stage of discussions with Washington.

However, the draft framework reportedly includes a temporary waiver on sanctions affecting Iranian oil exports, enabling Iran to continue selling oil during negotiations.



The proposal establishes a 60-day ceasefire period alongside parallel talks focused on Iran's nuclear programme and wider regional security matters.

According to reports by Axios, the proposed arrangement would allow Iran to reopen shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz while removing naval mines allegedly placed in the waterway.

The report said Washington would ease restrictions on Iranian ports and partially lift sanctions in exchange for Tehran entering negotiations over uranium enrichment and highly enriched uranium stockpiles.

The draft also report-

edly includes commitments from Iran not to pursue nuclear weapons.

Reports by The New York Times said any release of frozen Iranian funds would depend on measurable progress related to enriched uranium. US officials quoted by the newspaper said Tehran had agreed in principle to relinquish highly enriched uranium, although technical details would be addressed in future talks.

Iran-US analyst Trita Parsi told Al Jazeera that the emerging understanding suggested both sides were prepared to compromise.

He said the agreement could surpass the scope of the 2015 nuclear accord

negotiated during former US president Barack Obama if sanctions relief and nuclear restrictions are fully implemented.

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in India rejected remarks made by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and accused Washington of contributing to instability in the region.

The embassy said US sanctions on Iranian oil exports had harmed global energy markets and violated international law. It also accused Washington of imposing restrictions that affected access to medicines and medical equipment.

Iran further blamed the United States and Israel for escalating tensions in the Strait of Hormuz through military activity in the region.

Tehran reiterated that its nuclear programme remains peaceful and under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), adding that it would not abandon what it described as its lawful right to peaceful nuclear technology.



Gulveer betters his 5000m outdoor NR at LA Track Fest

LOS ANGELES : India's star distance runner Gulveer Singh improved his 5000m outdoor national record with a silver medal finish at the LA Track Festival.

Gulveer clocked 13:03.93 to finish second behind Hahtom Samuel (12:57.22s) of Eritrea in the final. In the process, the Indian broke his own previous national record of 13:11.82 set in Japan in September 2024.

"Indian Army Athlete strikes again on the global stage! Nb Sub Gulveer Singh of Army Sports Institute delivered a sensational performance at the Sound Running Track Fest, Los Angeles (24 May 2026). Silver Medal in Men's 5000m, New National Record - 13:03.93. Breaking his own previous National Record of 13:11.82 set in Japan (Sep 2024), the Army runner continues to redefine Indian distance running with grit, discipline and determination. Wishing Nb Sub Gulveer the very best for the forthcoming sporting season," Indian Army Sports and Adventure shared on X.

Gulveer, who is currently based out of Colorado Springs in the USA, is the first Indian distance runner to hold multiple national records ranging from the 3,000m track to the 25km road race. He holds three national records in the 3000m, 5000m and 10000m. He is also the reigning Asian champion in the 5000m and 10000m.

He had a good run at the 2025 Asian Athletics Championships, winning both the 5,000m and 10,000m track races. This year he is confident of a podium finish at both the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in July and the Asian Games in September.

This was Gulveer's fourth competitive outing of the year. He began his season by finishing 40th in the senior men's race at the World Cross Country Championships in January. In February he secured a third spot in the 5000m short track at the Sound Running Invite in Winston-Salem, USA.



Delhi Capitals' Abishek Porel attempts to reach the crease during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Delhi Capitals at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday.

IPL 2026 : Archer's brilliant all-round show seals playoff berth for Rajasthan Royals

MUMBAI : A fine bowling effort by Jofra Archer (3-17) as Rajasthan Royals defeated Mumbai Indians by 30 runs in a must-win match at the Wankhede Stadium and sealed a berth in the Playoffs of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 on Sunday. Archer, who played a brilliant cameo (32 off 15 balls) to lead a fine recovery and help Rajasthan Royals to 205/8 after being asked to bat first, struck a wicket each in his first two overs and then came back to claim the crucial wicket of Hardik Pandya and end Mumbai Indians' hopes of chasing the stiff target.

Suryakumar Yadav anchored MI's chase with a brilliant 60 (42 balls) and, with help from Will Jacks (33) and Hardik Pandya (34), pulled MI back from a precarious 38/4. With Archer bagging three and Nandre Burger, Brijesh Sharma, and Yash Raj Punj claiming a double each, RR restricted Mumbai Indians to 175/9 in 20 overs, sealing victory in a must-win match. With this win, the Rajasthan Royals moved to 16 points from seven wins in 14 matches and clinched the fourth spot in the playoffs, setting up a meeting with Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Eliminator in New Chandigarh on Wednesday. With Punjab Kings moving to 15 points with a win at LSG last night, RR (14 points) went into this match with their back to the wall, but they fought back brilliantly to make a grand comeback and extended their stay in the



tournament. Their win rendered the final league match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Delhi Capitals inconsequential.

With the ball sticking to the pitch that had gotten slower as the shadows lengthened, Mumbai's chase was derailed early by Archer, who sent back Rohit Sharma, brought in as an Impact Substitute to replace Raghu Sharma, getting out for a four-ball duck with MI yet to score. Archer struck again in the third over, rocking back Naman Dhir's middle stump with a peach of a delivery that jagged in the air and swung out after pitching. Mumbai were down to 13/2, and they slumped further into the swamp after losing Ryan Rickelton (12 off 7) and Tilak Varma (3) in quick succession and were crawling at 38/4 in the sixth

over. Suryakumar Yadav, the most successful batter for MI this season, and Will Jacks shared a fifty-run partnership to rescue them with a 63-run partnership for the fifth wicket in 38 balls as

MI batters hammered Yash Raj Punj for 22 runs in the 12th over. Will Jacks struck him for a six, but was out on the next delivery, sky-ing a wide, fullish leg-break to short leg for keeper Dhruv Jurel to complete an easy catch. Jacks was out for a superb 33 off 18 balls, hitting three boundaries and two maximums as he and SKY took Mumbai past 100.

Hardik Pandya got a life off the first delivery he faced when Rivan Parag grassed a difficult chance running back. He made the most of that by smashing Punj for two sixes interspersed by a wide ball as the over went for 22. Pandya

continued to live a charmed life as he struck back-to-back boundaries off Dasun Shanaka and off the first ball bowled by Nandre Burger as he and Surya put the Mumbai Indians' chase back on the rails. But Jofra Archer returned for his fourth over and accounted for Hardik Pandya, who mis-played a pull on a shortish ball pitched wide, offering an easy catch to Nandre Burger. Mumbai Indians were down to 149/6. Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav added 48 runs for the sixth-wicket partnership. Mumbai were left needing 54 runs off 24 balls.

But the five-time winner lost the plot as Corbin Bosch fell for 2 in a brilliant over bowled by Punj as he conceded five runs and claimed a wicket. Mumbai's hopes depended on Suryakumar Yadav, but he fell in the 18th over trying to hit a big one, caught and bowled by Burger, trying to pull but managing to hit with the toe-end of his bat. Suryakumar Yadav top-scored for Mumbai with 60 not out of 42 balls (3x4, 4x6).

SKY's departure sealed Mumbai's fate, and they fell short by 30 runs.

Brief scores: Rajasthan Royals 205/8 in 20 overs (Dhruv Jurel 38, Jofra Archer 32; Shardul Thakur 2-41, Deepak Chahar 2-43) beat Mumbai Indians 175/9 in 20 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 60, Hardik Pandya 34, Will Jack 33; Jofra Archer 3-17, Nandre Burger 2-43, Brijesh Sharma 2-26, Yash Raj Punj 2-44) by 30 runs

Kane's hat-trick steers Bayern to domestic double with German Cup win



BERLIN : Harry Kane scored a second-half hat-trick as Bayern Munich ended their wait for the DFB-Pokal (German Cup) with a 3-0 win over VfB Stuttgart in the final.

The victory gave Bayern their 21st DFB-Pokal title, their first in the competition since 2020, and completed a domestic double, having already won the Bundesliga title. Stuttgart, meanwhile, ended the season without a trophy.

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Stuttgart, chasing another cup triumph, began with greater bite and kept Bayern pinned back for much of the opening half. Deniz Undav headed straight at Jonas Urbig inside two minutes, before Angelo Stiller missed from distance after a loose Bayern pass, reports Xinhua.

Maximilian Mittelstadt twice threatened from the left, first striking the side-netting and then forcing Urbig to turn a low drive around the post. Bayern, with Urbig starting in place of Manuel Neuer, struggled for fluency despite long spells of possession.

Kane headed over in Bayern's clearest early opening, while Luis Diaz shot at Alexander Nubel after half an hour. Nubel was tested more seriously before the interval, reacting well to keep out a Josip Stanisic strike from around 20 meters.

Stuttgart carried the sharper edge after the break, but the final turned in the 55th minute. After a foul on Michael Olise, Bayern restarted quickly, Olise advanced on the right and crossed for Kane, who found space in the area and headed in.

The match was then halted for several minutes after pyrotechnics were lit in both ends of the Olympiastadion, with smoke hanging over the pitch. When play resumed, Bayern looked calmer and

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Stuttgart's earlier pressure faded.

Konrad Laimer wasted a clear chance to double the lead after Nubel had saved from Luis Diaz, but Kane soon settled the contest. In the 80th minute he combined with Luis Diaz, moved the ball past Chema Andres and finished into the right corner.

Kane completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot in the first minute of stoppage time after Stiller handled during a failed clearance.

"It was a bit about being patient. The first half was tough, but we made them tired. In the second half it was a good performance and overall we deserved the win. I am so proud of the boys. It's amazing," Kane said.

"We played against a strong opponent. The first half was very even, then we raised our level in the second half. We played an almost perfect cup final," said Bayern coach Vincent Kompany.

"The disappointment is still there and it is big. I know that for 55 minutes we played a very good game, exactly what was needed. We were close," Stuttgart coach Sebastian Hoeness said.

Hamburg Open : Qualifier Ignacio Buse stuns Paul to claim maiden title

HAMBURG : Qualifier Ignacio Buse capped off his dream week with Hamburg Open title, defeating world No. 26 American Tommy Paul 7-6(6), 4-6, 6-3.

The 22-year-old Peruvian prevailed in a high-quality final after 3 hours and 3 minutes, becoming the first player of the 2026 calendar year to secure the title on the ATP Tour as a qualifier. The last qualifier to lift the trophy at Rothenbaum was Nikoloz Basilashvili in 2018.

Buse is the first Peruvian ATP Tour titlist since Luis Horna won Vina del Mar in 2007. He joins Pablo Arraya (one title), Jaime Yzaga (eight titles) and Horna (two titles) as the only male tour-level singles champions from the South American nation. Arraya was in the stands in Hamburg to watch his countryman Buse's triumph.

From the very first rally, the final delivered exactly what the fans at Rothenbaum had hoped for. Both players engaged in intense baseline duels, whipping their forehands over the net at tremendous speed and facing off tactically at the highest level.



Four consecutive breaks underscored the intensity and tactical intelligence of both

finalists. The tiebreak was the logical conclusion to a high-class first set in which

both Buse and Paul repeatedly found the right answers. Amid the roaring cheers of the spectators, the Peruvian ultimately won the set narrowly 7-6 (6) and cemented his status as the crowd favourite at Rothenbaum, the tournament reports.

Paul had already proven time and again on his way to the end that he never gives up and is incredibly resilient. At the start of the second set, Buse seemed to lose some energy under the blazing Hamburg sun. The Peruvian briefly lost the precision he'd shown in previous days and quickly fell behind 0-4.

But Buse impressively demonstrated why he had thrilled the fans in Hamburg. He fought his way back, narrowed the gap to 3-4, and made the set exciting once again. In the end, Paul still took the set 6-4 but Buse had regained the momentum.

In the decisive third set, Buse held his serve with nerves of steel and then converted his fifth break point to take a 2-0 lead. He continued to play courageously, withstood the pressure, and ultimately closed out the set.



Maharaj, Mendis, Munsey among Glasgow Cosmic's star-studded line-up for inaugural ETPL

GLASGOW : Glasgow Cosmic has unveiled a star-studded line-up for the inaugural season of the European T20 Premier League (ETPL), bringing together some of the biggest names in international cricket alongside leading Scottish talent. The franchise's roster features renowned players including Finn Allen, Liam Livingstone, Josh Philippe, Moises Henriques, Kamindu Mendis, Keshav Maharaj, Lungi Ngidi, Gerhard Erasmus, Duan Jansen, Ali Khan, as well as Scotland captain Richie Berrington and Scottish cricket star George Munsey.

FIFA approves Iran's request to shift World Cup base camp to Mexico

NEW DELHI : FIFA has approved Iran's request to relocate its training base for the 2026 FIFA World Cup from the United States to Mexico, a move driven by growing concerns over travel logistics, visa procedures and wider geopolitical sensitivities surrounding the tournament.

The decision was announced by Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran chief Mehdi Taj. He confirmed that Iran received clearance following discussions with FIFA and tournament officials in Istanbul and a follow-up virtual meeting with senior FIFA representatives.

Iran had originally planned to set up its World Cup base in Tucson, Arizona, but the team will now operate out of Tijuana, Mexico, during the tournament, which will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico from June 11 to July 19.

"All team base camps for the countries participating in the World Cup must be approved FIFA. Fortunately, following the requests we submitted and the meetings we held with FIFA and World Cup officials in Istanbul, as



well as the webinar meeting we had yesterday in the Tehran with the respected FIFA secretary general, our request to change the team's base from the United States to Mexico was approved," Taj said in a statement released by the federation.

Iranian football authorities believe the relocation will ease operational difficulties associated with entering and travelling through the United States during the competition. Federation officials indicated that establishing a camp in Tijuana could simplify visa processes for players, coaching staff and support personnel, while also improving travel flexibility.

Taj added that the team

"may even be able to travel to and from Mexico using Iran Air flights."

The federation also highlighted the logistical advantages of Tijuana's location. Situated near the US border close to San Diego, the city offers easier access to Iran's group-stage fixtures, two of which will be held in California. The federation said the new base "includes all training facilities, gym, private restaurant and everything else the team needs."

Despite the shift in training base, Iran will still play all of its Group G matches in the United States. Iran open their campaign against New Zealand at SoFi Stadium on June 15 before facing