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President of India Droupadi Murmu is presenting the Padma Shri award to renowned Bengali actor Prasenjit Chatterjee for the year 2026 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday. Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were the Vice President, the Prime minister and the Union Home minister.

About 30 Kolkata Police officers under ED scanner in land grab case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Nearly 30 Kolkata Police officials are currently under the scanner of Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with an alleged land-grabbing racket in the city, a senior official of the central probe agency said on Monday.

Police personnel of different ranks are suspected of having links with a syndicate accused of coercing senior citizens into selling properties at below-market prices, he said.

"Several police personnel have come under the scanner during the course of the investigation. Their exact role is being examined," a senior ED official familiar with the investigation said.

"We are now investigating about their alleged involvement in the land-grabbing nexus between former (DC) Shantanu Sinha Biswas, Biswajit Poddar alias Sona Pappu and businessman Joy Kamdar", the ED official said.

Meanwhile, according to informed sources, so far ED has reportedly identified about 30 such officers from multiple ranks who used to follow the instructions of Biswas. These officers were posted in their respective police stations by the former DC of Kolkata Police. ED officials have come to know that after targeting specific lands, Sona Pappu used to provide the list to those officers who further used to call the land owners at the police station. There under various pretexts, the land owners used to be kept in fear. Later, those officers used to make owners sell out their respective lands to Kamdar at almost throw-away prices and very nominal cost.

The ED sleuths are currently questioning Biswas to find out who else from the city police are involved in the malpractice. It may be mentioned that the ED has already conducted a raid at the residence of Ruhul Amin, a Constable of the Kolkata Police Reserve Force and reportedly seized several incriminating pieces of evidence. A raid was also conducted at the ancestral residence of Sinha Biswas at Kandi in Murshidabad, from where about two kg of gold, worth about Rs three crore, along with some cash and incriminating documents were reportedly seized.

Neelam Meena becomes new CEO of Bengal



Neelam Meena new Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior IAS officer Neelam Meena was on Monday appointed as the new Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal after Manoj Kumar Agarwal was recently elevated as the state Chief Secretary.

In a letter to the state Chief Secretary, the poll authority said Meena, a 1998 batch IAS officer of the West Bengal cadre, is being appointed as the next CEO.

It said Meena will not hold any additional charge of the state government while holding the post of Chief Electoral Officer.

Meena, is currently serving as the Principal Secretary of the

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Suvendu Adhikari attends second 'Janatar Darbar' in two weeks

MI News Service, Kolkata: In keeping with his promise, West Bengal Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari held his second consecutive weekly 'Janatar Darbar' (People's Court) at the state BJP headquarters here for over two hours on Monday, where he listened to the grievances and complaints of the public and promised their early resolution.

The public audience session commenced at 9:00 AM when people from various parts of the state and diverse professional backgrounds gathered to voice their demands and concerns.

Representatives of 26,000 'eligible' teaches and other individuals who had lost their jobs during the previous TMC regime, appealed to the Chief Minister to reinstate their merit based employment soon.

During the session — an octogenarian resident of Bhowanipore, Prabir Mukherjee— lodged a complaint alleging that he had not received a flat despite surrendering his land for development. The 81-year-old senior citizen alleged that Joy Kamdar and Sona Pappu had defrauded him after he was rather forced to hand over his ancestral property to them. He alleged that although the land was subsequently developed into a housing project, he was never allotted a flat. Prabir Mukherjee further claimed that prior to his arrest, Joy Kamdar had promised to provide him with a flat but demanded a sum of Rs 17 lakh in exchange. The elderly man stated that he currently



West Bengal Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari is holding his second 'Janatar Darbar' in two weeks at BJP state headquarters at Salt Lake area in Kolkata on Monday .

ly resides in a rented house with his wife.

After speaking with the Chief Minister, he later stated "I feel re-

assured, the Chief Minister has promised to resolve the issue."

Among others Suman Biswas also met with the Chief Minister

on behalf of the 26,000 teachers who had lost their jobs, while one Malay Sinha Roy appealed for the reinstatement of permanent re-

cruitment within the technical education sector. He alleged that due to corruption within the technical education system at various

institutions, no recruitment has taken place for the past 15 years, and permanent jobs were illegally converted into temporary ones. Suchitra Dey appealed to Suvendu Adhikari to reinstate the reservation quota for orphans in certain state government jobs. She alleged that the reservation policy for orphans had been abolished in specific sectors of state employment, consequently creating significant hurdles for many orphans seeking employment.

After listening to everyone's submissions and plights, Suvendu Adhikari gave assurances that appropriate measures would be taken to address their concerns.

Around 12:00 noon, the Chief Minister departed from the Salt Lake party office and left for Nabanna.

Upon assuming the office of Chief Minister, Suvendu Adhikari had announced the launch of 'Janatar Darbar' as a mechanism to resolve the issues faced by the common people. The BJP stated that the Chief Minister would be present at the party office in Salt Lake every Monday morning from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, to hold the 'Janatar Darbar' programme. Along with the Chief minister, two other state BJP leaders - Locket Chatterjee and Shashi Agnihotri—were present at the interactive session. Representatives from 15 organizations of job aspirants met with Suvendu Adhikari today and the security personnel had a tough time to manage the crowd.

Revival of Singur is part of our industrial policy: SAMIK



BJP state President and Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya is addressing the business community at a special session, organised by the Bharat Chamber of Commerce, in Kolkata on Monday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state BJP president of West Bengal, Samik Bhattacharya has made it crystal clear that the new BJP government has taken up the policy to revive Singur and bring it to the industrial map of the state.

Samik Bhattacharya was speaking at the Bharat Chamber of Commerce programme in Kolkata on Monday. He was felicitated there. Samik also interacted with different portfolio holders of the chamber including the media.

Samik said that the new-

ly formed state government is working on the land ceiling policy and it will take few more months to take a comprehensive shape. He said the earlier governments have destroyed the industrial scenario of West Bengal.

Samik mentioned, "We are going to bring a comprehensive land policy and new data policy as well. These policies would act as a positive catalyst in the industrial revival of West Bengal."

Samik further mentioned that industrial policy of the state would certainly take into ac-

count northern districts of West Bengal. To him, "North Bengal have been neglected for ages and now the time has come to turn the tide."

To Bhattacharya, north Bengal have a huge scope, especially in the domain of tourism and tea. Samik also mentioned that even Prime Minister Modi wants to see West Bengal as an industrial hub as it used to be in its golden times. Samik further mentioned that in the domain of semi-conductor industry West Bengal also do have a wonderful opportunity.

'India can count on me 100 pc as I am a big, big fan of PM Modi': President Trump

MI News Service, New Delhi: 'India can count on me 100 per cent', US President Donald Trump said calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "great" friend during an event celebrating the 250th anniversary of American independence on Sunday night.

The event at the Bharat Mandapam here was graced by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and US Ambassador Sergio Goro.

The highlight of the event was a performance by A R Rahman. "I just want to say hello to everybody. I love the Prime Minister, (Narendra) Modi is great, he is my friend and I just want to say a very good evening to everybody," Trump said in a phone conversation with Goro.

"I am a big, big fan of Prime Minister Modi," he said.

The US ambassador held his



phone to a microphone for the audience to hear Trump's remarks.

"We've never been closer to India and India can count on me 100 per cent and our country," the US president said. "If they ever need help, they know where to call -- they call right here."

Trump also claimed that the US economy was doing well. "We're doing well, we're setting records. We've a record econo-

my, a record stock market," he said.

The highlight of the evening was Rahman's performance as he sang hits such as "Dil Se", "Maa Tujhe Salaam" and "Tere Bina".

In his remarks, Trump also described Rubio as the "greatest secretary of state in the history of the US" and concluded by saying: "Say hello to Prime Minister Modi and let him know I'm a big fan."

In his brief address, Rubio described India as a key partner of the US.

EAM Jaishankar said the US declaration of independence articulated ideas that shaped the modern world such as individual liberty, rule of law, free speech and accountable governance, and their resonance in India was natural given the country's history as a pluralistic society with a consultative ethos.

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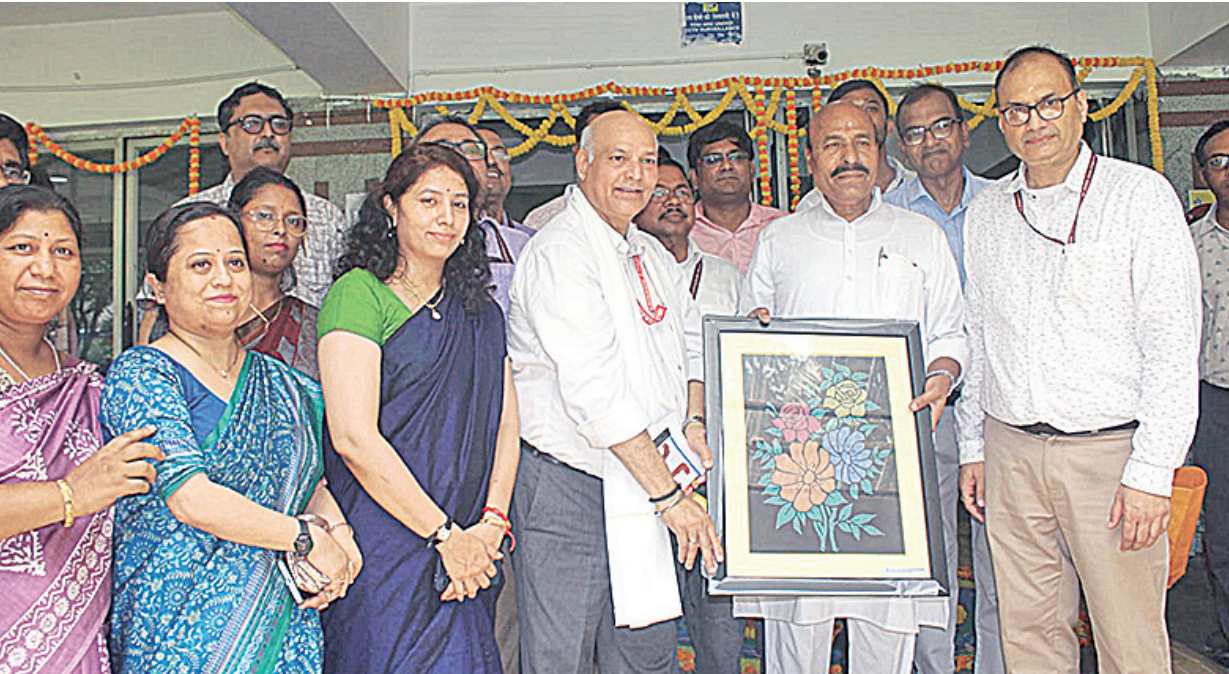


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Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar visited Kolkata on May 25, 2026. He was welcomed by Rajiv Sharma, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, and Chairperson of the Executive Council of NILD, along with Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director of the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata. During his visit, the Minister reviewed the institution's activities and commended NILD for its dedicated services to Divyangjan (persons with disabilities). He also inaugurated several new facilities, including a Driving Simulator, two ambulances, an office vehicle, a solar panel system, a Low Vision Assessment Clinic, a Combination Therapy Unit, the 'i-AMMA' app developed by NIEPID, Secunderabad, and the Speech and Language Therapy Unit at AYUNISHD-RC, Kolkata.

English Bazar Centre Detains 9 Following Gazole Arrests

MI News Service, Malda: Following recent detentions in Murshidabad, district authorities in Malda have moved swiftly to operationalise a new holding centre at Chandan Park, Bagbari, adjacent to English Bazaar, where nine Bangladeshi nationals are currently being held pending verification and deportation procedures. The facility, converted from a former self-help group office, is the only holding centre in Malda district at present and has been equipped with CCTV surveillance and security arrangements. Officials said the nine detainees — identified from the Gazol area — include three women and six minors. Authorities described them as Bangladeshi nationals lodged for illegally residing in India. The move follows a state Home Department directive issued within two weeks of the new administration's formation, instructing district magistrates and superintendents of police to establish holding centres in every district for persons apprehended on suspicion of illegal entry. The Foreigners Branch circulated the directive to all districts on Saturday, prompting rapid action by local administrations.

“Government Hospitals Have Beds, But No Treatment”: Ranaghat MP Alleges Massive Irregularities in Nadia Healthcare System

MI News Service, Nadia : Nadia's healthcare infrastructure has come under sharp political scrutiny after Ranaghat MP Jagannath Sarkar levelled serious allegations against two major government hospitals in the district- Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Hospital and Gandhi Memorial Hospital. Accusing the hospitals of widespread mismanagement, broker syndicates, lack of infrastructure and negligence in emergency treatment, the BJP MP claimed that ordinary patients are being deprived of even basic healthcare facilities. Speaking on the condition of the hospitals, Sarkar alleged that middle-class and economically weaker families, who depend entirely on government healthcare, are being forced to suffer because of corruption and administrative failure. “Government hospitals are the last hope for poor people. But today, there is no proper treatment environment. In many cases, patients' families are compelled to approach middlemen to secure ICU beds or surgeries,” he said. The MP particularly raised concerns over emergency cardiac care. According to him, several heart attack patients brought to Gandhi Memorial Hospital fail to receive timely intervention such as stent placement or emergency balloon angioplasty due to infrastructural limitations. “In critical situations, patients are often kept on saline support for hours, sometimes even for one or two days, without definitive treatment. Many lose their lives because emergency procedures are delayed,” Sarkar alleged.



He also painted a grim picture of the hospital environment, accusing authorities of failing to maintain minimum standards of hygiene and patient care. “Flies hover around patients, cats roam beside hospital beds, and family members are forced to fan patients manually. Even repeated appeals to doctors often do not bring any relief. Government hospitals now only have beds to lie on, not treatment,” he remarked. Referring to earlier controversies in Krishnanagar district hospital, Sarkar further alleged irregularities in the supply of saline and medicines. He claimed that families were forced to purchase saline from outside despite stocks being available inside hospital premises, where expired saline packets were later allegedly found. Launching a broader attack on the state's healthcare administration, Jagannath Sarkar said government hospitals had increasingly adopted a “no bed available” culture, forcing poor patients to run from one hospital to another throughout the night. According to him, many families are eventually pushed towards expensive private nursing homes, often exhausting their savings, while others return home without treatment. The MP asserted that he would continue raising his voice against what he termed a “corrupt and broker-controlled healthcare system.” He added that people are demanding a transparent and middle-man-free healthcare structure and claimed that Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has already indicated that healthcare reforms would receive priority under the new administration.

Fake-Slip Racket Exposed at Asansol Bus Stand

MI News Service, Asansol: A police raid on Monday exposed an alleged racket operating in municipal parking zones near the Asansol bus terminus, as investigators seized fake parking slips and arrested four attendants in a probe that officials say could uncover large-scale diversion of municipal revenue. Authorities said the operation followed intelligence about organized collection of parking fees from long-distance buses, minibuses, cars and two-wheelers at locations designated as municipal parking. During the raid, officers recovered counterfeit tickets and detained four individuals who were manning the illegal operations. Interrogation led police to identify a suspected ringleader, a North Asansol resident named Honey Singh, who is currently being sought, officials added. A related name, Bappa Roy, also surfaced during an earlier raid in the market area last Saturday.

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Following the tragic death of two Aryika Matajis in a road accident in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, anger has spread across the Jain community throughout the country. In protest against the incident, members of the Jain community in Kharagpur organized a silent rally. Community members clearly refused to treat the incident as an ordinary road accident and demanded a high-level and impartial investigation, alleging it to be a well-planned conspiracy. It may be noted that the tragic incident took place on May 20 near the Collectorate and Civil Lines police station area in Rewa, where Aryika Shrutmati Mataji and Aryika Upshammati Mataji, disciples of Jain saint Acharya Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj, were allegedly run over by a speeding vehicle, resulting in their death on the spot. Allegations of a Deep Conspiracy. Not a Simple Accident. The Jain community has made serious allegations that video footage of the incident suggests it was not a normal accident but a deliberate act of violence. Representatives of the community claimed that the driver intentionally targeted the unarmed saints who were undertaking a pad yatra (religious foot journey) and fled the scene after hitting them. Members of the Jain community, including Chandan



Jain and Tarun Jain, stated that the incident was not merely the death of two saints but a direct attack on the core Jain principle of “Ahimsa” (non-violence). The community warned the government that if the accused are not arrested and given strict punishment, a large-scale nationwide protest movement would be launched. During the protest, a memorandum was also submitted to the authorities. In the memorandum, the community demanded the establishment of fast-track courts for crimes committed against saints and religious ascetics so that justice can be delivered quickly. The Jain community stated that their saints are completely unarmed and always travel on foot, making their safety entirely the government's responsibility. They expressed concern that repeated incidents involving attacks on saints across the country have created a sense of insecurity within the community. The community also warned the administration that if concrete action is not taken in time, they would be compelled to take to the streets. To press for their demands, they mentioned the possibility of launching stronger protests in the future, including a “Jail Bharo Movement,” “Road Blockades,” and even a “Bharat Bandh” (nationwide shutdown).

Assurance of Airport Development at Kalaikunda in Kharagpur, Says Minister Dilip Ghosh – Millions Across Three States to Benefit

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Hopes for the construction of an airport at the Kalaikunda Air Force base in Kharagpur have once again been revived. State Cabinet Minister and Kharagpur Sadar MLA Dilip Ghosh assured that the airport project would be taken forward, stating that nearly three million people from West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Odisha would directly benefit from it. The statement was made during a felicitation program organized by the Balaji Temple Committee in the New Settlement area of Kharagpur, where Minister Dilip Ghosh was honored. During the event, the committee also submitted a memorandum demanding the construction of the Kalaikunda Airport. Committee members Deepchandra Saha, Damodar Rao, and R.

Kishore said that the minister gave a positive assurance regarding the project and promised that necessary steps would be taken soon. Minister Dilip Ghosh stated that the previous government had not been serious about resolving land-related issues, but now his government would work rapidly in this direction. He said that around 30 lakh people from 10 Lok Sabha constituencies across three states are connected to the Kalaikunda region. According to him, once the airport is built, people from West Medinipur, Jhargram, Purulia, and Bankura districts, along with large populations in Jharkhand and Odisha, would directly benefit. It is noteworthy that earlier in 2025, BJP Rajya Sabha MP and state president Samik Bhattacharya had raised



the issue of the Kalaikunda Airport in Parliament. At that time, Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu had stated that the project would move forward once the land acquisition process was completed. According to available information, around 38.25 acres of land

are required near the Kalaikunda Airbase for the airport project. Several rounds of discussions have already taken place between the Airports Authority of India and the state government regarding the matter, although clear progress on the project has yet to be seen. Residents of Kharagpur say that the city already houses world-class institutions and infrastructure, including Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, one of Asia's longest railway platforms, and the Vidyasagar Industrial Area. Therefore, they believe an airport is essential for improving regional development and connectivity. Members of the Balaji Temple Committee expressed hope that this long-pending demand may finally be fulfilled through the initiative taken by Minister Dilip Ghosh.

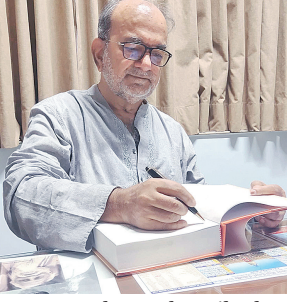
Bulldozer Levels Councilor's Illegal Office in Burnpur

MI News Service, Asansol: Authorities on Monday demolished an unauthorised political office on Road No. 11 in Burnpur, south Asansol, after determining the structure had been illegally erected on ISP land, officials said. The single-storey office, used by councilor Kanchan Mukherjee of Ward 75 of the Asansol Municipal Corporation, was razed following orders from the ISP land management authorities. Officials said repeated notices to vacate the site went unheeded, prompting the enforcement action early Monday. Photographs from the scene showed earth-moving equipment reducing the structure to rubble as onlookers watched. Councilor Mukherjee told reporters the facility had been established to serve local residents and that he had requested a short extension to remove possessions after being served notice. He said he harboured no personal animus toward the ISP authorities



and supported steps taken in the interest of lawful development, while seeking due process in the handling of constituency facilities. Local officials described the demolition as part of a wider drive to clear illegal encroachments and unauthorized constructions across the region. Authorities pointed to a zero-tolerance policy on unlawful occupation of public land, with similar actions carried out in recent weeks in several parts of the state, including targeted removals of structures found to have been built without requisite permissions. ISP sources said the Burnpur site had been identified as councilor-occupied land belonging to the agency and that prior warnings had been issued. “We issued notices and allowed time for voluntary removal. Non-compliance left us with no option but to enforce the law,” an ISP official said. The demolition follows an intensified campaign by district administrators and municipal authorities to regularize land use, remove illegal constructions on utility and public land, and ensure unobstructed civic access. Enforcement teams have earlier removed unauthorized structures in multiple localities, and officials indicated that inspections of other suspect sites are ongoing. Residents near Road No. 11 expressed mixed reactions: some welcomed the clearance as necessary to prevent further encroachment, while others criticized the timing and said more consultation with local stakeholders would have been preferable.

Nurul Islam Khan : Citizens have dubbed the short-lived state government the “bulldozer administration” as demolition drives swept through homes, shops and public spaces across districts, leaving civil-society groups fearful and unsettled. Commenting on the unfolding crisis, senior Kolkata advocate Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya urged sustained legal and popular resistance to defend citizens' rights. “Governments come and go,” Bhattacharya said, “but people must organize on the ground as well as in the courts to shape public opinion and resist unlawful excesses.” He warned that the state has been crippled by the accumulated corruption of previous administrations and stressed that ordinary livelihoods and survival are at stake, requiring an unceasing struggle for protection of basic rights. Asked what the public should do when faced with loss of livelihood and dignity, Bhattacharya issued a stark warning: “If this continues, people will be reduced to grazing like four-legged



described such tactics as unscientific and irrational. He rejected calls to tolerate violence in the name of custom or convenience. “Can a living person be beaten to death and that be acceptable?” he asked, recalling his own protest against inhuman practices. “In a civilized country, dissent must be allowed; truth stands above all.” He pledged his personal support for peaceful resistance and legal action to protect fundamental rights, urging people not to be intimidated or misled. “Do not be alarmed or confused,” he advised, calling for organized, sustained campaigns combining litigation and street-level mobilization to restore security and fairness for vulnerable communities.

animals.” Drawing on visual symbolism from Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times — where workers stream into factories and emerge diminished and mechanized — he argued the present course treats citizens like disposable stock and must be contested. Bhattacharya condemned those who misuse religion for narrow sectarian advantage and described such tactics as unscientific and irrational. He rejected calls to tolerate violence in the name of custom or convenience. “Can a living person be beaten to death and that be acceptable?” he asked, recalling his own protest against inhuman practices. “In a civilized country, dissent must be allowed; truth stands above all.” He pledged his personal support for peaceful resistance and legal action to protect fundamental rights, urging people not to be intimidated or misled. “Do not be alarmed or confused,” he advised, calling for organized, sustained campaigns combining litigation and street-level mobilization to restore security and fairness for vulnerable communities.

BJP worker hacked in board daylight in Malda, political tension soars

MI News Service, Malda: Fresh political tension gripped Malda's Chanchal after a BJP worker and lawyer was allegedly attacked in board daylight by armed miscreants, triggering road blockades protest and serious allegations of police complicity. The injured man, identified as Kiran Saha, an advocate practicing at the Chanchal Sub-Divisional Court and an active BJP worker associated with the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, sustained severe injuries after being assaulted with sharp weapon while returning from the market on Monday morning. According to local sources, a group of attackers intercepted Saha near Ashapur and allegedly launched a sudden assault using deadly weapons. Eyewitnesses said the attack created panic in the locality as the victim collapsed on the road in a blood-soaked condition. Local residents rushed to his rescue and admitted him first to Chanchal Super Speciality Hospital.



Common people with various grievances wait to meet West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari during the “Chief Minister in Janata Darbar” programme at the West Bengal BJP state headquarters in Salt Lake City, Kolkata, on Monday.

Brown sugar worth lakhs recovered in Siliguri, one arrested

MI News Service, Siliguri: In yet another anti-narcotics operation in Siliguri, a youth was arrested with brown sugar worth several lakhs from Burdwan Road area by Khalpara Outpost police. The accused has been identified as Sahid Ansari (30), a resident of Kishanganj.

From Pavement to Power Plant: Struggle Pays Off, Jhargram Engineer Ratan Bagal Gets Chemist Job at Rashmi Group

MI News Service, Kharagpur : The life of young engineer Ratan Bagal from the Chilkigarh area of Jhargram, who was once forced to spend nights on the pavement near Howrah Station, is now moving in a new direction. After his inspiring struggle came to light, Rashmi Group's unit, Odisha Metallics Private Limited, Unit-1, has directly appointed him as a Chemist in the Demineralization Plant of its Captive Power Plant Division. According to reports, 33-year-old Ratan Bagal completed his B.Tech in Chemical Engineering from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology in 2015. He graduated with a first-class score of 7.59 DGPA, but financial hardship and difficult circumstances made his journey extremely challenging. Ratan initially worked for nearly five years at a detergent manufacturing company. Later, he also worked at a fertilizer company in Kharagpur. However, due to the lack of stable employment and increasing family responsibilities, he was eventually compelled to take up work as a ward boy under a private contractor at a hospital in Kolkata. His condition became so difficult that, in order to support his family,



he had to spend several nights sleeping on the pavement at Howrah Station. Despite years of struggle and hardship, he never gave up. Recognizing his determination and perseverance, former Governor of West Bengal C. V. Ananda Bose had earlier honored him with a certificate of appreciation. Recently, when his story received widespread media attention, Rashmi Group's unit Odisha Metallics Private Limited, Unit-1, evaluated his academic background and industrial experience. Finding him technically suitable, the company appointed him to the position of Chemist purely on merit. On this occasion, Rashmi Group Executive Director Bhaskar Choudhary said, “Rashmi Group is committed to strengthening the vision of ‘Make in India’ and ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat.’ We believe in providing opportunities to talented and technically skilled youth. Today, more than 42,000 employees are working with us, of whom over 70 percent are young people.” Expressing his gratitude after securing the new job, Ratan Bagal said, “I am extremely thankful to Rashmi Group for recognizing my abilities and giving me this opportunity. I will try to contribute to the company with complete dedication and honesty.” Ratan Bagal's journey has now become an inspiration for thousands of young people who continue to keep their dreams alive despite facing severe hardships.

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Three Nepali Women
Rescued from
Alleged Trafficking
Racket in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police's Detective Department has busted an alleged human trafficking operation and rescued three young women from Nepal who were reportedly brought to the city on the promise of employment and later sold into the city's red-light district. A woman accused of facilitating the trafficking network has been arrested in connection with the case.

According to police, the accused, identified as ShobhaTamang, managed a house in Sonagachi, Kolkata's largest red-light area. Investigators said several Nepali sex workers were already residing in the premises, and traffickers allegedly used this connection to lure young women from Nepal with offers of jobs and better opportunities in India.

Police suspect that the three women travelled to Kolkata believing they would be employed in legitimate work. However, after arriving in the city, they were allegedly sold to the Sonagachi establishment. Acting on a tip-off, officers from the Detective Department launched an operation on Sunday evening and identified the premises where the women were being kept.

During the raid, the three Nepali women were rescued and taken into protective custody. ShobhaTamang was arrested from the location and is being questioned about her role in the trafficking network and the individuals involved in bringing the women to Kolkata.

Investigators are now trying to determine the victims' exact hometowns in Nepal, who they were contacted, and how they arranged their travel to India. Police are also examining whether a larger cross-border trafficking syndicate is involved in recruiting vulnerable women from rural Nepal and transporting them to West Bengal under false promises of employment.

The Kolkata Police have initiated communication with the Nepal Embassy as part of efforts to verify the identities of the rescued women and facilitate necessary legal and humanitarian procedures. Officials suspect that traffickers may be operating in remote villages in Nepal, targeting young women with fake job offers before trafficking them into the sex trade.

The latest rescue comes just eight months after police uncovered another trafficking racket in the Burtolla police station area, where 11 people, including nine minors, were rescued from a house. The recurrence of such cases has raised concerns about the continued presence of organised trafficking networks in the city.

Police said efforts are underway to identify other members of the racket, trace interstate and international links, and dismantle the broader trafficking network operating behind the scenes. Investigations are continuing.

Neelam Meena becomes
new CEO of Bengal

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She was among the three officers whose names were recommended by the state government to the ECI for consideration for the top electoral post in the state.

The West Bengal government had sent a panel of three IAS officers from the state cadre to the Election Commission for the appointment of a new CEO.

Apart from Meena, the panel included Tanmay Chakrabarty, a 2006-batch officer, and Mousmita Godara Basu, a 2007-batch IAS officer.

Manoj Kumar Agarwal, the erstwhile CEO of West Bengal, was recently appointed Chief Secretary soon after the BJP-led new state government headed by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari assumed office.

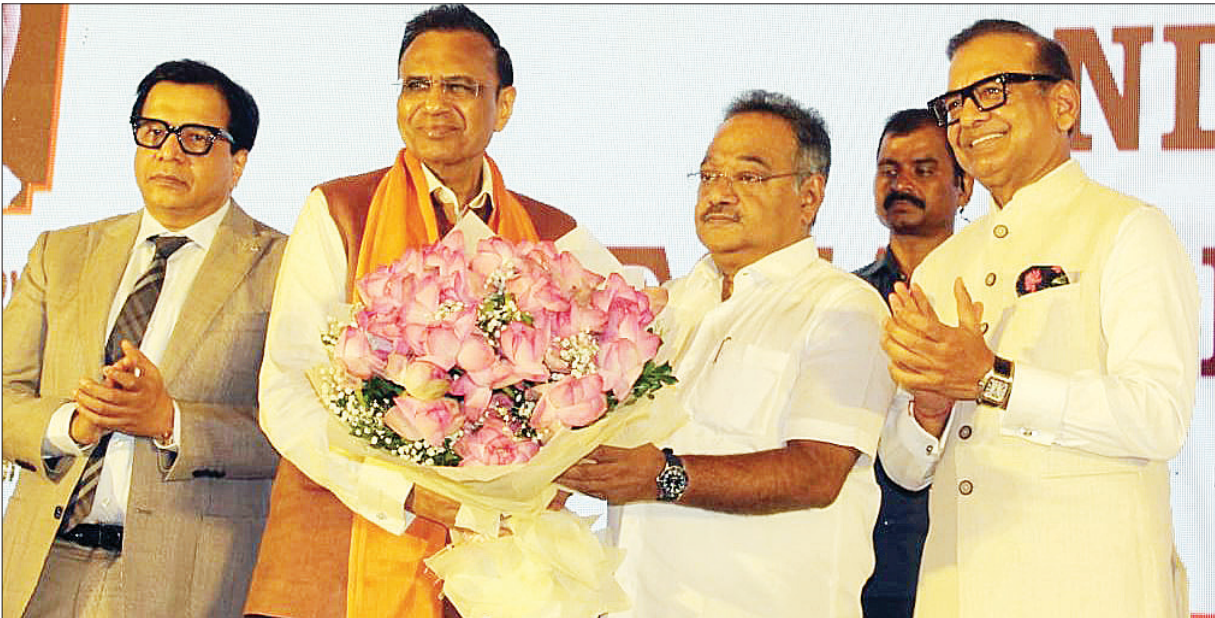
Meanwhile, former ECI-appointed special poll observer Subrata Gupta has been appointed as the Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister.

Both Agarwal and Gupta had been credited with overseeing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and ensuring the smooth and peaceful conduct of the recently concluded Assembly elections in the state.

Among the three names sent to the ECI, Meena was the senior-most officer. Chakrabarty is a 2006-batch IAS officer, while Basu belongs to the 2007 batch.

Meena's appointment is being seen as part of the administrative reshuffle initiated after the formation of the new government in West Bengal.

BHARAT CHAMBER hold session
with SAMIK BHATTACHARYA



Naresh Pachisia (President - Bharat Chamber of Commerce) and Samik Bhattacharya (MP-Rajya Sabha and West Bengal State BJP President) at a special session organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on Monday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which recently assumed power in West Bengal, has signalled major policy changes aimed at reviving investment and industrial growth in the state. Addressing an event organised by the Bharat Chamber of Commerce on Monday, state BJP president Shamik Bhattacharya announced that the government is working on a new land acquisition policy and appealed to investors to participate in rebuilding Bengal's economy.

Criticising the land policies of the previous government, Bhattacharya said the existing framework had failed to create a favourable environment for industrial development. He stated that the new administration is actively reviewing the issue and preparing a revised land acquisition policy intended to facilitate

have long been known as a nationalist minded chamber of commerce and hence hosted Samik Bhattacharya after BJP's unprecedented victory in the West Bengal Assembly Election 2026. The session was attended by top brass of the Cham-

ber including the President of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce Naresh Pachisia, Senior Vice President Ramesh Agarwal and other senior and distinguished members. Samik Bhattacharya interacted with the top

brass and office bearers of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce. Bhattacharya discussed the ideas and policies the new BJP government in West Bengal have imbibed regarding the industrial resurgence in the state.

BJP Promises New Land Acquisition Policy,
Calls for Fresh Investment in West Bengal

investments while addressing concerns of stakeholders. "West Bengal's land acquisition policy was not effective. We are working on reforms. There is growing optimism about Bengal's future, and investors across the world are looking at the state with renewed interest," Bhattacharya said during his address.

The BJP leader also called upon industrialists and entrepreneurs to play an active role in restoring the state's economic strength. Referring to investment trends in other BJP-governed states, he noted that regions such as Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have witnessed substantial industrial expansion in recent years.

"Many companies have shut down in West Bengal over the past decade. The challenges facing the state cannot be resolved

by any political party alone. Investors, industry leaders and businesses must come forward and become partners in this transformation," he said.

Bhattacharya further stressed the need to create a business-friendly environment free from political interference, corruption and extortion. According to him, excessive politicisation has affected multiple sectors, including industry, education and public administration. He said the new government aims to establish a transparent governance model that encourages enterprise and job creation.

The event also featured comments from Bharat Chamber of Commerce President Naresh Pachisia, who expressed hope that the political transition would lead to increased investment and economic opportunities in the state.

"We want greater investment to come to West Bengal. During the pandemic, we received considerable support from the Central Government. However, in the past there was limited engagement between the state leadership and the business community. As a result, we often had to approach the Centre directly for assistance," Pachisia said.

He added that members of the business community had been waiting for such a change for a long time and were optimistic that the new administration would foster a more constructive relationship with industry. The announcements are being viewed as part of the BJP government's broader strategy to attract capital, generate employment and position West Bengal as a major investment destination in eastern India.

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Colour-Coded ID Cards for Hosp
Staff to Curb Unauthorized Entry

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has launched a comprehensive colour-coded identity card system for employees of all government hospitals in a bid to prevent unauthorized entry, eliminate tout networks, and strengthen security within healthcare institutions.

The initiative was first announced by Chief Minister SuwenduAdhikari soon after assuming office. Under the new system, every category of hospital employee will be issued a distinct identity card, and entry into hospital premises will be restricted to individuals carrying valid identification. The Health Department has already issued a detailed circular outlining the colour scheme and implementation guidelines.

According to the directive, laboratory personnel will receive orange ID cards, assistant professors will be issued violet cards, administrative staff will carry black cards, nurses will have brown cards,

security personnel will use maroon cards, and Group-D employees will be identified through green cards. Sanitation workers engaged in cleaning operations will be issued yellow identity cards, while outsourced workers will receive blue cards.

The circular has been sent to all major government healthcare institutions, including SSKM Hospital, R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, NRS Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata Medical College, National Medical College, ShambhunathPandit Hospital, Kolkata Police Hospital, and other state-run medical facilities.

To ensure smooth implementation of the project, the government has decided to appoint a nodal officer for every hospital building. These officers will be responsible for co-ordinating and supervising all activities related to the identity card programme. Hospital authorities have also been instructed to arrange high-speed

broadband connectivity and dedicate office space for the project's operations.

Additionally, hospitals will be required to engage IT personnel from Webel to address technical issues and assist with the digital registration process. Authorities have also been advised to deploy volunteers during registration to manage crowds and ensure an orderly workflow.

Registration for the new identity cards is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 25, and must be completed by May 28. Employees will be categorised under various groups, including doctors, nurses, medical technologists, administrative staff, paramedical personnel, General Duty Assistants (GDAs), drivers, and other support staff.

Officials believe the initiative will improve hospital security, streamline access control, and help create a safer and more transparent healthcare environment across the state.

Veteran Cal HC Lawyer
Phiroze Edulji Passes Away

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior advocate PhirozeEdulji, one of the most prominent legal figures of the Calcutta High Court, passed away on Monday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kolkata. He had been battling multiple age-related ailments, including liver complications. His demise has cast a shadow over the legal fraternity, with colleagues and associates mourning the loss of a respected lawyer known for his courtroom advocacy and commitment to justice.

An alumnus of the National Law School of India University, Edulji had been practising at the Calcutta High Court since 1997 and was associated with several high-profile cases over

nearly three decades. He recently came into the spotlight for representing the family of the victim in the R.G. Kar rape and murder case, where he strongly argued for justice both before the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court. With fresh proceedings in the case currently underway, his sudden demise is being viewed as a significant loss.

Beyond the R.G. Kar case, Edulji played a key role in several major legal battles, including the Bogtui and Kamduni cases. His arguments in court were instrumental in securing a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the Bogtui violence case. He also appeared on behalf of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in

several matters, including the high-profile recruitment corruption cases in West Bengal.

Born in Kolkata on June 10, 1973, Edulji lost his father, Naval Edulji, a senior Indian Navy officer, at the age of 18. He later lost his mother in 2012. A member of the Parsi Zoroastrian community, he was known for his deep interest in Hindutva philosophy and Sanatan Dharma. He was associated with the RashtriyaSwayamsevakSangh (RSS) for many years and also served as Vice-President of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (South Bengal).

His passing marks the end of a distinguished legal career that left a lasting impact on West Bengal's judicial landscape.

Police Visit Abhishek's Residence Amid KMC
Notice Row; TMC MP Alleges Political Vendetta

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fresh controversy has erupted around Trinamool Congress National General Secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee after Kolkata Police visited his official residence, "Shantiniketan," on Harish Mukherjee Road on Monday. The development comes days after the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) issued notices regarding alleged unauthorised construction at multiple properties linked to the TMC leader and his family.

Police personnel arrived at the residence at 188A Harish Mukherjee Road in the afternoon and remained deployed there for nearly an hour before leaving around 5 p.m. Neither the police nor Banerjee's office issued an official statement explaining the purpose of the visit. However, the development has triggered political speculation as it coincided with the expiry of the seven-day deadline given by KMC for responding to notices served on 17 properties reportedly linked to Banerjee.

Among the properties that received notices were Banerjee's official residence, premises

owned by members of his family and properties connected to his company, Leaps and Bounds. The civic body had sought clarifications regarding alleged building-rule violations and assessment-related matters.

The issue first drew attention when KMC officials served a notice outside Banerjee's residence. The notice reportedly became the subject of controversy after being removed shortly after it was displayed. Subsequently, a second notice was issued by the municipal corporation's assessment department concerning the Shantiniketan property.

On Sunday, Banerjee formally responded to one of the notices and sought additional time to submit a detailed reply. In his communication, he requested a 10-day extension, arguing that adequate time was required to examine the allegations and provide the necessary documents.

The Trinamool MP also raised questions about the basis of the civic body's action. In his written response, Banerjee alleged that the notices were motivated by "political vendet-

ta" and sought clarification regarding the specific provisions of building regulations that were allegedly violated. He questioned why such notices had been issued without clearly identifying the nature of the alleged irregularities.

Earlier, when asked by journalists about allegations of unauthorised construction, Banerjee had strongly denied any wrongdoing and challenged critics to identify the portions of the property that were allegedly illegal.

The controversy is not limited to Banerjee's residence. Notices have also reportedly been served on a property owned by his mother, Lata Banerjee, in the Kalighat area. Sources in the municipal corporation indicated that the requested extension and supporting information would be considered in accordance with established procedures.

With no official explanation yet regarding the police visit, the episode has added another layer of political and legal scrutiny to the ongoing dispute between the civic authorities and the senior Trinamool leader.

Six-Year-Old Girl Killed After Streetlight
Fixture Falls in Kolkata's Hastings

MI News Service, Kolkata: A tragic accident in Kolkata's Hastings area claimed the life of a six-year-old girl on Monday morning after a streetlight fixture detached from a lamp post and fell on her head while she was playing near her home. The incident has sparked allegations of poor maintenance and negligence from the victim's family and local residents.

The deceased has been identified as GudiyaKhatun. According to family members, the child was playing beneath a lamp post, as she did regularly, when one of the light fixtures suddenly broke loose and crashed onto her. The impact left her critically injured, and she collapsed on the road. Witnesses said the area was soon covered in blood as panic spread among residents.

Family members rushed Gudiya to the state-run SSKM Hospital for treatment. However, doctors declared her dead on arrival. Relatives claimed that the child may have succumbed to her injuries immediately after the incident, given the severity of the blow to her head.

The accident occurred at around 7 a.m., shortly after Gudiya had woken up and gone outside to play. Her family described her as an active child who often played alone in the neighbourhood. They said they were unable to comprehend how a routine morning turned into a devastating tragedy within moments.

Following the incident, family members and local residents raised serious questions about the maintenance of public infrastructure in the area. They alleged that the light fixture appeared to have been improperly secured. According to them, the fixture contained three mounting holes but was attached using only a single nut. After the collapse, only one



nut was reportedly found at the scene, leading residents to question whether regular inspections and maintenance had been carried out.

Locals have demanded a thorough investigation and accountability from the authorities responsible for maintaining the streetlight infrastructure. Many expressed concern that similar accidents could occur elsewhere if immediate corrective measures are not taken.

Police from the local station arrived at the spot soon after the incident and cordoned off the area with guardrails. Officials have begun an investigation to determine the exact cause of the accident and whether any lapses in maintenance contributed to the fatality.

Despite repeated warnings to local authorities about the dangerous condition of the lamppost, no action was taken, the family alleged.

"Our 6-year-old daughter lost her life solely due to negligence in maintenance," grieving locals said, expressing anger and frustration over what they described as administrative indifference.

Name Change
I, Parveen (Old Name), Wife Of Md Idris Mallick, Daughter Of Md Jamal, Resident Of 64/1, 3rd Floor, Flat No. 3, Manasatala Lane, Ps- Watanjali, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Parveen (Old Name) To Parvin Begum (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Parvin Begum (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 35 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Parvin Begum (New Name) And Parveen (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Idris (Old Name), Son Of Oli Mohammad Mallick, Resident Of 64/1, 3rd Floor, Flat No. 3, Manasatala Lane, Ps-Watanjali, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Md Idris (Old Name) To Md Idris Mallick (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Md Idris Mallick (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 34 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Md Idris Mallick (New Name) And Md Idris (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shib Nath Chanda (Old Name), Son Of Faruk Chanda Chanda, Resident Of Palashy, Barasat Madhyamgram, North 24 Pgs- 700129, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shib Nath Chanda (Old Name) To Shib Chanda (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Shib Chanda (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 33 Sworn before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Shib Chanda (New Name) And Shib Nath Chanda (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, KUTUBUDDIN MOLLA, do hereby declare that in my Birth Certificate (Reg. No. 822/05 dt. 05-11-2005) my parent's name has been recorded as MD. SAHABUDDIN and SAHANARA BIBI. On 22-05-26 through affidavit no. 14942 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that my father SAHABUDDIN MOLLA & MD. SAHABUDDIN and my mother SAHANARA KHATUN & SAHANARA BIBI is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, JOYNAB KHATUN, do hereby declare that in my Birth Certificate (Reg. No. GC2256311 dt. 05/11/2005) my parent's name has been recorded as MD. SAHABUDDIN and SAHANARA BIBI. On 22-05-26 through affidavit no. 14940 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that my father SAHABUDDIN MOLLA & MD. SAHABUDDIN and my mother SAHANARA KHATUN & SAHANARA BIBI is the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, SWARNALATA BERA, w/o Late Nanda Dulal Bera, r/o Dholahat, South 24 parganas declare that in my hus, band's pension order my name has been wrongly recorded as SONA BERA in place of SWARNALATA BERA and by the virtue of an affidavit (no-44533) of 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated 14/07/2025 that SWARNALATA BERA and SONA BERA is the same and one identical lady.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MD JAMAL, S/O. BADARUDDIN, residing at Vill- Entally, 35/H/8, Gora Chand Road, P.O. & PS- Entally, Pin- 700014, do hereby declare vide affidavit No. 1835 dated 10/04/2026 before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Howrah, WB, that my actual name is MD JAMAL in my Voter Id. Card (No- JIM240548) but in SIR Voter list of 2002 under 1053rd Assembly Constituency Part No. 102, SI. No. 482 which has been recorded as MD JAMALUDDIN in place of MD JAMAL, my father's actual name is BADARUDDIN but in SIR Voter list of 2002 under 153rd Entally Assembly Constituency Part No. 102, SI. No. 482 which has been recorded as SADURUDDIN in place of BADARUDDIN. Here I am declaring that MD JAMAL & MD JAMALUDDIN is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Wyasaf Alaudin S/o Md. Alaudin Residing at 41/11 Bipradas Chatterjee Lane, Road, PS.- Shibpur, Dist-Howrah, W.B, My father's name has been wrongly recorded in my Voter card as Alaudin instead of Md Alaudin vide an affidavit before the Ld.1st class Executive magistrate at Howrah. Affidavit no 587226. Date- 11.05.2026. That Md.Alaudin and Alaudin both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Probr Das, S/o:Late Baidyanath Das, R/o-17,"X" Road, P.O.: Netajigarh, P.S.: Liluah, District-Howrah-711108, shall be known as Papiya Das, Sworn Vide Notary, Howrah Court, Affidavit.no.:178, Dated :06.05.2026. Therefore Probr Das & Prabir Das is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Papiya Das, W/o: Prabir Das, R/o-17, "X" Road, P.O.: Netajigarh, P.S.: Liluah, District-Howrah-711108, shall be known as Papiya Das, Sworn Vide Notary, Howrah Court, Affidavit no.:177, Dated:06.05.2026. Therefore ,Papia Das & Papiya Das is same & identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Musraf Alam S/o Late Hasamat Ali Residing at Dwarik Jangal Road, R/o- Hazinagar, P.S.- Halisahar, Dist- North 24 Pargana, W.B, Pin- 743135, My son's actual name is Md Maidul Alam Ansari S/o Md Musraf Alam but my son's birth certificate my son's name wrongly recorded as Maidul Alam Ansari S/o Musraf Alam vide an affidavit before the Ld. 1st class Judicial magistrate at Barrackpore. Date- 07.05.2026 Affidavit no 2675. That Md Maidul Alam Ansari S/o Md Musraf Alam and Maidul Alam Ansari S/O Musraf Alam are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranjit Kumar Maity (Old Name) S/o Thanda Charan Maity Residing at Maheshpur, Samserpur, Tarakeswar, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712410, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Ranjit Kumar Maity (Old Name) to Ranjit Maity (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ranjit Maity (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 25/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Ranjit Maity (New Name) and Ranjit Kumar Maity (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruksana Bibi (Old Name) D/o Faruk Sardar Residing at Baganpara, Vtc-Kulderai, P-o- Nepalgani, District-South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700103, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Ruksana Bibi (Old Name) to Karuna Pakhira (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Karuna Pakhira (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 26/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Karuna Pakhira (New Name) and Ruksana Bibi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shivani Awasthi (Old Name) W/o Gourav Mishra Residing at Bgan-early Lane H/O Barabazar, Vtc-Po - Barabazar, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700007, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shivani Awasthi (Old Name) to Shivani Mishra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shivani Mishra (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 27/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Shivani Mishra (New Name) and Shivani Awasthi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saroj Tripathy (Old Name) S/o Kalipada Tripathy Residing at J07/0106, Sukhobrishti, Akandakeshori, New Town, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Saroj Tripathy (Old Name) to Saroj Kumar Tripathy (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Saroj Kumar Tripathy (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 28/2026 Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Saroj Kumar Tripathy (New Name) and Saroj Tripathy (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Safikul Rahaman (Old Name), Son Of Anisur Rahaman, Resident Of Basan- tapur, Ausgram, Purba Bardhaman, 713126, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Safikul Rahaman (Old Name) To Sk Safikul Rahaman (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sk Safikul Rahaman (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 18 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Sk Safikul Rahaman (New Name) And Safikul Rahaman (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Poonam Patni & Poonam Kumari (Old Name), Wife Of Birendra Kumar Patni, Resident Of Ideal Royale, 17th Floor, 177, Manicktala Main Road, Ps- Phool- bagan, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Poonam Patni & Poonam Kumari (Old Name) To Punam Patni (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Punam Patni (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 13 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Punam Patni (New Name) And Poonam Patni & Poonam Kumari (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Arun Dhanuka (Old Name), Son Of Rang Lal Dhanuka, Resident Of 9, South End Park, 4th Floor, Po- Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata- 700029, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Arun Dhanuka (Old Name) To Arun Kumar Dhanuka (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Arun Kumar Dhanuka (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Arun Kumar Dhanuka (New Name) And Arun Dhanuka (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Himanahu Samanta (Old Name), Son Of Jagodiyasw Samanta, Resident Of Tarakeswar Chaulpatty, Po- Tarakeswar, Hooghly Rural-712410, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Himanahu Samanta (Old Name) To Himanahu Kumar Samanta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Himanahu Kumar Samanta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Himanahu Samanta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Akhtary Jahan (Old Name), Wife Of Mohammad Yunus, Resident Of Home @36 Apartment, Block-B, Flat No-Bc-36, Gulam Jilani Khan Road, Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Akhtary Jahan (Old Name) To Akhtari Jahan (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Akhtari Jahan (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 36 Sworn before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Akhtari Jahan (New Name) And Akhtary Jahan (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Subal Dey And Subal Ch. Dey (Old Name), Son Of Sadhan Chandra Dey, Resident Of Flat No- 1/6a, Podda Ragar, Jodhpur Park, Kolkata- 700068, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Subal Dey And Subal Ch. Dey (Old Name) To Subol Chandra Dey (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Subol Chandra Dey (New Name) In All Purpose,Vide Affidavit No 25 Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Subol Chandra Dey(New Name) And Subal Dey And Subal Ch. Dey(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) UNUS SK S/O- ABDUL AUJI Residing at , - Vill- Babupur, Post-Babupur, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732128, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from UNUS SK To YUNUS ALI (New Name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) YUNUS ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2268 On Date 25 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshid- abad, YUNUS ALI and UNUS SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ALI SEKH S/O- JAIBAT SEKH, Residing at , - Vill- Ba- sidebpur, Post- Sapirja, Ps- Naka- shipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741137, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ALI SEKH To ALI SHAIKH (New name) and hence- forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ALI SHAIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2267 On Date 25 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ALI SHAIKH and MD ALI SEKH both are Same and one identical person.thi are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ASHADUL GAIN S/O- CHANDU GAIN Residing at , - Vill- Shondanga, Post- Shondanga, Ps- Dhubulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741125, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ASHADUL GAIN To ASHADUL GAIN (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ASHADUL GAIN in all purpose vide an affidavit No- 2266 in all purpose Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, ASHADUL GAIN and MD ASHADUL GAIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ABDUL MAJID S/O- AZIT- ULLA SEKH Residing at , - Vill- Khaira- mari, Post- Khairamari, Ps- Jalangi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742303, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDUL MAJID To MAJIT SEKH (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) MAJIT SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2265 On Date 25 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, MAJIT SEKH and ABDUL MAJID both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SHER MOHAMMAD SK S/O- NASIRUDDIN SK Residing at , - Vill- Mominabad Paschimpara, Post- Mominabad, Ps- Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742181, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SHER MOHAMMAD SK To SHER MAHAMMAD (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New name) SHER MAHAMMAD in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2264 On Date 25 May 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SHER MAHAMMAD and SHER MOHAMMAD SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shyamol Belel (Old Name) S/o Dilip Belel Residing at Vill - Khanpur, Po - Chanditala, Ps - Chanditala, District Hooghly, Pin - 712702, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shyamol Belel (Old Name) to Somal Belel (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Somal Belel (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no 10223 Sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Hooghly on Dated 12-12-2022. Somal Belel (New Name) and Shyamol Belel (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunil Lohia (Old Name) S/o Ramswa- roop Lohia Residing at Lohia Apt. 1st Flt, Panchwati Complex, Vip Road, Kaikhali, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700052, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Sunil Lohia (Old Name) to Sunil Kumar Lohia (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sunil Kumar Lohia (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Sunil Kumar Lohia (New Name) and Sunil Lohia (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shyamal Ch Sarkar (Old Name) S/o Santosh Sarkar Residing at Paschim Jagadanandpur, Bethuadahari, Dis- trict- Nadia, Pin- 741126, West Ben- gal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Shyama- lak Ch Sarkar (Old Name) to Shyamal Sarkar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Shyamal Sarkar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affi- davit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Shyamal Sarkar (New Name) and Shyamal Ch Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jagraj Singh Goraya (Old Name) S/o Palwinder Singh Residing at 26B, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700020, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Palwinder Singh Goraya (Old Name) to Palwinder Singh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Palwinder Singh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Pal- winder Singh (New Name) and Pal- winder Singh Goraya (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Palwinder Singh Goraya (Old Name) S/o Late Kala Singh Residing at 26B, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700020, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from Palwinder Singh Goraya (Old Name) to Palwinder Singh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Palwinder Singh (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on Dated 25-05-2026. Pal- winder Singh (New Name) and Pal- winder Singh Goraya (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Karima Pervin (Old Name) D/o Abdul Majid Gazi, Residing at Vill.- Katia Purba Para, P.O.- Katia Hat, PS.- Baduria, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743247, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Karima Pervin (Old Name) to Karima Parvin (new name) and henceforth I be known as Karima Parvin (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit Dated 25/05/2026. Karima Parvin (New Name) and Sk Asik (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Majed Gazi (Old Name) S/o Hazrat Gazi, Residing at Vill.- Swarnpnagar, P.O.- Swarnpnagar, PS.- Swarnpnagar, Dist.- North 24 Paraganas, Pin- 743286, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Majed Gazi (Old Name) to Abdul Majed Gazi (New name) and henceforth I be known as Abdul Majed Gazi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit Dated 25/05/2026. Abdul Majed Gazi (New Name) and Majed Gazi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Esani Soab Sajid (Old Name), Son Of Sajid Ebrahim Esani, Resident Of 24a, Shamsul Huda Road, Kolkata-700017, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Esani Soab Sajid (Old Name) To Soab Sajid Esani (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Soab Sajid Esani (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 24 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2026. Soab Sajid Esani (New Name) And Esani Soab Sajid (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Zita Gomes (Old Name), Daughter Of Anthony Gomes, Resident Of 11/31 Na- gendranath Road Laha Colony Dum Dum, North 24 Parganas Pin- 700028, West Bengal Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Zita Gomes (Old Name) To Zita Bhownick Gomes (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Zita Bhownick Gomes (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 20 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Zita Bhownick Gomes (New Name) And Zita Gomes (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ratan Ch Samanta (Old Name), Son Of Late Sanyasi Samanta, Resident Of Parbatipur Sardar Para, Domjuri, Dist - Howrah, Pin - 711405, Do Herely De- clare That I I Have Change My Name From Ratan Ch Samanta (Old Name) To Ratan Samanta (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Ratan Samanta (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/05/2026, Ratan Samanta (New Name) And Ratan Ch Samanta (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Raju Prasad Chowrasia (Old Name), Son Of Late Ram Narayan Chowrasia, Resident Of Surya Sen Nagar, P.O. & P.S.- Dankuni, Dist- Hooghly, Pin - 712311, Do Herely Declare That I I Have Change My Name From Raju Prasad Chowrasia (Old Name) To Raju Chowrasia (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Raju Chowrasia (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 38 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026, Raju Chowrasia (New Name) And Raju Prasad Chowrasia (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sanjay Shashikant Shah (Old Name), Son Of Late Shashikant Purshtomdas Shah, Resident Of 4a, Bechu De Lane, Merlin Homeland, Bhawanipore, Kolkata - 700025, Do Herely Declare That I I Have Change My Name From Sanjay Shashikant Shah (Old Name) To Sanjay Shah (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Sanjay Shah (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 37 Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026, Sanjay Shah (New Name) And Sanjay Shashikant Shah (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nisha Sanjay Shah (Old Name), Wife Of Sanjay Shah, Resident Of 4a, Bechu Dr. Lane, Merlin Homeland, Bhawanipore, Kolkata- 700025, Do Herely De- clare That I I Have Change My Name From Nisha Sanjay Shah (Old Name) To Nisha Shah (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nisha Shah (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 36 Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026, Nisha Shah (New Name) And Nisha Sanjay Shah (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Salma Khatun, W/o.- Sher Md, r/o.- Ole Line room No.257, P.O.- Bansberia, P.S.- Mogra, Dist.-Hooghly-712502 (wb), that my actual name has been wrongly recorded as my daughter's birth certificate as Salma Khatoun in place of Salma Khatun, vide an Affi- davit No. 184, dt. 18.05.2026, in the Ld. Court of Executive Magistrate Hooghly at Chinsurah.

Name Change
I, Rajveer Jaiswal, son of Surendra Jaiswal, residing at 41, Simla Road, Beadon Street, Kolkata-700006, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Surendra Jaiswal and Surendra Kumar Jaiswal is the same and one identical person via affidavit no 10136 in the Court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Sealdah dated 20th May 2026

Name Change
I, (Old Name) YAKUB SK S/O- MAHI- UDDIN SEKH Residing at , - Vill- Bhat- para, Post- Adikantnagar, Ps- Sagardighi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742227, West Bengal, Do hereby de- clare that I have Changed my name from YAKUB SK To IYAKUB SEKH (New name) and henceforth I Shall be Known as (New Name) IYAKUB SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit No- 2269 On Date 25 May 2026 Sworn be- fore the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, IYAKUB SEKH and YAKUB SK and IYAKUB SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Antara Biswas (Old Name) W/o Chiran- jit Chakraborty, Residing at Ashoka Vihar BL A, 4th Floor, Flat No. 401, 38 Andul Road, Howrah- 711109, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Antara Biswas (Old Name) to Antara Chakraborty (New Name) and henceforth I be known as Antara Chakraborty (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit Dated 25/05/2026. Antara Chakraborty (New Name) and Antara Biswas (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Haider Ali Mullick (old name), S/o Late Abdus Salam Mullick, residing at 67, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Kolkata - 700116, West Bengal, do hereby de- clare that I have changed my name from Haider Ali Mullick (Old Name) to Haidar Ali Mullick (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Haidar Ali Mullick (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 25/05/2026. Haidar Ali Mullick (New Name) and Haider Ali Mullick (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Asik (Old Name) S/o Sk Nazrul Islam, Residing at Swamijipark, P.O.- Michaelnagar, P.S.- Airport, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700133, West Ben- gal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sk Asik (Old Name) to Sekh Asik (new name) and henceforth I be known as Sekh Asik (New Name) as declared before the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Barasat, North 24 Pgs, vide affidavit Dated 22/05/2026. Sekh Asik (New Name) and Sk Asik (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabijul Purakit (old name), S/o Madar Purkait, residing at Vill- Chak- tarabaidya, P.O.- Shyambasur Chak, P.S.- Kulpi, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743351, West Bengal, do hereby de- clare that I have changed my name from Sabijul Purakit (Old Name) to Sabijel Purkait (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sabijel Purkait (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Pub- lic at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Sabijel Purkait (New Name) and Sabijul Pu- rait (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bachhi Devi(Old Name), Wife Of Bind- hyachal Gupta, Resident Of Dhananjay Bhattacharjee Road, Sanpui Para, Glass Factory,Bally, Nischinda, Howrah, Pin - 711227, West Bengal Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bachhi Devi(Old Name) To Bachidebi Gupta(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Bachidebi Gupta(New Name)) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 39 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/05/2026. Bachidebi Gupta(New Name) And Bachhi Devi(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nenne Khan (Old Name), Son Of Banne Khan , Resident Of Maddi Ka Bazar Baba Kapoor Ki Dargah Ke Pass Kila Gate, Gwalior, Po- Gwalior City, Dist- Gwalior, Pin- 474003, Mad- hyapradesh, Do Herely Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Nenne Khan(Old Name) To Nanne Khan(New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nanne Khan(New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 21530 Sworn Before The Ld. Judicial Magis- trate 1st Class At Alipore On 22/05/2026 Nanne Khan(New Name) And Nenne Khan(Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tapankumar Shaw (Old Name) S/o Prafulla Sau, Residing at Vill & P.O. Kangan Beria, PS. bishnupur South 24 Paraganas Pin - 743503, West Ben- gal, India. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Tapankumar Shaw (Old Name) to Tapankumar Sau (new name) and henceforth I be known as Tapankumar Sau(New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affi- davit Dated 25/05/2026. Tapankumar Sau (New Name) and Tapankumar shaw (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pratima Mandal (old name) W/o Nathani Mandal, residing at Hatira, Arunachal, New Town, Near Anna- pura Apartment, Hatira, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700157, do hereby de- clare that I have changed my name from Pratima Mandal (Old Name) to Pratima Devi (New Name) and hence- forth I shall be known as Pratima Devi (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Pratima Devi (New Name) and Pratima Mandal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Uzir Khansama S/o Late Abdul Cham Khanamsa, resident of Vill & P.O.- Agarhati, P.S.- Sandeshkhali, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743329, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my father name from Fakir Khansama (father Old Name) to Abdul Chalam Khansama (father New Name) and henceforth he shall be known as Abdul Chalam Khansama (father new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, on 16/05/2026. Abdul Chalam Khansama and Fakir Khansama both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Attarul Laskar S/o Soyeb Ali Laskar, resident of Vill- Juilitala, P.O.- Agarhati, P.S.- Sandeshkhali, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my Parents name from An- gurnur Sk W/o Sayed Ali Laskar (Par- ents Old Name) to Angurnjan Bewa Laskar W/o Soyed Ali Laskar (Par- ents New Name) and henceforth they shall be known as Angurnjan Bewa Laskar W/o Soyed Ali Laskar (Par- ents new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, on 24/11/2025. Soyed Ali Laskar and Sayed Ali Laskar both (my father). Angurnjan Bewa Laskar and Angurnjan Sk both are same and one identical person (my mother).

Eastern Railway Speedway: Sealdah Division Eliminates Level Crossings And Up grades Digital Signaling In A Single Day Mega-Drive For Safer & Faster Commuting

MI News Service, Kolkata, 25 May. 26 : In a massive boost to passenger safety and operational efficiency, Eastern Railway success- fully executed a coordi- nated mega-block in Sealdah Division on May 24, 2026, under the vision- ary leadership of General Manager Shri Milind De- ouskar. The single-day drive achieved the simulta- neous elimination of two high-risk level crossings through the installation of reinforced concrete under- passes and the commis- sioning of an advanced digital signaling system at Debagram station.

The engineering feat eliminated Level Crossing Gate No. 119/E (between Beldanga and Sargachhi) and Level Crossing Gate No. 98/T (between Deba- gram and Pagla Chandi). Operating under tight timelines, teams used two 350-Ton road cranes, five Poclain excavators, and heavy backup cranes to in- stall twenty 6x4.65 meter Reinforced Cement Con- crete boxes and 18 base slabs. To ensure long-term durability and dry under- passes during monsoons, state-of-the-art water- proofing was applied using PolyUrea Surface Coating, High-Density Polyethylene sheets with Geotextiles, and Dimple Boats.

To minimize future travel disruptions, Eastern Railway cleverly utilized the underpass "Shadow Block" to simultaneously upgrade tracks and electri- cal lines.

Engineering teams completed 455 meters of Complete Track Renewal on the Up line at Sargachhi station—involving heavy

Manipur CM flags off 477 new police vehicles
MI News Service, Imphal: Ma- nipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Mon- day said that the Union Min- istry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved Rs 196.61 crore for the modernisation of the state police force to effectively deal with the prevailing situation in the state. After flag- ging off 477 newly acquired vehicles for Manipur Police at the 1st Battalion Manipur Rif- les Parade Ground in Imphal, the Chief Minister said that the government remains committed to strengthening the police department and modernising policing in- frastructure across the state.

Name Change
I, Saini Dutta, (Old Name), Dob- 28/01/1993, Daughter Of, Of Saroj Sarkar, Residing At C/O-Ananda Dutta, Vill- Nirodgarh, Post-Ps- Pan- dua, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712149, State- West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Saini Dutta Sarkar, (New Name) Dob- 02/04/1992, Vide An Af- fidavit Before The Court Of Ld. Judi- cial Magistrate, 1 St Class At Alipore On 22/05/2026 Affidvit No 21530,Saini Dutta(Dob- 28/01/1993) And Saini Dutta Sarkar (Dob- 02/04/1992) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Aftab Alam (Old Name) S/o Md Moim, Residing At 4th FR, 25 Mcleod Street, P.O.- Circus Avenue, P.S.- Park Street, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, India, do hereby de- clare that I have changed my name from Aftab Alam (Old Name) to Md Aftab Alam (new name) and hence- forth I be known as Md Aftab Alam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affi- davit Dated 25/05/2026. Md Aftab Alam (New Name) and Aftab Alam (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kamnur Nessa (old name), S/o Sk Abulhashtovan, residing at Vill- Stalpur, P.O.- Arandi, P.S.- Arambag, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712413, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kamnur Nessa (Old Name) to Kamnur Nesa Begam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Kamnur Nesa Begam (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 20/05/2026. Kamnur Nesa Begam (New Name) and Kamnur Nessa (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Auladh (old name), S/o Sk Hapi- jur rahaman, residing at Village Gabati, Po: Harpal, District Hooghly, Pin code 712403, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sk Aul

Petrol, diesel prices raised for fourth time in 11days

MI News Service, New Delhi / Kolkata: Putting more pressure on the consumers across the country for the fourth time in less than two weeks, the prices of petrol and diesel were raised by Rs 2.61 and Rs 2.71 a litre respectively from Monday.

These consecutive hike in prices of petrol and diesel is the direct result of a delayed pass-through of soaring global crude oil costs triggered by the US-Iran conflict.

The latest increase took cumulative hikes since May 15 to nearly Rs 7.50 per litre.

But while everyone is paying more, not everyone is paying the same.

In Kolkata, one litre of petrol now costs Rs 113.51, the highest in the country so far, while in Delhi, it is around Rs 102.12. Mumbai residents are paying Rs 111.21, while Chennai consumers are getting petrol at Rs 107.77.

Similarly, Delhi pays Rs 95.20 for one litre of diesel, but Kolkata pays Rs 99.82. In Mumbai, diesel costs Rs 97.83 per litre, but in Chennai, the rate is Rs 99.55.

This difference may look small on paper. But for daily commuters, cab drivers, transporters and businesses, it adds up fast every time the tank is filled.

So why does the same litre of petrol (and diesel) cost Rs 10-12 more in one state than another?

The answer lies largely in taxes. More specifically, Value Added Tax (VAT). Unlike most goods and services in India, petrol and diesel are still outside the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. That means every state is free to impose its own VAT rates and cesses on fuel. The Centre levies excise duty uniformly, but states decide how much extra tax consumers pay locally.

With this latest hike, petrol has crossed the 100 mark in the national capital for the first time in nearly four years, last seen above this level in May 2022.

The steady increase in fuel prices comes amid continued volatility in global oil markets. Brent crude was trading around USD 103 per barrel recently, with fluctuations driven by geopolitical tensions in West Asia and uncertainty over oil supply routes through the Strait of Hormuz.

Industry officials said oil companies are continuing to adjust retail prices to recover accumulated losses, known as under-recoveries, in addition to current market pressures. These adjustments have led to a rapid series of price hikes in recent weeks.

Experts note that fuel prices have been revised in a staggered manner, similar to previous cycles of international oil shocks, where daily incremental hikes were used to align domestic prices with global



benchmarks. Analysts warn that further price revisions may continue unless crude oil stabilises below the USD 100-per-barrel mark, adding pressure on household budgets and transportation costs across India.

"As petroleum remains outside the unified GST framework, state governments retain full autonomy over their Value Added Tax (VAT) structures, which currently range from 20 per cent to over 31 per cent. Consequently, final pump prices vary drastically across state lines, driven primarily by each region's specific fiscal deficit requirements, localised inland freight costs, and the compounding effect of additional taxes stacked alongside localised infrastructure and welfare cesses," said Abhishek Bhillwaria, AMFI-registered mutual fund expert.

In simple terms, states that need more revenue often keep fuel taxes higher because petrol and diesel remain one of the easiest and most reliable sources of tax collection. And fuel taxation is not always straightforward. Some states levy a pure percentage-based VAT. Others use a mix of percentage tax and fixed charges per litre. Several states also impose road development cess, infrastructure cess, or additional surcharges.

Take Telangana, for example. The state imposes 35.2 per cent VAT on petrol and 27 per cent on diesel, making it among the highest fuel-taxing states in the country. Andhra Pradesh follows a layered structure with 31 per cent VAT on petrol along with an additional Rs 4 per litre VAT and Rs 1 road development cess.

That is why states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh routinely feature among the costliest places to buy petrol in India.

Meanwhile, states such as Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Uttarakhand re-

main relatively cheaper due to lower VAT structures.

The Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), under the oil ministry, also shows major variations in state-level VAT structures. While some states charge under 15 per cent, others impose effective tax burdens exceeding 30 per cent along with fixed levies.

Fuel transported further inland becomes more expensive because of logistics and transportation charges. Dealer commissions differ slightly too. Together, these costs widen the final retail gap between cities and states.

For industries that consume large amounts of fuel, these differences directly hit profitability.

The latest fuel hikes themselves are linked to the global crude oil rally triggered by the Iran war and disruptions near the Strait of Hormuz. Indian oil retailers have raised prices repeatedly this month as under-recoveries widened.

Despite the recent hikes, however, government sources argue that India's increase remains relatively modest compared to several global markets facing the same oil shock.

Globally, petrol prices now average around Rs 130 per litre, with several European countries crossing Rs 180. In contrast, India's price levels remain among the lowest for non-subsidised economies.

Safety Concerns Over Lionel Messi Statue in Lake Town After Reports of Swaying Structure

MI News Service, Kolkata: Concerns over public safety emerged in Kolkata's Lake Town on Monday after residents reported that a giant statue of Argentine football icon Lionel Messi appeared to be swaying in the wind. The incident prompted an inspection by police and officials from the Public Works Department (PWD), who visited the site to assess the condition of the structure.

According to local residents and passers-by, the statue was seen moving noticeably during the afternoon, raising fears that it could become unstable. Af-

ter receiving information, Lake Town police alerted the PWD, following which a joint inspection was carried out.

PWD contractor Prabir Pal, who examined the structure, said there appeared to be a problem with the statue's foundation bolts. He stated that the matter had already been reported to senior authorities for further evaluation and necessary action. According to him, the condition of the structure is potentially dangerous and requires immediate attention.

"After arriving at the site, we found that the statue was sway-

ing significantly. Even a moderate gust of wind caused visible movement. The structure appears unstable, and there is a possibility of an accident if corrective measures are not taken," Pal said.

কোর্ট নোটিস
ন্যায়ালয় ম' অৱ ন্যায়াধীশ প্ৰথম, মৌলিহাৰী, পূৰ্বী চম্পাৰণনিবিধি বাদ সংখ্যা- ৭/২০১৭
অৱৰ দৌদানী মুকদমা- ১৬৪/২০১৭
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..... বিক্ষীণগণনোটিস
(কোলাকাতা নিবাসী বিপৰীণগণ)
১. স্বকিৰ্তা বৰ্নাৱী, জিণে- অৰ্ণাণী সুনীল কুমাৰ বৰ্নাৱী, ডা. স্ব. সিদ্ধেশ্বৰ মুখৰ্জী, মোলিহাৰী, বাদেহাৰী (পশ্চিম বংগাল) ২. ৰূপা বৰ্নাৱী, বিতা- স্ব. চিত্ৰজেন মুখৰ্জী, সাকিন- আপাৰ্শিত- এফ ৪১৭, কোলাকাতা কল্ৰুৱাৰা গাৰ্ধী হাউচাৰিগি ইষ্টেট, সেক্টৰ ২, সাল্ট লেন সিটি, কোলাকাতা- ৭০০০১১, ৩. পিযালা ঘোষাল, ১৩টা স্ব.চিৱিৰ্জন মুখৰ্জী, পতি- সঙ্কৰ ঘোষাল, সাকিন- ৪৭/১৩/১, ১৪৭৭ কৃষ্ণা ঘোষ ৰোড, কোলাকাতা- ৭০০০০১
সুনাল
বিদিত হো কি আপ লোণো পৰ মুকদমা কা নোটিস নিৰ্দিষ্ট ডাক এণ্ড নজাৰত ক মাধ্যম সে পূৰ্ব ম' ভেজা গিয়া যা, লৈকিন আপ লো ন্যায়ালয় ম' উপস্থিত হোৱক অথবা পক্ষ নহী ৰখা ৰহে হৈ। অত: ইয়া নোটিস ক মাধ্যম সে আপকো পুন: সুনীল কিয়া জাত। হৈ কি আপ লোণো আপাণী নিধি দিৱান ১.৬২৬ কো সময় ৭.৩০ বজা সুৱাহ ৪ঘণ্টা যা অথনৈ পৰিৱৰ্তক/অধিবাস্তা ক মাধ্যম সে ন্যায়ালয় ম' উপস্থিত হোৱক অথবা পক্ষ নহী হোৱে হৈ, তৌ মুকদমা ক কাৰিৱাহ আপক বিৰুদ্ধ কিয়াযো (Ex-parte) কী জাৱাণী। তাকাদি জনানী হেস্তাকৰি পূৱ মুহুৱ অৱ ন্যায়াধীশ প্ৰথম মৌলিহাৰী, পূৰ্বী চম্পাৰণ।



The President of India, Droupadi Murmu presented Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Awards for the year 2026 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony-I held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday (May 25, 2026). Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were Vice President of India, Prime Minister of India and Union Minister for Home Affairs, Actress Hema Malini and Captain of Indian Women Cricket team Harmanpreet Kaur receiving the awards.



Six railway employees honoured by ECR for alertness and ensuring safe train operations

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal felicitated six railway employees for their exceptional alertness, dedication and timely action in detecting defects and preventing potential safety hazards, thereby ensuring safe and uninterrupted train operations.

The employees honoured were:
* Burle Suryanarayana, Track Maintainer-I, Gang No. 71, Gajapati-nagaram, Waltair Division
* Ashok Kumar Mohanty, Track Maintainer-II, Kamakhyanagar, Khurda Road Division
* T. Sanmukha Rao, Track Maintainer-II, Baruva, Khurda Road Division
* Ram Kumar, Loco Pilot (Goods), Paradeep, Khurda Road Division
* Shaikh Ayasuddin, JE/MEMU Car Shed, Khurda Road Division



* Y. Appa Rao, Sr. Goods Train Manager, Tilagarh, Sambalpur Division
Their vigilance, presence of mind and prompt response helped identify critical defects in rolling stock and track infrastructure, preventing possible mishaps and reinforcing Indian Railways' commitment to safety.
* On 14.03.2026, Sri Burle Suryanarayana noticed smoke and fire from a wagon of train No. N/BSPC between Garudabilli-Gajapati-nagaram and alerted the Assistant Loco Pilot with a red flag, helping avert a possible mishap.
* On 26.03.2026, Ashok Kumar Mohanty detected a wheel burn rail between Kamalanga-Budhapank sections during keyman duty and promptly protected the track.
* On 31.03.2026, T. Sanmukha Rao detected a rail fracture during keyman duty and safely stopped an approaching train by displaying a danger signal.
* On 21.04.2026, Ram Kumar detected a hot axle in a BOXN wagon of train No. ME/MRLB/GYP between Kalaghar-Marshaghai Road section, helping avert a possible derailment.

* Shaikh Ayasuddin developed a parallel visual indication system for MEMU rakes to enhance operational safety during signal bell communication failure.
* On 16.03.2026, Y. Appa Rao detected a broken centre pivot pin in a brake van trolley of train No. N/BSPC at Bihilai Power House, ensuring safe train operation.

While felicitating the employees, the General Manager appreciated their dedication, alertness and commitment to duty. He emphasized that frontline staff such as Track Maintainers, Train Managers, Loco Pilots and other operational personnel play a vital role in ensuring the safety and reliability of railway operations.

East Coast Railway remains committed to fostering a strong safety culture and recognising employees who demonstrate exemplary vigilance and devotion to duty in safeguarding railway operations.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21(Notice)/760, dated 22.05.2026. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, New DRM Building near Rail Museum, Howrah-711011 invites Open e-Tenders for the under-mentioned electrical work/s: **Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3628. Name of work:** Provision of passenger lifts connecting to FOB at various Railway Stations over Howrah Division. **Tender Value:** Rs. 4,58,86,083/- **Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit):** Rs. 9,17,700/-. **Completion period:** 180 days. **Closing date and time :** 12.06.2026 at 15.00 hrs. In case the date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. HWH-95/2026-27
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.eirindianrailways.gov.in www.ireps.gov.in

Dignity in Transit: Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division Unveils Modern Eco-Friendly 'Pay & Use' Toilet Complex at Kalyani Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: A railway station is an active cross-road where passengers spend significant periods waiting on platforms. In these moments, a clean, safe, and hygienic toilet complex is a basic necessity and an anchor of public dignity. Eastern Railway operates with an unwavering stance that Swachhata is always our first priority, demonstrating zero compromise with public hygiene standards.

In fulfillment of this pledge, an "Improved Pay & Use Toilet Complex" has been commissioned at Kalyani (KYI) Station, Platform No. 4 under Sealdah Division. In 2nd phase of Cleanliness Drive/ ER/ Challenge, a new integrated Pay and Use Toilet Complex is commissioned at Kalyani, one more at Budge Budge will be commissioned in next 2-3 days. Developed at a cost of approx. 25 Lakhs with a plinth area of 80 Square Meters, this complex serves over 50,000 passengers daily. Built on modern eco-friendly principles, the struc-

ture features a fully naturally ventilated framework with aluminum louvers and optimized natural lighting to ensure a fresh, pleasant environment round-the-clock.

This major civic upgrade has been realized under the visionary leadership of General Manager Shri Milind Deouskar, and executed by Sealdah Division under Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shri Rajeev Saxena. The design integrates 23 heavy-duty fixtures embedded into flowing text. The Gents Section is thoroughly equipped with 6 urinals, 1 Indian water closet, 3 western water closets, and 2 wash basins with full covered mirrors. The Ladies Section systematically provides 2 urinals, 2 Indian water closets, 2 western water closets, and 3 wash basins with full covered mirrors. Prioritizing absolute universal inclusivity, the complex hosts a dedicated, accessible Divyangyan and Family Toilet featuring 1 western water closet with specialized grab bars and 1 wash basin, while a dedicated Caretaker Room sized 1500 x 2250 mm (1.5 x 2.25 sqm) accommodates

permanent, 24/7 maintenance operations. Tactile flooring guides visually impaired commuters safely to the entrance gates, which feature anti-skid premium floor tiles and robust metal safety gating.

DRM Sealdah, Rajeev Saxena stated, "Our focus at Sealdah centers on passenger comfort. This new toilet complex at Kalyani Station highlights our pledge of 'Zero Compromise' with sanitation. By integrating specific sections for Gents, Ladies, and an accessible facility for Divyangyan and families alongside continuous caretaker supervision, we ensure that every traveler experiences pristine cleanliness, safety, and high-grade comfort."

CPRO Eastern Railway, Shri-barm Majhi stated, "Cleanliness is a permanent culture for Eastern Railway, and by replacing legacy structures with smart, eco-friendly complexes like the one at Kalyani Platform 4, we ensure our passengers experience impeccable hygiene throughout their journey."

Cancellation of trains at Bandel

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to development work at Bandel station limit in Howrah Division, 90 minutes (from 11:35 hrs. to 13:05 hrs. from 26.05.2026 to 01.06.2026 except 28.05.2026 and on 02.06.2026 from 12:30 hrs. to 14:00 hrs.) Traffic & Power Block has been planned with following train cancellations: Cancellation of Trains: * From Howrah: 37233, 37237 * From Bandel: 37749, 37336, 37244, 37248 * From Katwa: 37748 * From Nalhati: 37353

NOTICE
This is to notify that sri. SEEMA ROUT W/O SANTOSH KUMAR ROUT ASSIST CHANDMARI RLY COLONY PS-ASANSOL (N) Dist- Paschim BURDAWAN has/have purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of deed/deeds No.7994 dated 01/10/2024 (A.D.S.R.) with the help of power of attorney deed No.7677 dated 29/08/2023 (A.D.S.R. /AOSR) executed by sri. PAWAN KUMAR S/O late BALDEO SAH ASSIST MANAGER AHAR PS-TARAPUR Dist MUNGER and the said applicant has/have applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case no.MN/2026/2305044 at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) dist.Paschim BURDAWAN. If there is any objection for mutation in this respect, any concerned parties are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned revenue office at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it into course.

Land Schedule
Block : ASANSOL (EP-1) sub-Divisional land and land reforms office (EP-1) Mouza- UTTAR DHADKA (JL) NO- 26 Plot no :- 494 Name of the recorded owner:- PAWAN KUMAR , Khatian:- 2052

আমোক্তরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি
এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১)শ্যামসুন্দর মন্ডল, ২)শ্রী বীজেন মন্ডল, ৩)শ্রী প্রভাত মন্ডল, ৪)শ্রী বাসুদেব মন্ডল, সকলের পিতা/পিতৃপুত্র কিশোর মন্ডল, সকলের সাক্ষিক এনোন্স, জারুজা, পোলাব, হুগলী, ৫)শ্রীমতীয়া পূর্ণপল্লভ দাস (মন্ডল), স্বামী সুবোধ দাস, পিতা ঞ্চুগোপাল কিশোর মন্ডল, সাক্ষিক মাদুপুত্র, চুড়চা, হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ৬)শ্রীমতীয়া পাল্লভ মন্ডল (সীতা), স্বামী জ্ঞানদাস সীতা, পিতা ঞ্চুগোপাল কিশোর মন্ডল, সাক্ষিক অমরপুত্র, সুগুতা, চুড়চা, হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ৭)শ্রীমতীয়া মালতী মন্ডল (পিতা), পিতা ঞ্চুগোপাল কিশোর মন্ডল, সাক্ষিক বি.সি. ভূত রোড, চন্দনপুর, হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ৮)শ্রীমতীয়া স্বামী মন্ডল (সীতা), স্বামী তপন পাল, পিতা ঞ্চুগোপাল কিশোর মন্ডল, সাক্ষিক দিলীপ উত্তরপুত্র, বেলগুড়া, পান্ডুয়া, হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ৯)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১০)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১১)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১২)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১৩)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১৪)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১৫)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল বিজয় হুগলী-৭১১১০৩, ১৬)শ্রীমতীয়া মন্ডল 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How to Stay Safe and Cope with Extreme Heat

Keep yourself cool: Use an air conditioner or fan, wear light and loose-fitting clothing, and keep your skin moist by using a spray bottle or damp sponge, or by taking a cool shower.

Drink plenty of water: On days of extreme heat, continue drinking water before you even feel thirsty—especially if you are outdoors or engaging in physical activity.

Plan ahead: Cancel or reschedule activities planned for the hottest parts of the day, and avoid exercising or spending time outdoors during the heat.

Stay in touch with others: Let your family, friends, and neighbors know that you are doing well, or reach out to those who are at higher risk or who may require your support during periods of severe heat.

Check weather forecasts and heatwave warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology online or via the Bureau's app. Subscribe to receive heat-related health alerts from the Department of Health.

Heat-Related Health ProblemsDuring periods of extreme heat, it is easy for the body to become dehydrated or to overheat.

Extreme heat can lead to severe and potentially life-threatening health problems, such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke; it can trigger sudden medical emergencies like heart attacks or strokes; or it can exacerbate pre-existing medical conditions, such as kidney or lung disease.

Extreme heat can affect anyone. However, people over the age of 65, infants and young children, pregnant women, individuals with serious or chronic health conditions, and those who are socially isolated are at higher risk.

Staying Safe in Extreme HeatDuring hot weather, protect yourself from heat-related health problems by keep-

ing your body cool and drinking plenty of water. Plan ahead and stay in contact with others.

Stay Cool: Use air conditioning if available. To reduce the cost of air conditioning, use a fan in conjunction with it and raise your air conditioner's thermostat setting to 26–27 degrees Celsius.

Electric fans can help cool the body when the room temperature is below 39–40 degrees Celsius.

Keep your skin moist by using a spray bottle or a damp sponge. Soak a towel in cold tap water and loosely wrap it around your head. Take a cool shower or bath, or soak your feet in cold tap water.

Wrap ice cubes in a damp towel and place it around your neck.

Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Consider visiting an air-conditioned building, such as a shopping center or a public library.

Use blinds or curtains to prevent direct sunlight from entering through the windows.

If you feel that it is hotter inside your home than it is outside, open the windows and doors.

Drink plenty of water: When days are very hot, keep drinking water even before you feel thirsty—especially if you are outdoors and engaging in physical activity. If your doctor has advised you to limit your fluid intake, ask them how much water you should drink during hot weather. Always carry a water bottle with you whenever you leave the house.

Pay attention to signs of dehydration, such as thirst, dizziness, dry mouth, fatigue, dark-colored or strong-smelling urine, or urinating less frequently than usual.

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During exercise, aim to drink approximately 200 ml of water every 20 minutes.

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They are also more likely to have underlying health conditions and to be taking medications that may interfere with the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

Elderly individuals with existing health conditions should review their health-care plan with their doctor before the onset of hot weather to ensure that their health issues remain under control.

Ask your doctor if you are at increased risk of heat-related health problems during hot weather.

Your doctor may advise you to increase your fluid intake, avoid certain medications, or adjust your medication dosages during periods of extreme heat.

Children and Extreme Heat Infants and young children require special care during hot weather, as they are less capable of tolerating changes in temperature. Never leave infants or young children alone in a car.

During hot weather, provide infants with extra breastfeeding or bottle-feeding, and encourage children to drink fluids regularly.

Additional information regarding breastfeeding and hot weather is available from the Australian Breastfeeding Association.

Dress infants and children in light, loose-fitting clothing during hot weather.

To keep infants in strollers cool, cover the stroller with a damp muslin or cotton cloth, and use a battery-operated clip-on fan if available.

Keep the cloth moist using a spray bottle.

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Encourage them to stay cool and drink plenty of water.

If it is safe for you to do so, offer to help with shopping or other small errands so that they can avoid the heat. If it is safe to do so, take them to a cool place for the day (such as a shopping center, cinema, or library), or—if they are unable to stay cool in their own home—allow them to stay with you overnight.

Managing Events or Workplaces If you are organizing a large event or sporting activity, or managing employees in a hot environment: Develop and follow a plan for dealing with heatwaves.

Learn the signs and symptoms of heatstroke and other heat-related health issues, as well as how to prevent and treat them.

7 Reasons Why You Always Feel Hot

Damage to the sweat glands caused by diabetes can lead to an increase in body temperature. Hot flashes may occur during menopause, causing sudden sensations of heat and sweating. Taking certain medications can make you more sensitive to heat, especially if you are over the age of 65.

You may constantly feel hot due to various conditions or external factors. Diabetes, menopause, and certain medications can cause changes in body temperature.

1. Diabetes

Insulin is a hormone produced by your body that converts glucose (sugar) obtained from food into energy. In diabetes, your body either does not produce enough insulin or does not respond to insulin properly. Since insulin is unable to convert glucose into energy, blood sugar levels rise. High levels of glucose in the blood can lead to complications over time. Diabetes can eventually cause damage to blood vessels and nerves. This damage can also affect the sweat glands, making it difficult for the body to cool itself effectively. Whether you have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, you may still experience a sensation of heat. Type 1 diabetes occurs when your pancreas does not produce enough insulin—or any insulin at all. Type 2 diabetes occurs when your cells do not respond properly to insulin.

2. Hyperthyroidism Hyperthyroidism means that your thyroid gland is overactive. Located in the neck, the thyroid gland produces more thyroid hormones than the body requires. Graves' disease—an autoimmune condition—is the most common cause of hyperthyroidism. Other causes include nodules on the thyroid gland, inflammation of the thyroid (thyroiditis), and



excessive iodine intake. One of the symptoms of hyperthyroidism is difficulty tolerating heat. Other symptoms include fatigue, muscle weakness, and tremors in the hands.

23. Pregnancy There may be three reasons why you feel excessive heat during pregnancy: 3. Natural changes in the body's ability to control and regulate its temperature—that is, thermoregulation. Heat may be generated due to the growing fetus. Weight gain reduces the ratio of body surface area to body mass, making it more difficult to regulate the distribution of internal heat.

4. Menopause Menopause is the stage at which menstruation permanently ceases. Following menopause, levels of hormones such as estrogen and progesterone decline. When estrogen levels drop significantly, it can lead to symptoms such as hot flashes—a sudden sensation of heat in specific parts of the body, such as the face, chest, and neck.

4. Sweating typically begins immediately after the sensation of heat is felt in the body. On average, this lasts for less than five minutes. Hot flashes may occur intermittently for a period ranging from six months to several years. They can range in frequency from several times a

week to as many as 10 times a day. Over time, their frequency and intensity typically diminish.

5. Hot flashes can occur at any time of the day or night. Those occurring at night are referred to as "night sweats" and can disrupt sleep.

65. Inability to Sweat If you have anhidrosis, it means that you are unable to sweat. Causes for this condition include nerve damage, blockage of sweat ducts, skin injuries, and dehydration.

7. Sweating helps keep the body cool by dissipating the excess heat generated by metabolic processes and muscle activity. Without the production of sweat, the body is unable to cool itself effectively.

8. If, for any reason, you experience a problem with sweating, you may find it difficult to tolerate heat and may struggle to concentrate in hot environments. You may also experience fatigue and drowsiness.

76. Fever A fever occurs when your body temperature rises to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. It is usually a sign that your body is attempting to fight off an infection. You may also develop a fever due to certain medications, heat-related illnesses, specific types of cancer, certain autoimmune diseases, or certain vaccina-

tions.

9. During a fever, your body may feel warm to the touch, and you may experience the following symptoms: 10. 1. Decreased consciousness or confusion 2. Headache accompanied by a stiff neck 3. Persistent cough 4. Persistent diarrhea 5. Persistent vomiting 6. Skin rashes 7. Difficulty breathing 8. Unexplained new bleeding or bruising 9. If your fever persists for more than 48 hours, seek immediate medical attention. Seek immediate medical assistance if you develop a fever while undergoing chemotherapy.

107. Medications Certain common medications can affect your body's ability to regulate its temperature. This may make you more susceptible to heat, particularly if you are over the age of 65.

12. Anticholinergic Medications Anticholinergics are a class of medications that can have a warming effect on the body. These drugs work by blocking the activity of a natural substance in the body called acetylcholine. Anticholinergics are used to treat respiratory disorders, psychiatric conditions, Parkinson's disease, heart disease, and various other ailments.

13. Serotonergic Medications One of the potential side effects of serotonergic medications is that they may cause you to feel a sensation of heat. Serotonergic medications are drugs that affect a hormone called serotonin, which regulates your mood. Examples of serotonergic medications include antidepressants and antipsychotics.

14. Sympathomimetic Medications Sympathomimetic medications alter your nervous system in a way that affects glaucoma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and high...

Extreme Heat: Measures to Keep Children Safe as Temperatures Rise

Generally, playing outdoors and exercising benefit a child's physical and mental health in numerous ways. However, a heat index of 90°F or higher—as defined by the National Weather Service—poses a serious threat to health.

How extreme heat affects children and families

High temperatures and extreme heat can cause children to fall ill very quickly. This can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, cramps, and heatstroke. Heatstroke is a medical emergency. Intense heat can make anyone feel irritable. Furthermore, due to climate change, extreme heat is becoming increasingly common in certain parts of the United States. News reports regarding the impact of this on the health of communities and the planet can also be distressing and stressful. (See "How to Talk to Children About Climate Change.")

Read on to learn about the steps you can take to protect your children from extreme heat as much as possible (and watch the heat safety video provided below). Additionally, learn about the symptoms of heat-related illnesses and when to contact your pediatrician.

Tips for Staying Cool During Extreme Heat

When the weather is extremely hot, it can be a good idea to visit a swimming pool or the beach for a while, or to stay indoors and engage in activities such as crafting, reading, or playing board games.

If you know that extreme heat is expected to persist for several consecutive days, plan ahead.

To prevent children from getting bored while indoors, think of creative ways to vary their activities.

To help keep them active, suggest some simple yoga poses, playing indoor hide-and-seek, or engaging in fun physical challenges that



aren't overly strenuous.

What to Do If Your Home Doesn't Have Air Conditioning?

If your home lacks air conditioning, look for a nearby building that does have it.

Libraries and shopping malls can be excellent places to find relief from the heat.

If you live in an area prone to frequent power outages, or if your air conditioner is unreliable, create a contingency plan. Designate a safe location for your family to go when temperatures soar and you are at home.

Many cities and towns set up "cooling centers"—often located in gyms or other large buildings—where people seeking respite from the heat can go to relax.

While staying at home, keep your curtains and window blinds closed. Additionally, keep in mind that lower floors are typically cooler than upper ones. Are Fans Helpful in Hot Weather?

If you do not have access to air conditioning, fans can be helpful in keeping you cool.

However, please keep these safety tips in mind: If you use a fan, place it at a safe distance from yourself and your chil-

dren to avoid potential safety hazards (such as fingers getting caught in the blades or the fan coming into contact with water).

During periods of extreme heat, do not aim a fan directly at yourself. Instead, use fans to help circulate the air—either by expelling hot air from the room or by drawing cooler air in. However, when the room temperature exceeds 90°F, do not direct the airflow from a fan directly toward yourself. Dry air can increase the risk of dehydration.

Ways to Stay Safe from the Heat When Going Outdoors

If you are heading outside, there are several steps you can take to protect children from heat-related illnesses and hazards:

Drink Plenty of Water: Encourage your children to drink water frequently.

Always keep water available—even before they ask for it. Carry water bottles with you whenever you go out. On hot days, breastfed infants may be offered additional breast milk via a bottle; however, they should not be given water, especially during the first 6 months of life.

Formula-fed infants may be offered additional formula

via a bottle. Dress in Light Clothing: Light-colored clothes help keep children cool because they absorb less heat than darker colors. However, dark-colored clothing typically offers slightly better protection against the sun. Choose loose-fitting garments that allow for airflow while also providing protection from direct sunlight.

A single layer of absorbent clothing helps facilitate the evaporation of sweat, which provides a cooling effect (children tend to sweat less than adults). Apply plenty of sunscreen. Allow Extra Time for Rest: Heat often leaves children (and their parents) feeling exhausted. Excessive heat not only causes fatigue but can also negatively affect their mood. Come indoors regularly to cool down, rest, and drink water.

Cool Down with Water: When your child feels overheated, give them a bath in cool water or cool them down with a spray of water. Swimming is also a fantastic way to stay cool while remaining active.

Remember that children must always be supervised while swimming or playing in the water to prevent drowning.

Iran says progress on several issues with US but agreement not imminent

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran said on Monday that Tehran and Washington had reached understandings on many issues in exchanges over a deal for ending the war, but warned an agreement was not imminent.

"It is correct to say that we have reached a conclusion on a large portion of the issues under discussion," foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said, during a weekly news briefing.

"But to say that this means the signing of an agreement is imminent -- no one can make such a claim," he said, accusing Washington of "contradictions" and shifting its positions.

The remarks come after Iran said it was finalising a 14-point framework for a deal on ending the war with the United States which broke out on Febru-



ary 28. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said a deal to end the war with Iran could materialise on Monday as US President Donald Trump said his negotiators not to "rush".

During the press conference, Baqaei insisted that the framework being drafted "is focused on ending the war" across the region, including in Lebanon.

He reiterated that details on Iran's nuclear programme -- a key sticking

point for Washington -- were not included and that the issue would only be discussed after the two sides agree on the framework.

Clauses on ending the US naval blockade on Iranian ports, in place since April 13, and arrangements on the strategic Strait of Hormuz were included, he said.

"US actions under the title of a naval blockade must be stopped, and at the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran will take

the necessary measures for safe transit in the Strait of Hormuz," he said.

Traffic through Hormuz, a vital global shipping route, has come under Iranian control since the outbreak of the war.

Iran, which has only allowed a trickle of ships to pass through the strait, has insisted that vessels obtain permission from its armed forces before transiting the waterway.

Baqaei said Iran was not imposing tolls on ships transiting the strait but rather collecting fees for "navigational services".

"The services that are provided- navigational services in addition to the measures necessary to protect the environment of the Strait of Hormuz, the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman -- require the collection of certain fees," he said, adding that Iran was "not seeking to collect tolls".

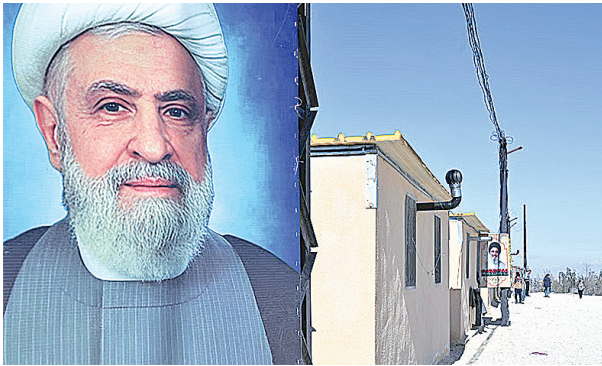
Lebanon President says Israel's withdrawal from the country's south was a "non-negotiable"

MI News Service, Beirut: Lebanese President Joseph Aoun on Monday said Israel's withdrawal from the country's south was a "non-negotiable" demand that authorities would pursue through negotiations, days ahead of a new round of talks in Washington.

In a statement commemorating Israel's previous withdrawal from south Lebanon in 2000 after some two decades of occupation, Aoun said that "this year, the anniversary of the liberation comes as Lebanon is weighed down by a painful reality."

"Israeli attacks have not stopped and our dear southern villages are still suffering under a renewed occupation," he said.

Israeli troops who invaded Lebanon during the latest war with Hezbollah began on March 2 are operating inside a self-declared "yellow line" running around 10 kilometres (six miles) deep inside Lebanese



territory.

Israel's military has also been conducting heavy strikes well beyond that area despite a ceasefire supposed to be in force since April 17.

"Lebanon will not accept this reality," Aoun said.

"The path to a full Israeli withdrawal will remain an uncompromised, constant national demand that the Lebanese state works to achieve through the option of negotiations," he added.

Lebanon and Israel

began landmark US-brokered talks last month and are preparing for a fourth round in early June, preceded by a meeting between military delegations at the Pentagon on May 29.

Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem on Sunday reiterated his opposition to the direct talks with Israel and his group's refusal to disarm, as it keeps up attacks on Israeli targets in south Lebanon and across the border.

"If this government is incapable of guaranteeing

sovereignty, it should go," Qassem said, adding: "Where is the sovereignty if America runs the cogs of the Lebanese state?"

Aoun said that negotiations were "neither a concession nor a surrender".

"The liberation of the south is a duty borne by the state with the support of its people," the president added.

Lebanese authorities have committed to disarming Hezbollah and they prohibited its military activities after it drew Lebanon into the Middle East war with rocket fire at Israel, in retaliation for strikes that killed Iran's supreme leader.

On Sunday, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio condemned what he called Hezbollah's "reckless call to overthrow Lebanon's democratically elected government", accusing it of "actively trying to drag Lebanon back into chaos and destruction."

France bans Israeli min Ben Gvir over Gaza flotilla incident

MI News Service, Paris: French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot has said that Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir had been banned from entering France effective immediately.

In a post on social platform X, Barrot said on Saturday that the decision followed Ben-Gvir's "unqualifiable" actions toward French and European citizens aboard the Gaza-bound Global Sumud flotilla.

"We cannot tolerate French nationals being threatened, intimidated or subjected to violence in such a manner, especially by a public official," Barrot said, Xinhua news agency reported.

He also called on the European Union to impose sanctions on Ben-Gvir.

Hundreds of members from a Gaza-bound aid flotilla were brought to Israel's Ashdod Port on Wednesday, as Ben-Gvir released the video showing some of them shackled and forced to the ground.

In the video, released by Ben-Gvir on his social media channels, dozens of activists are shown kneeling on the floor, bent forward with their heads down and hands bound behind their backs with zip ties, as the Israeli national anthem is played loudly over speakers.

Organisers of the Global Sumud Flotilla said Israeli naval vessels intercepted all ships in the convoy in international waters, about 250 nautical miles off the coast of Gaza.



According to the organisers, 428 activists were "kidnapped" by Israel after the interception began on Monday morning.

Barrot on Wednesday condemned the treatment of activists from the Global Sumud flotilla, calling the actions of the Israeli side "unacceptable" and announcing that Israel's Ambassador to France, Joshua L. Zarka, would be summoned.

Earlier this week, Israeli forces seized two humanitarian aid flotillas carrying South Korean activists arriving for the Gaza Strip.

The Lina Al Nabulsi, carrying South Korean activist Kim Ah-hyun and Korean American activist Jonathan Victor Lee, the Kyriakos X aid flotilla, which was carrying South Korean activist Kim Dong-hyeon, were seized.

Kim Ah-hyun and Kim Dong-hyeon were later released by Israel, according to the South Korean Presidential office.

2 killed, 86 injured following Russian attack on Ukrainian capital



MI News Service, Kiev: Two people were killed and 86 others injured on Sunday after a large-scale Russian attack on the Ukrainian capital, a Kiev city official has said.

Thousands of rescuers, utility workers, and volunteers have been deployed to nearly 50 locations across the city to deal with the aftermath of the strikes, said Tymur Tkachenko, head of the Kiev City Military Administration.

According to Ukraine's Air Force, Russia launched 600 drones and 90 missiles overnight on Sunday, with Kiev as the primary target.

The Russian Defense Ministry said the strike was in retaliation for Ukraine's "attacks against civilian targets on Russian territory."

The Russian Emergencies Ministry said 21 people died in a Ukrainian drone attack on a college dormitory in the Luhansk region on Friday. But Kiev denied responsibility, saying its forces strike only military facilities and objects used for military purposes in accordance with international humanitarian law.

At least 8 killed in bus-truck crash in Brazil



MI News Service, Rio DE Janeiro: At least eight people were killed early Sunday morning after a passenger bus collided with a truck on a federal highway in Brazil's southeastern state of Minas Gerais, according to the Federal Highway Police.

The crash occurred in the early hours on the highway BR-251. The bus, traveling from Sao Bernardo do Campo in Sao Paulo state to Aracaju in Sergipe state, struck the truck and subsequently exploded, according to a police statement.

Authorities have closed the affected section of the highway as investigators work to determine the cause of the collision.

Far-right ministers demand Netanyahu return to war in Lebanon

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Far-right ministers demand that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu renew military operations in Lebanon in response to Hezbollah explosive drone attacks, ahead of a potential Iran-US deal which could curb Israeli action against the terror group.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir says that the premier must "inform" US President Donald Trump that the war in Lebanon is being restarted.

"We must not normalize the reality of explosive drones. The time has come for the prime minister to bang on Trump's desk and inform him that we are returning to war in Lebanon," Ben Gvir declares in a statement, days ahead of a planned round of Israel-Lebanon talks in Washington.

"We must cut off the



electricity in Lebanon, conquer Zaharani, and return to high-intensity warfare," he adds, referencing a river north of the Litani, indicating a wish to expand the area of the war.

Far right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich calls for strikes on Beirut in a separate statement announcing his approval of an NIS 2 billion (\$692.8 million) budget for "technological solutions to the drone threat."

"A strategic threat is not met with defense alone; for every explosive drone, ten buildings in Beirut need to fall," Smotrich declares.

Malaysia prepared to take Israel to ICJ over treatment of Gaza flotilla activists

MI News Service, Kuala Lumpur: The Malaysian government is prepared to take Israel to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) over the alleged kidnapping and torture of activists from the Gaza-bound Global Sumud humanitarian aid flotilla, local media reported Monday.

Amirudin Shari, chief minister of the Malaysian state of Selangor, said Kuala Lumpur will initiate proceedings as soon as lawyers complete the collection of information and supporting evidence, the Malay Mail reported.

Over 400 international activists aboard the flotilla, which aimed to break Israel's naval blockade on Gaza to deliver aid, were attacked and detained by Israeli forces last week in international waters.

"We will not remain silent, we will not stop. While the legal team gathers all documentation on violations of international law, they (flotilla partici-



pants) were kidnapped more than once, they were tortured," Amirudin said while speaking at the Global Sumud Flotilla 2.0 homecoming ceremony at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. "We will bring this to the international court, we will continue diplomatic pressure, and we will also travel across Malaysia," he said.

Amirudin said the legal action follows alleged acts of brutality, including kidnapping and torture involving flotilla activists, particularly Malaysian participants.

He added that the move will be followed by continued diplomatic pressure by the government to demand the "full liberation" of Gaza.

Amirudin said that although the GSF 2.0 mission has concluded, Malaysia and Selangor's commitment to the Palestinian cause will continue.

There are plans to bring international conferences related to Palestine to Malaysia in the future to strengthen advocacy efforts, he said. He added that Sumud 3.0 will continue the struggle until the blockade on Gaza is lifted.

Heavy rain lashes China's Chongqing, nine killed

MI News Service, Beijing: Nine people were killed and another 11 were missing after heavy rain, which started on Saturday night, battered Yongchuan District in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, local authorities stated.

Rescue and response efforts are still underway. A sudden and extreme catastrophic rainstorm struck Yongchuan, triggering flash floods and geological disasters in multiple areas of this district, from Saturday night to early Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, the death toll from heavy rainfall in Shimen County, central China's Hunan Province, rose to seven on Sunday, with 14 others still missing, local authorities said.

The severe downpour started on Sunday morning. It is the first round of torrential rain to hit the county this year. A total of 23 townships and districts have been affected, according to the municipal emergency management bureau of Changde City, which administers Shimen.

Thousands of Gaza residents barred from Hajj for third straight year

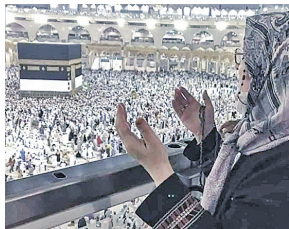
MI News Service, Gaza: Thousands of Palestinians in Gaza are again unable to join the annual Haj pilgrimage for the third consecutive year, as ongoing war conditions and crossing closures continue to block travel from the territory.

As pilgrims gather in Makkah, residents across Gaza remain trapped by displacement and movement restrictions. Media reports highlighted how war and displacement have shattered the hopes of Palestinians preparing for the pilgrimage.

Before the conflict, Gaza pilgrims travelled through the Rafah crossing into Egypt before continuing to Saudi Arabia. Since the crossing was closed during the war, civilian travel has remained severely restricted.

Suad Hajjaj told Anadolu News Agency that her family's long-awaited pilgrimage plans collapsed after her husband was killed, her brother disappeared and their home was destroyed in the fighting.

Now staying in a shelter in Gaza City, she said the money saved for Haj was lost beneath the rub-



ble of their house, though she still hopes to undertake the pilgrimage one day.

Rami Abu Staitah, Director General of Haj and Umrah at Gaza's Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, told Anadolu that thousands of Palestinians chosen through Gaza's Haj lottery system remain unable to travel.

According to ministry figures, more than 2,400 residents who secured Haj places in previous years are still stranded inside the enclave.

Many displaced families are now watching Haj coverage on mobile phones from tents and damaged buildings while coping with severe shortages.

The restrictions have also badly affected Gaza's Hajj and Umrah sector, with travel companies suffering extensive damage and financial losses during the war.

Over 900 suspected cases identified in DRC Ebola response: WHO chief

MI News Service, Geneva: World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Sunday that as the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) scales up surveillance in its Ebola response, more than 900 suspected cases have been identified so far, including 101 confirmed cases.

In Ituri province, the epicentre of the outbreak, nearly 5 million people live amid ongoing conflict, with one in four in need of humanitarian assistance and one in five internally displaced, Tedros said in a post on X.

"The violence is forcing people to flee, including health and humanitarian workers. This is severely impeding efforts to scale up Ebola contact tracing and identify infections early enough to provide supportive care," he added, noting that ongoing insecurity and fear are also fueling mistrust within communities.

The WHO chief said that WHO and humanitarian health partners maintain a presence across Ituri, including in some of the hardest-to-reach and most insecure areas, where communities are facing not only the threat of Ebola but also a wide range of diseases.

Tedros emphasized that delivering a comprehensive package of healthcare services is essential -- not only to meet urgent health needs, but also to build the trust that is critical for an effective Ebola response.

Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo, 204 dead

MI News Service, Kinshasa/ New Delhi: The Ebola virus infection has taken a terrible shape in Central Africa. About 867 Ebola cases have been reported in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as of Saturday night. Of these, 204 have died. Considering the situation, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the infection a global public health emergency. The risk of this disease in Congo is now very high. In neighboring Uganda, two people have also been diagnosed with Ebola, one of whom has died. Both of them had traveled from Congo to Uganda. In this situation, the Uganda-Congo border has been closed. Experts say that this



time the Ebola infection has become deadly due to the rare virus 'Bundibugyo' strain. The concern is that there is still no approved vaccine or treatment for this specific strain. The death rate in this disease is about 50 percent. The virus first spread in the mining area of Ituri province in Demo-

cratic Republic of Congo. But the mining authorities did not realize it at first. The Africa CDC said that the necessary medical equipment has not yet reached the health workers. As a result, health workers are facing problems.

The Indian government has issued an alert in view

of the severity of Ebola virus in Africa. Indians have been advised to avoid non-essential travel to Congo, Uganda and South Sudan. South Sudan has also been identified as a risk area for the disease. The Indian government said that no case of Ebola of the 'Bundibugyo' strain has been found in the country so far. However, surveillance has been increased at India's entry points in accordance with international norms. Indians in the three African countries have been asked to follow local health guidelines, stay away from sick people and seek immediate medical advice if they develop fever. The Indian government is closely monitoring the situation.

KUSAL MENDIS NAMED SRI LANKA'S WHITE-BALL CAPTAIN FOR WEST INDIES TOUR

COLOMBO : Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has appointed Kusal Mendis as the white-ball captain for next month's all-format tour of the West Indies. This decision represents a major shift in leadership ahead of an important overseas assignment.

Mendis, who plays as a wicketkeeper-batter, will lead Sri Lanka in both the ODI and T20I series. He replaces Charith Asalanka and Dasun Shanaka in those roles. Dhananjaya de Silva will continue as captain of the Test side for the two-match series.

Sri Lanka Cricket announced the squads on social media. The statement said, "Sri Lanka Cricket's Selection Panel has selected the following squads for Sri Lanka's Tour of the West Indies 2026. The tour will feature matches across all three formats - ODI, T20I, and Test cricket."

This leadership change comes after Sri Lanka's disappointing T20 World Cup campaign earlier this year. The team did not qualify for the knockout stages under Shanaka's leadership. Shanaka remains in the 16-member T20I squad, while Asalanka has been left out of the T20 team despite being included in the ODI squad.

Another positive for Sri Lanka is the return of star all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga. He has been named in both the ODI and T20I squads after recovering from a hamstring injury he sustained during the T20 World Cup. The injury had kept him out since early February and also caused him to miss the IPL season with Lucknow Super Giants.

Kamindu Mendis will serve as vice-captain in both white-ball formats. Other experienced players, like Pathum Nissanka, Maheesh Theekshana, and Dushmantha Chameera, are also in the squads. The tour starts with a three-match ODI series from June 3 to 8. This will be followed by three T20Is on June 11, 13, and 14. The Test series will conclude the tour, with both matches scheduled at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium from June 25 to 29 and July 3 to 7.

Sri Lanka's squads also include several emerging players such as Pavan Rathnayake, Kamil Mishara, and Eshan Malinga as the team prepares for a new cycle under fresh white-ball leadership.

Sri Lanka Test squad:

Dhananjaya de Silva (capt), Kamindu Mendis, Pathum Nissanka, Lahiru Udara, Nishan Madushka, Dinesh Chandimal, Pasindu Sooriyabandara, Sonal Dinusha, Kusal Mendis, Milan Rathnayake, Prabhath Jayasuriya, Ramesh Mendis, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando, Lahiru Kumara, Isitha Wijesundara, Kasun Rajitha

Sri Lanka ODI squad:

Kusal Mendis (capt), Kamindu Mendis (vice-capt), Pathum Nissanka, Kamil Mishara, Pavan Rathnayake, Janith Liyanage, Charith Asalanka, Milan Rathnayake, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Maheesh Theekshana, Dushmantha Chameera, Dilshan Madushanka, Eshan Malinga, Asitha Fernando, Pramod Madushan



Himachal Pradesh athlete Kusum Thakur celebrates after winning the women's 200 metre race on the final day of the 29th National Senior Athletics Championship at Birsamunda Football Stadium, in Ranchi district of Jharkhand on Tuesday.

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

DHARAMSHALA : After 70 high-intensity league stage matches, IPL 2026 now enters its decisive phase as defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and 2022 winner Gujarat Titans (GT), two top teams in the standings, will lock in the Qualifier 1 on Tuesday in Dharamshala with a direct berth in the final at stake.

As per the IPL format, the top two teams in the standings qualify for Qualifier 1, and the winner of the match will directly enter the final, while the losing team will get another opportunity through Qualifier 2.

RCB and GT finished first and second in the points table, respectively, with 18 points each and separated only by net run rate. They have tied 1-1 head-to-head this season and 4-4 overall.

Table topper RCB's one of the five defeats has come against GT, whose solid bowling unit troubled them. But the reigning champions turned the tables and avenged their loss in the reverse fixture. Both franchises are in



pursuit of their second IPL silverware. While the defending champions RCB aim to secure back-to-back titles, GT are determined to reclaim the championship glory they first achieved during their debut season in 2022.

Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings are the most successful teams in IPL history with five titles each in their names. Kolkata Knight Riders follow the

two sides with three trophies to their name.

When: Tuesday, May 26, 7:30 IST

Where: Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamshala

Where to watch: The RCB vs GT Qualifier 1 match will be broadcasted on Star Sports channels, with JioHotstar live-streaming the game.

Squads:

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Rajat Patidar (captain), Virat Kohli, Tim David, Jacob Bethell, Romario Shepherd, Josh Hazlewood, Nuwan Thushara, Devdutt Padikkal, Jitesh Sharma (wicketkeeper), Krunal Pandya, Rasikh Dar, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jordan Cox, Suyash Sharma, Venkatesh Iyer, Swapnil Singh, Jacob Duffy, Kanishk Chouhan, Abhinandan Singh, Mangesh Yadav, Phil Salt, Satvik Deswal, Vicky Ostwal, Vihaan Malhotra.

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

SINGAPORE OPEN: SINDHU, LAKSHYA, SATWIK-CHIRAG LEAD INDIA'S CHARGE

NEW DELHI : The Singapore Open 2026, a BWF Super 750 event beginning Tuesday at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, is set to offer a crucial early-season test for India's top shuttlers, with PV Sindhu and the men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty leading a strong national contingent in a tournament packed with ranking implications.

Returning to competition after skipping the Malaysia Masters, Sindhu headlines India's women's singles challenge alongside Unnati Hooda and Malvika Bansod. The former world champion faces a demanding opener against Indonesia's world No. 6 Putri Kusuma Wardani, against whom she trails 2-3 in their head-to-head record. Sindhu, however, will draw confidence from her strong history at the event, having won the title in 2022. India's men's singles group also arrives with points to prove, as Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy look to rebound from early exits at the Malaysia Masters.

Kidambi Srikanth and Ayush Shetty add further depth to the draw, returning to international action after missing the previous week's competition. In doubles, all eyes will be on the fourth-seeded Satwik-Chirag pair, who remain India's strongest medal contenders in the men's doubles category. They will be joined by the duo of MR Arjun and Hariharan Amsakarunan in the main draw. India's women's doubles challenge will be led by Kavipriya Selvam-Simran Singh in the absence of the

injured Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, while Rutaparna Panda and Ashwini Bhat K-Shikha Gautam provide additional representation.

In mixed doubles, Tanisha Crasto-Dhruv Kapila and Rohan Kapoor-Ruthvika Shivani Gadde will look to make early impact in a competitive draw.

With Olympic qualification rankings beginning to take clearer shape, the Singapore Open presents an important opportunity for India's top players to build momentum, test combinations, and secure crucial points against a world-class field.

Where to watch Singapore Open: Live streaming of the tournament's matches will be available to watch on the BWF TV YouTube channel in India, while live telecast and TV channel details have not been announced yet.

India squad for Singapore Open:

Men's singles: Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, Ayush Shetty, Kidambi Srikanth

Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty, MR Arjun/Hariharan Amsakarunan

Women's singles: PV Sindhu, Unnati Hooda, Malvika Bansod

Women's doubles: Ashwini Bhat K/Shikha Gautam, Rutaparna Panda/Swetaparna Panda, Kavipriya Selvam/Simran Singh

Mixed doubles: Rohan Kapoor/Ruthvika Shivani Gadde, Dhruv Kapila/Tanisha Crasto



Blue Tigers arrive in London for Unity Cup 2026

NEW DELHI : The Indian senior men's national team, with 17 players, arrived in London on Monday ahead of their participation in the Unity Cup 2026. The Blue Tigers departed Bengaluru in the wee hours of Sunday morning to travel to the England capital for what would be their first match on British soil since 2002. Khalid Jamil's side had assembled in Bengaluru on May 22, a day after the conclusion of the Indian Super League 2025-26. However, Mohun Bagan Super Giant recalled their players from the national camp on May 23. Following their last-minute withdrawal, India travelled with the remaining 17 players to London. Goalkeeper Hrithik Tiwari is travelling separately and will arrive on Monday.

India (136th in FIFA rankings) will play Jamaica



(ranked 71st) in the second semi-final on May 27 midnight (May 28 in IST), while Nigeria (ranked 26th) take on Zimbabwe (ranked 130th) in the first semi-final at the same time a day earlier. The two losing teams will play the third-place play-off on June 30. All matches will take place at The Valley, home of Charlton Athletic FC. The matches will be streamed live on FanCode.

India's 18-member squad for Unity Cup 2026:

Goalkeepers: Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Hrithik Tiwari

(to arrive on Monday), Albino Gomes. Defenders: Rahul Bheke, Nikhil Poojary, Roshan Singh Naorem, Sandesh Jhingan, Akash Mishra, Bijoy Varghese, Pramveer.

Midfielders: Jeakson Singh Thounaojam, Noufal PN, Ricky Shabong.

Forwards: Ryan Williams, Edmund Lalrindika, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Rahim Ali, Farukh Choudhary.

Unity Cup 2026 Schedule: Semi-final One Tuesday, May 26, 19:30 BST (00:00 IST, May 27): Nigeria v Zimbabwe

Semi-Final Two Wednesday, May 27, 19:30 BST (00:00 IST, May 28): Jamaica v India

Final and Third-place Play-off Saturday, May 30

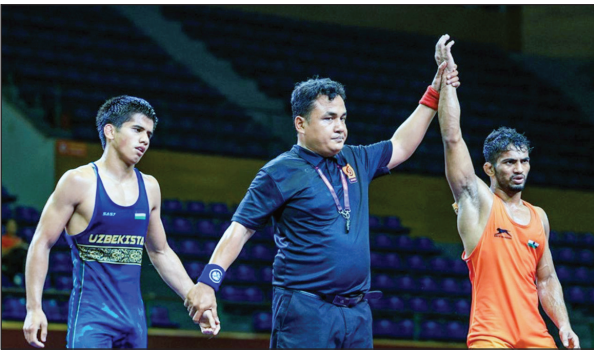
Venue: The Valley, London

U23 Asian C'ship: Akshay and Vicky strike gold in freestyle as Indian women eye historic medal rush in Vietnam

NEW DELHI : India's freestyle grapplers Akshay T Dhere and Vicky delivered stunning gold medal-winning performances to set the stage for a blockbuster day at the U23 Asian Championships in Da Nang, Vietnam, on Monday.

Akshay set the tone in the 57kg weight class by edging past Kazakhstan's Yelaman Amangeldi with a gritty 4-2 victory to claim the title.

Vicky soon doubled the joy for the Indian camp in the 97kg division, pulling off a thrilling 7-5 win against Uzbekistan's Sherzod Poyonov to secure the top spot on the podium. In the 53kg final, Muskan controlled the bout against Vietnam's Thi My Linh Nguyen, registering a comfortable 6-2 win to clinch the title. Tapsya was even more dominant in the



57kg category, securing her gold medal with a victory by fall over Kazakhstan's Altyn Shagayeva while leading 4-0.

"Winning two freestyle golds on the continental stage is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the tactical brilliance of Akshay and Vicky. They fought with immense heart today. I am

equally thrilled for our women wrestlers who have shown incredible resilience to reach so many finals. This dominant showing proves that the future of Indian wrestling is in very safe hands, and I congratulate the entire squad for bringing such immense pride to the nation," said Wrestling

Federation of India (WFI) President Sanjay Singh

Bhagyashree H. Fand added another gold to India's tally in the 62kg division, blanking Kyrgyzstan's Tynys Dubek 4-0 in her title clash, Pulkit (65kg) added to India's gold rush with 4-0 and 4-1 wins over Kyrgyzstan's Tynys Dubek and Mongolia's Narkhajid Nyamsuren respectively, while Amruta Shashikant Pujari took home the silver in the 72kg division after a narrow 2-4 defeat to Mongolia's Odgerel Edene Ochir.

Earlier on Sunday, Mansi Lather, Kajal, and Sumit clinched gold medals to headline a dominant showing on the second day of the competition. Mansi put up a dominant display in the 68kg gold medal bout, registering a

comprehensive 14-1 win over Uzbekistan's Firuza Esenbaeva. Kajal was equally impressive in the 76kg final, blanking Kyrgyzstan's Aizharkyn Zhanybekova 10-0, while Greco-Roman grappler Sumit secured the 63kg title with a 12-2 victory over Uzbekistan's Ozodbek Khalilboev.

Alongside the three gold medals, the Indian contingent also secured two silver and three bronze medals. Sweetie fought hard in her final but narrowly went down 5-7 against Vietnam's Ngoc L. Do to settle for the silver medal. Neha also put up a spirited fight in the 59kg title clash before suffering a 9-5 defeat at the hands of Uzbekistan's Laylokhon Sobirova, bringing home India's second silver of the day.

MP'S SAMARDEEP GILL CLINCHES SHOT PUT GOLD, QUALIFIES FOR CWG AT NATIONAL SENIOR ATHLETICS MEET

RANCHI : Madhya Pradesh's 25-year-old shot putter Samardeep Singh Gill out-classed seasoned Punjab thrower Tajinderpal Singh Toor to clinch gold in the men's shot put event and secure qualification for the Commonwealth Games on the final day of the 29th National Senior Athletics Federation Competition at Birsamunda Stadium on Monday.

Two-time Asian Games champion Toor opened strongly with a throw of 20.07m, but Gill produced the decisive effort in his fourth attempt, registering 20.46m to move ahead and eventually seal the gold medal. Toor

failed to recover the lead, managing 20.06m in his final attempt. Punjab's Karanveer Singh finished third with 19.38m.

Gill also breached the Commonwealth Games qualification mark of 20.36m.

In the men's 400m hurdles, Karnataka's Yashas P and NCOE Trivandrum athlete Santhosh Kumar T also booked Commonwealth Games berths after clocking below the qualification standard of 50.27 seconds. Yashas won gold in 49.00 seconds, while Santhosh Kumar finished a close second in 49.06 seconds. Navy's Subhas Das took bronze with 50.51 sec-



onds.

The men's javelin title went to Maharashtra's promising thrower Shivam Lohakare, who registered a best throw of 81.71m. Rajasthan's Yashvir Singh

claimed silver with 80.80m, while Railway Sports' Rohit Yadav secured bronze with 80.40m. However, none of the competitors crossed the CWG qualification mark of 82.61m.

Odisha sprinter Animesh

Kujur narrowly missed the Commonwealth Games qualification time in the men's 200m, clocking 20.64 seconds against the required 20.61 seconds. Kerala's Jishu Prasad finished second in 20.98 seconds, while Reliance athlete Abhay Singh came third in 21.01 seconds.

In the men's 5,000m race, Karnataka's Shivaji Parashuram won gold in 14:14.43 seconds ahead of Madhya Pradesh's Vinod Singh, who clocked 14:15.50 seconds, and Uttarakhnad's Deepak Bhatt, who finished third in 14:17.72 seconds.

In the men's 800m event, Haryana's Krishan Kumar

won gold in 1:47.68 seconds, followed by Maharashtra's Prathamesh A in 1:47.97 seconds and Satyajet S in 1:48.40 seconds.

The men's triple jump saw JSW athlete Praveen Chithravel emerge victorious with a leap of 17.08m, surpassing the Commonwealth Games qualification mark of 16.89m. Air Force jumper Abdullah Aboockar finished second with 16.63m, while Tamil Nadu's Gailey Venister claimed bronze with 16.37m.

In the women's section, Himachal Pradesh sprinter Kusum Thakur won the 200m title in 23.94 seconds. Haryana's Tamana finished

second in 24.06 seconds, narrowly ahead of Maharashtra's Sudeshna H, who clocked 24.07 seconds.

Reliance athlete Seema clinched gold in the women's 5,000m with a time of 16:04.83. Maharashtra's Ravina Gayakwad took silver in 16:46.21, while IOCL's Sonam Parmar finished third in 16:48.11.

Tamil Nadu's Vithya Ramraj won the women's 400m hurdles in 56.61 seconds, ahead of NCOE Bengaluru's Sinchal Kaveramma T (57.77 seconds) and Maharashtra's Shrivani Sachin (59.73 seconds). In the women's high

jump, Uttar Pradesh athlete Khyati Mathur secured gold with a clearance of 1.82m. Railway Sports' Manshi won silver with 1.80m, while JSW's Abhinaya S Shetty took bronze with 1.73m.

Kerala's Anamika KA emerged victorious in the women's heptathlon with 5685 points. JSW athlete Pooja finished second with 5632 points, while Haryana's Khushi claimed bronze with 5435 points.

In the women's 800m, JSW's Pooja won gold in 2:02.42, followed by IOCL runner Huidrom B in 2:05.56 and teammate Thota Sankeertana in 2:05.74.