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335 suspected infiltrators lodged in 11 holding centres in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: In accordance with its "detect, delete and deport" policy, the West Bengal government has so far set up 11 holding centres for suspected illegal immigrants from mainly Bangladesh, and housed 335 detainees there at present.

Informing this official sources said on Friday that Basirhat in North 24 Parganas district, bordering Bangladesh, accounts for the largest number of detainees suspected to be either Bangladeshi or Rohingya from Myanmar.

They said "Till now, 11 holding centres have been opened in different parts of the state. Some of these are functioning under police districts, while others are operating at the district level".

A notification by the Home and Hill Affairs Department of the State government cited guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. "Enclosed please find the letter under reference regarding the procedure to be followed for deportation of Bangladeshi/Rohingyas apprehended for staying illegally in this country. In this connection, it is requested to take initiative/appropriate action for setting up of Holding Centres in the district for apprehended foreigners as well as for the released foreign prisoners awaiting deportation/repatriation in accordance with the MHA guideline under reference," the notification issued on May 23, stated.

The development comes days after Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari said that his government would follow a new policy of "detect, delete and deport" while dealing with "illegal infiltrators".

"Those not covered under the CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) are completely illegal infiltrators. The State police will arrest them and hand them over to the BSF. The BSF will hold talks with the Border Guard Bangladesh (BDR) and subsequently deport them. This means a policy of detect, delete and deport," the Chief Minister had said.

Last year in May, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed all States and Union Territories to identify and verify illegal immigrants from

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Tree uprooted on the motor cycle at Dharmotola on Friday.

PIC : Prabir Bhattacharya

Detailed 'Annapurna' form meant to ensure benefits reach Indian citizens: Agnimitra Paul

MI News Service, Kolkata: Senior West Bengal minister Agnimitra Paul defended the detailed 12-page application form for the newly announced 'Annapurna Yojana', a direct cash transfer scheme for women, saying the state government wants to ensure that the benefits of welfare programmes reach only genuine Indian citizens.

The lengthy form, which requires women beneficiaries to provide detailed information about every family member, has drawn criticism from several quarters, with some alleging that excessive documentation could exclude genuine beneficiaries.

Reacting to the criticism, Paul hit out at the Trinamool Congress, saying the BJP government would not allow non-citizens to avail benefits under state-run welfare schemes.

"Does the TMC think the BJP government will give



Minister Agnimitra Paul

welfare further said the BJP did not need "lessons" from the TMC, accusing the party of misleading the people of Bengal for the last 15 years.

Under the 'Annapurna Bhandar' scheme, the BJP government will provide Rs 3,000 per month to each eligible woman in the state.

The BJP had promised in its election manifesto to introduce the 'Annapurna Bhandar', replacing the erstwhile Mamata Banerjee govern-

ment's 'Lakshmi Bhandar'. Under the 'Lakshmi Bhandar' scheme, women in the general category used to get Rs 1,500 per month, and Rs 1,700 for the SC/ST category.

The minister also announced that the state government would introduce stringent waste-related penalties across the state from September 1 in an effort to improve urban cleanliness.

Under the new rules, people found littering roads, spitting, throwing pan masala residue, or discarding plastic packets and garbage in public places will face fines and possible legal action, she said.

"For the last 15 years, we have seen that garbage across Bengal has not been properly cleaned. But we must ensure that we do not litter the roads and open areas. We will implement the Act, which is already there, and fine people who litter roads and streets," she said.

Police will be entrusted to enforce the rules, Paul said, adding that the government has also made it mandatory for all public and private buses to keep waste bags or dustbins inside vehicles to prevent passengers from littering.

It was also learnt that the state government is also preparing to roll out a 'Swachh App' to strengthen waste management and civic cleanliness. The application will be introduced on a pilot basis in 10 municipalities on May 30.

Through the app, residents will be able to access information related to municipal cleanliness regulations and directly lodge complaints by uploading photographs of garbage accumulated in public areas.

The government has additionally decided to install dustbins at every 100-metre interval across city roads for the convenience of pedestrians, the minister said.

Security forces fire tear gas shells to disperse protestors in Manipur

MI News Service, Imphal: In order to prevent violence, Security forces fired several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse protestors who had blocked National Highway 202 in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Friday, officials said.

People from Shankai village, who were enforcing a shutdown in their area to protest the alleged holding of 14 community members hostage by Naga groups, had blocked part of the vital highway from Imphal to Ukhrul district headquarters.

At least five women sustained minor injuries during the incident and were given first aid treatment by security forces, they said.

The demonstrators blocked the key Imphal-Ukhrul highway using heavy stone boulders and tree trunks, disrupting the movement of essential goods and security personnel heading to Ukhrul district headquarters.

The blockade comes amid heightened tensions following a call by Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of Kuki tribes in the state, for an indefinite shutdown across Kuki-inhabited areas. The

Kuki Inpi Manipur has maintained that 14 members of the Kuki community continue to be held captive by Naga groups.

Meanwhile, a joint team of the Manipur Police, CRPF and Assam Rifles have arrested four people for their alleged involvement in the abduction of six Naga civilians, who are believed to be still held hostage amid simmering tensions in the ethnic-conflict hit state.

According to police, the four men were arrested from the stretch between P Molding and Leilon Vaiphei inter-village road in the Kangpokpi district on Monday.

The arrested persons were identified as Thangkhomang Khongsai (51), Seikholet Khongsai (40), Lumminthang Dimngel (27) and Kangmoual Khongsai (30).

Police said the four are suspected to be active members of armed village volunteer groups operating in the district and may have been involved in anti-social activities such as extortion, criminal intimidation, and illegal possession of arms and ammunition.



protest was organised over the alleged continued captivity of 14 Kuki community members by Naga groups.

The unrest traces back to May 13, when more than 38 people were reportedly abducted and held hostage by armed groups in Kangpokpi and Senapati districts, hours after three church leaders were killed in an ambush in Kangpokpi district.

So far, 31 hostages, including 12 Naga women and 16 Kukis, have been released. However, six Naga men remain unaccounted for, with their whereabouts still remaining unknown.

"The role of the apprehended individuals in the abduction of six persons is suspected and will be ascertained during the course of investigation," a police statement said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Several people were allegedly abducted and taken hostage by armed groups in Kangpokpi and Senapati districts on May 13, hours after three church leaders were killed in an ambush.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of the Kuki tribes in the state, claimed that 14 members of the community are also being held hostage by Naga groups.

Odisha alerts border districts on possible influx of Bangladeshi infiltrators

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: All Odisha districts sharing border with West Bengal have been alerted about the possible influx of Bangladeshi infiltrators from the neighbouring state, as the Suwendu Adhikari administration has adopted the "detect, delete and deport" policy.

The Odisha government's directives to the authorities of Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts bordering West Bengal were issued after a large number of Bangladeshi nationals were seen gathering at the Hakimpur checkpoint in North 24 Parganas district's Basirhat sub-division.

"Since the suspected Bangladeshi infiltrators have started movement within West Bengal, there is a possibility of their entry into Odisha. Therefore, we are on alert and taking required measures to prevent any such move," DIG (Eastern Range), Pinak Mishra said.

Amid an intensified crackdown on illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in different parts of the country, Odisha has gone on high alert over fears of possible infiltration through the West Bengal border and coastal routes.

Security agencies and the state police have stepped up surveillance in border and coastal districts following reports that illegal immigrants entering through West Bengal may attempt to move into Odisha. The state government has reportedly directed district

administrations and law enforcement agencies to remain vigilant and strengthen monitoring mechanisms in sensitive regions.

Border districts such as Balasore and Mayurbhanj are considered vulnerable due to their proximity to West Bengal, while coastal areas of Kendrapara have also emerged as areas of concern. Officials fear that weak coastal surveillance and porous entry points could be exploited by infiltrators to enter the state through sea routes or other unnoticed channels.

Sources said security agencies are maintaining strict vigil on transport hubs, rented accommodations and suspicious movements in vulnerable pockets. Intelligence inputs regarding possible movement of infiltrators towards Odisha have further prompted authorities to tighten security arrangements.

Last year, several suspected illegal immigrants were identified and deported from the state following verification drives. Odisha Law Minister has already made it clear that illegal infiltrators will not be spared and strict action will continue against those staying in the state without valid documents.

The development comes at a time when nationwide efforts are being intensified to identify and deport illegal foreign nationals residing in India.

SC permits wrestler Vinesh Phogat to participate in Asian Games trials

MI News Service, New Delhi: In what could be termed as a landmark judgement after a long legal battle, the Supreme Court on Friday permitted wrestler Vinesh Phogat to participate in the selection trials to be held on May 30 and 31 for the Asian Games 2026.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhe passed the order while hearing a plea filed by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) challenging the Delhi High Court order allowing Phogat to participate in the



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Bengal leather industry apprehends raw material shortage for strict slaughter norms

MI News Service, Kolkata: The already dwindling leather industry in West Bengal is apprehensive of a massive raw material shortage soon, as strict enforcement of animal slaughter regulations by the new BJP state government is set to disrupt supplies of cow and buffalo hides, traders said.

The impact is likely to be visible after Eid al-Adha, traditionally a peak season for hide availability, as Muslim clerics claimed that cow sacrifice during the Eid celebrations in the state on Thursday dropped to "negligible levels" under the stringent regulations, which the community chose to abide by.

Indian Leather Products Association (ILPA) president Md Azhar said the raw material shortage could worsen the situation for the industry, an already stressed sector facing weak global demand and logistical disruptions because of West Asia crisis.



"This is not only about Bakrid. The concern is over stricter regulations on cattle slaughtering and sale and purchase of cows and buffaloes, which will impact overall hide availability," Azhar said.

Traditionally, after Eid al-Adha, hides are available in abundance because a large number of cows and buffaloes are slaughtered during the occasion, he said, adding that such supplies support the tanning industry for months.

Under the stricter regulatory regime and enforcement of the West Bengal Animal Slaughter Control Act 1950, the authorities have intensified checks on cattle transportation, documentation and slaughter practices, while the sale and purchase of cows and buffaloes are being closely monitored, industry sources said.

Cow and buffalo hides are extensively used by Kolkata's leather industry, which processes millions of square feet of leather annually and manufactures a wide range of export-oriented

leather goods.

Cow hides are generally preferred for premium leather products such as garments, wallets and handbags because of their finer texture, while buffalo hides are mainly used for durable footwear, industrial leather and saddlery items.

The Bengal leather industry is estimated to have an annual turnover of Rs 23,000-Rs25,000 crore, including exports worth around Rs 10,000 crore, according to the stakeholders.

"Prices of hides will increase, aggravating problems when the sector is already reeling under margin pressure and lower exports due to the US tariff imposition, the Iran conflict and the Strait of Hormuz-related shipping disruptions," Azhar said.

The Hormuz crisis is leading to lower container availability, he said, adding that demand is "weak and the biggest concern now is protecting workers' livelihoods".

According to Azhar, around 6-7 lakh workers are directly or indirectly dependent on the leather industry in and around Kolkata.

India imports nearly 50 per cent of its hide requirement, and any decline in supply from West Bengal — one of the country's major leather hubs — would further increase dependence on overseas raw material shipment, he said.

Leather Exports Council Chairman Ramesh Kumar Juneja acknowledged that the availability of leather raw material in the state would decline due to the cattle slaughter regulations, but said the industry will have to obey the law of the land.

"There will be some reduction in local availability of hides, but the situation can be managed through imports. Industry already imports about 50 per cent of its requirements, as domestic supply is not adequate. Imports will increase, but there will be no crisis for production," Juneja emphasised.

He said hides could be sourced from countries such as New Zealand, Australia and parts of the Middle East.

"There is also no issue with shipments from New Zealand and Australia as those routes do not involve the troubled Strait of Hormuz," Juneja added.

Kolkata's leather cluster, centred around the Bantala Leather Complex, is among the country's major processing hubs and exports

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West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari chaired a meeting of principal census officers at the state secretariat Nabanna on Friday.

Kolkata Police upgrades riot-control gear to control mob better

MI News Service, Kolkata: With a view to improving its operational efficiency in cases of emergency situation, the new BJP government in West Bengal has decided to implement a comprehensive overhaul of Kolkata Police's riot-control and law-and-order equipment on urgent basis, with plans to procure gear matching the standards used by Delhi Police, CRPF and other central armed police forces.

Informing this a senior police official said on Friday that the move comes after eight police personnel, including officers, were injured in stone-pelting during an unauthorised public gathering in the Park Circus area on May 18.

The issue was raised during Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari's first visit to the Kolkata Police headquarters at Lalbazar on May 26, where he held a meeting with senior police officers after visiting the injured.

"Kolkata Police have decided to review and upgrade their anti-riot

equipment used in tackling law-and-order situations in the city, bringing it on par with that used by Delhi Police and central forces".

A five-member committee, led by joint commissioner (modernisation) Nilanjan Biswas, has been formed to compare the equipment available with Kolkata Police and that used by other forces, and to make recommendations for modernisation of riot-control gear.

Over the years, the equipment and gadgets used by the 170-year-old Kolkata Police force have undergone several changes. "Earlier canes and heavy bamboo sticks were used as lathis. Now, polycarbonate canes have replaced them," said a senior officer.

Sources in Lalbazar said Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari instructed officers to upgrade anti-riot gear during his first visit to the city police headquarters earlier this week.

Anti-riot gear includes helmets, lathis, shields, body gear, tear gas,

rubber bullets, dye markers and water cannons.

According to Kolkata Police sources, several traditional items are in the process of being phased out. "Earlier there were steel helmets. Now we use three types of helmets. Two are lightweight fibre helmets that can be worn for long hours. Steel helmets are also used at times but are being gradually phased out," said an officer.

Sources said Kolkata Police have also upgraded their non-lethal arms and now use "Agni Varsha" for tear gas deployment. "It is a six-chambered gun that allows officers to fire up to six tear gas shells. It has replaced single-barrel guns that could fire only one shell," said an officer.

Kolkata Police also use anti-riot body gear comprising shoulder guards, chest guards, groin guards, forearm and shin guards, along with helmets fitted with transparent visors.

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Border crackdown in Nadia: Police seize 40 liquor bottles, arrest one in Joyghata



MI News Service, Nadia : In a significant anti-crime operation near the India-Bangladesh border, Krishnaganj police arrested a man with a large quantity of illegal liquor during a special raid at Joyghata field in Nadia district.

Police sources identified the accused as Sanjay Biswas, a resident of Joyghata under Krishnaganj police station limits. Acting on specific intelligence inputs, a special police team conducted a late-night operation in the

area, which has reportedly been under surveillance for illegal liquor-related activities for some time.

According to investigators, the accused attempted to escape after noticing the police presence. However, officers chased and detained him before he could flee. During the subsequent search, police recovered two large bags containing a total of 40 liquor bottles - including 20 bottles of country liquor and 20 bottles of foreign liquor.

The seized liquor was

confiscated and the accused was taken to Krishnaganj police station for further interrogation. Police officials said the investigation is now focused on identifying the supply chain, possible distribution networks, and whether more individuals are linked to the alleged illegal liquor trade operating in the border region.

The accused was later produced before the Krishnaganj district court. Officials stated that intensified surveillance and regular surprise raids will continue across sensitive border-adjacent areas to curb illegal activities, including smuggling and unauthorized liquor trading.

Police sources further indicated that border policing and anti-crime enforcement have been strengthened in recent weeks as part of a broader effort to improve law and order across vulnerable regions of the district.

Holding Centre opened in Nadia, illegal Bangladeshi infiltrator kept there

MI News Service, Nadia : Amid increasing administrative efforts across West Bengal to prevent illegal infiltration from Bangladesh, a holding centre has been set up under the Krishnaganj Police District in Nadia. According to administrative sources, one detained illegal Bangladeshi infiltrator has already been kept there.



For the time being, the centre has been temporarily opened in a room belonging to the Bhimpur Gram Panchayat under Bhimpur police station in Krishnaganj-I block in Nadia district. Officials said there are plans to develop a community hall in Bhimpur into a permanent holding centre in the future.

However, as renovation work of the community hall has not yet been completed, a two-bed room under the Gram Panchayat building has currently been brought under CCTV surveillance and converted into a holding centre. Once the community hall is ready, it will be formally handed over to the administration.

Administrative sources said the person currently being kept there has been identified as Anamul Haque. He allegedly

admitted that his home is in Bangladesh. It has been claimed that he entered India unintentionally through the Dinajpur border area during a storm. After wandering around various railway stations and adjoining areas for nearly a month, he was eventually detained. Following administrative procedures, he was later shifted to the holding centre.

Bhimpur Gram Panchayat chief Puja Das Mondal said that the administration had requested a room from the Panchayat and it was provided accordingly. She also confirmed that a Bangladeshi national is being kept there. However, she added that any further action regarding the detainee would be entirely the administration's decision.

Fear, Bulldozers, Voter List Row: Topsia Sees Massive Public Rush



Nurul Islam Khan : MI News Service, Kolkata: In a politically charged atmosphere marked by fear over alleged eviction drives, voter list exclusions, and mounting economic distress, Kolkata High Court lawyer and CPI(M) leader Shatarup Ghosh made a sudden visit to the Tafsia region ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, reaching out to distressed residents and assuring legal support to affected families.

Addressing gatherings across the area, Ghosh conveyed Eid greetings to local residents and declared that the Left leadership would stand beside people facing administrative pressure and uncertainty. He alleged that "years of corruption and administrative failure under the previous regime" had pushed large sections of poor and marginalised families into deep hardship. The visit comes at a time when tension has been escalating in several pockets over allegations that names of ordinary citizens were removed from voter lists under the ongoing SIR process. Ghosh claimed that many residents had become victims of a "planned exclusion" and announced that legal assistance would be provided free of cost to those seeking restoration of their voting rights.

Residents also voiced concern over alleged demolition fears and pressure surrounding cattle sacrifice during Eid-ul-Azha, issues that have reportedly triggered widespread mental stress among vulnerable families in the locality. Against this backdrop, CPI(M)-linked legal teams, led by senior advocate Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya along with a group of associated lawyers, intensified legal intervention efforts on the ground.

Bani Chakra's Celebrates Rhythms of Nazrul



MI News Service, Kolkata : Keeping the memories of literary and cultural icons alive through their timeless creations has always been a cherished endeavour of Bani Chakra. Continuing that tradition, this

reputed cultural institute organised a special programme to celebrate the 127th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam at Uttam Mancha in South Kolkata.

The evening showcased memorable cre-

ations of Nazrul through music, dance and recitation performed by the students of the institution under the guidance of their trainers. Musical direction for the Nazrulgeeti performances was led by Indrani Sen, Susmita Goswami, Arup Mukherjee, Manasi Saha, Kakoli Pal and Bimal Naskar. The dance segment was conducted by Nibedita Sarkar, Mahasweta Majumdar Gupta, Rini Roy and Mayuri Banerjee, while recitation direction was handled by Mom Dey. Filled with melody, rhythm and poetry, the programme turned into a heartfelt tribute to the enduring legacy of Nazrul.



BJP Leader Roopa Ganguly paid her last respects to filmmaker Anik Dutta at New Theatres Studio in Tollygunge.

"Chandranath in Spotlight as CID Probes Resolution"

MI News Service, Bolpur: CID detectives on Thursday visited the Bolpur residence of Trinamool Congress MLA Chandranath Sinha as part of a widening probe into disputed signatures on a resolution naming the Leader of the Opposition, officials and party sources said.

The raid came amid a broader door-to-door verification exercise that also included the homes of MLAs Naina Banerjee (Chowrangi), Harul Islam (Canning East) and, according to sources, Kunal Ghosh (Belegghata).

Investigators arrived at Sinha's Nayek Para bungalow to determine whether a signature attributed to him on the resolution was authentic. Sinha, who was not at home when officers first called, criticized the manner of the inquiry while declining to confirm whether he had signed the document. "Instead of creating this drama, the Chief Minister, in her capacity as secretary of the Assembly, could simply have convened the MLAs



and asked who wished to nominate Shobhandev as Leader of the Opposition," he said. "It was wrong to make a case and throw people into confusion." The controversy traces back to the assembly election results announced on May 4, after which the Trinamool Congress was officially recognised as the principal opposition. A meeting of newly elected party legislators at Mamata Banerjee's Kalighat residence on May 6 produced a unanimous nomination of senior party leader Shobhandev Chatter-

jee for the post. Doubts later surfaced over the authenticity of several MLAs' signatures on the formal resolution forwarded to the Assembly Secretariat, prompting the Principal Secretary to file a complaint and seek CID intervention. Officials said the CID is conducting meticulous verification, interviewing MLAs and collecting documentary and forensic evidence to establish the provenance of signatures. "We are following all procedural avenues to ascertain whether any signatures were forged and

will act on evidence," a senior investigating officer said, declining further comment. The probe has heightened tensions within the party and raised questions about procedural transparency in the formalisation of legislative roles. Trinamool leaders have voiced frustration at the public unfolding of the inquiry, warning that procedural irregularities could tarnish institutional norms. Legal experts noted that the outcome of forensic handwriting analysis and witness testimony will be pivotal. If discrepancies are confirmed, the case could trigger disciplinary and legal consequences for those involved, and may prompt fresh scrutiny of Assembly secretariat processes.

The CID's verification drive continues, with investigators expected to question additional legislators and review records. Meanwhile, Chandranath Sinha's refusal to clarify his signature status adds another layer of uncertainty as the inquiry proceeds

Two Thai women arrested at Indo-Nepal border

MI News Service, Siliguri: Two women from Thailand were arrested at the Indo-Nepal border in Panitanki under Kharibari police station area for allegedly attempting to enter Nepal using fake immigration stamps. Another person was later arrested in connection with the case.

According to reports, SSB personnel checked the documents of the two women while they were attempting to cross the border on Thursday. During verification, irregularities were noticed in the

BJP worker attacked in Bagda, one arrested

MI News Service, North 24 Pargana: A Trinamool worker was arrested after attacking a youth for attending a BJP victory rally. The youth was allegedly beaten up with a sharp weapon. Based on this allegation, the police have arrested the accused Trinamool worker in Bagda, North 24 Parganas. The name of the victim is Bhupen Haldar. He is a BJP worker. He was at the BJP's victory rally in Bagda's Bajitpur and raised slogans on the microphone. It is alleged that in anger, local Trinamool worker Kaushik Modak attacked him.



Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Seva Samiti on Saturday felicitated the newly elected Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). Special honours were bestowed upon distinguished politician and Pro-tem Speaker Tapas Roy, who was presented with a symbolic replica of Jhalmuri. The event also honoured MLAs Bijay Ojha, Sajal Ghosh, Arjun Singh and Purnima Chakraborty, along with several other dignitaries. The ceremony was held at 18 Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road.

Narayana Group of Schools, West Bengal Brings Together Sporting Legends to Inspire Future Champions



MI News Service, Kolkata : Narayana Group of Schools, West Bengal, has unveiled a distinguished coaching panel featuring football icons Jose Barreto, Alvaro D'Cunha, Mehtab Hossain, and renowned Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua. Highlighting the institution's vision, CEO Ms. Priyanka

Mukherjee said, "True education goes far beyond the classroom. We are building an ecosystem where champions are made on the field, on the board, and in life." The initiative underscores Narayana's focus on holistic growth through sports, strategy, and academic excellence.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha organizes a three-day Dharma Maha Sammelan



MI News Service, Purulia: Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha has organized a three-day Ananda Marga Dharma Maha Sammelan at Ananda Nagar in Purulia district. The program began with singing of Prabhat Samgita, Kiirtan and collective meditation. Acharya Vikashananda Avadhuta delivered speech on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji's contribu-

tion to Matter, Energy and the Mystery of Consciousness. Speaking on the occasion he said what we call matter - whether an atom, a molecule, a mountain, a river, or the human body - is ultimately nothing but condensed energy. Matter is not an independent and eternal substance; it is simply energy existing in a compact and organized form.

Water Distribution and Cleanliness Drive Organised at Veem Chowk in Ward No. 11

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Amid the scorching summer heat, a water distribution programme along with a cleanliness drive was organised at Veem Chowk under Ward No. 11 on Friday. The initiative was undertaken to provide relief to pedestrians, daily commuters and local residents struggling due to rising temperatures. During the programme, volunteers distributed cold drinking water among passersby and urged people to stay hydrated during the intense heatwave conditions. Along with the "Jal Dan" initiative, a cleanliness campaign was also carried out in and around the locality to spread awareness about maintaining hygiene and keeping public areas clean. BJP District Secretary Manoj Dey was present during the programme and appreciated the efforts of the local volunteers and organisers for coming forward in public service during the summer season. He said that social service activities such as water distribution and cleanliness awareness are essential for the welfare of the community.

Several BJP local workers and social activists actively participated in the programme, including Babloo Chalak, Tanu Das, Rahul Chatterjee and Kush Sinha. The organisers stated that similar public welfare activities would continue in the coming days to help residents during the summer. The initiative received appreciation from local residents and commuters, many of whom praised the organisers for arranging drinking water facilities and conducting the cleanliness campaign simultaneously.

Night of Eid, Dawn of Suspicion: Murshidabad on Edge

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A tightly contested inquiry is under way in Domkal after the body of 24-year-old Anwar Sheikh was found hanging in a field adjacent to his in-laws' house in Khamarmati early Friday, prompting family claims that the young man was murdered rather than having taken his own life.

Police recovered the body on Friday morning after local residents alerted authorities. The deceased, a resident of Sripatipur under Domkal police station, had visited his in-laws on Thursday to celebrate Eid, relatives said. He spent the day at the house in Khamarmati under Hariharpara police station; by dawn the next day his lifeless body was discovered in the neighbouring field. Family members have vehemently rejected the possibility of suicide. "Anwar was not the type to take his own life," said a close relative, requesting anonymity. "He celebrated Eid with the family the previous day. There is no reason for him to end his life." Relatives and neighbours pointed to injuries and the circumstances of the hanging as inconsistent with a self-inflicted death, and have demanded an exhaustive probe. Law enforcement officials confirmed that the body has been sent for autopsy and that a formal inquest has begun. Senior officers at the scene acknowledged that several questions remain unanswered and said forensic evidence and the post-mortem report will be crucial to establish the cause of death. "We are treating this as a suspicious death and will pursue all leads," an investigating officer said, adding that the probe will include witness interviews, forensic analysis, and review of mobile and CCTV records where available. Police further reported that members of the deceased's in-laws' household are currently untraceable and listed as absconding; a search operation has been launched to locate them. Investigators have not yet disclosed whether any arrests have been made or whether there were prior domestic disputes. The case has triggered tension in Domkal, where residents gathered at the scene demanding swift justice and transparent investigations. Local civic leaders called for calm while insisting that authorities act promptly to resolve the matter and assuage public concern. Legal and mental health experts cautioned against premature conclusions, urging that determinations be made only after forensic and medical evidence are examined. Still, the family's allegations of foul play have intensified pressure on investigators to deliver quick, conclusive findings. The autopsy and subsequent forensic reports are expected to shape the next phase of the inquiry.

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Scottish Church College Inaugurates Refurbished Ogilvie Building

MI News Service, Kolkata: Scottish Church College on Friday inaugurated the newly reconstructed Ogilvie Building, blending its historic legacy with modern educational infrastructure. The inauguration was conducted by Paritosh Canning.



Originally established as the Ogilvie Hostel in 1915, the building has now been transformed into a modern academic complex featuring smart classrooms, seminar halls, a computer lab, library and incubation centre. Principal Madhunanjari Mandal said the new facility would help accommodate expanding academic programmes under the National Education Policy while preserving the institution's architectural heritage and historic identity.

Rashmi Group Announces Rs 35,000 Cr Investment

MI News Service, Kolkata: Rashmi Group has announced a massive ₹35,000 crore investment plan in West Bengal across steel, power and mining sectors. The expansion, spread across Purulia, Paschim Bardhaman, Birbhum, Jhargram and Paschim Medinipur, is expected to create nearly 50,000 jobs. The group will invest over ₹30,000 crore in steel manufacturing expansion and another ₹5,000 crore in coal mining projects, strengthening Bengal's industrial growth and employment opportunities.

Vinesh Phogat

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"Today at this stage, the High court having passed the order, the hope and expectations have risen. To tell her to go back home and we can't do anything, will not be proper. We are very bold in telling you this," the bench told the counsel appearing for the WFI.

During the hearing, the apex court observed that it would not be appropriate to deny the wrestler an opportunity after the high court had already granted relief.

The Supreme Court has now listed the matter for further hearing next week.

Bengal leather industry

Continued from Pg 1: leather garments, bags, wallets, footwear and saddlery products.

However, the leather sector in West Bengal has already been facing multiple headwinds, including slowing global demand, rising compliance costs and geopolitical uncertainties impacting freight movement and export orders, industry stakeholders said. Exports from the sector have declined in recent months due to these geopolitical headwinds.

Kolkata Police upgrades

Continued from Pg 1: A senior officer said dye markers, also in use by the city police, are effective in controlling crowds.

"Dye grenades are hurled at rioting mobs. The grenade bursts in the air and the colour lands on people below. The dye has a composition that stays for at least seven days. Those involved in unlawful activities get marked," said the officer.

The device was earlier used when BJP supporters attempted to march towards the state secretariat Nabanna during Mamata Banerjee's tenure.

335 suspected infiltrators lodged in 11 holding centres in Bengal

Continued from Pg 1: Bangladesh and Myanmar (Rohingyas) within 30 days. The guidelines also required local administrations to set up district-level holding centres and capture biometrics for immediate deportation.

Several migrant workers from West Bengal were detained in other States on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals, and some were also pushed into Bangladesh.

Ahead of the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership ran a campaign to deport "illegal infiltrators" and fence the borders with Bangladesh if voted to power. The



A massive thunderstorm and heavy rain lashed the city in the afternoon, bringing down a large tree near the MLA Hostel on Park Street in Kolkata on Friday.

State Govt Plans Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines in Girls' Schools

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major initiative aimed at improving menstrual hygiene and ensuring better facilities for schoolgirls, the West Bengal government led by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has decided to install sanitary napkin vending machines in girls' schools across the state.

The announcement was made recently on the occasion of International Menstrual Hygiene Day and has been widely welcomed by educationists, parents and women's rights activists. The initiative is intended to ensure that girls do

not face difficulties attending school during menstruation and can continue their education without interruption.

State Women and Child Welfare Minister Agnimitra Paul said the BJP government is committed to improving the safety, comfort and dignity of women and girls in schools, colleges and workplaces.

According to the minister, a detailed blueprint for the project has already been prepared. She said Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is scheduled to visit Kolkata on May 30, when

the development proposal will formally be presented to him.

Agnimitra Paul further stated that every girls' school in the state would gradually be equipped with sanitary napkin vending machines. In addition, aspirational toilets for both boys and girls will be developed in schools with improved water supply, hand-wash facilities and better sanitation infrastructure.

The state government is also planning to install sanitary napkin dispenser machines and pad incinerators at public places across cities

and towns. The incinerators will help in the safe disposal of used sanitary pads while reducing environmental pollution.

The move comes after recent surveys indicated that nearly 75 per cent of women face difficulties when menstruation begins unexpectedly outside their homes and sanitary pads are not easily available. Keeping this concern in mind, the government now aims to make menstrual hygiene products more accessible in educational institutions and public spaces across West Bengal.

Severe Thunderstorm Batters Kolkata, Flights Hit and Several Injured as Trees Collapse



The severe squall disrupted traffic and caused flooding across multiple thoroughfares in Kolkata on Friday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: A powerful spell of thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rain and gusty winds swept across Kolkata and several districts of South Bengal on Friday afternoon, bringing much-needed relief from the intense summer heat while simultaneously causing widespread disruption across the city and adjoining areas.

Dark clouds engulfed the Kolkata sky shortly after noon, turning daytime conditions almost evening-like as intense rain, thunder and lightning lashed the metropolis. The India Meteorological Department had already forecast a strong Kalbaisakhi storm, and by afternoon the city witnessed violent winds blowing at speeds of nearly 70-80 kmph in several areas.

While residents welcomed the sudden drop in temperature after days of sweltering heat, the storm left behind a trail of destruction. Several incidents of trees collapsing were reported from different parts of the city, leading to injuries, traffic disruptions and damage to vehicles and public property.

One of the most serious incidents took place near Indra Bhavan in Salt Lake, where a massive tree suddenly crashed onto a four-wheeler parked on the roadside during the storm. The impact badly damaged the

vehicle. The same tree also fell on a bike used by a delivery app rider who was travelling from the CGO Complex area towards Indra Bhavan.

The bike rider and pillion passenger sustained serious injuries in the incident, triggering panic among bystanders. Local residents immediately rushed to rescue the injured persons and shifted them to Bidhanagar Sub-Divisional Hospital for treatment. Fortunately, no one was inside the four-wheeler when the tree collapsed, preventing a major tragedy.

Another similar incident was reported near Rabindra Sarobar, where a tree fell on a moving car carrying a couple. The occupants narrowly escaped and later claimed they managed to come out of the damaged vehicle by cutting away branches themselves.

The storm also severely affected operations at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. Airport authorities said both arrival and departure of flights remained suspended for more than an hour because of the extreme weather conditions and water accumulation on sections of the airstrip. Officials added that flight services would resume only after conditions improved.

Heavy rain and gusty winds

also lashed neighbouring districts including Howrah and Hooghly. Visibility dropped sharply in several places, forcing motorists to switch on headlights during the afternoon.

The storm damaged multiple hoardings and banners across the city, while reports of water-logging emerged from several low-lying areas. Personnel from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and state disaster management teams were deployed with tree cutters and heavy machinery to clear blocked roads and restore normal traffic movement.

Amid the deteriorating weather conditions, the Alipore weather office issued a red alert for six districts of South Bengal, warning of further thunderstorms, heavy rain and strong winds over the next several hours.

Cal HC Orders Status Quo on Tiljala Demolitions

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Friday ordered status quo on the demolition of alleged illegal constructions in Tiljala, providing temporary relief to residents and petitioners challenging the state government's bulldozer action.

Justice ShampaDutt Paul directed that the views of the petitioners and tenants must be heard within the next 30 days. The court further stated that the matter would now be taken up by a regular bench for further hearing.

Even before coming to power, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari had repeatedly spoken about taking "bulldozer action" against illegal constructions. Following the recent Tiljala fire incident, the Chief Minister directed authorities to disconnect electricity and water supply to unauthorised buildings across the city.

Subsequently, demolition drives were carried out in Tiljala and several other areas, triggering legal challenges in the High Court. Earlier too, the court had stayed demolition of some disputed structures.

Tala Tank Area Gets Permanent Water Supply

MI News Service, Kolkata: Residents of 4 No. Rustamji Parsi Road near Tala Tank in Ward 6 have finally received a permanent drinking water facility after allegedly remaining deprived of the service for more than three decades. Despite being located adjacent to one of Kolkata's key water supply zones, locals claimed no lasting arrangement had been made during the past 31 years. According to local sources, the issue was resolved within just three days with the active cooperation of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Residents expressed relief and welcomed the civic initiative aimed at improving essential public services in the area.

Proposal Sent for Bus Connectivity and Infra Revamp in Behala Paschim

MI News Service, Kolkata: The South 24 Parganas district administration has written to the West Bengal Transport Corporation seeking the introduction of new government bus services connecting interior Behala with Sealdah and Howrah stations. The proposal, based on a request by the MLA of Behala Paschim, recommends routes from Parnasree to Sealdah and Shakuntala Park to Howrah via Esplanade to improve connectivity and employment opportunities.

The memorandum also highlighted the poor condition of several important roads, including the Chowrasta-Shibrampur stretch, Biren Roy Road and roads in Bakultala, demanding urgent repairs before the monsoon season.

Concerns were also raised over the deteriorating state of Vidyasagar State General Hospital, with demands to upgrade it into a superspecialty hospital equipped with modern infrastructure and adequate medical staff.

Additionally, the proposal sought immediate improvement of NH-12 (Diamond Harbour Road), citing traffic congestion, illegal encroachments and dangerous road conditions affecting daily commuters across Behala Paschim.

Suwendu Raises Alarm Over Demographic Shift Ahead of Census

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Friday expressed serious concerns over alleged demographic changes in the state due to illegal infiltration across the international border, stressing that the upcoming digital census would play a crucial role in identifying undocumented residents.

Addressing a press conference at Nabanna, the Chief Minister said the state's nearly 600-kilometre international border had remained "largely unprotected" during the tenure of the previous government, allowing large-scale infiltration from Bangladesh over the years. According to him, this unchecked movement of people significantly altered the demographic composition in several border districts.

The state is set to begin the census process from June 1, marking the first time the exercise will be conducted digitally in West Bengal as part of the Census 2027 programme. Ahead of the exercise, Adhikari claimed that many undocumented Bangladeshi nationals are now attempting to leave the country fearing detection during the enumeration process.

"You can already see that



many Bangladeshis are fleeing because of the census. Those currently staying in holding centres will not be able to produce valid documents," the Chief Minister said during the briefing.

The issue of illegal infiltration and demographic imbalance has repeatedly been highlighted by senior BJP leaders during political campaigns in Bengal. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has on several occasions warned that infiltration in border regions poses a major threat to national security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also referred to the issue in multiple public speeches.

Following the change in government in the state, the administration has reportedly intensified efforts to secure border areas and curb illegal entry into the country.

Authorities have also implemented stricter measures against undocumented migrants. Under the revised enforcement mechanism, individuals identified as illegal Bangladeshi nationals will allegedly be handed directly to the Border Security Force instead of being produced in court, before being pushed back across the border.

Reports of growing crowds near several border points, including Hakimpur, have surfaced in recent weeks, with many allegedly attempting to return to Bangladesh. Against this backdrop, the Chief Minister's remarks on demographic transformation ahead of the census are being viewed as politically and administratively significant.

ASSOCHAM Health Meet Focuses on AI-Driven Healthcare Future



"West Bengal set to witness a revolution in the health sector very soon": Dr. Indranil Khan, MLA of West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 6th edition of ASSOCHAM HealthMeet and Excellence Awards 2026 was held in Kolkata on Thursday with the theme "The Future of Health: Human Centered AI." Addressing the event, Indranil Khan said West Bengal is set to witness a major transformation in the healthcare sector soon. He highlighted the state's growing potential in health-tech entrepreneurship, pharmaceutical innovation and AI-driven healthcare research.

Dr. Khan assured that beneficiaries would soon be brought under Ayushman Bharat and issued ABHA cards. He stressed that patient care in both public and private hospitals should remain above political interests.

Debarshi Duttagupta stressed the need for industry and government collaboration to improve healthcare delivery through AI. Sombrita Roy highlighted Bengal's legacy in medical education and innovation. Industry

perspectives were shared by Abanish Nayak, Ajay Swaroop and Rupali Basu. Avijit Dhar said healthcare transformation would depend on integrating technology with human-centred care systems.

Industry leaders and healthcare experts also discussed the growing role of AI in improving healthcare delivery, accessibility and medical decision-making. A knowledge report titled "AI in Healthcare - From Instinct to Inference" was also released during the event.

Amul Plans Rs 650 Cr Investment in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bengal BJP has claimed that dairy giant Amul is set to invest nearly 650 crore in West Bengal, raising hopes of a fresh industrial push in the state following the recent political change in government.

For years, the previous Trinamool Congress administration organised the Bengal Global Business Summit with promises of large-scale industrial development and investment. However, critics often alleged that those announcements failed to translate into substantial industrial growth on the ground.

Soon after the change in power, Bengal BJP president Samik Bhattacharya had claimed that the new government would deliver "visible industrial progress" with-

in 100 days. Within days of that statement, BJP leaders began highlighting a major proposed investment by Amul through social media campaigns.

According to posts shared by the BJP's official social media handles and several party leaders, Amul is planning its first fully-owned dairy plant in West Bengal with an investment of around 650 crore. The proposed project is expected to strengthen the state's dairy infrastructure and generate significant employment opportunities.

The state government, however, has not yet made any official announcement regarding the investment proposal.

State minister Dilip Ghosh said more investments are

likely to come to Bengal in the near future. He claimed that investors from Dubai, London, Singapore, as well as Delhi and Mumbai, have shown interest in investing in the state.

Referring to a recent visit to Haringhata, Dilip Ghosh alleged severe mismanagement in the dairy sector. He also criticised the condition of Mother Dairy operations in the state, claiming that milk production had sharply declined from nearly six lakh litres earlier to around 30,000 litres now.

The minister further accused leaders of the previous government of corruption and mismanagement, alleging that years of neglect had weakened Bengal's industrial and dairy infrastructure.

ISI's 77th Convocation Ceremony held in city



MI News Service, Kolkata: 77th Convocation Ceremony for students of the International Centre at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) was held at its main campus in Baranagar on Thursday. During this ceremony, a to-

tal of 18 successful students from across the country were awarded diploma certificates in Statistics: Theory and Applications. Among these distinguished graduates, six were women. Students from Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Myan-

mar, and Sri Lanka completed this course. The event featured former Chairman and Professor Bimal Kumar Roy as the keynote speaker, alongside ISI Director Ayanendra Nath Basu and other distinguished dignitaries of the institute.

Major Safety Inspection Conducted in Kharagpur Railway Division, DG (Safety) Reviews Operations and Preparedness

MI News Service, Kolkata, May 29, 2026 : In an effort to further strengthen the safety system of Indian Railways, Director General (Safety), Railway Board, Hitendra Malhotra, carried out a detailed safety inspection of the Kharagpur Division under South Eastern Railway on Friday. During the visit, he conducted a window trailing inspection from Santragachi to Kharagpur and reviewed railway operations, tracks, signalling systems and other safety arrangements. After reaching Kharagpur, the DG (Safety) inspected the Crew Lobby, SPARMS unit and Track Depot. During the inspection, a thorough review of various safety-related operational procedures, maintenance standards and preparedness of field units was conducted. Officials were also instructed to maintain continuous vigilance and ensure further improvement in safety standards. Railway Board Executive Director (Safety/S&T) Balbir Singh Yadava was also present during the inspection.



Several senior officials from South Eastern Railway Headquarters accompanied the team, including the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Chief Track Engineer, Chief Electrical Distribution Engineer and Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer. Divisional officers of Kharagpur Division were also present throughout the inspection. During the programme, Balbir Singh Yadava also inspected the Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) system at Kharagpur Railway Station. The inspection focused on evaluating station safety, signalling systems and operational efficiency. Later, a detailed review meeting was held at the DRM Conference Hall in Kharagpur. DRM Kharagpur Lalit Mohan Pandey and all departmental officers attended the meeting. During the session, a detailed presentation on the division's safety achievements and various safety initiatives was made before the senior Railway Board officials. According to railway authorities, the main objective of the visit was to make railway safety measures more effective, improve operational efficiency and ensure safe and reliable train services for passengers.

Eastern Railways Speeds Ahead: Malda Division Set for a Mega Passenger Amenity Makeover

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 May, 26 : Imagine stepping off a train, weary from travel, only to find a state-of-the-art AC lounge waiting to welcome you, a fully stocked modern medical store at your fingertips, and premium, cozy retiring rooms that feel more like a boutique hotel than a transit stop. For years, railway stations were viewed merely as transit points—places where passengers waited out their hours on standard benches, hoping their smartphones wouldn't run out of battery before the next train arrived. Finding high-quality retail options, sudden medical supplies, or a genuinely comfortable space to unwind during a long layover often meant venturing far outside the station gates. Not anymore. In a massive leap toward shifting the travel experience from "endurable" to "enjoyable," Indian Railways' Malda Division has officially awarded five

major new commercial contracts via e-auction. This transformative upgrade is being executed under the visionary leadership of General Manager Shri Milind Deouskar and driven forward by the dynamic on-ground execution of DRM Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta. Together, they are redefining passenger comfort, bringing urban conveniences directly to the platform. This big blueprint balances essential healthcare, lifestyle, and digital connectivity, raking in a cumulative annual license fee of ₹22,64,102/- and generating a staggering total approximate contractual value of ₹1,80,47,156/- for the railways. Among these major changes is the comprehensive modernization of the Retiring Room and Dormitory at Malda Town Station to bring ultimate comfort and leisure to travelers during their journey. At the same time, passen-



gers looking to escape the heat can look forward to a brand new, climate-controlled AC Waiting Lounge at New Farakka Station for absolute relaxation. Every-day convenience is also getting a massive boost at Malda Town Station with a premium Retail Store operating to bring everyday essentials closer to commuters. Healthcare is being placed front and center as well, with a dedicated Medical Store coming to Malda Town Station to offer absolute peace of mind,

and instant medical access for all travelers. Finally, to ensure travelers never lose touch with their loved ones or compromise on transit safety, a new digital Mobile Store is being introduced at Malda Town Station for continuous connectivity. The impact of these upgrades on passengers will be immediate and profound, entirely prioritizing convenience and secure travel. Instead of navigating crowds to find basic amenities, travelers at Malda

Town and New Farakka stations can now walk into well-lit, professionally managed spaces. Families can relax in the cool comfort of the AC lounge, patients or senior citizens can get urgent medication without ever leaving the terminal, and tech-reliant travelers can instantly fix a broken charger or grab a gadget accessory before boarding their train. By leveraging transparent e-auctions, Malda Division isn't just generating substantial revenue to reinvest into the rail network; they are curating a safe ecosystem where the passenger's time is respected, valued, and elevated. "Our continuous endeavor is to transform railway stations from mere boarding points into vibrant, world-class lifestyle hubs that prioritize passenger happiness and convenience at every step," stated Chief Public Relations Officer, Shri Shibrum Majhi.

Passenger Reservation System Downtime Activity

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 May, 26 : For inclusion of new zone (South Coast Railway) & new Division (Rayagada Division) in PRS system, Passenger Reservation System (PRS) downtime activity has been planned on the intervening night from 23:45 hrs. of 31.05.2026 to 02:30 hrs. of 01.06.2026. During this period Kolkata PRS system will not be available for Charting, Current Booking, Internet Booking as well as Enquiries.

Oil Marketing Companies Confirm Smooth Fuel Supply; Adequate Stocks Available Across West Bengal

Kolkata, May 29, 2026 : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies — Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited — have confirmed that stocks of Petrol, Diesel, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) are fully adequate and being supplied without any interruption across West Bengal. All retail outlets, LPG distributors, terminals, and depots are operating normally. The fuel supply chain remains robust, with replenishment cycles running on schedule at all storage and distribution points across the State. Domestic LPG consumers can expect continued regular deliveries through their respective distributors. Home delivery of LPG cylinders is proceeding as usual, and consumers may book refills through standard channels — by phone, app, or online

portal — without any need to visit distributor premises. Petrol and Diesel are also available normally across all Retail Outlets. The Oil Industry is maintaining active coordination across logistics, transportation, and retail networks to ensure that no disruption occurs at any point in the supply chain. Stock levels are being monitored on a real-time basis by all three Oil Marketing Companies. Consumers are advised to purchase fuel and book LPG refills as per their requirements and refrain from panic buying or stockpiling, as adequate quantities are available for all. The public is urged to rely solely on official communications from Oil Marketing Companies and government authorities for accurate information on fuel availability, and to disregard unverified reports or rumours.

Sealdah Division conducted 140th Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 May, 26 : Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway successfully convened 140th Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting today. The meeting, held at Rabintra Sabha Kakshya, Sealdah, was chaired by Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah, Sri Rajeev Saxena, anchored by Sri Sunil Kr. Mahala, Sr.DCM/Sealdah and witnessed active participation from Divisional Railway officers and DRUCC members. The members highly praised the One stop solution App "RailOne" and suggested to publicise this app in massive scale. They also suggested regarding intensified ticket checking drive across the division to stop the revenue leakage of Railways. One of the representative of DRUCC members from West Bengal Govt.(State Transport Dept.) assured that State Administration will extend every possible support for the benefit of passengers. The 140th DRUCC Meeting facilitated valuable discussions on various achievements, ongoing de-



velopmental projects, and passenger-related concerns within Sealdah Division. DRM/Sealdah along with the officers listened to all the concerns raised by the DRUCC members and updated them about the improvements that took place over Sealdah division for the welfare of the passengers. The meeting also addressed the crucial initiative of (a) Introducing 40 new suburban train services in entire division. (b) Introducing 5 AC local Services in Sealdah-Krishnanagar and Sealdah-Bangaon section.

(c) 3 new mail/express (Jalpaiguri Road Humsafar Express, Kolkata-Sairang Express & Sealdah Banaras Amrit Bharat Express) have been introduced in last one year. (d) Extension of 11 suburban services. (e) Completion of Kalyani Ghoshpara Station as Amrit Bharat Station. (f) Modern integrated Toilet Complex at Kalyani Station. (g) Opening of Prafulla Dwar to ease of passenger movement at Sealdah North Station. Beyond these major projects, the meeting also included detailed discus-

sions on various other ongoing and planned works related to passenger amenities. Total no. of works sanctioned in the year 2025-26 is 56 amounting to Rs. 571.85 Cr. These included Commissioning of 40 new FOBs, 20 new Booking Office, Illumination, Platform raising, Platform Extension, Platform shed, providing CIB and TIB, improvements to waiting rooms, sanitation facilities, drinking water provisions, better signage, and enhanced security measures across various stations within the Division. While speaking on this meeting, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena reiterated the division's commitment to providing a comfortable and convenient travel experience for all passengers. Sri Saxena also ensured that their issues will be taken up and necessary steps would be taken to resolve them at the earliest if found feasible and adhering to Railway Board's guidelines and requested the DRUCC members to provide feedback on the same.

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I, Indraraj Chakraborty (old name), S/o Kartick Chakraborty, residing at 390 P, Majumdar Road, Kolkata -700078, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Indraraj Chakraborty (Old Name) to Indraraj Chakraborty (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Indraraj Chakraborty (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 29/05/2026. Indraraj Chakraborty (Old Name) and Indraraj Chakraborty (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Continuation Of Service Of Deoghar – Saraighar – Deoghar Special

MI News Service, Kolkata, 29 May, 26 : Railway has decided to continue the service of special train between Deoghar & Saraighar as per its existing path, stoppages & timings. 05573 Saraighar – Deoghar special & 05574 Deoghar – Saraighar special train will leave daily from Saraighar & Deoghar respectively from 01.06.2026 to 15.07.2026 (45 trips each).

WB needs to improve infra facilities feel pvt players

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal(WB) needs to improve its infrastructure facilities feel the corporate players. According to Vijay Kaul, GM - Marketing Strategy Division, Yamaha Motor India, "After the advent of new BJP government in West Bengal we certainly expect change and improvement in infrastructure facilities in West Bengal. This can act as a positive catalyst to the growth of Bengal economy." Kaul was speaking on the occasion of recently organized 'Blue Weekend' by Yamaha.

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AI CRASH ANNIV: AAIB prepares interim report

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian officials investigating last year's deadly Air India crash are preparing an interim report rather than a final one ahead of the anniversary of the Boeing 787 accident that killed 260 people, said a person with direct knowledge of the matter. The interim report from India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) will be "more comprehensive" than the preliminary report put out last July and will examine possible primary causes and other contributing factors, the person said. The 15-page preliminary report into the aviation industry's deadliest disaster in a decade showed the Dreamliner's engine fuel switches flipped almost simultaneously and started the engines of fuel shortly after the flight from Ahmedabad to London took off on June 12, 2025. A cockpit recording of dialogue between the two pilots supported the view that the captain cut the flow of fuel to the plane's engines, according to U.S. officials' early assessment reported by Reuters last year. The AAIB said at the time it was "too early to reach any definite conclusions". By releasing an interim report, Indian authorities will not be required to share the findings ahead of time with the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which is participating in the investi-



gation because the aircraft was designed and manufactured in the United States. The NTSB would be allowed to comment on a final report, which could also provide more closure for the crash victims' family members. The final report will not be ready by the crash anniversary because "it is a very complex investigation and is taking time," said the person, adding the interim report still needed to be submitted to government authorities and the timing of a final report remained unclear. A second source with knowledge of the matter also said investigators were still working on the probe and needed more time. Both sources spoke on condition of anonymity as the internal workings of the investigation are private. Under international rules, a final report is due within a year of an accident but sometimes investigations take longer, so if that is not completed, an interim statement should be issued on each anniversary. The AAIB, India's civil

aviation ministry and Air India did not respond to emails seeking comment. AAIB chief GVK Yugandhar also did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment. The U.N. aviation agency, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), sets out a consultation process with participating states for draft final reports, with a usual 30-day comment period extendable to 60 days. The same process does not apply to interim statements. Montreal-based ICAO and the U.S. NTSB, which is supporting the probe, declined to comment. Boeing, which is a technical adviser to the investigation, referred Reuters to the AAIB for comment. In the case of a March 2019 Ethiopian Airlines 737 MAX crash, Ethiopian investigators issued a detailed interim report within a year, but did not issue the final report until December 2022 even though the NTSB first received a draft copy in January 2021. The NTSB later released a public critique of aspects of the

Ethiopian report. The preparations for the Air India interim statement come amid a separate ongoing inquiry into fuel switches that were reported as possibly defective by pilots of an Air India Dreamliner flight from London to Bengaluru in February this year. In that incident, the pilots observed during the engine start that the fuel switches did not remain fixed in the "run" position on the first two attempts when light vertical pressure was applied but were stable on a third try before take-off. They reported the incident on landing in India. Officials from India's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), plan to travel in June to Seattle to observe Boeing's testing of the switches, described by Indian officials as "sensitive" in confidential emails, Reuters reported last week. The visit has renewed the spotlight on the switches, which are central to last year's crash investigation. Some investigators involved in the Air India crash probe were not aware of the DGCA's planned Seattle visit, the first person said. Boeing has said it is "supporting" Air India in that matter, while UK authorities, who are also looking into the incident, have said their review is ongoing. The DGCA did not respond to a request for comment.

Documents stolen from Municipality! Bhadreswar vice chairman arrested



MI News Service, Hooghly: Since the change of government in the state, Trinamool councilors are resigning one after another in several municipalities. Along with this, Trinamool leaders have been arrested in droves on multiple corruption charges. Even the state's former fire service minister is in jail in a public recruitment corruption case. Now, the vice chairman of Bhadreswar Municipality, who is close to another former minister Indranil Sen, was arrested on Friday. It is learnt that Bhadreswar police station summoned the vice chairman named Firoz Khan to the police station for questioning on serious charges like inciting unrest in the area and destroying documents from the municipality. The executive officer of the municipality had filed a complaint against him at the police station. The arrest was based on that complaint.

Firoz Khan of Telinpara won the 2022 municipal elections. He was appointed as the vice chairman of Bhadreswar Municipality by Trinamool. Firoz was a close confidant of former Chandannagar MLA and minister Indranil Sen. That was the reason for his getting that post. However, Firoz was defying all these and was exerting his influence in the Bhadreswar Municipality. He was accused of creating unrest in Telinpara a few days ago and instigating problems in the municipality. In addition, the executive officer of the municipality filed a complaint against Feroz Khan at Bhadreswar police station that he had stolen many important documents from the municipality. He was arrested after that. The DCP of Chandannagar said that the various other allegations against Feroz Khan will be investigated. It is worth to mention that On Thursday, eight Trinamool councilors, including Bhadreswar Municipality Chairman Proloy Chakraborty, resigned from their post. Bhadreswar Municipality, which has 22 wards, was devoid of opposition. However, the situation started to change after Trinamool's defeat in the recently concluded assembly elections. It can be said that the Bhadreswar Municipality board was dissolved long before the municipal elections.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nacchim Ali Shekh Son of Jasimuddin Sekh resident of Vill-Kachua, P.O.-Amtila, P.S.-Canning, Dist-south 24 parganas, West Bengal, India that my actual and correct name has been recorded in my Aadhar card being Aadhar no.4387 3718 3707 and also in my Voter id card being Voter card no.KGZ 2827111 but inadvertently my name has been recorded in Bank of India bank passbook vide bank A/c. No. 432916210007774 as Nasim Sekh. I also declared before the 1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit No.42730 on 21/05/2026. That Nacchim Ali Shekh and Nasim Sekh both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahurjan Bibi (old name), W/o Sirajul Islam, residing at Vill- Naipukur, P.O.- Rajarhat, P.S.- Rajarhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sahurjan Bibi (Old Name) to Saharjan Bibi (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Saharjan Bibi (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 29/05/2026. Saharjan Bibi (New Name) and Sahurjan Bibi (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Ismail (old name), S/o Haji Ramzan Ali, residing at 24/1/1, Ripon Street, (Muzaffar Ahmed Street), P.O. - Park Street, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mohammed Ismail (Old Name) to Md Ismail (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Ismail (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 29/05/2026. Md Ismail (New Name) and Mohammed Ismail (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, ANIRBAN SEN (OLD NAME), SON OF LATE FATIK SEN, RESIDENT OF 118, RASH BEHARI AVENUE, SARAT BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-700029.DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ANIRBAN KUMAR SEN (OLD NAME) TO ANIRBAN SEN (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS ANIRBAN SEN (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 36 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 29/05/2026. ANIRBAN SEN (NEW NAME) AND ANIRBAN SEN (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

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I, Mohammed Ismail (old name), S/o Haji Ramzan Ali, residing at 24/1/1, Ripon Street, (Muzaffar Ahmed Street), P.O. - Park Street, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mohammed Ismail (Old Name) to Md Ismail (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Md Ismail (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 29/05/2026. Md Ismail (New Name) and Mohammed Ismail (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

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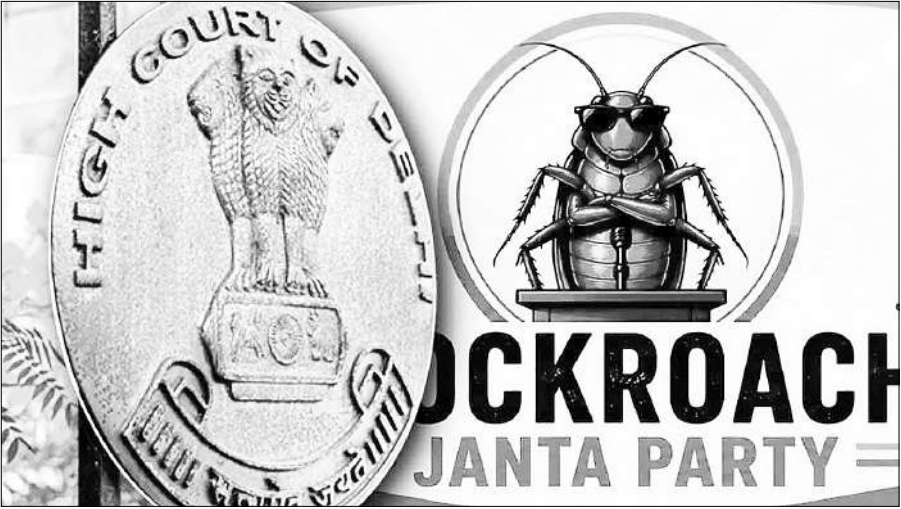
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NAME CHANGE
I, Chandan Karmakar, S/o.- Lt. Gour Chandan Karmakar (Old Name), R/o.- Digha, Dighapara, P.O.- Barajaguli, P.S.- Haringhata, Dist.- Nadia-741221. I have change my Father's name & shall henceforth be known as Gour Karmakar (New Name) vide an Affidavit No.8211, dt. 23.04.2026, in the Court of Ld. A.C.J.M. (1st Class) at Alipore, Kolkata. That, Gour Chandan Karmakar (Old Name) & Gour Karmakar (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sekh Mohammed Fahin Son of Sk Abdus Salam, Resident of S-106, Haldia Para Lane P.O.-Barjala, P.S.-Metiabari, Kolkata-700018. My correct and original name is Sekh Mohammed Fahin which has been recorded in my Aadhar Card and Voter Id Card and my all relevant documents but in my Madhyamik certificate my name wrongly entered Abubakar Siddique instead of Sekh Mohammed Fahin. That my Aadhar card my date of birth recorded 01/10/1999 instead of 01/10/1998. I declare before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Vide Affidavit No. 44287 on 22/05/2026 that Sekh Mohammed Fahin, Son of Sk Abdus Salam date of birth 01/10/1999 and Sk Abubakar Siddique Son of Sk Abdus Salam date of birth 01/10/1998 is the one and same identical person.

Delhi High Court dismissed the plea seeking to block the 'Cockroach Janata Party's' X handle BJP Govt Working to Bring Industries Back to West Bengal: Samik Bhattacharya



MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi High Court observed on Friday that the X handle of the 'Cockroach Janata Party' (CJP)—a political entity born on social media—contains certain "somewhat objectionable content."

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Following e-Tenders are invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer (IV), Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Howrah Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : Sr. DEN/4/Howrah. (1) E-Tender No. : 85_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 23 (General Zone) under AEN/Rampurhat P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from Km. 135/0 to Km. 172/2 - Bansloi Bridge to Gurnani (excluding Bonidanga Link Cabin) including Rajgram and Pakur Quarry. The work includes the General work, Sanitary work, Wood work, Colour wash/White wash etc. Under the jurisdiction of AEN/Rampurhat. Approx. Cost : ₹ 1,10,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,20,000/- (2) E-Tender No. : 86_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 24 (Bridge Zone) under Sr. DEN/4/Howrah P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from Km. 170 to Km. 88/0 on SBG Loop and all Bridges of Rampurhat-Dumka Section. Repairs & Maintenance work of various bridges under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/4/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 56,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (3) E-Tender No. : 87_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 48 (Bridge Zone) under Sr. DEN/4/Howrah P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from Km. 88/0 to Km. 172/2 on SBG Loop and all Bridges of Rampurhat-Dumka Section. Repairs & Maintenance work of various bridges under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/4/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 70,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,40,000/- (4) E-Tender No. : 88_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 25 (General Zone) under AEN/Bolpur P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from Km. 1/0 to (Ex. Khane) to Km. 88/0 The work includes the General work, Sanitary work, Wood work, Colour wash/White wash, etc. under AEN/Bolpur. Approx. Cost : ₹ 1,20,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,40,000/- (5) E-Tender No. : 89_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 28 (General Zone) under AEN/Rampurhat P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from Rampurhat (including Yard) to Dumka. The work includes the General work, Sanitary work, Wood work, Colour wash/White wash, etc. under AEN/Rampurhat. Approx. Cost : ₹ 75,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,50,000/- (6) E-Tender No. : 90_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 27 (General Zone) under AEN/Rampurhat, P.E. 30.06.2027 Jurisdiction from 88/0 to Km 135/0 including all Stations, Colony and all Service Buildings, various structures from Rampurhat to Bansloi Bridge. The work includes the General work, Sanitary work, Wood work, Colour wash/White wash, etc. under the jurisdiction of AEN/Rampurhat. Approx. Cost : ₹ 1,15,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,30,000/- (7) E-Tender No. : 91_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 38 (Road-Zone-LC gates and station approach road etc.) under AEN/RPH under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/4/Howrah. [Description: Overall percentage above/below/par over the rates of CPWD-DSR-2023 items of Engineering Department on all chapters with up to date correction slips etc. [Value Rs. 75,00,000.00] NOTE: 1. The tenderer is to quote only one rate against the tender. The advertised value is the departmental assessed value. 2. The departmental assessed value/advised value has been chalked out considering at par with the basic cost of CPWD-DSR-2023 items. This denotes that no escalation over the basic cost has been considered in firming up the assessed cost for the instant tender. 3. For firming up the assessed cost/advised cost of this zonal tender, contribution of i) Earth Work - 4% in chapter no. 2, ii) Mortar - 2% in chapter no. 3, iii) Concrete Work - 4% in chapter no. 4, iv) Masonry work - 4% in chapter no. 6, v) Steel Work - 5% in chapter no. 10, vi) Dismantling and Demolishing - 1% in chapter no. 15, vii) Road Work - 80% only in chapter no. 14. During execution, the respective schedules from the above mentioned percentage may be varied, if necessary is felt, with the approval of the competent authority. Finance vetting if warranted, may also be sought for in this context. 5. The above instructions are only for guidance to the tenderers. Tenderers should consider the above aspects while quoting rates. 7) Tenderers while quoting rates should quote the rates % above/below/par w.r.t. the assessed/advised value, as reflected against the respective schedules, considering escalation and effect of GST and other taxes as applicable. Approx. Cost : ₹ 75,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,50,000/- (8) E-Tender No. : 92_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 37 (Road-Zone-LC gates and station approach road etc.) under AEN/BHP under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/4/Howrah. [Description: Overall percentage above/below/par over the rates of CPWD-DSR-2023 items of Engineering Department on all chapters with up to date correction slips etc. [Value Rs. 75,00,000.00] NOTE: 1. The tenderer is to quote only one rate against the tender. The advertised value is the departmental assessed value. 2. The departmental assessed value/advised value has been chalked out considering at par with the basic cost of CPWD-DSR-2023 items. This denotes that no escalation over the basic cost has been considered in firming up the assessed cost for the instant tender. 3. 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Cost : ₹ 75,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,50,000/- (9) E-Tender No. : 93_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 39 (General Zone) under AEN/2/HWH P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction - All Civil engineering works : All Barrack/Quarters/Service Building & sheds under Electric Loco shed, Diesel Shed, Tarp Loco Shed, Sorting Yard etc. including related yard. All kinds of civil engineering works, road, drain, pipe lines works, colour wash, white wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure within the above jurisdiction. Approx. Cost : ₹ 1,05,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,10,000/- (10) E-Tender No. : 94_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 40 (General Zone) under AEN/2/HWH P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction - All the service buildings & Shed within the jurisdiction of Tikapara Coaching Depot, Jheel Sidings Coaching Depot, EMU Washed, Laundry, Fly Over line etc. including the yard upto Chandman Bridge, Coored, Road, Drain, Pipe Lines, Bridges works, Colour wash, white wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure, within the above jurisdiction under AEN/2/HWH. Approx. Cost : ₹ 1,30,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,60,000/- (11) E-Tender No. : 95_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 49 (General Zone) under AEN/2/HWH [Jurisdiction - All Civil Engineering works : New DRM Building, Rail Museum, Riviera seminar hall, Sports complex includes Archieve building & swimming pool, Rail Saden, Railway Officer's Enclave, Howrah etc. all civil engineering works, road, drain, pipe lines, horticulture works within the above jurisdiction under AEN/2/HWH. Approx. Cost : ₹ 95,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,90,000/- (12) E-Tender No. : 53_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 50 (General Zone) under AEN/1/HWH P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction - All Civil Engineering works : In the area 0/0 to 6/0 km covering the following area : (i) repairing and painting of Buffer along with construction of fouling mark. (ii) Repairing and construction of cross drains (iii) renovation and repair of various offices, gang hut along with Repairing and painting of boundary wall in yard area. (iv) Unforeseen work including construction of pathway including yard area under the jurisdiction of AEN/1/HWH. Approx. Cost : ₹ 51,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,02,000/- Cost of Tender Form : Nil for each. Completion Period: 12 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter for each. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/band/holiday on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. Closing date and time of tender : 18.06.2026 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost, in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. Note : Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted.

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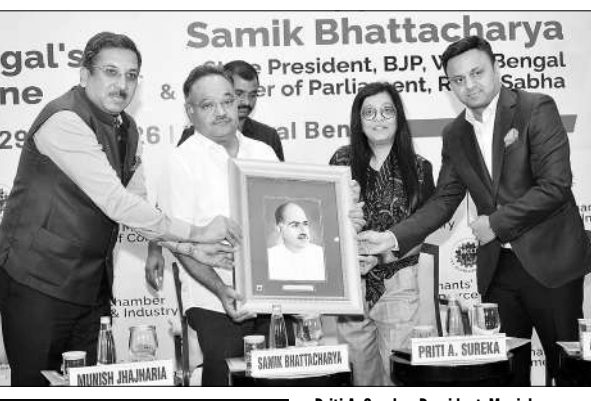
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Party' was targeted simply due to the phonetic resemblance of its name to that of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Meanwhile, Abhijit approached the Delhi High Court seeking an interim stay on the 'ban.' However, noting that the CJP's X posts contained some "slightly objectionable content," the Delhi High Court observed: "The matter requires a comprehensive review. Further directives regarding this issue will be issued only after hearing the submissions of the government and the X authorities."



Priti A. Sureka, President, Munish Jhajarharia, Senior Vice President & Anirudh Jhujhunwala, Vice President, MCCI presenting a portrait of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee to Samik Bhattacharya, State President, BJP, West Bengal & Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha at a Special Session on Re-igniting Bengal's Industrial Fortune on Friday at ITC Royal Bengal.

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Language, culture can influence how our brain processes emotional faces: Research

WASHINGTON : Understanding body language is an important aspect of communication. Humans are frequently considered to be able to perceive other people's emotions innately, but there is rising evidence that this ability is impacted by people's culturally shared knowledge of emotions.

A team of scientists in the US decided to investigate how cultural upbringing and access to emotion category words, which categorize and facilitate access to a complex set of emotional ideas, experiences, and responses stored in our memory, impact how we perceive others' emotional facial expressions.

"Here we show that access to emotion category words like 'disgust' differentially alters how brain regions interact with one another when people perceive emotions on others' faces. Importantly, this effect depends on one's cultural upbringing," said Dr Joseph Leshin, a researcher at Northeastern University and the study's first author. "Our findings contribute to growing evidence that emotional facial expressions are not universally produced and understood," added senior author Dr Kristen Lindquist, a neuroscientist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where the data for the *Frontiers in Psychology* study was collected.

A trigger for emotion recognition

Two participant groups - Chinese individuals, born and raised in mainland China, but now living in the US, and non-Hispanic White Americans



who were born and raised in the US - were recruited for the study. While undergoing fMRI, both groups viewed actors pose expressions for 'disgust' and 'anger' as they are typically displayed by White North Americans. Over four blocks, the participants viewed expressions which were either preceded by the relevant emotion category word or a non-word control text. "When primed with the word 'disgust' before viewing the corresponding

facial expression, immigrants from mainland China showed decreased functional connectivity in brain regions related to semantic processing, visual perception, and social cognition," Leshin said. "Whereas White American participants tend to perceive wrinkling of noses and scowls as evidence that someone else is disgusted, Chinese participants are less likely to clearly associate those facial muscle movements with disgust. Thus, their brains were likely

working harder to disambiguate the meaning of posed disgusted facial muscle movements," explained Lindquist. Critically, presenting Chinese participants with the English language cue 'disgust' prior to viewing wrinkled noses and scowls changed how their brains processed those expressions. White American participants did not show the same differences in brain connectivity in the emotion word v. control text conditions, likely because the facial expres-

sions are familiar to them. These findings suggest that seeing an English emotion category word before seeing the corresponding facial expression may help Chinese participants to understand the meaning behind the culturally-relative expression better. This also seems to apply even when the emotion is not central to a culture, as is the case with the notion of 'disgust' in Chinese culture, the researchers added. Understanding how people wear their hearts on their sleeves

The researchers said that their findings should be interpreted in light of some limitations, for example the modest sample size and the fact that the participant groups and the emotion category words used in this study do not represent the full spectrum of cultural or emotional diversity. A starting point for future research could be investigating if similar differences can be found amongst cultures that are more similar to one another than China and the US. Even subtle cultural differences could lead to variations in neural processing of emotions, the researchers said. To date, there is relatively little work that focuses on subcultures within the same country, for example within the US or China. A further field of application of the team's findings lies in artificial intelligence. "Our study suggests that AI tools designed to read emotions from faces must account for cultural variation to avoid misinterpretation of people's expressions and highlights the need for culturally informed AI," Leshin concluded.

Does physical activity alleviate pain in cancer survivors?

WASHINGTON DC : People who have had cancer commonly experience prolonged pain, but a new study suggests that being physically active may help to minimize its severity.

Wiley published the study in the *American Cancer Society's* peer-reviewed publication, *CANCER*.

Although physical activity has been demonstrated to alleviate a variety of pains, its impact on cancer-related discomfort is unknown.

To investigate, a team led by senior author Erika Rees-Punia, PhD, MPH, of the American Cancer Society, and first author Christopher T.V. Swain, PhD, of the University of Melbourne, in Australia, analyzed information about 51,439 adults without a history of cancer and 10,651 adults with a past cancer diagnosis.

Participants were asked, "How would you rate your pain on average," with responses ranging from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain imaginable). Participants were also asked about their usual physical activity.

US guidelines recommend 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) to 300 minutes (5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity, or 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) to 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.

Based on participants' responses, the investigators found that, for individuals who had cancer in the past as well as for those without a history of cancer, more physical activity was linked with lower pain intensity.

The extent of the association was similar for both groups of individuals, indicating that exercise may reduce cancer-related pain just as it does for other types of pain that have been studied in the past.

Among participants with a past cancer diagnosis, those exceeding physical activity guidelines were 16 per cent less likely to report moderate-to-severe pain compared to those who failed to meet physical activity guidelines.

Also, compared with people who remained inactive, those who were consistently active or became active in older adulthood reported less pain.

"It may feel counterintuitive to some, but physical activity is an effective, non-pharmacologic option for reducing many types of pain. As our study suggests, this may include pain associated with cancer and its treatments," said Dr. Rees-Punia.

Men have greater risk of fractures from falls than women: Study

MASSACHUSETTS : A recent study titled "A meta-analysis of previous falls and subsequent fracture risk in cohort studies" found links between self-reported falls and increased fracture risk, as well as a slightly greater risk of fracture in men than in women. Published in *Osteoporosis International*, this international meta-analysis of data pooled from 46 prospective cohorts comprising over 900,000 individuals also recommended that previous falls are a factor that should be included in patients' histories used by fracture risk assessment tools like the FRAX (Fracture Risk Assessment) Tool to calculate a person's likelihood of getting a fracture over the next decade. FRAX is the most commonly used assessment to predict fracture risk.

"FRAX was developed using longitudinal data from studies around the world. Although previous falls have long been recognized as a significant risk factor for fractures, until now, they have not been factored into the FRAX algorithm," said Douglas P. Kiel, M.D., MPH, director of the Musculoskeletal Research Center and senior scientist at the Hinda and Arthur Marcus Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew SeniorLife, a nonprofit, Harvard Medical School affiliated institution. "In this newly updated FRAX dataset, previous falls were included as a risk factor and were found to increase the risk for fracture. These findings underscore that falls are an important contributor to fracture in both men and women, but interestingly, slightly more in men."

Key findings of the meta-analysis include Increased Fracture Risk: Individuals with a history of falls within the past year were found to have a significantly higher risk of any clinical fracture, osteoporotic fracture, major osteoporotic fracture, and hip fracture. One or more previous falls were significantly associated with an increased risk of death among women and men. Sex Disparities: The association between previous falls and fracture risk was observed to vary by sex, with men exhibiting higher predictive values compared to women.

Independent Risk Factor: The increased fracture risk linked to previous falls was largely independent of bone mineral density, emphasizing the standalone significance of falls as a risk factor. A previous fall in the past year confers a significantly increased risk of any clinical fracture, osteoporotic fracture, and hip fracture with the increase in risk varying between 36 per cent and 59 per cent depending on the fracture outcome and sex.

These findings underscore the importance of incorporating previous falls into the FRAX algorithm," Dr. Kiel added. Integrating this information into tools like FRAX can enhance their predictive accuracy and ultimately help healthcare providers to more accurately predict fracture risk and tailor preventive.

Rare fat molecule helps drive cell death: Study



LOS ANGELES [US] : Researchers revealed that a rare sort of lipid plays a vital role in ferroptosis, a type of cell death described by Columbia professor Brent Stockwell.

The findings shed new light on how cells die during ferroptosis, potentially improving understanding of how to prevent ferroptosis in contexts where it is harmful, such as neurodegenerative diseases, or induce it in contexts where it could be beneficial, such as using it to kill dangerous cancer cells. The study discovered that a diPUFA phospholipid, an uncommon type of lipid with two polyunsaturated fatty acyl tails, was present in a variety of situations where ferroptosis occurred, including aged brains and Huntington disease-affected brain tissue. The finding indicated that the lipid is efficient at promoting ferroptosis. The research was conducted by professors in Columbia's Department of Biological Sciences, Department of Chemistry, and the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Stockwell first discovered ferroptosis in 2012, when he found that certain cells were dying because their lipid layers were collapsing - an unusual form of cell death that differs from the most com-

mon kind, which begins with the cell forming blisters on its outer surface. Since that discovery, researchers in Stockwell's lab and elsewhere have continued to investigate ferroptosis, discovering that it can occur naturally in ageing cells, in pathological contexts, and can be induced to treat disease. Another paper out this month with several co-authors found that a gene named PHLDA2 can sometimes promote ferroptosis by attacking a different lipid and that this gene can block some tumours from forming. Together, these papers show that specific lipids promote ferroptosis, so defining the driver lipids in specific cancers is important.

"The discovery that these diPUFA lipids are important drivers of ferroptosis deepens our understanding of this form of cell death, and these lipids' role in controlling a cell's homeostasis in general," Stockwell said.

"Harnessing these lipids may eventually help us identify where ferroptosis has occurred and deliberately manipulate them to either induce cell death or stop it. This can begin to give us both understanding and the power to control cell death."

Study finds how macrophages play critical role in immune system

WASHINGTON : Macrophages are essential to the immune system because they combat infections and help heal damaged tissue. It's critical to comprehend how these cells are triggered in various contexts in order to design novel medical interventions. The complexity of these cells and their reactions has made it difficult to identify and research macrophage activation.

The protein known as colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R) was discovered by the study team to be a dependable marker for macrophages in tissues and monocytes and dendritic cells in blood, enabling the distinct identification and separation of various sample types. People of all ages and genders can dependably use the new method. Dr Fernando Martinez Estrada, who led the research project and is Senior Lecturer in Innate Immunology in the School of Biosciences at the University of Surrey, said, "We have developed a method using CSF1R that can identify all types of Mononuclear phagocyte system cells in the body. This marker is incredibly useful for studying these cells in both health and disease, and it unlocks exciting new possibilities for cell isolation and quantification for diagnosing and monitoring various conditions with a single cell marker."

The study developed a set of tools to understand and check how these immune cells respond when they are activated. These tools focus on signals in the body, including IL-4 (involved in healing and fibrosis), steroids (deactivation), IFNγ (fights infections), and LPS (a bacterial product that causes inflammation). The



research team also described a novel concept that they call Macrophage Activation Mosaicism. This means that macrophages do not simply switch between the canonical two states previously described; instead, they can exhibit a mix of activation characteristics, reflecting the complexity of real tissue environments. Dr Federica Orsenigo, co-author of the study, explains further, "This discovery is significant because it changes how we perceive macrophage activation. Recognising that macrophages can have mixed activation status helps us better understand their

roles in different diseases and could lead to more targeted and effective treatments." Emeritus Professor Siamon Gordon, co-author of the study from the University of Oxford, said: "Therapies that seek to re-educate macrophages are widely sought. However, the tools to measure activation are underdeveloped. Having a robust multi-gene tool to study macrophage activation can help in drug screening, identify drugs that revert macrophage activation, and eventually help with patient characterisation and personalised medicine."

Research reveals brain processes speech, its echo separately

WASHINGTON DC : Echoes can make speech difficult to understand, and getting rid of echoes in an audio recording is a very difficult engineering task. According to a study published in the open-access journal *PLOS Biology* by Jiaxin Gao of Zhejiang University in China and colleagues, the human brain appears to successfully handle the challenge by splitting the sound into direct speech and its echo. The audio signals in online meetings and auditoriums that

are not properly designed often have an echo lagging at least 100 milliseconds from the original speech. These echoes heavily distort speech, interfering with slowly varying sound features most important for understanding conversations, yet people still reliably understand echoic speech. To better understand how the brain enables this, the authors used magnetoencephalography (MEG) to record neural activity while human participants listened to a story

with and without an echo. They compared the neural signals to two computational models: one simulating the brain adapting to the echo, and another simulating the brain separating the echo from the original speech. Participants understood the story with over 95% accuracy, regardless of echo. The researchers observed that cortical activity tracks energy changes related to direct speech, despite the strong interference of the echo.

Tea, berries, dark chocolate, apples can lead to a longer life span: Study

WASHINGTON DC: New research has found that those who consume a diverse range of foods rich in flavonoids, such as tea, berries, dark chocolate, and apples, could lower their risk of developing serious health conditions and have the potential to live longer.

The study was led by a team of researchers from Queen's University Belfast, Edith Cowan University Perth (ECU), and the Medical University of Vienna and Universitat Wien.

The findings reveal that increasing the diversity of flavonoids within your diet

could help prevent the development of health conditions such as type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease (CVD), cancer and neurological disease.

Flavonoids are found in plant foods like tea, blueberries, strawberries, oranges, apples, grapes, and even red wine and dark chocolate.

Published in *Nature Food*, the study tracked over 120,000 participants aging from 40 to 70 years old for over a decade.

It is the first study of its kind to suggest that there is a benefit to consuming a wide range of flavonoids beyond that of simply con-

suming a high quantity.

ECU Research Fellow, first author and co-lead of the study Dr Benjamin Parmenter, made the initial discovery that a flavonoid-diverse diet is good for health.

"Flavonoid intakes of around 500 mg a day was associated with a 16% lower risk of all-cause mortality, as well as a ~10% lower risk of CVD, type 2 diabetes, and respiratory disease. That's roughly the amount of flavonoids that you would consume in two cups of tea," said Dr Parmenter.

Dr Parmenter added, however, that those who



consumed the widest diversity of flavonoids, had an even lower risk of these diseases, even when consuming the same total amount.

For example, instead of just drinking tea, it's better to eat a range of flavonoid-rich foods to make up your intake, because different flavonoids come from different foods.

"We have known for some time that higher intakes of dietary flavonoids, powerful bioactives naturally present in many foods and drinks, can reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and neurological conditions like

Parkinson's," study co-lead Professor Aedin Cassidy from the Co-Centre for Sustainable Food Systems and Institute for Global Food Security at Queen's said.

"We also know from lab data and clinical studies that different flavonoids work in different ways, some improve blood pressure, others help with cholesterol levels and decrease inflammation. This study is significant as the results indicate that consuming a higher quantity and wider diversity has the potential to lead to a greater reduction in ill health than just a single source," added Cassidy.

Russian drone hits Romanian apartment building, 2 injured



MI News Service, Bucharest: A Russian drone entered Romanian airspace and crashed into a residential apartment building, sparking a fire and injuring two people, Romania's National Defense Ministry announced on Friday.

According to the ministry, the injured individuals were taken to the Galati County Emergency Clinical Hospital.

It said that during the night from Thursday to Friday, the Russian Federation resumed drone attacks against targets in Ukraine, in the vicinity of Romania's river border.

A drone entered Romanian airspace and was tracked by radar systems to the southern area of Galati municipality, where it crashed onto the roof of a residential apartment building and caused a fire, the ministry said.

Specialized teams from the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations and other Ministry of Internal Affairs structures, the Romanian Intelligence Service and the Romanian Police are operating at the scene, it said, adding that the National Military Command Centre had notified the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations to implement public alert measures.

According to Romanian media, dozens of residents were evacuated.

US-Iran truce deal awaits Donald Trump as strikes tests ceasefire

MI News Service, Tehran/Washington: US and Iranian negotiators edged toward a deal to extend their fragile ceasefire for 60 days, but the potential breakthrough was still hanging on President Donald Trump's approval, US sources told the media.

The development came after Washington and Tehran accused each other of violating the truce, underscoring the volatility of talks three months after the Middle East war began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran.

The US sources confirmed that the two sides had agreed on a memorandum of understanding to prolong the ceasefire and launch negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme.

Under the proposed deal, shipping through Hormuz would be unrestricted, with no tolls or harassment; Iran would remove all mines within 30 days; and the United States would lift its naval blockade if commercial traffic resumes.

But Iran's news agency, citing a source close to Tehran's negotiators, said the text had not been finalised and that Pakistan would be informed if a deal was reached.

Iranian sources cited by local media said any deal would be complete only when announced by Tehran, not unilaterally by Trump.

Late on Thursday, US Vice President JD Vance told reporters that Trump was not yet ready to approve it, even though



negotiations had "made a lot of progress."

"We're going back and forth on a couple of language points," he added.

US strikes on the southern Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas prompted Iran to target "the American airbase that served as the source of the attack," Iranian state broadcaster reported, citing the Revolutionary Guards.

The Guards did not specify the location of the base, but Kuwait, which hosts US troops, said its air defences responded to incoming fire.

Kuwait's foreign ministry condemned "the criminal Iranian attacks that targeted the territory of the State of Kuwait with missiles and drones, in a dangerous escalation."

US Central Command called the attack an "egregious ceasefire violation."

Iranian forces had fired at four ships trying to transit the Strait of Hormuz without authorisation, Iranian state broadcaster reported. Iran has blockaded the waterway since the war began.

US forces said they had intercepted five attack drones in and around the strait, and prevented the launch of a sixth near Bandar Abbas.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei called the US strikes truce "violations".

A US official said the actions were "measured" and "intended to preserve the ceasefire". Iran's Guards threatened a "firm response" to any renewed attacks.

On the other hand Oil prices bounced higher Thursday after reports of the strikes, reversing much of Wednesday's deal-driven fall.

The war's economic toll has become harder to ignore, with analysts warning that prolonged disruption in Hormuz could keep energy prices high and make inflation harder to contain.

NATO vows 'absolute solidarity' with Romania over Russian drone attack

MI News Service, Brussels: NATO chief Mark Rutte pledged the alliance's "absolute solidarity" in a call with Romania's president on Friday, slamming Russia for a drone crash that injured two people in the country bordering Ukraine.

"I affirmed that NATO stands ready to defend every inch of Allied territory," Rutte said.

"We will continue to enhance our readiness to deter and defend against any threat, including from drones."

Rutte said "Russia's reckless behaviour is a danger to us all."

"They continue to target civilians and civilian infrastructure across Ukraine, and last night showed yet again that the implications of their illegal war of aggression don't stop at the border." The US ambassador to NATO denounced a "reckless incursion" on Romanian territory -- though he did not explicitly call out Russia over the incident.

"We stand with our NATO Ally Romania and condemn this reckless incursion on its territory," Ambassador Matthew Whitaker wrote on X, vowing: "We will defend every inch of NATO territory."

NATO's top commander, US General Alexus Grynkeiwich, spoke to Romania's military chief about the incident, the alliance said.

"They also agreed to stay in particularly close contact with one another as an investigation of the incident continues, and potential additional defensive measures are



considered," NATO's supreme headquarter said.

Multiple sources at NATO said there was no indication whether Bucharest would call for emergency consultations under the alliance's Article Four.

That move would still be well short of NATO's Article Five mutual defence clause being triggered, which has happened only once in the alliance's 77-year history after the September 11 attacks in the United States.

Article Four consultations have been called three times during Russia's full-scale war on Ukraine. The first time just after the invasion in 2022, once by Poland after incursions by Russian drones, and once by Estonia after Russian fighter jets violated its airspace.

US and Iran agree to 60-day ceasefire extension amid nuclear tensions

MI News Service, Washington: The United States and Iran have reached a preliminary agreement to extend their current ceasefire by an additional 60 days, according to Reuters sources. The proposed memorandum of understanding still requires approval from President Donald Trump before formal adoption.

The framework seeks to maintain the pause in hostilities and create space for deeper diplomatic engagement on unresolved issues, particularly Iran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium, which is expected to be an early priority in future talks.



The White House has not commented on the reports.

Meanwhile, maritime security concerns persist in the region. The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) kept the threat level for the Strait of Hormuz at "critical" while downgrading the Gulf of Oman to "severe." Naval activity remains high, with risks of mining and navigation interference. In a separate develop-

ment, the US Central Command rejected Iranian claims of downing an American aircraft near Bushehr, stating all US assets are accounted for. Iran, however, claimed it intercepted a US drone in the area and fired warning shots at four vessels near the Strait of Hormuz.

Despite tensions, an India-bound oil tanker successfully crossed the strait. The US also announced new sanctions targeting Iranian military and oil networks.

These developments reflect a delicate balance between diplomatic efforts and continued regional friction.

Africa CDC reports suspected Ebola cases surpassing 1,000 in latest outbreak

MI News Service, Addis Ababa: The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that the number of suspected Ebola cases in a new outbreak reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda has surpassed 1,000.

During an online press briefing, Africa CDC Director General Jean Kaseya said a total of 1,077 suspected cases and 246 probable deaths have been recorded since the DRC declared its 17th Ebola outbreak on May 15.

Data from the African Union's specialized health-care agency showed laboratory tests have confirmed 129 cases in the DRC and eight cases in Uganda, linked to imported cases from the DRC.

Kaseya said 11 other countries across the continent are now at high risk

of being affected, namely South Sudan, Rwanda, Kenya, Zambia, the Central African Republic, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Angola, the Republic of the Congo, Burundi, and Somalia.

"We are still expecting in Africa CDC an increase (of cases), because we are still in the active phase of the outbreak," the Africa CDC chief said.

Kaseya voiced concern over major operational challenges, including gaps in surveillance and contact tracing, as well as limited laboratory capacity to rapidly confirm infections. He said the lack of approved vaccines and therapeutics for the highly lethal Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus is further complicating containment efforts, in addition to a four-week detection gap of silent transmission before confirmation, and limited funding.

U.S., Mexico, Canada announce travel measures over Ebola risk as FIFA World Cup nears

MI News Service, Ottawa: The United States, Mexico and Canada on Thursday announced aligned public health travel measures for individuals arriving from African regions at the highest risk from the Ebola virus.

According to a joint statement released by Global Affairs Canada, the coordinated approach aims to protect citizens as well as the millions of visitors,

fans, athletes and tourists expected to arrive for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026.

The three North American nations said the measures are also designed to maintain travel and commerce across their borders.

"The health and safety of every person in the region remains our highest priority as we welcome the world to North America," the trilateral statement

Congress slams PM Modi for 'extreme moral cowardice' in backing Israel

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Congress party launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of displaying "extreme moral cowardice" by emerging as Israel's strongest global supporter. The party described Modi's position as a "betrayal" of India's core values and principles, claiming it is unacceptable to crores of Indians.

The criticism came in response to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's reported statement at a conference in the West Bank. Netanyahu remarked that Israel faces delegitimation across the world, with India being a notable exception. Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh countered this in a strongly worded post on X (formerly Twitter).

Ramesh alleged that Prime Minister Modi has consistently failed to condemn several controversial Israeli actions. These include the targeted assassination of the Iranian head of state and other top leaders, the ongoing military operations in Gaza which he termed as "genocide and devastation," and Israel's bombing of Lebanon.

Ramesh also highlighted Modi's silence on the forced dispossession and displacement of lakhs of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, as well as the curbing of civil rights of Palestinians living within Israel.

"Mr. Modi has stood out as Mr. Netanyahu's strongest supporter. Israel is embedded in the Modi conglomerate," Ramesh claimed. He further noted that Modi had warmly embraced Israel just two days before the heavy aerial bombing of Iran by Israel and the USA on February

ter Modi's ecosystem" rather than India as a whole. He described Modi's stance as "shameful" and contrary to India's traditional position on international issues, particularly regarding Palestine.

The Congress statement reflects deepening political polarisation in India over the Israel-Palestine conflict and Iran-related developments. While the government has maintained strategic ties with Israel on security, technology, and defence, opposition parties continue to demand a more balanced.

Iran's armed forces fire missiles at targets from southern regions- Media

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran's armed forces fired missiles at certain targets from the country's southern regions on Thursday night, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

The report said the missiles' exact targets are still unknown, while local sources cited the possibility of clashes in the Persian Gulf.

Explosions were reported in Iran's southern provinces of Bushehr and Hormozgan on Thursday night, Iranian media said. The semi-official Tasnim news agency, citing the Iranian army, said exchanges of fire took place at sea to warn "violating" vessels in the Strait of Hormuz.

Tasnim also quoted a military source as saying that Iran's air defense forces fired missiles at an "invading" U.S. drone near Bushehr, while the semi-official Mehr news agency reported that a blast heard in Bushehr province's Jam city was caused by air defense's engagement with invading aircraft.

The U.S. military later denied Iranian

media reports that a U.S. aircraft had been downed near Bushehr. "No U.S. aircraft were shot down. All U.S. air assets are accounted for," the U.S. Central Command said in a post on X early Friday.

Mehr also reported that Iranian armed forces fired warning shots at four vessels attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz without coordinating with Iran.

Early Thursday, Iranian media reported three explosions east of the port city of Bandar Abbas on the coast of the Strait of Hormuz.

Citing a U.S. official, CBS News said U.S. forces also intercepted drones launched from Iran. The official described the strikes as defensive, asserting that the ceasefire between the United States and Iran remains in place.

U.S. lacks grounds to attack Cuba, says Cuban diplomat

MI News Service, Havana: The United States has no grounds to launch an attack against Cuba, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said Wednesday, warning such a move would cause death and destruction.

"Isn't there a lack of grounds to justify killing, maiming, and causing destruction and misery, in addition to running the certain risk of losing lives on their own side?" Fernandez de Cossio wrote on X in response to a report by U.S. magazine Politico.

The official accused the magazine of encouraging Washington to go to war and criticized it for claiming that the U.S. military was prepared to attack Cuba and only awaited "a final go-ahead from Donald Trump."

According to the Politico report published Wednesday, "the Pentagon has spent months positioning the troops and weapons needed for the United

States to launch a military attack on Cuba." Since the beginning of 2026, the United States has announced new measures against Cuba, including restrictions targeting countries that supply oil to the island and additional sanctions against Cuban entities and officials.

The U.S. Southern Command announced on May 20 that the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, including the aircraft carrier, its carrier air wing, and at least one guided-missile destroyer, had arrived in the Caribbean. It was on the same day when the U.S. Department of Justice indicted Cuban Revolution leader Raul Castro over his alleged role in the 1996 downing of two planes operated by the anti-Castro group Brothers to the Rescue.

International media have also recently reported an increase in U.S. surveillance and intelligence flights near Cuba.

Indian-American teen wins Spelling Bee title

MI News Service, Washington: Indian-American teenager Shrey Parikh won the 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee, correctly spelling 32 words in a spell-off to claim the championship and set a new competition record.

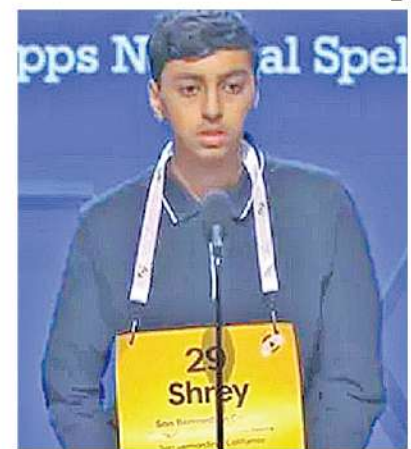
The 14-year-old eighth-grader from San Bernardino, California, secured the title with the word "bromocriptine", defined by organisers as "a polypeptide alkaloid that is a derivative of ergot and mimics the activity of dopamine".

Parikh, representing the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, in California emerged victorious following the third spell-off in the Bee's history. His total of 32 correctly spelled words established a new spell-off record.

The champion attends Day Creek Intermediate School in California and entered this year's contest with considerable experience on the national stage.

According to his official Scripps National Spelling Bee biography, Parikh first competed in the national Bee in 2022, when he tied for 89th place. He returned in 2024 and finished tied for third place before capturing the title this year.

The victory capped years of



preparation for the young speller, who has developed interests well beyond language and vocabulary competitions.

His official biography describes a student who enjoys tennis, reading, mathematics and chess. He also plays percussion in his school band and has performed on instruments including the snare drum, bass drum, timpani, toms, triangle, glockenspiel and marimba.

Parikh spends much of his free time solving mathematics problems or spending time with his brother and sister, according to the biogra-

phy. One of his proudest recent achievements was qualifying for the California state Mathcounts competition this year.

The biography also notes his strong connection to India. Parikh has travelled to many countries and particularly enjoys visiting India to spend time with his grandparents.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is one of the most prestigious academic competitions in the United States. It brings together top young spellers from across the country and several international locations after they advance through local and regional contests.

Founded in 1925, the competition tests spelling, vocabulary and language skills through multiple rounds of increasingly difficult words. Participants must generally be no older than 15 and may not have progressed beyond the eighth grade.

Students of Indian origin have been among the most successful competitors in the Bee over the past two decades, winning a large share of national titles and regularly dominating the final rounds. Their success has made the annual competition a closely followed event in Indian-American communities across the United States.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Howrah Railway Station, Howrah 711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SER/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. (1) E-Tender No. 74_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 20 (General zone) under AEN/Katwa P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction Zonal Works for- Km. 890-1070 in BB Loop, all Service Buildings, Colonies including Wood & Sanitary and Colour wash/White wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure under AEN/Katwa. Approx. Cost : ₹ 85,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,70,000/- (2) E-Tender No. 75_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 21 (General zone) under AEN/Katwa P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction Zonal Works for- Km. 1070 to 1250 in BB Loop, A-K & Katwa - Balgona BG Section (Excluding Balgona) including Katwa station, all Service Buildings, Colonies including Wood & Sanitary and Colour wash/White wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure under AEN/Katwa. Approx. Cost : ₹ 66,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,32,000/- (3) E-Tender No. 76_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 22 (General zone) under AEN/Nabadwip Dham P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction Zonal Works for- Km. 020-690 in BB Loop, all Service Buildings, Colonies including Wood & Sanitary and Colour wash/White wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure under AEN/Nabadwip Dham. Approx. Cost : ₹ 88,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,76,000/- (4) E-Tender No. 77_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 28 (General zone) under AEN/Azimganj P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction Zonal Works for- Km. 2.2 to 43.74 in Azimganj/Nahali section including Service Buildings, Colonies including Wood & Sanitary and Colour wash/White wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure under AEN/Azimganj. Approx. Cost : ₹ 60,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,20,000/- (5) E-Tender No. 78_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 29 (General zone) under AEN/Azimganj P.E. 30.06.2027 [Jurisdiction Zonal Works for- Km. 1250 to 1810 including Azimganj station and all assets of AZ service building, Colonies including Wood & Sanitary and Colour wash/White wash and other petty repairs of all service building & other structure under AZ loco shed work and AZ coaching depot) under AEN/Azimganj. Approx. Cost : ₹ 88,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,76,000/- (6) E-Tender No. 79_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 33 (Road zone - LC gates and station approach road etc.) under AEN/Katwa P.E.30.06.2027 under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 56,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (7) E-Tender No. 80_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 34 (Road zone - LC gates and station approach road etc.) under AEN/Nabadwip Dham P.E.30.06.2027 under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 56,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (8) E-Tender No. 81_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 35 (Road zone - LC gates and station approach road etc.) under AEN/Azimganj P.E.30.06.2027 under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 56,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (9) E-Tender No. 82_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 45 (Bridge Zone) All Bridges including FOBs, RUBS/ROBs etc. of AEN/Katwa Section, Repairs & maintenance work of various bridges under the jurisdiction of AEN/Katwa, P.E. 30.06.2027. Approx. Cost : ₹ 58,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (10) E-Tender No. 83_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 46 (Bridge Zone) All Bridges including FOBs, RUBS/ROBs etc. of AEN/Nabadwip Dham Section, Repairs & maintenance work of various bridges under the jurisdiction of AEN/Nabadwip Dham, P.E. 30.06.2027. Approx. Cost : ₹ 58,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (11) E-Tender No. 84_2026-27-Zone, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Zone No. 47 (Bridge Zone) - All Bridges including FOBs, RUBS/ROBs etc. of AEN/Azimganj Section, Repairs & maintenance work of various bridges under the jurisdiction of AEN/Azimganj, P.E. 30.06.2027. Approx. Cost : ₹ 56,00,000/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,12,000/- (12) E-Tender No. 96_2026-27, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work : Providing water supply by submersible pump facility to various Level Crossing Gates under jurisdiction of AEN/Azimganj and Provision of sinking Deep Tube Well (350x200 mm dia) with Pump house including pipeline, additional Electrical meter cum switch for Nabadwip Dham Railway colony under AEN/Nabadwip Dham. Approx. Cost : ₹ 93,35,379/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1,86,700/- (13) E-Tender No. 97_2026-27, dated 29.05.2026. Description of work: Howrah Division-FTFR-3.008 TKM, BDC-KWAE: Up 12.625-13.100-0.475 Km, 76.285-76.468-0.181 Km, 11.930-12.820-0.890 Km, 78.286-76.450-0.164 Km, 79.597-80.310-0.713 Km, 80.440-81.025-0.585 Km under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. Approx. Cost : ₹ 4,78,01,892.46. Earnest Money : ₹ 9,56,000/- Completion Period: P.E. 30.06.2027 for Sl. No. 1 to 11, 04(Four) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter for Sl. No. 12 & 13 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter for Sl. No. 13. 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FRENCH OPEN: KOSTYUK SETS UP SWIATEK REMATCH AS WINNING STREAK ROLLS ON

PARIS : Marta Kostyuk of Ukraine maintained her brilliant run on clay and at Roland Garros on Friday with her 4-6, 3-6 victory over Viktorija Golubic of Switzerland that sends the 21-year-old into the fourth round of the French Open for the second time in her career. The 15th seed delivered another assured performance on the Parisian clay to make it 15 wins in a row on the surface and a demonstration of the way she has been gathering pace this successful European clay court season. Kostyuk was coming into Paris with back-to-back titles at Rouen and Madrid, where she landed the biggest prize of her career so far. Her latest victory will set up a dream fourth-round match against four-time French Open champion Iga Swiatek, rekindling the rivalry of the last 16 match at this tournament in 2021, which was won by the Polish number one in straight sets. Swiatek sealed her own place in the second week in straightforward fashion, dispatching compatriot Magda Linette 4-6, 4-6, and showed again just how comfortable she is on clay during her pursuit of a fifth French Open crown. Kostyuk has been one of the form players of the WTA Tour on this clay swing; her relentless aggression from the back of the court and improved calmness have propelled her into the latter rounds, and her match against Swiatek should be one of the headline matches of the women's draw. Elsewhere in the women's singles, the talented qualifier Wang Xiyu from China was continuing a fine run when overcoming Yulia Starodubtseva from Ukraine 3-6, 5-7 to march into the last 16 without dropping a set.



Gujarat Titans' Jason Holder celebrates with teammates the wicket of Rajasthan Royals' Dasun Shanaka during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 Qualifier 2 match between Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur, New Chandigarh, on Friday.

'I never knew how long I could last': Nadal opens up on career-long battle with pain

NEW DELHI : The 22 Grand Slams champion Rafael Nadal has detailed the immense physical sacrifice behind one of tennis's most decorated careers, confessing that he constantly feared it would be his last season as he battled a chronic foot condition. The retired Spanish icon, who was part of the game's legendary 'Big Three' along with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, discussed his difficult sacrifices in the quest to reach the very pinnacle of his sport following the release of the Netflix series 'Rafa', which examines the physical and mental challenges of his time playing professionally. "I've had to make decisions about my health, where you are on the borderline between right or wrong," the 39-year-old admitted to the BBC. "But if I hadn't explored all that, I probably would



have had 10 fewer Grand Slams...This is the reality." Nadal suffered the first diagnosis of the rare Muller-Weiss syndrome just two months before clinching his first French Open crown at just 19. He sustained a broken bone during the 2005 Madrid Open final, which was a rare illness that is partially attributed to the intense

physical training of his childhood with his uncle Toni Nadal, immediately jeopardising his health. Instead of accepting that the chronic condition meant that his career was over, Nadal proceeded to rack up a remarkable 13 additional Grand Slams over the course of nine years, and in doing so, he secured no less than one Grand Slam trophy a season, cementing his status as the greatest clay court player to ever play the game. But on the inside, the trophies and celebrations hid continuous doubts about what the future held. "Tennis became a race against time," Nadal confessed to the BBC. "Always doubting my head about how long I can last with this foot? I never knew how long my career would last." "I always thought, maybe it's the last year, so there's no time to stop." The continued physical effort of competing at the very highest level also led to two serious health problems: a recurring tendinitis in his left knee and intestinal perforations caused by the excessive use of painkillers. During some matches, Nadal had no choice but to rely on specifically administered anaesthetic injections just to make it on court, and he readily admitted that his victory in the 2022 French Open - his final career Grand Slam victory - saw him playing with a leg that he had almost no feeling in at all. However, the burning passion to win outweighs any pain. "The key was that the suffering was less than my passion and my happiness for what I was doing," the retired tennis ace explained.

IPL 2026: It's about being in autopilot now and just getting what needs to be done, says Ferreira

NEW CHANDIGARH : Rajasthan Royals all-rounder Donovan Ferreira said the side has switched into 'autopilot mode' as they prepare to take on Gujarat Titans in the Qualifier 2 of IPL 2026. RR arrive in Qualifier 2 after beating Sunrisers Hyderabad by 47 runs in the Eliminator, thanks to Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's astonishing 97. "Like you said, we've had three must win games, but every game is different. You can't carry one over to the next; today is a big game for us. I can't really speak for them (other players), but the rest of us have been playing a lot of cricket over the last few days. It's about being in autopilot now and just getting what needs to be done," Ferreira said in a pre-game chat with the broadcasters. He emphasised his readiness to play any role required by the team. "I'll do whatever the coach and the team need; that's been our motto. Management has all the insights and data to make those calls, so we just have to be ready whenever we're called upon. "Personally, I'm comfortable going in after the 15th over. If I have to go in before that, I just adapt. It gives me a bit of time to get used to the wicket so I can explode at the back end." On conditions at the venue, Ferreira said, "I'm not sure what the captain and coach have decided, but this is a really good batting wicket. Looking at the previous game, the opposition didn't even bat that well. We bowled quite well, and they still reached (almost) 200. That shows how good the wicket is. Whatever the decision, we'll need to put up a good score or chase well. If there is dew, batting second is beneficial."



Singapore Open: Satwik-Chirag, Dhruv-Tanisha enter semifinals

SINGAPORE : India's doubles stars Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty, Dhruv Kapila/Tanisha Crasto advanced to the semifinals of the Singapore Open 2026 on Friday at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore. Fourth-seeded Satwik-Chirag fought back from a game down to defeat Malaysia's Kang Khai Xing and Aaron Tai 19-21, 21-17, 21-13 in a 65-minute battle. The Indians then fought through a neck-and-neck second game before forcing a decider and dominating the third to secure their semifinal spot. They will next face reigning world champions and world no.1 pair Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae of Korea. In mixed doubles, Dhruv-Tanisha progressed after third-seeded Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei of Malaysia retired during the opening game. The Indian pair will next face Japan's Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara for a place in the final. In men's singles, All England 2026 runner-up Lakshya Sen went down fighting against Japan's Koki Watanabe 19-21, 21-15, 15-21 in a 68-minute clash. Meanwhile, PV Sindhu's campaign ended in the quarterfinals following a 21-17, 21-14 loss to World No.1 An Se Young in a gruelling 48-minute encounter. With the victory, the Korean extended her head-to-head record to 9-0 against the Indian star. On Thursday, PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, along with mixed doubles duo Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto, advanced to the quarterfinals. Sindhu outplayed Japan's Riko Gunji in straight games, while Satwik-Chirag defeated Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan 21-15, 11-21, 21-18. Dhruv and Tanisha overcame a Japanese challenge to beat Yuta Watanabe and Maya Taguchi 8-21, 21-17, 21-16. The experienced Sindhu registered a comfortable straight-games victory in just 37 minutes, maintaining control in both games from the beginning. She will next face top seed An Se-young in the quarterfinals. Lakshya Sen progressed in men's singles after Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn retired with just two points played in the match. Lakshya will next take on Japan's Koki Watanabe. In the other men's singles, HS Prannoy lost to the host nation's Loh Kean Yew 18-21, 21-16, 15-21. In men's doubles, fourth-seeded Satwik and Chirag started strongly by taking the opening game but were pushed into a decider after the Chinese Taipei pair dominated the second. The Indians came back to close out the match 21-18 in the decider, extending their head-to-head record against the duo to 7-0. They will next face Malaysia's Kang Khai Xing and Aaron Tai, to whom they lost their All England Open campaign earlier this year. In mixed doubles, despite losing the opening game heavily, Dhruv and Tanisha mounted a strong comeback to secure the next two games. A challenging quarterfinal clash awaits them against the third-seeded Malaysian pair Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei.

South Africans rally behind Bafana Bafana ahead of 2026 FIFA World Cup



JOHANNESBURG : South Africans have rallied behind their national football squad for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup, with fans praising the blend of experience and youth assembled by Bafana Bafana head coach Hugo Broos. Bafana Bafana, South Africa's men's national soccer team, is scheduled to mark its first appearance at the global showpiece this summer since hosting the tournament in 2010. Broos unveiled his final 26-man squad on Wednesday during an event hosted by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa at the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Residents across Gauteng Province's suburbs and townships showed optimism to the national team, despite some lively debate over specific player selections, reports Xinhua. Many supporters noted that the squad reflects stability, discipline, and clear direction under Broos, who has guided Bafana Bafana through an encouraging resurgence. "I think the coach is building consistency, which is crucial," said football fan Kabelo Manganyela from Soweto. "Most South Africans can now see a clear vision for the team, and that gives people

Indian Open of Surfing: India's top surfers make a strong start on opening day

MANGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Top surfers of the country took the spotlight and the waves as the seventh edition of the Indian Open of Surfing, India's premier surfing competition, got underway at the Blue Bay Tannirbhavi Eco Beach in Mangaluru on Friday. Serving as a key stop in the National Championship Series and an important event in India's Asian Games selection cycle, the championship began under excellent surfing conditions, with clean waves and favourable weather providing the perfect stage for the country's top surfers. In the Women's Open category, Kamali Moorthy, Sugar Shanthi Banarse, Ishita Malaviya, Devi Ramanathan, Saanvi Hegde, and Shrishti Selvam advanced to the semi-finals, scheduled for the final day of the championship. Competition on the opening day featured action across the Men's Open, Women's Open, Under-18 Boys, and Under-14 Boys divisions. While the Men's Open category completed its opening round across 12 heats, the Women's Open competition progressed through the quarter-final stage. The junior categories also witnessed intense competition, with the Under-18 Boys division contesting its opening-round heats and the newly introduced Under-14 Boys category advancing through the quarter-finals.



ed Harish P. (12.67), Tayin Arun (10.33), Som Sethi (9.93), Pradeep Pujar (9.07), Prahlad Sriram (8.60), Sheik Davudh S (6.93), Yogesh A. (6.33), Raju Suresh Pujar (5.63), Praveen Pujar (4.40), Harus Mohaiyadeen (3.63), Sanku Karthek (3.07), and Akash Pujar (2.57). The opening day concluded with the quarterfinals of the newly introduced Surfing Juniors Under-14 Boys category. Harish P. (11.33), Sheik Davudh S (6.67), Yogesh A. (6.50), Prahlad Sriram (5.43), Prashanth (4.53), Mukhesh (3.70), Likhith Saliyan (2.67), and Ishant K. Sateesh (2.07) secured their places in the semi-finals scheduled for Saturday. Shamanth Kumar, Secretary, Karnataka Surfing Association, said, "The response from surfers and the local community has been extremely positive. The conditions on the opening day were excellent and set the tone for a great championship. This championship plays a very important role in the national ranking system and India's preparations for future international events, including the Asian Games." Saurabh Verma, Manager, Athlete Relations, Sports Authority of India, said, "The growth of surfing in India over the last few years has been remarkable. Platforms like this championship are helping athletes gain valuable competitive exposure." The championship is being organised by the Mantra Surf Club and Surfing Swami Foundation under the aegis of the Surfing Federation of India (SFI), with support from the Government of Karnataka and the Karnataka Surfing Association. The New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) has returned as the title sponsor for a third consecutive year, while Cycle Pure Agarbatti and Deconstruct Skincare continue their association as Gold Sponsors, underlining the growing institutional and corporate support behind the development of surfing in India.

