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## Fresh setback to TMC as another RS MP Prakash Chik Baraik resigns from party and House



**Prakash Chik Baraik**

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** After Sukhendu Serkhar Ray and Sushmita Dev, the third Rajya Sabha MP of the Trinamool Congress - Prakash Chik Baraik - resigned from the Upper House as well as the party on Thursday, saying he took the decision in view of the mandate given to the BJP by the people of West Bengal.

Following the footsteps of other two MPs, Baraik met Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan and submitted his resignation this morning, said informed sources.

Later talking to reporters outside the residence of BJP leader Nishikant Dubey, Baraik said, "People of West Bengal have given their mandate to the BJP. The TMC did not win. Looking at the mandate given by the people of West Bengal, I am resigning from the party".

In his resignation letter, the West Bengal MP wrote, "I do hereby resign from the membership of Rajya Sabha, which may please be accepted with immediate effect."

He also thanked the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and officials of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for their cooperation during his tenure.

A tribal leader from West Bengal, Baraik was serving as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the Consultative Committee on Tribal Affairs.

His resignation comes amid a series of exits from the Trinamool Congress in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, creating an unprecedented situation in the political history of the state and bringing the party on the brink of a split from the middle.

About a total of 20 of the total 28 Lok Sabha MPs of the TMC earlier announced their decision to step aside from the party under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, and purportedly wrote a letter to Speaker Om Birla announcing their decision to sit separately as a new block in the House from the coming Monsoon session.

The crisis later spread further in the Lower House, with rebel MPs led by Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar claiming the support of not only 20 MPs but also those of Jadavpur MP Saayoni Ghosh and Kolkata Dakshin MP Mala Roy who also have decided to join the dissident lawmakers on Wednesday.

Earlier on Monday, Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Ray resigned from the Upper House and subsequently announced his decision to quit the Trinamool Congress too, citing differences with the party leadership.

Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev also resigned from Parliament and the party on Wednesday. Dev later met Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in New Delhi, fuelling speculation about her future political plans.

With Baraik's resignation, the Trinamool Congress has now lost three of the total 12 Rajya Sabha members this week, dealing another blow to the Mamata Banerjee-led crumbling party.

The TMC is facing a crisis following its humiliating defeat in hands of the BJP in West Bengal Assembly polls in April and a subsequent rebellion within the party has significantly weakened its organisational and legislative strength.

Last month, more than two-thirds of the party's MLAs -- 58 out of 80 -- broke away from the official TMC legislative party and secured recognition as the principal opposition bloc in the West Bengal Assembly under expelled legislator Ritabrata Banerjee. The rebel camp has since claimed that its strength has risen further and crossed the 64 mark.



**West Bengal Chief minister Suwendu Adhikari made a courtesy call to Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar at his New Delhi residence on Thursday.**

## Bengal govt scraps medical education promotion panel, seeks fresh applications

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In yet another major step to clean up the medical education programme, the West Bengal government has scrapped an ongoing promotion process for faculty positions in the Medical Education Service and ordered a fresh round of applications and interviews.

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They said a notification

issued last night had stated that the decision was taken during a broader review of steps taken under the previous Trinamool Congress regime, by the newly elected BJP government in the state.

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Sources in the health department said interviews for promotion to these posts had

already been conducted in March, with candidates from various medical disciplines appearing before selection boards. A panel had also reportedly been prepared based on the interview process.

However, the latest notification directs authorities to begin the exercise afresh, requiring eligible candidates to submit new applications and appear for a fresh round of interviews.

Under the revised schedule, online applications will be accepted from June 15 to June 30. Even those who had applied under the earlier process will have to submit fresh applications. The dates for the new interviews will be announced later, the notification said.

The government has not publicly explained the rea-

sons behind the cancellation of the earlier panel.

"The decision has come as a surprise because the interview process had already been completed and many candidates were expecting promotion orders," a senior doctor associated with a state-run medical college said on condition of anonymity.

Another faculty member said the move had created uncertainty among teaching doctors. "Many of us had been waiting for the outcome of the interviews for months. Now the entire process is being restarted, and there is no clarity on why the earlier panel was withdrawn," the doctor said.

Officials in the Health Department declined to comment on the reasons for the cancellation.

## Koel Mallick quits Rajya Sabha, TMC's strength in Upper House falls to 9

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Kolkata:** Koel Mallick, another Rajya Sabha MP who was elected to the Upper House barely a couple of months ago by the Trinamool Congress (TMC), also resigned on Thursday providing yet another blow to the leadership of Mamata Banerjee.

Incidentally, earlier in the morning another TMC Rajya Sabha MP-Prakash Chik Baraik- also tendered his resignation from the Upper House and submitted the letter in this regard to the Chairman of the House citing the party's humiliating defeat in the last elections as the reason.

Koel Mallick's decision to quit Rajya Sabha follows an intense wave of structural transitions and high-profile departures within the party leadership after the recent legislative assembly debacle. Her resignation, which is yet to be announced officially, comes after days of speculation in political circles that the celebrated actor may call it quits any day. The news of her resignation came 66 days after taking the oath in Rajya Sabha.



**Koel Mallick**

Her resignation from Rajya Sabha also comes in the wake of a slew of resignations that have hit the TMC ranks in the last few weeks. The notable names who have tendered their resignations after the Bengal poll debacle comprise Sukhendu Shekhar Roy, Sushmita Dev, and Prakash Chik Baraik. Koel Mallick took oath as a Rajya Sabha MP in Delhi on April 6, and after taking the oath, she posted a picture with her entire family on social media and wrote, "I have got the opportunity to work for the people of Bengal."

With the resignation of Koel Mallick, the TMC has been reduced from its strength of 13 seats to just nine in the Rajya Sabha. However, speculations are still rife that the party may suffer further resignations this week.

## Global lawmakers, business leaders greet Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected PM



**MI News Service, New Delhi/ Washington (DC):** US lawmakers, business leaders and academicians have extended their greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest continuously serving elected PM and the Executive Head of State.

Some Congressmen even compared his tenure to that of US President Ronald Reagan, known to have restored American optimism and faith in the Presidency in the 1980s.

US President Donald Trump also described PM Modi as his "friend" and a "great" Prime Minister who "will have many years of greatness and success ahead of him".

Trump on Wednesday joined the world leaders in congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime minister.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Congratulations to my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on becoming India's longest-serving Prime Minister. And a Great One he is."

"He is a strong, healthy, and wise man, and will have many years of Greatness and Success ahead of him," he said.

Modi reached the milestone of becoming India's longest-serving prime minister on Wednesday, with an unbroken tenure of 4,399 days in office, surpassing the re-

cord of the first Prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Congratulatory messages by world leaders, a standing ovation at Union Cabinet meeting and puja-aarti by BJP leaders across the country marked the day.

Those who greeted Modi on social media include Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung, Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, and former Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

US Ambassador to India Sergio Goro and Israeli envoy Reuven Azar also congratulated the Prime minister and said this achievement is a powerful testament to Modi's decades of dedicated public service and leadership.

Gayana President Irfaan Ali said the achievement was about more than longevity in office, adding that Modi had earned respect through his impact on India and the world. He praised the Prime Minister for strengthening India's global voice and driving significant developmental progress at home.

Congratulatory messages from several other world leaders, lawmakers and business figures continued to pour in for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a similar fashion.

## Kalyan Banerjee withdraws from representing Abhishek, accuses him of arrogance



**Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee enters the CID headquarters at Bhabani Bhavan on Thursday to appear for questioning of resolution signing case.**

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The rift within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) widened further on Thursday after four-time TMC Lok Sabha MP and senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee, refrained from appearing on behalf of the party's general secretary and MP Abhishek Banerjee in the Calcutta High Court in a case.

On Thursday, Abhishek Banerjee was represented by advocate Ayan Bhattacharya at the single-judge bench of Justice Kaushik Chanda.

Kalyan Banerjee told media that his decision to refrain from representing Abhishek Banerjee not just in this particular case but in any other cases has been prompted by the latter's arrogant behaviour towards him.

He also said that Abhishek Banerjee had not got over his arrogant nature despite being the main architect of Trinamool Congress' landslide and humiliating defeat in the hands of the BJP in the recently concluded West Bengal Assembly polls. "I have decided to refrain from any legal matters concerning Abhishek Banerjee."

His continuing arrogance is unimaginable. Yesterday, I raised his matter at the bench of Justice Chanda and pleaded for an urgent hearing. Accordingly, Thursday was fixed as the date of hearing. But last night, he called up my son and said that some other advocate, who is much junior to me in the legal profession, will represent him at the hearing on Thursday," Banerjee told the media in an

apparent rage.

It is learnt that Kalyan Banerjee's son, Shirshanya Banerjee, also a practising advocate, as well as his other junior, will also not remain associated with any legal matter concerning Abhishek Banerjee.

Kalyan Banerjee also said he would give an ultimatum to former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to choose between Abhishek Banerjee and others who are still loyal to her. "I have been in the legal profession for the last 45 years. I will not tolerate Abhishek Banerjee's arrogance. So, I will tell Mamata Banerjee to choose between Abhishek and us. He is solely responsible for the current pathetic condition of Trinamool Congress. But still he is equally arrogant as he was before," said Kalyan Banerjee.

A petition by Abhishek Banerjee challenges the summons to him by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of West Bengal Police in the legislators' signature mismatch case and also seeks interim protection from coercive police action, including arrest.

Meanwhile, a single-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court, on Thursday, directed Abhishek Banerjee to appear before the CID by 6 p.m. and join the investigation. Banerjee has been asked to report at the headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at Bhabani Bhavan in South Kolkata and

## Shatrughan Sinha MP, refuses to desert Mamata in difficult times

**MI News Service, New Delhi / Kolkata:** Actor-turned-politician and TMC MP Shatrughan Sinha on Thursday asserted that he would not abandon party chief Mamata Banerjee in difficult times, saying she had stood by him when he was going through a challenging phase.

Speaking to a news channel, the TMC Lok Sabha MP from Asansol said some people may have left Mamata Banerjee due to compulsions, fears or allurements, but his principled stand is that he would neither desert the party nor its leader.

"I will not leave Mamata Banerjee in her difficult time. She stood by me when I was facing a tough time after losing the election in Patna," Sinha said and reaffirmed his loyalty to her despite a wave of resignations and dissent within the party ranks.

The Asansol MP said he remains committed to serving the people who elected him and will continue to stand by Banerjee. Sinha recalled that Banerjee supported him when he lost the Patna Sahib seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Rejecting reports that linked him to a group of rebel MPs, the former union minister claimed that he had signed a letter circulated by dissident lawmakers were "completely false". "When I was going through a difficult phase after losing the Patna elections in 2019, very few people stood by me. Mamata Banerjee was among the few who supported and encouraged me. She believed I should continue in public life without any gap in my parliamentary journey, and it was on her direction that I contested from Asansol," he said.

"For the past few days, there has been a lot of speculation about me. Some people are speaking the truth, while others are spreading rumours. Some have claimed that I have joined the so-called rebel group. Yes, by nature I have always been outspoken. I often say that if speaking the truth is considered rebellion, then I am also a rebel. I have always spoken frankly and called a spade a spade. But I want to state clearly that Mamata ji stood by me during my difficult times, and today, in her difficult phase, I cannot abandon her," he added.

Earlier in the day, Sinha extended his wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 12 years in office, describing him as a "friend and guide" and wishing him a long, healthy and prosperous life.

In a post on X, Sinha congratulated the Prime Minister on reaching the milestone and acknowledged what he described as one of the longest tenures in the country's history. "In true sportsman spirit, wishing our friend & guide of society/nation hon'ble PM @narendramodi best wishes on completing 12yrs in office, perhaps the longest tenure, ever. Wish you a long, healthy & prosperous life ahead. Jai Hind!" he wrote.



**TMC MP Shatrughan Sinha**

Public Outrage Over Corruption Allegations: TMC Deputy Pradhan Assaulted in Debra, Villagers Claim Hundreds of Government Buckets Recovered from His House

MI News Service, Kharagpur : A major controversy erupted in the Debra area of West Medinipur district over allegations of corruption. Amid growing public anger, Chandan Bera, the Deputy Pradhan of the Trinamool Congress-run Satyapur Gram Panchayat, was allegedly attacked by agitated villagers. The incident took place in the Alok Kendra area of Debra Block, where tension prevailed for several hours. According to local sources, Chandan Bera had been facing allegations of various forms of corruption for a long time. Protesting against these alleged irregularities, a large number of villagers gathered outside his residence and staged a demonstration. The protesters raised slogans and demanded action against the Deputy Pradhan. Considering the seriousness



of the situation, Debra police reached the spot. The protesters submitted several complaints against Bera and alleged that materials related to government welfare schemes had been illegally stored at his residence. Acting on the villagers' allegations, the police conducted a search operation at Bera's house. It is being claimed that hundreds of government-issued buckets were recovered during the search. However, the police have not yet issued any official statement regarding the alleged recovery. As news of the purported recovery spread, public anger intensified. The protesters stepped up their demand for the arrest of Chandan Bera. During the unrest, a section of the crowd allegedly

vandalized two Maruti cars belonging to the Deputy Pradhan. As tensions continued to escalate, police attempted to escort Bera from his residence to the police station for his safety. However, some protesters allegedly threw eggs at him and assaulted him after he fell on the road. Police personnel managed to rescue him from the crowd and safely take him to the police station. The incident has left the entire area tense. Police have increased surveillance and launched an investigation into the matter. As of the filing of this report, neither the accused Deputy Pradhan Chandan Bera nor the Trinamool Congress had issued any official statement regarding the allegations. Police are currently investigating the case and closely monitoring the situation in the area.



The West Bengal State Committee of SUCI (Communist) held a protest rally in Kolkata raising concerns over rising fuel and LPG prices, eviction drives against slums and hawkers, smart electricity meters, and increased power tariffs. The party also opposed the National Education Policy and demanded faster resolution of voter-related tribunal cases. The rally started from College Square and concluded at Dharmatala in Kolkata on Thursday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Cash Cache Controversy: Residents Demand Answers After School Raid

MI News Service, Kanchrapara: Police uncovered Rs 1.77 crore in cash stashed inside a locked room at a private school late Wednesday night, launching a criminal probe that has raised fresh questions about financial irregularities in educational institutions. Officers conducted a search at the school after receiving intelligence about undisclosed cash holdings. The money — counted through the night at the scene — was found alongside multiple computers and a cache of documents now being examined for links to admissions, fee collections and other transactions. Investigators have arrested two school staffers and filed complaints against four people under sections that include cheating and money-laundering; detailed questioning is under way. "How such a substantial sum came to be kept inside a school room is the central line of inquiry," a senior investigating officer said. "We are auditing records, bank statements and admission registers to determine whether this cash represents proceeds of corruption or unauthorised collections." Police teams are also seeking electronic evidence from seized computers and will forensically examine the documents recovered. The school's principal, Bikash Chandra Pal, told re-



porters that the accounts section handled fee collections and was responsible for depositing receipts in the bank. He said he was unaware of the large cache and urged authorities to complete a thorough investigation to establish responsibility. "We welcome a transparent probe," he added, while distancing the management from direct custodianship of the cash. Local lawmakers and civic figures have demanded an impartial probe into the source and ownership of the funds. Bijpur MLA Sudipta Das called for a comprehensive inquiry and alleged — without presenting documentary proof — that the cash might be unconnected to school operations. Police said they will follow all credible leads and will not rule out any theory until evidence is analysed. Complicating the matter, officers also recovered several condoms from the school's sick room cupboard, prompting additional questions about usage of school premises after hours.

Lizard Allegedly Found in Khichdi; 26 People Fall Ill After Eating ICDS Meal in Lalgarh, Panic Grips Area

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Panic spread in the Akhradagora area under Lalgarh Police Station in Binpur-I Block of Jhargram district after 26 people, including pregnant women, reportedly fell ill after consuming khichdi distributed by an ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) centre. The affected individuals were immediately admitted to nearby hospitals, where they are currently undergoing treatment. According to local sources, khichdi was distributed among 61 beneficiaries by the ICDS centre. Shortly after consuming the meal, several people began complaining of vomiting, stomach pain, and diarrhoea. As the number of sick individuals continued to rise, fear and concern spread among local residents. A parent of one of the children made a serious allegation, claiming that a lizard had been found in the khichdi distributed by the centre. The allegation quickly spread through the area, causing alarm among those who had consumed the food. It is alleged that



the deteriorating health of the beneficiaries was caused by contaminated food. As the situation worsened, local authorities and the Health Department were informed. The affected individuals were rushed to Lalgarh and Jhargram hospitals, where treatment began under the supervision of medical professionals. Upon receiving information about the incident, Jhargram MLA Lakshmi Kant Mahata visited the hospital. He met with the patients, inquired about their condition, and sought detailed information about the incident from doctors and hospital authorities. The MLA also assured the affected families of all possible assis-

tance. Doctors at the hospital stated that all patients are currently stable and under observation. Most are continuing to receive treatment, and none of the patients are reported to be in critical condition. Meanwhile, the Health Department has launched an investigation into the incident. Food samples from the khichdi are likely to be sent for laboratory testing to determine the actual cause behind the illnesses. Following the incident, questions have been raised about the quality and safety of food distributed through ICDS centres. Local residents have demanded a fair investigation and strict action against anyone found responsible.

Quality at the doorstep: Health plus target rehabilitation at home

MI News Service, Kolkata: As pressure mounts on hospitals and families seek safer, more comfortable recovery options, home-based medical care is emerging as a mainstream component of treatment and rehabilitation — and private providers are moving swiftly to fill the gap. Health Plus Home Healthcare, led by Kolkata health-sector veteran Debashis Roy, says it is expanding services to bring clinically rigorous care into patients' homes. Healthcare specialists and patient advocates point to a steady rise in demand from postoperative patients, elderly citizens, those with chronic conditions, and persons with limited mobility who require ongoing monitoring and rehabilitation. Experts argue that continuity of care outside hospital settings — delivered



by trained clinicians and supported by remote consultation technologies — improves recovery outcomes, reduces readmissions and eases the burden on family caregivers. Health Plus Home Healthcare offers an integrated portfolio that includes doctor home visits, teleconsultations, physiotherapy, rehabilitation programmes, skilled nursing, trained caregiving, diagnostic support and the installation

of advanced care infrastructure where needed. The provider says its model is designed to extend hospital treatment plans into the domestic sphere without compromising clinical standards. "Healthcare is not only about treatment but also about ensuring continuity of care after treatment," said Debashis Roy, Founder and CEO of Health Plus Home Healthcare. "Alongside physical recovery, patient comfort, dignity and family confidence are equally important. Our focus is on bringing quality healthcare services closer to people and supporting them throughout their recovery journey." Officials at Health Plus maintain that professionalising home care is essential to meet demographic realities and rising chronic-disease burdens.

A Tree in Mother's Name Spreads Message of Greenery: Tree Plantation Awareness Program Held in Kharagpur on World Environment Day



MI News Service, Kharagpur : On the occasion of World Environment Day 2026, a special environmental awareness program was organized at Inda Krishnalal Shikshaniketan (Higher Secondary) in Kharagpur under the campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (A Tree in Mother's Name). The event was organized by M/s Rashmi Metaliks Limited with the support and cooperation of the school administration. The program highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and the creation of a greener future. Students, teachers, and distinguished guests emphasized the significance of tree plantation and environmental protection. The primary objective of the campaign was to inspire people to plant a sapling in honor of their mothers, thereby contributing to a cleaner and greener environment for future generations. Among those present at the event were Abhijit Roy, Director of Rashmi Metaliks Limited, Shishir Kumar Mandal, an official of the State Pollution Control Board, P. K. Patra, and several other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, the speakers stressed that environmental conservation is not solely the responsibility of governments or organizations but a duty that belongs to every citizen. The guests expressed concern over climate change, rising pollution levels, and the shrinking forest cover, and urged people to plant more trees to safeguard the environment. A major attraction of the event was the cultural performances presented by the school students. Through an engaging dance-drama, the students vividly showcased the importance of tree plantation, environmental conservation, and nature. The performance conveyed the message that trees not only maintain ecological balance but are also essential for the survival of human life. At the conclusion of the program, guests and students participated in a tree plantation drive and pledged their commitment to environmental protection. Through the "A Tree in Mother's Name" campaign, participants were encouraged to plant at least one sapling in their lifetime and take responsibility for its care and maintenance. Speaking on the occasion, Director Abhijit Roy stated that the initiative had proven to be a meaningful step toward raising social awareness about environmental conservation and promoting the vision of a greener future.

River Pollution Crisis Haunts Nadia Border Villages, Residents Hope for Lasting Solution

MI News Service, Nadia : For decades, residents living along the banks of the Churni, Mathabhanga and Ichamati rivers in Nadia district have battled a recurring environmental crisis that has affected livelihoods, agriculture and public health. With the same political alliance now governing both the state and the Centre, many in the border villages are hopeful that a long-pending solution to the river pollution problem may finally emerge. The issue is particularly acute in Pabakhali and adjoining areas of Krishnaganj block, where local residents allege that industrial effluents discharged from the Keru & Company sugar mill at Darshana in Bangladesh enter the Mathabhanga river during the sugarcane crushing season, typically between February and May. Since the Mathabhanga is hydrologically connected to the Churni and Ichamati rivers, the impact is felt across a wider river network on the Indian side. According to environmental activists and local residents, the polluted water has caused significant damage to aquatic ecosystems. Fish mortality, depletion of biodiversity and deterioration of water quality have become recurring concerns. Fishermen dependent on these rivers for their livelihood claim that de-



clining fish stocks have severely affected household incomes. Farmers in the region also allege that the use of contaminated river water for irrigation has adversely impacted crop production. Villagers further claim that livestock have suffered health complications and that several residents have reported skin ailments after coming into contact with the polluted water. Over the years, multiple citizens' groups have campaigned for intervention from both state and central authorities. Memoranda have reportedly been submit-

ted to the President, Prime Minister and Chief Minister seeking urgent action. Activists claim that samples of polluted river water were also sent to the Prime Minister's Office to highlight the gravity of the situation. Swapan Bhowmik, secretary of the Churni and Mathabhanga River Protection Committee, said the matter had previously reached the courts. According to him, the court had advised that India and Bangladesh explore bilateral discussions to address the issue and implement meas-

ures to prevent further pollution. "People have been fighting this battle for years. With a politically aligned government at the state and Centre, there is renewed hope that the issue will receive greater attention and a permanent solution can be worked out," Bhowmik said. The economic consequences of the pollution are visible across the riverine belt. Local fisherman Bhanu Haldar said diminishing fish populations have forced many families to seek employment outside the state. "Fishing can no longer sustain many households the way it once did," he said. Political representatives across the region have also expressed optimism regarding a resolution. Krishnaganj Panchayat Samiti vice-chairman Amit Das, BJP leader Rupkumar Ghosh and local MLA Sukanta Biswas have all called for swift intervention and coordinated efforts to address the environmental challenge. For thousands living along these rivers, the issue goes beyond ecology. It is a question of livelihood, public health and the future of an entire river-dependent community. As expectations rise, residents now await concrete action that can restore the health of the Churni, Mathabhanga and Ichamati rivers and secure the future of those who depend on them.

Crackdown in Rishra: Councillor, Relative Arrested Over Bribery Claims

MI News Service, Hooghly: In a significant enforcement action that has intensified scrutiny Rishra Police arrested Ward 20 TMC councillor sheet Ghatak and son on charges of extortion, bribery and related offences. The detentions follow a formal complaint lodged on June 10 at Rishra Police Station alleging systematic misuse of office to extract money from residents in exchange for favours linked to public works. The complaint, filed by resident Sanjit Barman, accuses Ghatak of demanding bribes from ordinary citizens in return for facilitating approvals and benefits under various government schemes. According to the FIR, the councillor also faces allegations of intimidation, physical assault and vandalism when residents resisted demands for illegal payments. Police say they launched an inquiry after receiving specific, corroborative complaints and have taken both the councillor and his son into custody while investigations continue. Local sources and subsequent complaints allege that accusations of corrupt practice are not isolated to a single ward. In recent weeks, Rishra has seen multiple grievances against municipal representatives, with residents raising concerns about entrenched practices of coercion and misuse of authority by elected functionaries and their associates. In one flashpoint incident earlier this week, tensions erupted over allegations that a large consignment of government-issued bicycles was being hoarded at Brahmananda Keshab Chandra High School in Ward 17. That episode prompted accusations directed at Shuvojit Sarkar, husband of Ward 17 councillor Tumpa Das Sarkar, and further fuelled public disquiet over the conduct of those linked to municipal office-holders. The arrests in Ward 20 mark the latest development in a string of complaints that have placed municipal operations under a cloud. Community leaders and residents have demanded a thorough and transparent probe, calling for swift action to restore public confidence in the local administration.

Fake Surgery SMS Exposes Alleged Swasthya Sathi Fraud Racket in Nadia; Nursing Home Owner Arrested

MI News Service, Nadia : A suspected fraud involving West Bengal's Swasthya Sathi health insurance scheme has come to light in Nadia district after an elderly farmer received a text message stating that his surgery had been successfully completed, despite never undergoing any medical procedure. The incident occurred in Kishorepur village under Karimpur police station limits. Chhatrar Ali, a local resident, was working in his field when he received the SMS. Alarmed by the message, family members began probing the matter and soon suspected that their health scheme credentials had been misused. Their inquiries led them to a private nursing home in Nazirpur under Tehatta police station. According to family members, the nursing home initially denied any wrongdoing. However, following a complaint, police launched an investigation and arrested the owner of the facility. During a search operation, investigators reportedly recovered a large number of Swasthya Sathi cards and several related documents from the nursing home premises. Police suspect that beneficiary data may have been used to generate fake treatment records and fraudulent claims under government-funded healthcare schemes. Investigators said four women had re-



cently visited the victim's residence, claiming they would help convert the family's Swasthya Sathi card into an Ayushman Bharat card. During the process, they allegedly collected personal details and briefly took possession of the family's mobile phone. Within hours of their departure, the SMS regarding the purported surgery was received. Police believe the nursing home may have been at the centre of a wider racket involving the misuse of beneficiaries' health insurance details to claim reimbursements illegally. The total amount of money allegedly siphoned off is yet to be ascertained. Residents of the area claimed that the nursing home had remained largely inactive for nearly a year, with little patient activity. Allegations that such a facility was used to process fraudulent claims have raised serious concerns about oversight and verification mechanisms in public healthcare schemes. The investigation is ongoing, with police examining whether more beneficiaries were targeted and whether additional individuals were involved in the alleged fraud network.

Lava showcases 'Made in India' innovation at Kolkata Insiders Meet

MI News Service, Kolkata: Lava International Ltd. hosted its Kolkata Insiders Meet, showcasing its latest smartphones and accessories. At JW Marriott Kolkata, attendees experienced products like the Agni, Blaze, Shark, Bold, and Smart series, with the introduction of the SHARK 2 5G. The flagship Agni 4 features in-house Vayu AI and advanced camera capabilities, while the Blaze Duo 3 offers a dual-display setup for multitask-



ing. The Shark series targets budget 5G users, the Bold series caters to entry-level consumers, and the Smart series is for first-time smartphone buyers.

**Massive Fire at Alipore District Council Office Triggers Political Row**

MI News Service, Kolkata: A devastating fire broke out on Wednesday at the South 24 Parganas District Council office located in Alipore, causing extensive damage to the New Administrative Building and triggering a major administrative and political controversy.

Firefighters battled the flames for several hours, and even on Thursday morning, cooling operations underwent. The blaze reportedly originated on the fourth floor, in an office room associated with Jahangir Khan, and quickly spread upwards, affecting multiple floors of the high-rise structure.

According to officials, the fire intensified rapidly and reached up to the ninth floor before being brought under control. Authorities confirmed that cooling work on the 6th, 7th, and 8th floors took considerable time due to high temperature pockets and trapped heat within the structure.

Following the incident, a case has been registered under relevant sections including Section 326(G) for damage caused by fire or explosives to government property, along with provisions under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDDP) Act. Investigators have begun examining whether the fire was accidental or the result of deliberate sabotage.

The New Administrative Building houses several important government departments, including the district forest office. District Forest Officer Nisha Goswami reviewed the situation in coordination with senior fire department officials and sought detailed updates on restoration and safety measures. Authorities have also confirmed that the building will remain closed for public and administrative work for the time being.

At present, multiple emergency measures remain in place. Cooling operations underwent on Thursday to prevent any possibility of re-ignition. Police personnel have been deployed to secure the premises and ensure protection of sensitive government records. Disaster Management teams have been instructed to safely open locked storage units on the fourth floor to recover and secure important documents and files.

**Three Indian sailors**

Continued from Pg 1: American forces," it had said in a statement. In its statement on Wednesday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned the attack.

"We condemn the attack on the commercial vessel Settebello off the coast of Oman, earlier today. Of the 24 Indian crew onboard, 21 Indians have been rescued thus far and three Indians are reportedly missing," it had said.

The incident came amid renewed hostilities between Iran and Israel.

Israel carried out air strikes in western and central Iran after Iran fired missiles at northern Israel.

Amid heightened tensions in the Gulf region, the Indian Embassy in Muscat on Thursday said it is "closely monitoring" an incident involving a vessel off an Oman port earlier in the day.

In a post on X, the Indian mission said: "We have learnt of an incident involving a vessel off Shinas port of Oman, earlier today. We are closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the local authorities for further details." It did not disclose further details about the vessel and the people on board.

**Kalyan Banerjee withdraws**  
Continued from Pg 1: face interrogation.

A crucial hearing on Abhishek Banerjee's petition challenging the summons from CID for interrogation and also seeking protection from coercive police action, including arrest, came up for hearing at the single-judge vacation bench of Justice Kaushik Chanda in the afternoon.

Instead of the four-time Trinamool Congress Lok Sabha member and senior advocate, Kalyan Banerjee, the Trinamool Congress general secretary was represented in the court by advocate Ayan Bhattacharya.

At the end of the hearing, the bench observed that since Abhishek Banerjee has already dodged summons in the matter thrice, repeat of the same action would not be tolerated anymore and he would have to appear at the CID office and face interrogation by 6 p.m. on Thursday.

However, granting him a conditional interim protection from coercive police action, including arrest, for the next 21 days, the vacation bench also directed Abhishek Banerjee, to fully cooperate with CID's investigating officials in the matter.

The bench also observed that, if necessary, the CID sleuths will also be able to conduct raid and search operations for investigation.



West Bengal Legislative Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose addresses a press conference at his chamber in the Assembly premises on Thursday.

**West Bengal Govt Orders District-Wise Observance of 'West Bengal Day' on June 20**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has issued a directive to observe 'West Bengal Day' across all districts on June 20 with cultural programmes, seminars, and academic activities in district headquarters, educational institutions, libraries, museums, and cultural centres.

According to an official notification, each district has been instructed to organise a series of events to mark the occasion, including cultural festivals, exhibitions, and discussion sessions. The aim is to highlight the history of Bengal and explain the significance of June 20 as the chosen date for the observance.

The directive further

states that public programmes must be conducted in libraries, museums, and cultural institutions to ensure wider participation. Schools, colleges, universities, polytechnic institutes, and Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) under both government and government-aided categories have also been asked to hold special programmes on the day.

At the higher education level, universities and colleges are instructed to organise special lectures on the occasion of West Bengal Day. State universities have also been asked to introduce an annual commemorative lecture series. In higher secondary schools, students will participate in debates, quizzes, and essay-writing



competitions as part of the observance activities.

To ensure smooth planning and coordination, the government has directed the formation of a district-level 'West Bengal Day Celebration Committee' in every district. The District Magistrate will serve as the chairperson of the committee. The panel will include senior officials such as the District Information and Cultural Officer, Superintendent of Police, Additional District Magistrate, Chief Medical Officer, District Education Officer, and executive officers of municipal bodies.

The notification also specifies that elected representatives, including MLAs and MPs from the respective districts, should be included in the committee to ensure broader participation and coordination in the execution of the programme.

The state government has emphasised that the initiative is aimed at promoting awareness about Bengal's historical and cultural identity while encouraging participation from students, educators, and the general public. Authorities have been instructed to ensure active involvement at all levels so that the observance of 'West Bengal Day' becomes a statewide cultural event with mass engagement across institutions and communities.

**PMO Orders Probe into Actor Rahul's Death; Odisha Police Asked for Swift Action**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The death of actor Rahul Arunoday Banerjee during a television shoot has now drawn the attention of the Prime Minister's Office, which has directed immediate intervention and a detailed investigation into the incident. Acting on a complaint filed by an all-India film workers' association, the PMO has asked the Odisha government to ensure a prompt inquiry and take necessary legal action in the case.

According to Suresh Shyamal Gupta, president of the organisation, multiple safety violations and alleged gross negligence on the sets of the television serial "Bhole Baba Parkarega" led to the tragic death of the actor. The association has demanded a fair and independent probe and has called for the formation of a special investigation team to examine all aspects of the incident.

In its formal complaint, the organisation has named producer Leena Gangopadhyay, production house Magic Moments Motion Pictures, Shyamal Banerjee, and several other individuals associated with the shoot. It has further demanded strict legal action against those responsible, alleging that proper safety protocols were ignored on set, which could have prevented the fatal accident.

Following the PMO's directive, the matter has been forwarded through the Odisha government to the Superintendent of Police of Balasore district. Authorities have been instructed to conduct a thorough investigation and initiate appropriate measures based on the findings.

The film workers' body has strongly argued that failure to set a strong precedent in this case could encourage continued negligence in the entertainment industry, putting the lives of artists, technicians, junior artists, and other crew members at serious risk. The organisation stressed that no life should be endangered due to carelessness during production activities.

It has also urged investigators to scrutinise the roles of the producers, production companies, and all responsible personnel involved in the shoot. The association has demanded that, if necessary, criminal proceedings under relevant sections, including those related to culpable homicide, should be initiated against the accused.

Additionally, the body has called for the production company to be blacklisted and barred from undertaking future projects until accountability is established. It has also appealed for stronger enforcement of safety regulations across all film and television sets to prevent similar tragedies.

The organisation reiterated that justice in the death of Rahul Arunoday Banerjee should not be delayed further and emphasised the need for strict accountability to ensure that no such fatal incidents occur in the future due to safety lapses in the entertainment industry.

Restoring Faith That Education Leads to Jobs My Main Priority: Dipak Barman

MI News Service, Kolkata: Newly appointed School Education Minister Dipak Barman has stated that his primary objective will be to restore people's faith in the belief that education leads to employment. The FalaKata MLA from Alipurduar took charge of the Education Department on Thursday at Bikash Bhavan in Salt Lake, officially assuming responsibility amid ongoing concerns over teacher recruitment and education reforms in the state.

Speaking to the media after taking charge, the minister said that rebuilding public trust has become one of the biggest challenges before him. He remarked that a large section of society has begun to doubt whether studying can actually lead to jobs, and said this perception must be changed through consistent policy action and reform in the education system.

While avoiding direct comments on the ongoing SSC-related legal matters, Barman acknowledged that multiple cases are currently pending in court regarding recruitment issues. He stated that due to these legal complications, he would not make any immediate remarks on the matter, but assured that recruitment processes would

definitely be carried out in a fair and structured manner. Referring to the broader condition of the education system, the minister said that West Bengal's education department has been "brought down significantly" over the years and therefore presents both a challenge and an opportunity for improvement. He added that in his view, the department he has been assigned requires rebuilding rather than correction of minor issues, making his task relatively straightforward in terms of direction but difficult in execution.

Barman further emphasized that his first priority would be to bring students and teachers under a unified system to strengthen coordination and improve the overall academic environment. He also cautioned that meaningful change cannot happen overnight and that reforms will take time to show results.

When asked about curriculum changes, including the inclusion or removal of certain topics such as the Singur movement from textbooks, the minister said that the entire syllabus and educational content would be reviewed carefully. He added that all aspects of education policy would be examined in due course.

Reiterating his commitment, Barman assured that despite legal and administrative challenges surrounding SSC recruitment cases, the government remains committed to ensuring transparent and regular recruitment in the education sector.

Madan Mitra's cryptic social media post sparks speculation amid TMC turmoil

MI News Service, Kolkata: A cryptic social media post by Trinamool Congress veteran and Kamarhati MLA Madan Mitra has triggered fresh political speculation amid ongoing turbulence within the ruling party in West Bengal. The post has led to questions over whether another loyalist

of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is expressing dissent at a time when internal tensions appear to be rising. On his social media account, Mitra shared a message in English which roughly translates to: "Uninstall your past, update your future." The statement, suggesting a break from the

past and embracing change, has been widely interpreted in political circles as symbolic and potentially significant given the current situation in the party. While Mitra has not issued any clarification or public comment regarding the post, it has fueled discussions about possible shifts within the Trinamool Congress. Some observers believe it could indicate alignment changes or emerging divisions within the party's internal structure. Others suggest it may be linked to broader political speculation, including rumours about shifting alliances in the state's political landscape.

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The case originated after an FIR was lodged based on a complaint by TMC MLAs Ritabata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha. They alleged that their signatures were forged on a letter proposing Sovandeb Chattopadhyay's name as the Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. The letter was submitted to the Speaker on May 20, 2026.

Following the complaint, the state CID issued multiple summons to Abhishek Banerjee for questioning. Although he had earlier signed the letter in question, he did not appear before the agency on previous dates, citing health issues. He had also requested an additional 15 days to respond to the summons.

With the latest court directive, he is now required to cooperate with the investigation while enjoying temporary legal protection from any coercive action during the stipulated period. The appearance of the senior TMC leader at the CID office has drawn significant political attention as the probe into alleged misuse and forgery of signatures within the Assembly continues. Authorities are expected to further examine statements and evidence as part of the ongoing investigation into the matter.

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The state-level sporting event, held in Malda, saw participation from over 10,000 athletes across various disciplines. It was organised under the supervision of the Bengal Olympics Association in coordination with the Malda District Sports Association (DSA) and the state sports department.

According to the allegations, while the Malda District Sports Association was initially promised financial assistance of over ₹50 lakh for organising the event, only around ₹7.5 lakh was reportedly disbursed. This alleged shortfall has led to unpaid dues for multiple service providers, including hotel operators, stage construction teams, lighting and sound agencies, and other vendors involved in the event management.

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MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Assembly is set to undergo a major transformation with the introduction of a paperless, fully digital system, alongside structured training programmes for newly elected legislators. Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose announced the initiative on Thursday while addressing the media at the Assembly Press Corner in Kolkata.

According to the Speaker, this term has witnessed a large number of first-time legislators, with nearly 200 MLAs entering the House for the first time. To help them understand parliamentary procedures, legislative responsibilities, and conduct inside the Assembly, a dedicated training programme will be introduced after the budget session. The training sessions are expected to include participation from experienced parliamentary figures, including speakers from Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, as well as representatives from the Lok Sabha.

Bose emphasised that the initiative is aimed at improving the efficiency and functioning of the House. He stated that capacity-building of legislators is essential for strengthening democratic processes and ensuring smoother conduct of legislative business. Reiterating the shift towards digital governance, the Speaker confirmed that the Assembly will gradually move towards an e-Assembly or paperless system. Under this initiative, all legislative documents, proceedings, and records will be made available

in digital format, ensuring quicker access and improved transparency for members. He added that this transition will also help reduce paperwork and make the system more efficient and environmentally friendly. The Speaker had earlier indicated plans for digitisation, and Thursday's announcement further reinforced the commitment to modernising legislative operations. Once fully implemented, members will be able to access all necessary information electronically, which is expected to enhance participation and decision-making.

Notably, during the early days of the current Assembly term, discussions had also taken place regarding live broadcasting of Assembly proceedings. The idea was to allow citizens to observe legislative debates and the performance of both ruling and opposition members, thereby increasing accountability and public engagement. Speaker Bose reiterated that the overall objective of these reforms is to bring greater transparency, accountability, and efficiency into the functioning of the Assembly. He stressed that strengthening democratic institutions requires continuous reform, especially in an era of rapid technological advancement.

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NAME CHANGE I, DIPAK JANA (OLD NAME), SON OF ANIL KUMAR JANA, RESIDENT OF BAR BASUDEVPUR, SUTAHATA, EAST MEDINIPUR-721645, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM DIPAK JANA (OLD NAME) TO DIPAK KUMAR JANA (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS DIPAK KUMAR JANA (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. DIPAK KUMAR JANA (NEW NAME) AND DIPAK JANA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE I, Rosna Bagom & Rosna Khatun (old name) W/O Syed Tahrida Mir, D/o- Sk Rahaman Ali, Residing at Vill-Khadinan, P.S.-Bagnan, Dist.-Howrah, Pin - 711303 India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rosna Begom (new name) as declared the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Uluberia, vide an affidavit 6238, dated 08/03/2026. Rosna Bagom & Rosna Khatun (old name) and as Rosna Begom (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Mohammad Faiyazul Haque (Old Name), Son Of Late Md Fazul Haque, Resident Of Road No 10, Nai Basti Rahmat Nagar, Ansansol, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin - 713325, West Bengal, Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Faiyazul Haque (Old Name) To Faiyazul Haque (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Faiyazul Haque (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/06/2026. Faiyazul Haque (New Name) And Mohammad Faiyazul Haque (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person

# Ashwini Vaishnav announces establishment of Advanced Quantum and Artificial Intelligence labs at MNIT Jaipur

Students to get access to Lam Research's Semiverse Semiconductor Training Platform MI News Service, Jaipur : Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways and Information & Broadcasting, Sh. Ashwini Vaishnav today announced the establishment of an advanced Quantum Computing and Quantum Communications Lab at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur. The lab will be established under the Electronics and ICT Academic Project of Ministry of Electronics and Information



fabricated at Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Mohali. The Minister encouraged students to make full use of these advanced EDA tools. Artificial Intelligence Lab Union Minister announced that AI Lab will also be established at MNIT Jaipur. The lab will provide the facilities including advanced compute and tools for research and innovation. The focus will be on connecting it with the network of India AI mission. In this regard, he highlighted the work being carried out by Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur related to deepfake detection technology. Makers Lab inauguration Later, Union Minister along with Sh. Heralal Nagar, Minister of State (IC) for Energy Department in the Government of Rajasthan and Sh. Gopal Sharma Member, Rajasthan Member of Legislative Assembly (Civil Lines Jaipur) inaugurated the Makers Lab at MNIT Jaipur.

Technology (MeitY). It will focus on building indigenous capabilities in Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), Quantum Computing simulation, and Quantum Sensing hardware components. Addressing students and faculty members, the Union Minister said that while the current technological wave is being driven by AI, the next major technological wave will be led by Quantum Technology. The Minister stated that the work to be undertaken under this project will be of significant importance for the country. The lab will also undertake research in Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), which is important from the national security perspective. Vaishnav urged MNIT Jaipur to take a leadership role in the area of post-quantum cryptography. Lam Research's "Semiverse" platform The Union Minister also announced that students of MNIT Jaipur will get access to Lam Research's "Semiverse" platform. It is a digital twin-based semiconductor fabrication and training ecosystem. Through Semiverse, students can now study semiconductor chip structures in 3D, understand manufacturing processes, and simulate fabrication steps in a virtual environment. Addressing students and faculty members, the Union Minister mentioned that there is a demand of more than million semiconductor design workforce, as per industry's estimate. India can easily bridge this gap. Already, companies like NVIDIA, Qualcomm, ARM, & AMD are already designing the advanced semiconductor chips of 2 and 3 nm in India. This is possible because of design workforce. Vaishnav said that Government of India as part of Chips to Startup (C2S) Programme, is providing Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools to more than 323 universities across the country. These are state of the art semiconductor design tools of leading companies such as Synopsys, Cadence and Renesas. Using these tools, more than 100 student-designed chips from institutions across India have been

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Name Change I, MSMT MUKHLUDA KHATUN, D/o- ISMAIL KHAN at Motra, Post- Hazarpur Nabagram, P.S.-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Declare MST MUKHLUDA KHATUN & MOSA MUKHLUDA KHATUN is same Person Affidavit 3804, Ld JM 1st Class at Kandi.

NAME CHANGE I, PRIYA (OLD NAME), WIFE OF SOMNATH MONDAL, RESIDENT OF VILL & PO - BARGACHIA, HOWRAH RURAL - 711404, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM PRIYA (OLD NAME) TO PRIYA MONDAL (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS PRIYA MONDAL (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. PRIYA MONDAL (NEW NAME) AND MONDAL PRIYA (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Komal Kumari Mondal (Old Name), Daughter Of Hari Kishore Mondal, Resident Of Chandannagar, Po Manjhri Batiyana Behler, Banka, Bihar-813202, West Bengal Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Komal Kumari Mondal (Old Name) To Roushni Parveen (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Roushni Parveen (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/12/2026. Roushni Parveen (New Name) And Komal Kumari Mondal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, A. Ashit Banerjee (Old Name), S/o Gattal Banerjee, Residing at Vill- Pratappur Paschimpara, P.O.- Hat Bahirgachi, P.S.- Dhantala, Ranaghat, I, Nadia, Pin-741501, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashit Banerjee (Old Name) to Asit Banerjee (new name) and henceforth I be known as Asit Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit No. 33, Dated 10/06/2026. Asit Banerjee (New Name) and Ashit Banerjee (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

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Name Change I, (Old Name) SAMMAN ALI is Recorded in my Aadhaar Card No- 2843 9177 1909 S/O - NASIRUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill- Hatpara, Po- Hazarpur Nabagram, P.S.- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SAMMAN ALI to AROBA KHATUN (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) AROBA KHATUN in all purpose. Vide an affidavit On Date 12 Jan 2026 Sworn before the 1st Class at Kandi Murshidabad, AROBA KHATUN and HADISA KHATUN both are Same and one identical person.

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Name Change I, Sk Nawab Ali @ Sk Nawab Ali, S/o. Sk. Abu Sahid, R/o.- Vill.- Torgram, P.O.- Panchghara, P.S.- Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly-712149 (W.B), due to personal reason I want to change my daughter's name from Nargis Sultana to Shaikh Nargis & shall henceforth be known as Shaikh Nargis, vide an Affidavit No. 13966, dt. 11.06.2026, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 5th Court, 1st Class, Hooghly at Chinsurah. That, Nargis Sultana & Shaikh Nargis both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) DIPANWITA CHAKRABORTY D/o- DEBABRATA CHAKRABORTY Residing at, Vill- Airview Complex (East), Po- Malda, P.S.- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from DIPANWITA CHAKRABORTY TO DEEPANWITA CHAKRABORTY (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) DEEPANWITA CHAKRABORTY in all purpose. Vide an affidavit No- 2326 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, DEEPANWITA CHAKRABORTY and DIPANWITA CHAKRABORTY both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, NEHAL SHETH (OLD NAME), WIFE OF HILDEBR SHETH (OLD NAME), RESIDENT OF ULTIMA 3RD FLOOR, FLAT-3A, 22/1A, CHAKRABERIA ROAD (SOUTH) PO- BHAWANIPUR, KOLKATA-700025, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM NEHAL SHETH (OLD NAME) TO NEHAL KHILESH SHETH (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS NEHAL KHILESH SHETH (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 23 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. NEHAL KHILESH SHETH (NEW NAME) AND NEHAL SHETH (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Sanjay Kanodia (old name) S/o Sita Ram Kanodia, residing at Konark Garden, Flat-2C & 2D, 6 Burdwan Road, Alipore, Kolkata- 700027, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sanjay Kanodia (old name) to Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 11/06/2026. Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (Old Name) and Sanjay Kanodia (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Sabita Saha (Old Name), W/O Chitranjan Saha, Residing at A3 Satyanagar (Old Name) to Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 11/06/2026. Sanjay Kumar Kanodia (Old Name) and Sabita Saha (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

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Name Change I, Sk Kamrujjaman, S/o. Sk Kausar Ali, R/o. Kamalpur, Khamargachi, Balagarh, Hooghly-712151, W.B, do hereby declare that in my Birth Certificate (being Regn. No. B/2026/0362747, dt. 25/11/2002, D.O.B. 04/09/2002) where my father's name has been recorded as Kausar Ali instead of his correct & original name Sk Kausar Ali. That my father Sk Kausar Ali & Kausar Ali both are the same & one identical person. vide an affidavit no. 13870, dt. 10/06/2026, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court.

Name Change I, (Old Name) SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN S/O- LATE JYOTISH CHANDRA SAHA Residing at, Vill- Gopal Bhaban Ramkishna Pally, Po- Malda, P.S.- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN TO SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA in all purpose. Vide an affidavit No- 2325 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA and SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, MANISHA KHAN (OLD NAME), WIFE OF SAHAJAHAN KHAN, DAUGHTER OF NABA KUMAR PANJA, RESIDENT OF 20/47/3, RAJA RAM MOHAN ROY ROAD, BEHAL, P.S.- HARIDEEPUR, KOLKATA-700008, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MANISHA KHAN (OLD NAME) TO MANISHA PANJA KHAN (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MANISHA PANJA KHAN (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 13 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. MANISHA PANJA KHAN (NEW NAME) AND MANISHA KHAN (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) S/o Ratikanta Mondal, Resident at Vill- Netajipally, Po- Noopara, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700125, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) to Gyandendra Nath Mondal (new name) and henceforth I be known as Gyandendra Nath Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit Dated 11/06/2026. Ganendra Nath Mondal (Old Name) and Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Pramod Agarwal (Old Name), Son Of Late Kajor Mal Agarwal Resident Of 4h, Gobinda Auddy Road, P.O.- Alipore, P.S.- Chetla, Kolkata - 700027, West Bengal, Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Pramod Agarwal (Old Name) To Pramod Kumar Agarwal (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Pramod Kumar Agarwal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. 49624 Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 08/06/2026. Pramod Kumar Agarwal (New Name) And Pramod Agarwal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

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Name Change I, Anita Nandkishor Bhutra (old name) W/o Nandkishor Bhutra, residing at Avani Oxford PH-2, BL-3, F-6E, 136, JESSORE ROAD, P.S.- LAKETOWN, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN- 700055, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anita Nandkishor Bhutra (Old Name) to Anita Bhutra (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Anita Bhutra (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 11/06/2026. Anita Bhutra (New Name) and Anita Nandkishor Bhutra (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN S/O- LATE JYOTISH CHANDRA SAHA Residing at, Vill- Gopal Bhaban Ramkishna Pally, Po- Malda, P.S.- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN TO SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA in all purpose. Vide an affidavit No- 2325 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA and SAHA SWAPAN & SWAPAN both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, M H TAUHID (OLD NAME), SON OF AHMED HUSSAIN TAUHID (RESIDENT OF FLAT NO 3 0 4 BLOCK ORCHID, SIDPHA TOWN, RAJARHAT, KOLKATA-700136, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM M H TAUHID (OLD NAME) TO MUZAFFAR HUSSAIN TAUHID (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MUZAFFAR HUSSAIN TAUHID (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 26 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. MUZAFFAR HUSSAIN TAUHID (NEW NAME) AND M H TAUHID (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) S/o Ratikanta Mondal, Resident at Vill- Netajipally, Po- Noopara, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700125, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) to Gyandendra Nath Mondal (new name) and henceforth I be known as Gyandendra Nath Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit Dated 11/06/2026. Ganendra Nath Mondal (Old Name) and Ganandra Nath Mondal (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Aditya Agarwal (Old Name), Son Of Pramod Kumar Agarwal, Resident Of 4h, Gobinda Auddy Road, P.O.- Alipore, P.S.- Chetla, Kolkata - 700027, West Bengal, Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Aditya Agarwal (Old Name) To Aditya Kumar Agarwal (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Aditya Kumar Agarwal (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No. 49624 Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 08/06/2026. Aditya Kumar Agarwal (New Name) And Aditya Agarwal (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

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Name Change I, Reghese Mitra Samanta (Old Name), R/o.- Pradipia Samanta, (R/O.- W. No.12, Police Line, Po.- Sripally, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman-713103), that I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Reghese Mitra Samanta (New Name), vide an Affidavit Sl. No. 118, dt. 09.06.2026, before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman. That, Reghese Mitra Samanta (Old Name) & Reghese Mitra Samanta (New Name) both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) JANSEED SK S/O- IYANUS SK Residing at, Vill- Nutanagar, Po- Nutanagar, P.S.- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from JANSEED SK TO JAMSEED ALI (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New name) JAMSEED ALI in all purpose. Vide an affidavit No- 2324 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore Murshidabad, JAMSEED ALI and JANSEED SK both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, KHURSHIDA BEGUM (OLD NAME), WIFE OF LATE ABDUL MAZID, RESIDENT OF 6A, CONVENT VIDE AFFIDAVIT SWORN ENTALLY KOLKATA-700155, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KHURSHIDA BEGUM (OLD NAME) TO KHURSHIDA BEGUM (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS KHURSHIDA BEGUM (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 24 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. KHURSHIDA BEGUM (NEW NAME) AND KHURSHIDA BEGUM (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Subid Ali Seikh (old name), S/o Abdul Roup Sekh, residing at Vill-Gopalpur, PS-Dwarhatta, PS-Haripal, Hooghly, Pin-712403, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Subid Ali Seikh (Old Name) to Subid Ali Sekh (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Subid Ali Sekh (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 11/06/2026. Subid Ali Sekh (Old Name) and Subid Ali Seikh (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Dalim Tarafdar, Son Of Mamud Tarafdar, Resident Of Vill- Shyamnagar, P.O.- Garapota, P.S.- Hanskhali, Dist - Nadia, Pin - 741502. My Actual Date Of Birth Is 05/06/1986 Recorded In My Passport Being Passport No.P7936917 Date Of Issue 23/02/2017 And Date Of Expired 22/02/2027 Issued At Kolkata But Inadvertently My Date Of Birth Recorded Xx/Xx/1983 In My Voter Id Card. I have changed my name from Dalim Tarafdar to Dalim Tarafdar (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Dalim Tarafdar (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 11/06/2026. Dalim Tarafdar (New Name) and Dalim Tarafdar (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

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Name Change I, RAHUL DEO SINGH S/o.- Ashok Kumar, R/o- 161h/7, Utladanga Road, P.O.- Shyambazar, P.S.- Burtolla, Kol-700004, my Father's actual/correct name has been wrongly recorded as Ashok Singh in place of Ashok Kumar (PAN Card, Aadhar Card, Voter Card), vide an Affidavit No. 2660, dt. 30.01.26, before the Executive Magistrate/Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata. That Ashok Kumar & Ashok Singh both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, Manju Devi Parasmrka (Old Name) D/o Mahabir Prasad Saraf Residing at Trans Heritage, 1777 Maduraha, 3rd floor, District - Kolkata Pin - 700107, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Manju Devi Parasmrka (Old Name) to Manju Parasmrka (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Manju Parasmrka (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit Sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on Dated 11-06-2026. Manju Parasmrka (New Name) and Manju Devi Parasmrka (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, KARTIK CHANDRA BALI & KARTIK BALI (OLD NAME), SON OF ANUKUL BALI, RESIDENT OF VILL - KOLPUR, PO - JAGAT BALLAVPUR, P.S - JANGIPARA HOOGHLY - 712408, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KARTIK CHANDRA BALI & KARTIK BALI (OLD NAME) TO KARTIK BALI (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS KARTIK BALI (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 11/06/2026. KARTIK BALI (NEW NAME) AND KARTIK CHANDRA BALI & KARTIK BALI (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Sekh Chaytunessa (Old Name), Daughter Of Zahiruddin, Resident Of 3, Seyed Sailey Lane, Po- Barabazar, P.S.- Jorasanko, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal, Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sekh Chaytunessa (Old Name) To Nagma Begum (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Nagma Begum (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 09/06/2026. Nagma Begum (New Name) And Sekh Chaytunessa (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Sankar Prasad Das (Old Name), Son Of Surya Kumar Das, Resident Of 343, Kendua Main Road, P.O.- Garia, P.S.- Patuli, Kolkata- 700084, West Bengal, Do Heresy Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sankar Prasad Das (Old Name) To Sankar Prasad Das (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Sankar Prasad Das (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit No 14 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/06/2026. Sankar Prasad Das (New Name) And Sankar Prasad Das (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

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# Poor sleep quality, insomnia linked to consuming energy drinks among students : Study

WASHINGTON DC [US] : A Norwegian study that was published in the open-access journal BMJ Open found that college students who drink energy drinks have insomnia and poor sleep quality. Additionally, pupils clocked fewer hours of sleep each night the more frequently they consumed. However, the results show that even a single can, one to three times per month, is associated with an increased risk of sleep disturbance.

According to the researchers, energy drinks have variable amounts of sugar, vitamins, minerals, and amino acids in addition to an average caffeine concentration of 150 mg per litre. Touted as physical and mental rejuvenators, they are well-liked by youths in general and college students specifically. While there is some evidence to suggest that they reduce sleep quality, it's not clear exactly which aspects of sleep might be more or less affected, or whether there are any sex-specific differences in these effects.

To explore these issues further, the researchers drew on 53,266 eighteen to 35-year-old participants of the Students'

Health and Well-being Study (SHOT22 study)--the most recent wave of a large national survey of college and university students in Norway.

The students were asked how often they drank energy drinks, with the response options of daily, weekly (once; 2-3 times; 4-6 times), monthly (1-3 times), and seldom/never. They were also asked detailed questions about their usual sleep patterns: when they went to bed and got up; how long it took them to fall asleep (sleep latency); wakefulness after going to sleep. Sleep efficiency was then calculated from the total nightly hours of sleep vs time spent in bed. Insomnia was defined as experiencing difficulties falling and staying asleep and waking early on at least 3 nights of the week, plus daytime sleepiness and tiredness for at least 3 days of the week, for at least 3 months. However, there was a clear dose-response association for both sexes between energy drink consumption and fewer hours of sleep. Both men and women who reported daily consumption slept around half an hour less



than those reporting only occasional or no consumption. Similar associations were also observed for waking after falling asleep and taking longer to fall asleep. Increasing consumption was associated with a corresponding increase in both nocturnal wake time and time taken to fall asleep--poorer sleep efficiency. Insomnia was also more common among both women and men reporting daily consumption than among those reporting occasional or no consumption: 51 per cent vs 33 per cent (women) and 37 per cent vs 22 per cent (men).

Overall, higher energy drink consumption was associated with an increasing risk of sleep problems across all the aspects studied, with the strongest associations for short sleep duration.

Compared with those reporting no or only an occasional energy drink, men who reported daily consumption were more than twice as likely to say they slept fewer than 6 hours/night, while women were 87 per cent more likely to do so. But even those reporting having an energy drink just 1-3 times a month

were still at heightened risk of sleep problems. This is an observational study, and as such, no firm conclusions can be drawn about the cause.

The researchers acknowledge that reverse causality--whereby energy drink consumption might be a consequence of poor sleep rather than the other way round--might explain the associations found. There was no information either on the timing of consumption or the exact quantities drunk, and the study relied on self-assessment rather than objective measures of consumption and sleep patterns.

Nevertheless, the researchers conclude: "The results from the current study show that there is a robust association between the frequency of [energy drink] consumption and the different sleep parameters."

"Identifying modifiable risk factors for sleep problems among college and university students is vital and our results suggest that the frequency of ...consumption could be a possible target for interventions."

## Chinese scientists identify key Ebola virus mutation



Beijing : Chinese researchers have unveiled a crucial mutation in the Ebola virus that significantly enhanced its infectivity during a major outbreak, providing new insights for epidemic surveillance and drug development.

The study, published in the journal Cell, focused on the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 2018 to 2020, the second-largest in history, which caused over 3,000 infections and more than 2,000 deaths, Xinhua news agency reported.

"The research tells us that during major emerging infectious disease outbreaks, real-time genomic surveillance and evolutionary analysis of the pathogen are crucial," said Professor Qian Jun from Sun Yat-sen University.

"This is not only able to warn of changes in transmission risk but also to prospectively assess the effectiveness of existing drugs and vaccines, guiding us to preemptively adjust control strategies," Jun added. A key question drove the research, namely, beyond the impact of local healthcare challenges, did viral evolution itself contribute to the Ebola outbreak's prolonged duration?

"We have long been aware that key viral mutations often act as invisible drivers accelerating transmission during major outbreaks. Having worked on Ebola for over a decade, we had to investigate whether similar patterns of mutation existed for this virus," said Jun, explaining the team's motivation. In 2022, the team analysed 480 complete Ebola virus genomes and discovered that a variant carrying a specific mutation in the viral glycoprotein, named GP-V75A, had emerged early in the DRC epidemic. This variant rapidly replaced the original strain, and its rising prevalence closely mirrored the surge in case numbers, suggesting it might confer a transmission advantage, according to the research team. Subsequent experiments using various models confirmed the mutation's biological impact. It showed that GP-V75A had significantly enhanced the virus's ability to infect multiple types of host cells and mice.

## Addressing health, lifestyle variables might minimise the risk of young-onset dementia: Study

A wide range of risk factors for young-onset dementia have been found by researchers. The findings call into question the concept that genetics is the only cause of the disease, paving the way for novel preventative techniques.

The large-scale study identified 15 risk factors, which are similar to those for late-onset dementia. For the first time, they indicate that it may be possible to reduce the risk of young-onset dementia by targeting health and lifestyle factors.

Relatively little research has been done on young-onset dementia, though globally there are around 370,000 new cases of young-onset dementia each year.

Published in JAMA Neurology, the new research by the University of Exeter and Maastricht University followed more than 350,000 participants younger than 65 across the United Kingdom from the UK Biobank study. The team evaluated a broad array of risk factors ranging from genetic predispositions to lifestyle and environmental influences. The study revealed that lower formal education, lower socioeconomic status, genetic variation, lifestyle factors



such as alcohol use disorder and social isolation, and health issues including vitamin D deficiency, depression, stroke, hearing impairment and heart disease significantly elevate risk of young-onset dementia.

Professor David Llewellyn of the University of Exeter emphasized the importance of the findings: "This breakthrough study illustrates the crucial role of international collaboration and big data in advancing our understanding of dementia. There's still much to learn in our ongoing mission to prevent, identify, and treat dementia in all its forms in a more targeted way. This is the

## Antibiotics from human use are contaminating rivers worldwide: Study

Washington DC [US] : Millions of kilometers of rivers around the world are carrying antibiotic pollution at levels high enough to promote drug resistance and harm aquatic life, a new study warns.

The study estimated the scale of global river contamination from human antibiotics use. Researchers calculated that about 8,500 tons of antibiotics -- nearly one-third of what people consume annually -- end up in river systems around the world each year even after in many cases passing through wastewater systems. Published in PNAS Nexus, the study is the first

to estimate the scale of global river contamination from human antibiotics use.

"While the amounts of residues from individual antibiotics translate into only very small concentrations in most rivers, which makes them very difficult to detect, the chronic and cumulative environmental exposure to these substances can still pose a risk to human health and aquatic ecosystems," said Heloisa Ehalt Macedo, a post-doctoral fellow in geography at McGill and lead author of the study.

The research team used a global model validated by field data from nearly 900



river locations. They found that amoxicillin, the world's most-used antibiotic, is the most likely to be

present at risky levels, especially in Southeast Asia, where rising use and limited wastewater treatment amplify the problem.

"This study is not intended to warn about the use of antibiotics -- we need antibiotics for global health treatments -- but our results indicate that there may be unintended effects on aquatic environments and antibiotic resistance, which calls for mitigation and management strategies to avoid or reduce their implications," said Bernhard Lehner, a professor in global hydrology in McGill's Department of Geography and co-author of the study. The findings

are especially notable because the study did not consider antibiotics from livestock or pharmaceutical factories, both of which are major contributors to environmental contamination.

"Our results show that antibiotic pollution in rivers arising from human consumption alone is a critical issue, which would likely be exacerbated by veterinary or industry sources of related compounds" said Jim Nicell, an environmental engineering professor at McGill and co-author of the study. "Monitoring programs to detect antibiotic or other chemical contamination of waterways are therefore needed."

## STUDY SHOWS SLEEP DEPRIVATION MAKES US LESS HAPPY, MORE ANXIOUS

Sleep deprivation does more than just make us sleepy. According to a study released by the American Psychological Association that synthesised more than 50 years of research on sleep deprivation and mood, it may hinder our emotional functioning, diminish good emotions, and increase our risk of anxiety symptoms.

"In our largely sleep-deprived society, quantifying the effects of sleep loss on emotion is critical for promoting psychological health," said study lead author Cara Palmer, PhD, of Montana State University. "This study represents the most comprehensive synthesis of experimental sleep and emotion research to date, and provides strong evidence that periods of extended wakefulness, shortened sleep duration, and nighttime awakenings adversely influence human emotional functioning."

The study was published in the journal Psychological Bulletin.

Palmer and her colleagues, including co-lead author Joanne Bower, PhD, of East Anglia University, analyzed data from 154 studies spanning five decades, with 5,715 total participants. In all those studies, researchers disrupted participants' sleep for one or more nights. In some experiments, participants were kept awake for an extended period.

In others, they were allowed a shorter-than-typical amount of sleep, and in others, they were periodically awakened throughout the night. Each study also measured at least one emotion-related variable after the sleep manipulation, such as participants' self-reported mood, their response to emotional stimuli, and measures of depression and anxiety symptoms. Overall, the

researchers found that all three types of sleep loss resulted in fewer positive emotions such as joy, happiness and contentment among participants, as well as increased anxiety symptoms such as a rapid heart rate and increased worrying.

"This occurred even after short periods of sleep loss, like staying up an hour or two later than usual or after losing just a few hours of sleep," Palmer said. "We also found that sleep loss increased anxiety symptoms and blunted arousal in response to emotional stimuli." Findings for symptoms of depression were smaller and less consistent, as were those for negative emotions such as sadness, worry and stress.

One limitation of the study is that the majority of participants were young adults -- the average age was 23. Future research should include a more diverse age sample

to better understand how sleep deprivation affects people at different ages, according to the researchers. Other directions for future research could include examining the effects of multiple nights of sleep loss, looking at individual differences to find out why some people may be more vulnerable than others to the effects of sleep loss, and examining the effects of sleep loss across different cultures, as most of the research in the current study was conducted in the United States and Europe, according to the researchers. Research has found that more than 30 per cent of adults and up to 90 per cent of teens don't get enough sleep," Palmer said. The implications of this research for individual and public health are considerable in a largely sleep-deprived society. Industries and sectors prone to sleep loss.

## Study finds how type of allergy remedy help treat lung cancer

NEW YORK [US] : Researchers at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine have discovered an allergy route that, when inhibited, activates antitumor immunity in animal models of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

In preliminary human research, combining immunotherapy with dupilumab -- an Interleukin-4 (IL-4) receptor-blocking antibody widely used to treat allergies and asthma -- improved patients' immune systems, with one out of six patients having substantial tumour decrease. The findings were described in the December 6 issue of Nature.

"Immunotherapy using checkpoint blockade has revolutionized treatment for non-small cell lung cancer, the most common form of lung cancer, but currently only about a third of patients respond to it alone, and in most patients, the benefit is temporary," says senior study author Miriam Merad, MD, PhD, Director of the Marc and Jennifer Lipschultz Precision Immunology Institute and Chair of the Department of Immunology and Immunotherapy at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

"A big focus of our program TARGET is to use single cell technology and artificial intelligence to identify molecular immune programs that can dampen tumor immune response to checkpoint blockade."

Also known as a PD1 inhibitor, checkpoint blockade is a type of cancer immunotherapy that can unleash the cancer-killing activity of T cells.

"Using single cell technologies, we discovered that the immune cells infiltrating lung cancers, as well as other cancers we studied, exhibited characteristics of a 'type 2' immune response, which is commonly associated with allergic conditions like eczema and asthma," said first study author Nelson LaMarche, PhD, a postdoctoral research fellow in the lab of Dr. Merad.

"These results led us to explore whether we could repurpose a medication typically used for allergic conditions to 'rescue' or enhance tumor response to checkpoint blockade," says Thomas Marron, MD, PhD, Director of the Early Phase Trial Unit at Mount Sinai's Tisch Cancer Center, and co-senior author of the study.

"Strikingly, we found that IL-4 blockade enhanced lung cancer response to checkpoint blockade in mice and in six lung cancer patients with treatment-resistant disease. In fact, one patient whose lung cancer was growing despite checkpoint blockade had nearly all their cancer disappear after receiving just three doses of the allergy medication, and his cancer remains controlled today, over 17 months later."

investigate other risk factors in this study."

Sebastian Kohler, Professor of Neuroepidemiology at Maastricht University, said: "We already knew from research on people who develop dementia at older age that there are a series of modifiable risk factors. In addition to physical factors, mental health also plays an important role, including avoiding chronic stress, loneliness and depression. The fact that this is also evident in young-onset dementia came as a surprise to me, and it may offer opportunities to reduce risk in this group too."

The study's support was supported by Alzheimer's Research UK, The Alan Turing Institute/Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, Alzheimer Nederland, Gieskes Strijbis Fonds, the Medical Research Council, the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Applied Research Collaboration South West Peninsula (PenARC), the National Health and Medical Research Council, the National Institute on Aging, and Alzheimer Netherlands.

Dr Janice Ranson, Senior Research Fellow at the University

of Exeter, said: "Our research breaks new ground in identifying that the risk of young-onset dementia can be reduced. We think this could herald a new era in interventions to reduce new cases of this condition."

Dr Leah Mursaleen, Head of Clinical Research at Alzheimer's Research UK, which co-funded the study, said: "We're witnessing a transformation in understanding of dementia risk and, potentially, how to reduce it on both an individual and societal level. In recent years, there's been a growing consensus that dementia is linked to 12 specific modifiable risk factors such as smoking, blood pressure and hearing loss. It's now accepted that up to four in 10 dementia cases worldwide are linked to these factors."

"This pioneering study shines important and much-needed light on factors that can influence the risk of young-onset dementia. This starts to fill in an important gap in our knowledge. It will be important to build on these findings in broader studies."

The full study is entitled 'Risk factors for young-onset dementia in the UK Biobank: A prospective population-based study', published in JAMA Neurology.

## US Renews attacks on Iran, Tehran closes Strait of Hormuz

**MI News Service, Washington / Tehran:** The United States launched a new wave of attacks against Iran on Wednesday night as efforts to end the three-month old war sputtered, and Tehran hit back saying it will target any ship going through the Strait of Hormuz.

US Central Command said American forces began "additional self-defense strikes" at 5:15 pm Washington time, early Thursday in Iran, against multiple targets in Iran, in response to what it called Tehran's "unwarranted and continued aggression."

Iranian media reported explosions across the country's south near the Strait of Hormuz, the same area where US forces had already bombarded air defense, radar and other sites on Tuesday. Iranian sources reported new hits by "enemy projectiles" in Qeshm, Kargan and Sirik.

The Iranian navy said it hit two ships trying to sail through the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian media also reported that Iran had attacked the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, hitting communication antennas and radar facilities.

After the new American air strikes "any vessel traffic through



the Strait of Hormuz will be targeted," the Khatam al-Anbiya command said. The strait is now closed "completely closed to all types of vessel," the command said.

But US Centcom denied this, saying "commercial ships are continuing to transit in and out of the Strait of Hormuz tonight."

Meanwhile President Donald Trump said that as the bombing was underway Iranian leaders called him directly in the White House Situation Room and asked him to halt the attack. However

Iran's Revolutionary Guards quickly denied Iran made such a request.

Trump said US forces hit Iran with 49 Tomahawk missiles and some targets were as close as 40 miles (60 km) from Tehran.

If Iran does not accept US terms for ending the three-month-old war, "President Trump said, quote, 'We'll bomb the S out of them tomorrow night'."

Earlier this week he had suggested a peace accord was just days away.

"We hit them hard yesterday.

We're going to hit them again hard today," Trump told reporters Wednesday morning. "We were really close to a deal, but they keep tapping us along."

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth suggested the strikes could extend into a third night, saying they would be "strong" and "clear."

The escalation drew international calls for restraint on the eve of the World Cup, which the US is co-hosting and Iran is participating in. UN chief Antonio Guterres cautioned against a return to "full war."

Twenty-two countries including the United States and European nations also warned Iran on Thursday to stop attacking people "on our soil."

"Attempts to kill, kidnap, harass, intimidate, or otherwise attack people on our soil, undermines national sovereignty and international norms. These actions must stop immediately," they said in a joint statement.

Iran's UN Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani, meanwhile, rejected Trump's threat, saying "no sustainable deal can be reached through threats, intimidation, or the use of force."

## UN Mission renewed its calls for de-escalation, after Pak airstrikes killed 13 civilians in Afghanistan

**MI News Service, Kabul:** United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) on Thursday renewed its call for de-escalation and a durable ceasefire in the aftermath of Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan that killed 13 civilians, including women and children.

In a statement shared on X, the UN mission posted: "UNAMA documented 13 civilian deaths and 10 injuries, mainly children and women, from airstrikes carried out in Khost, Kunar, and Paktika provinces in eastern Afghanistan on the night of 9-10 June. UNAMA reiterates its call for de-escalation, a durable ceasefire, protection of civilians, re-opening of border crossings, particularly for humanitarian assistance, and dialogue to resolve differences," it added.

Former US Ambassador to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad strongly condemned the Pakistani airstrikes, stating that such violence would not resolve the tensions between the two nations. He also described Islamabad's current approach as a failure, while calling for serious diplomatic engagement.



"Pakistan has attacked Afghanistan again. According to media reports, many civilians, including children, were killed. I condemn this attack, as I have condemned previous attacks killing civilians. This kind of violence will not resolve the problem between the two countries: the allegations by Pakistan that Afghanistan provides sanctuary and support for TTP and the allegations by Afghanistan that Islamabad provides sanctuary and support for ISIS-K," Khalilzad posted on X.

"What is needed is a negotiated agreement in which the two sides commit to not allow their territory to be used by groups or individuals to threaten the security of the other, with monitoring by a trusted third party. Pakistan's current policy is a failure. It is past time for serious negotiations and diplomacy," he added.

On Wednesday, the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned Pakistan's charge d'affaires in Kabul to lodge a strong protest over the violation of Afghanistan's airspace and Pakistani airstrikes on residential homes that killed 13 civilians and injured several others.

Taking to the social media platform X, the Afghan Ministry said, "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan summoned the Charge d'Affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul and presented him with its strong and resolute protest regarding the violation of Afghanistan's airspace and the bombing of the homes of innocent civilians."

## Trump says U.S. secretly escorted over 200 commercial ships through Hormuz Strait



Open Market," Trump claimed in a post on Truth Social.

Trump argued that the United States, not Iran, controls the strategic waterway.

"Their military is defeated, and their economy is lost. It's over for Iran!" Trump reiterated his claims despite the stalled talks and Iran's exchange of fire with the United States and Israel in recent days.

Trump's remarks came amid soaring tensions in the region as he ordered continued strikes on Iran after the downing of a U.S. Army helicopter on Monday.

## Libya signs unified oil field deal to boost production

**MI News Service, Tripoli:** Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) announced on Wednesday the signing of a unified operating agreement for the I/R oil field in the Murzuq Basin in southwestern Libya, aimed at enhancing coordination among partners and improving operational efficiency.



The agreement was signed by the NOC and its concession partners, including Libya's Akakus Oil Operations Company, France's TotalEnergies, Spain's Repsol, Norway's Equinor, and Austria's OMV, the NOC said in a statement.

According to the NOC, the agreement will unify operational and administrative procedures related to field management, optimize resource utilization, and support production sustainability.

The NOC previously announced new oil discoveries in the Murzuq Basin, located about 950 km south of the capital Tripoli. The basin covers an estimated area of 300,000-350,000 square km, making it one of Libya's largest geological basins, particularly rich in hydrocarbon resources.

The region is home to several major oil fields, including the Sharara oil field, which produces around 300,000 barrels per day, and the El Feel field, with a daily output of about 80,000 barrels.

Oil and gas exports are Libya's main source of revenue, but production has been repeatedly disrupted in recent years by conflict and political instability.

## Iranian, U.S. forces clash at sea as Iran announces full closure of Strait of Hormuz - Media

**MI News Service, Tehran:** Clashes erupted early Thursday between Iranian and U.S. forces in the waters of the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, as Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, Iran's main military command, announced the full closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Initial reports indicated that U.S. ships near the Strait of Hormuz were targeted by missiles and drones launched by Iranian armed forces.

Blasts were also heard in the counties of Sirik and Minab and the port city of Bandar Abbas, all in Hormozgan province, as well as on Qeshm and Hengam islands, while air defense systems were activated west of the capital Tehran and in the southern province of Fars, the semi-official Mehr news agency



said. Following the incidents, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said the Strait of Hormuz has been closed to all kinds of vessels, including oil tankers and commercial ships, owing to security threats in the waterway.

The headquarters cited the continuation of the U.S. "malicious acts" and attacks earlier in the day in Iran's southern Hormozgan province, saying any vessel trying to pass through the strait will be targeted. The developments followed an announcement by the U.S. Central Command on social media platform X, stating its forces had begun launching "additional self-defense strikes" against multiple targets in Iran in response to what it called Iran's "unwarranted and continued aggression."

## BJP accused of targeting Muslim children in Assam as MP demands child rights intervention

**MI News Service, Goalpara:** Congress Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Syed Naseer Hussain has strongly criticised the Assam government's handling of an incident involving Muslim schoolchildren in Goalpara district. Reports indicate that five students face expulsion, a minor was detained, and the widowed mother of one child was arrested over food allegedly brought to school.

In a statement shared on social media, Dr. Hussain accused the BJP-led Assam government of fostering an environment of fear, discrimination, and polarisation. He emphasised that schools should serve as nurturing spaces for young minds rather than becoming arenas of exclusion and prejudice.

"Under BJP rule in Assam, even schoolchildren are not



spared from an atmosphere of fear, discrimination, and polarisation," the MP stated.

Dr. Hussain raised pointed questions regarding the disproportionate actions taken by au-

thorities. He questioned the detention of a minor in what he described as a school-related matter and challenged the arrest of a widowed mother when the core issue involved children.

"Why was a minor detained over a school-related incident? Why was a widowed mother arrested while the matter involved schoolchildren?" he asked.

The Congress leader also opposed the potential expulsion of the five Muslim students, asserting that education is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution. Denying children access to education, he argued, cannot be justified under any circumstances.

Dr. Hussain alleged that the incident reflects a broader pattern of discrimination against minority communities under the

current dispensation. He described it as part of the BJP's "politics of division" and "politics of hate and prejudice," warning that no child should become a victim of such polarisation.

He urged immediate intervention by government agencies and child welfare bodies to safeguard the children's rights and future. The MP specifically appealed to the National Commission for Women (NCW), the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), and Assam welfare authorities to take urgent notice of the matter and ensure accountability.

Dr. Hussain's remarks have intensified the debate over the handling of the Goalpara incident, highlighting concerns about fairness, child rights, and communal harmony in the state.

## CSTO foreign ministers call for preventing arms race in outer space

**MI News Service, Moscow:** Foreign ministers of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on Wednesday called for urgent measures to prevent an arms race in outer space.

A joint statement adopted by the ministers urged all countries, particularly those with significant space capabilities, to take immediate steps to prevent the placement of weapons in outer space and the use or threat of force in space-related activities.

The ministers also called for the swift conclusion, through negotiations, of legally binding multilateral agreements that would be subject to effective verification mechanisms and aimed at preventing the weaponization of outer space.

They reaffirmed their commitment to the principle enshrined in the UN Charter of refraining from the threat or use of force in international relations, including in activities related to outer space.

In the statement, the ministers expressed serious concern over the possibility of an arms race in outer space and the risk of the domain becoming an arena for military confrontation. They also stressed that all humanity shares an interest in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

## Ebola cases in DR Congo rises to 635

**MI News Service, Kinshasa:** The outbreak of deadly Ebola virus in Africa has woken up the whole world. The panic is increasing with time. According to the statistics available till June 9, the number of infected people in Democratic Republic of Congo has increased to 635. Along with this, the number of people who have come in contact with the infected people is also increasing. What was 56.4 percent the previous day, has now stood at 61.1 percent.



Democratic Republic of Congo's Health Minister Roger Kamba said the situation is dire. But there is hope that many are recovering. Although the number of people who have come into contact with the infected is increasing, caution is still in full swing. He claims that every region is being monitored. In Kamba's words, "Every recovery sends a strong message. Come forward for treatment, because early treatment saves lives." It is

worth mentioning that on May 15, the government announced that the 'Bundibugyo strain' of Ebola has spread to Democratic Republic of Congo. Although the Health Minister claims that the infection has been increasing for a few weeks.

It is worth noting that while the infection is currently limited in the border areas of Congo and Uganda, there is no room for complacency. This region of Africa has long been plagued by conflict, homelessness and weak

health systems. In an atmosphere of war and displacement, there is a risk that many infections will go undetected. According to World Health Organisation (WHO), several confirmed and suspected infections and deaths have already been reported in the Ituri province of Congo. Separate infections have also been detected in the Uganda's capital Kampala, among which no mutual links have yet been found. The World Health Organization is also alert in such a situation.

## Netanyahu at Galilee cabinet meeting: We will restore security to north, solve drone challenge

**MI News Service, Galilee:** Speaking at a special cabinet in the Galilee city of Nof HaGalil, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledges the ongoing challenge posed by Hezbollah attack drones. "We are striking Hezbollah very hard, eliminating hundreds of terrorists every week," he says at the start of the meeting. "We still have more challenges. A particular challenge is drones. We are working on it." Explosive-laden first-person-view (FPV) drones launched by Hezbollah have caused dozens of IDF casualties in Lebanon in recent weeks, including a number of deaths. "We will restore security to the north and create security in the north just as we did in the south," Netanyahu promises. "People did not believe us when we said the south would recover and prosper — they said it was boastful talk, an empty promise. Today, they can see the results."

## Kuwait reopens airspace, resumes flights after Iran tensions

**MI News Service, Kuwait City:** Kuwait reopened its airspace and resumed normal flight operations on Thursday, June 11, after lifting precautionary restrictions imposed earlier amid heightened regional security tensions.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in Kuwait said air traffic in Kuwaiti airspace had returned to normal following the resolution of the circumstances that prompted the temporary closure.

In a statement, the DGCA said operations at Kuwait International Airport had resumed in accordance with approved flight schedules, with airlines returning to normal service, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The authority said it was closely monitoring developments around the clock in coordination with relevant domestic and international authorities to ensure the highest levels of safety and security in



the country's airspace.

Earlier on Thursday, Kuwait temporarily closed its airspace and diverted flights. At the time, the General Staff of the Kuwaiti Army said air defence systems were intercepting hostile aerial targets to protect the country's airspace and vital facilities.

The developments came amid escalating regional tensions after the United States launched fresh strikes on Iran, prompting retaliatory Iranian attacks against U.S. military bases in the region.

Iran's Islamic Revolu-

tionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said on Thursday that it had struck 18 U.S. military targets in Middle Eastern countries, including those at airbases in Kuwait and Bahrain, in response to new U.S. strikes against Iran.

Kuwait on Wednesday, June 10, condemned what it described as a renewed attack on its territory, calling it a dangerous escalation that threatens civilian lives and critical infrastructure, while Iran said its operation had targeted U.S. military facilities.

On Saturday, June 6, both Kuwait and Bahrain condemned the renewed

Iranian attacks on their countries, calling them a flagrant violation of sovereignty and a dangerous escalation threatening regional stability.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry said on X that the attacks were a "flagrant violation" of Kuwait's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, as well as a breach of international law, the UN Charter, and Security Council Resolution 2817.

It said the continued attacks marked a dangerous escalation at a time when global efforts are focused on preventing a wider regional conflict.

## Women's T20 WC: When and where to watch ENG vs SL, know all details

**BIRMINGHAM** : The wait is finally over, and the Women's T20 World Cup 2026 will commence on Friday with hosts England taking on Sri Lanka in the tournament opener at the Edgbaston Stadium. Among the pre-tournament favourites, England boast a formidable squad packed with international experience and match-winners across all departments. The hosts will rely on the likes of Danni Wyatt-Hodge, Alice Capsey, Amy Jones, Charlotte Dean, and youngster Lauren Bell as they seek to launch their title bid on a positive note. England won the inaugural edition of the tournament but failed to replicate the success in the next eight editions. They exited from the Group Stage in



2024. Sri Lanka, meanwhile, arrive with ambitions of causing an early upset and making a statement on the biggest stage in women's cricket. Skipper Chamari Athapaththu will once again be central to the team's hopes, while Harshitha Samarawickrama and Kaushani Nuthyanga are

expected to shoulder key responsibilities. Historically, England have enjoyed the upper hand in meetings between the two sides. The teams have faced each other 12 times in international cricket, with England emerging victorious in 10 encounters, while Sri Lanka have managed two wins. Their rivalry dates back

to June 2009, with the most recent clash taking place in September 2023. When: Friday, June 12, 11:00 PM IST Where: Edgbaston Stadium, Birmingham Where to watch: The England vs Sri Lanka match will be broadcast on Star Sports channels, with JioHotstar live-streaming the

game. Squads: England: Nat Sciver-Brunt (c), Lauren Bell, Alice Capsey, Tilly Corteen-Coleman, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Lauren Filer, Dani Gibson, Amy Jones, Freya Kemp, Heather Knight, Linsey Smith, Issy Wong, Danni Wyatt-Hodge Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (c), Hasini Perera, Vishmi Gunarathne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Imesha Dulani, Nilakshika Silva, Kaveesha Dilhari, Hansima Karunaratne, Kaushani Nuthyanga, Sugandika Dassanayaka, Nimasha Madushani, Kawya Kavindi, Malki Madara, Mithali Ayodhya, Chethana Vimukthi.

## Asian Games: Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker headlines India's 30-member shooting squad

**NEW DELHI** : The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) on Thursday revealed their 30-member shooting team for the Asian Games 2026, which will take place in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4. The shooting events will take place from September 17 to October 3, 2026, at the Aichi Prefectural General Shooting Range. Although all chosen athletes met the tough qualification standards set by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), the final list consists of 30 competitors, 15 men and 15 women, due to the strict dynamic quota limits imposed by the Games' Organising Committee.



After thorough deliberations and a careful event-by-event review, the Committee selected a specific group of athletes who can compete in multiple disciplines. This strategy allows India to maximize participation in all events while keeping strong medal chances in both individual and team events. The approved double starters include Vidarsa K. Vinod, Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Manu Bhaker, and Esha Singh.

The final squad demonstrates a deliberate balance of current form, international results, team makeup, and medal prospects. The Selection Committee, in collaboration with the High Performance team, aimed to maximize India's competitiveness in all shooting disciplines and secure the best possible chance for podium finishes at the Games.

Speaking of the squad selected for the Asian Games, NRAI President Kalikesh Singh Deo said, "Selecting this team was a challenging task given the exceptional depth and quality of talent in Indian shooting today. Given the 30-athlete cap for a programme that accommodates participation across 36 event slots, the Selection Committee undertook a detailed evaluation to ensure that the final squad provides India with the strongest possible representation and the best opportunity for competitive success across disciplines."

"The final squad reflects the strength, depth, and versatility of Indian shooting. We are confident that this team will represent India with distinction and make the nation proud in Aichi-Nagoya," he added.

India's shooters have maintained strong showings on the international stage in recent months, emphasizing the country's increasing prowess in rifle, pistol, and shotgun events. Lately, Indian athletes have achieved multiple podium placements at the recently finished ISSF World Cup. This was exemplified by Esha Singh's gold medal and world-record achievement in the women's 25m pistol at the Munich World Cup. Additionally, Suruchi Singh and Esha secured a notable gold-silver finish in the women's 10m air pistol, demonstrating the depth and consistency of India's shooting program as they prepare for the Asian Games.

The final contingent comprises 12 shotgun shooters and 18 rifle/pistol shooters. I am running a few minutes late; my previous meeting is running over.

Rifle & Pistol Squad  
10M Air Rifle Men: Parth

Rakesh Mane, Himanshu Dhillon, Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil  
10M Air Rifle Women: Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Uttam Maskar, Vidarsa K Vinod  
50M Rifle 3 Positions Men: Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Niraj Kumar, Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil  
50M Rifle 3 Positions Women: Ashi Chouksey, Vidarsa K Vinod, Tilottama Sen

10M Air Pistol Men: Kedarling B. Uchaganve, Gaurav, Kamaljeet

10M Air Pistol Women: Suruchi, Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker

25M Rapid Fire Pistol Men: Anish  
25M Sports Pistol Women: Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat

10M Air Rifle Mixed Team: Parth Rakesh Mane, Elavenil Valarivan

10M Air Pistol Mixed Team: Kedarling B. Uchaganve, Suruchi Shotgun Squad

Trap Men: Kynan Chenai, Ahvar Rizvi, Shapath Bharadwaj

Trap Women: Neeru, Manisha Keer, Aashima Ahlawat

Skeet Men: Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Bhavtegh Singh Gill, Mairaj Ahmad Khan

Skeet Women: Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Raiza Dhillon, Maheshwari Chauhan

## AIREE, TAIJUL AND MUSHFIQR SHORT-LISTED FOR ICC MEN'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

**DUBAI** : Nepal all-rounder Dipendra Singh Airee and Bangladesh duo Taijul Islam and Mushfiqur Rahim have been shortlisted for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for May following a series of standout performances for their respective teams.

On the women's side, England seamer Lauren Bell, Pakistan batter Gull Feroza, and New Zealand's Maddy Green are nominated on the back of some strong performances for their countries throughout international cricket in the month.

Airee sealed his spot on the men's shortlist after a productive spell of form in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 in Kirtipur. The Nepal all-rounder started the month with a century against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and finished the series having scored 249 runs in six ODIs at an average of 49.80 and strike-rate of 110.66, whilst contributing with eight wickets at an economy of 4.52, a haul of 4 for 24 against the United States, taking best figures.

Spinner Taijul Islam was also instrumental for Bangladesh, playing a key role in a historic 2-0 home Test series white-wash over Pakistan. The left-arm was the highest wicket-taker in the series with 13 wickets in two games at an average of 19.61, including 6 for 120 in Pakistan's second innings of the second Test in Sylhet.

Batter Mushfiqur Rahim, who was named Player of the Series in the Tests against Pakistan, also picked up a nomination after he hit 235 runs across two Tests at an average of 63.25, including a 71 in the first innings of the first Test and a match-defining 137 in the second Test's second innings.

On the women's side, fast bowler Lauren Bell completes England's selections. She was awarded a nomination on the back of some consistent performances in multiple formats of the game before the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Bell was the leading wicket-taker for England in their ODI series against New Zealand, taking five wickets in three games before adding another eight wickets in four T20 internationals against New Zealand and India.

Pakistan's Gull Feroza had a fantastic month after she claimed Player of the Series in her country's 3-0 ODI white-wash over Zimbabwe in Karachi. The opening batter scored 256 runs in the series, including scores of 50, 100, and 106 not out, hitting at 103.64 and averaging a stunning 128, and even found time to score 82 runs in the T20 series, including 75 off 47 balls, hitting at a rate of 157.69.

New Zealand's Maddy Green is the third of the female nominees after she took a leading role for her side in a drawn ODI series with England. Green scored 125 runs in three ODIs at a strike-rate of 83.33, which was topped with 88 at Chester-le-Street, whilst adding another 93 runs in three T20s, including 56 not out in the second match.



## Badminton: Sindhu, Tanvi race into Australian Open quarterfinals

**SYDNEY** : Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and teenager Tanvi Sharma sailed into the quarterfinals of the women's singles event at the Australian Badminton Open tournament here on Thursday.

World No. 10 Sindhu got the better of her younger compatriot and world No. 39 Isharani Baruah 22-20, 21-12 in 42 minutes. She will face Chinese Taipei's Chen Su-yu in the quarter-finals for a place in her second semi-final of the year after the Malaysia Open.

The third-seeded Indian survived a challenge from Isharani in a tie-break opening game before dominating the second to book her spot in the quarter-finals.

Elsewhere, Tanvi Sharma registered a convincing 21-13, 21-15 win over senior compatriot Malvika Bansod in another all-Indian contest.

The win propelled the 17-year-old Tanvi into her second quarter-final of the year. She will face three-time world champion and top seed Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in a daunting quarter-final match.

In another action, Tanya Hemant's campaign came to an



end after a 12-21, 15-21 loss to the second seed and world No. 8 Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand.

In the men's doubles, MR Arjun and Hariharan Amthakur stayed alive with a comfortable 21-17, 21-7 win against Michael Owen and Dylan Soedjasa of New Zealand.

Arjun and Hariharan are the only Indians remaining in the men's doubles discipline after Achutaditya Rao Doddavarapu and Arjun Reddy Pochana suffered an

exit after losing 21-15, 21-15 to the local pair of Kanki Igawa and Ooi Ye Hern in the opening round.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty, India's top-ranked doubles team, skipped the BWF Super 500 meet on account of the shoulder injury Satwik suffered last week in Indonesia.

India's mixed doubles challenge at the Australian Badminton Open ended after Dhruv Rawat and Manisha Keer lost 21-19, 21-18 to Japan's Akira Koga and Natsu Saito.

## BEN DAVIES SIGNS NEW SPURS DEAL, SET FOR 13TH SEASON AT NORTH LONDON

**LONDON** : Tottenham Hotspur have announced that defender Ben Davies has signed a new contract with the club, extending his stay in north London and ensuring he will enter a remarkable 13th season in a Spurs shirt.

One of the club's longest-serving players, the 33-year-old Wales international has made 363 appearances for Tottenham since joining from Swansea City in 2014 and was part of the squad that lifted the UEFA Europa League title in 2025.

"Tottenham Hotspur really feels like home. It's been a huge part of my football journey, and I'm grateful for what the Club has given me so far in my career," Davies said after signing the new deal.

"It's been difficult over the past few months, not being able to help the team on the pitch in some tough moments due to injury. So I tried to help the boys off it as much as I could, being a voice in the dressing room and around the group, contributing in any way I could. My heart's on my sleeve for this Club, and I'll give everything for it," he added.

Davies arrived at Tottenham as a 21-year-old from boyhood club Swansea City and quickly established himself as a key member of the squad. He helped Spurs reach the League Cup final in his first season and was part of the side that recorded successive top-three Premier League finishes in 2015/16 and 2016/17. The Welshman also featured



prominently during Tottenham's run to their first-ever UEFA Champions League final in 2018/19, missing only four matches throughout that campaign.

A versatile defender capable of operating at left-back or in a back three, Davies enjoyed one of his finest seasons in 2021/22 when he played 43 matches across all competitions and featured in Tottenham's final 27 Premier League games as the club secured a return to the Champions League.

Only 29 players in Tottenham's history have made 350 or more appearances for the club, underlining Davies' status as one of the modern-era stalwarts. Over the years, he has also grown into a leadership role, captaining Spurs on

several occasions and becoming a respected figure within the dressing room.

His most memorable achievement in Lilywhite came in 2025 when Tottenham ended their long wait for major silverware by winning the UEFA Europa League in Bilbao. Davies was involved in all but two matchday squads during the successful campaign and climbed to second on the club's all-time appearances list in European competitions.

At international level, Davies remains a key figure for Wales. A regular captain of the national side, he reached the milestone of 100 international caps in October last year and has represented Wales at UEFA Euro 2016, UEFA Euro 2020 and the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

## World Yogasana Championship help Mauritius Gen Z reconnect with Indian roots

**AHMEDABAD** : The inaugural World Yogasana Championships in Ahmedabad turned into a journey of cultural rediscovery for several young athletes from Mauritius, many of whom travelled to India for the first time and found themselves reconnecting with ancestral roots stretching back generations.

For 19-year-old Mauritian athlete Chethnaa Reesaul, the championships were about much more than competing on the world stage. Like many members of the Indian diaspora in Mauritius, she grew up hearing stories about India from her grandparents but had never visited the country before.

"I know that my family has roots in Bihar, but I don't know exactly which part of the state my ancestors came from. My grandmother told me about our Indian connection, but I never really looked into it because I was focused on my studies and sports," Chethnaa told Sports Authority of India.

Chethnaa was among several Mauritian athletes whose

participation in the first-ever World Yogasana Championships provided an opportunity to explore a heritage that had largely survived through family stories and traditions.

Among those competing in Ahmedabad were Chethnaa, Parineeti Kalkah, and Ganisha Bajah, all of whom trace their ancestry to Bihar. Fellow athlete Aarya Chelumbrun's family originates from Tamil Nadu, while Dakshesh Sai Joorun's family heritage spans both Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

For many of them, India had existed only in conversations with parents and grandparents.

"Now that I have visited India, I would definitely like to learn more about my roots in the future," Chethnaa said. "I would love to come back, visit Bihar, and perhaps bring my family with me so we can explore our heritage together."

Thirteen-year-old Ganisha Bajah echoed those sentiments. "Growing up, we always knew that our ancestors came from India, but it felt like something

that belonged to the past. Being here has made that connection feel real. It has made me want to learn more about my family history and understand where our story began," she said.

The connection to India extended beyond the athletes. Accompanying the Mauritian contingent were Deputy Rector Reena Dewkarun and educator-coach Disha Nekitsing, both of whom trace their family origins to Bihar.

Their presence reflected a broader story shared by many Mauritian families whose ancestors migrated from India generations ago, yet who continue to preserve aspects of their heritage through language, food, traditions, and family narratives.

The athletes themselves represent the diversity of Mauritius' Indian diaspora. While Chethnaa, Parineeti, and Ganisha, students of Mahatma Gandhi Senior Secondary School in Nouvelle France, proudly acknowledge their Bihar roots, Dakshesh's family heritage links

him to multiple regions of India. Twelve-year-old Aarya Chelumbrun, who lives in Grand Bois, traces her ancestry to Tamil Nadu.

Ironically, it was yoga, a practice that originated in India and spread across the world, that became the vehicle for this cultural reconnection.

Chethnaa only began practising Yogasana in January this year, but the discipline has already had a significant impact on her life. "Yoga has made me calmer, more patient, and more focused," she said. "It has helped me develop discipline and balance in my daily life."

According to members of the Mauritian delegation, many young Mauritians of Indian origin know that their ancestors came from India, but often have limited information about the exact villages or regions from which their families originated. Over generations, records were lost, and memories faded.

Events such as the World Yogasana Championships are therefore creating opportunities



for younger generations to reconnect with a heritage that has largely been preserved through stories passed down within families.

While athletes from around the world competed for medals inside the arena, the event also facilitated a quieter journey of self-discovery for many members of the Mauritian delegation.

For them, the inaugural World Yogasana Championships became more than an interna-

tional sporting event. It became a chance to reconnect with a heritage that had long existed through memories, family conversations, and distant ancestral links.

As the athletes return to Mauritius, they will carry with them not only competition experience but also a renewed curiosity about their roots and a stronger connection to a country many had previously known only through the stories of older generations.