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Centre allocates Rs 8,500 cr for Bengal under VB-G RAM G scheme

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari announced on Monday that the Centre has allocated Rs 8,500 crore to the state under the VB-G RAM G scheme. "West Bengal has been allocated Rs 8,508 crore under the scheme for the 2026-27 financial year, the second-highest among all states after Uttar Pradesh, which has been earmarked Rs 9,721.48 crore", the Chief minister quoting figures released by the Union government, said. Under the Gram Sadak Yojana, of the total allocations of Rs 2,400 crore which have been approved by the Centre, Rs 1,000 crore was released now by them, he said. He said the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G) scheme replaced MGNREGA, and it guarantees 125 days of employment annually to rural households. Suwendu Adhikari made the announcement of this huge allocation of central fund while

launching the state-wide 'Jan Kalyan Shivar' programme from Nandigram in Purba Medinipur district. He said a total of 1,100 'Jan Kalyan Shivar' are being organised from June 15 to June 17 to help people access 54 central and state government schemes. "This is the first such outreach programme of the BJP government in West Bengal. People can visit the camps between 10 am and 5 pm to learn about various welfare schemes and submit applications for enrolment," he said. The Chief minister, however, made it clear that no welfare schemes should reach illegal immigrants and questioned extending benefits to families that do not send their children to recognised schools, or to institutions where 'Vande Mataram' is not sung. Alleging irregularities in beneficiary database under the previous regime, Suwendu Adhikari said the present government wants to identify genuine recipients of welfare schemes.

"We want benefits to reach genuine beneficiaries and not to fake account holders," he said. Long queues of applicants were seen at several locations on the opening day. The camps will cover 54 schemes, including Annapurna Yojana, Ayushman Bharat and several other welfare programmes. Earlier last week the Centre had announced an interim allocation of Rs 95,692 crore under the newly introduced VB-G RAM G scheme for a seamless transition, with Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserting that no state would face any dearth of funds. He said the interim allocation had been made as the draft rules of the new scheme were still being finalised and ensure that rural employment and development activities will continue uninterrupted after June 30. "Without causing any inconvenience to workers, we are moving from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari inaugurating Jan Kalyan Shivar which, he says, will help people to get access to 54 state and central govt schemes. File Pic

Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Grameen) (VB-G RAM G). There will be no gap of even a single day in the availability of work," he said. According to the Rural Development Ministry, Uttar Pradesh has been allotted the highest interim allocation of Rs 9,721.48 crore, followed by West Bengal at Rs 8,508 crore, Tamil Nadu at Rs 7,585.49 crore, Rajasthan at Rs

7,581.87 crore, Andhra Pradesh at Rs 7,707.21 crore and Bihar at Rs 6,715.83 crore. The total allocation for states stands at Rs 92,550.17 crore, while Union territories have been allocated Rs 1,291.52 crore. An additional Rs 1,850.62 crore has been earmarked for central administration and social audits, taking the total to Rs 95,692.31 crore. Chouhan said that after adding the mandatory state contribution,

the total annual outlay under the scheme would be around Rs 1.51 lakh crore. Seeking to allay concerns raised by opposition parties and labour groups, the minister said no state's allocation had been reduced and that the interim allocation had been worked out on the basis of expenditure under the MGNREGA scheme in the previous year. He said 26 states have completed the procedural requirements necessary for implementing the new scheme, while four states namely Jharkhand, Karnataka, Telangana and Mizoram are yet to complete the formalities. However, the representatives of these states attended the meeting and assured the Centre that they were preparing for implementation. The minister said states have been asked to notify the state scheme, declare peak agricultural seasons, frame state rules, complete e-KYC of beneficiaries and undertake awareness and capacity-building exercises at

district and block levels. On West Bengal, which was at loggerheads with the Centre over rural development funds for several years under the previous TMC regime, the minister said the newly elected state government has conveyed in writing that it is willing to comply with all conditions laid down by the Centre. Asked whether the allocation of Rs 8,508 crore for West Bengal included pending dues under the MGNREGA scheme, Chouhan said disputes relating to past dues remained unresolved. "Till those disputes are settled, that question does not arise. For the remaining period, the West Bengal government has given in writing that it is ready to accept all the rules and conditions of the central government," he said. He added that an interim allocation of around Rs 700 crore had been made for West Bengal for the remaining period till June 30 under the existing framework and that the fresh allocation under VB-G RAM G would come into

effect from July. The minister also said provisions similar to those available under the MGNREGA scheme for providing additional employment during drought or other exigencies would continue under the new scheme whenever required. The BJP-led NDA government had announced the replacement of MGNREGS with the VB-G RAM G as part of its broader rural development agenda. The Centre has maintained that the new programme will retain the employment guarantee component while providing greater flexibility for creation of rural assets and infrastructure. Opposition parties, including the Congress and Left parties, have criticised the move, alleging that it would dilute legal guarantees available under the MGNREGA and reduce protections for rural workers. The government has rejected the criticism, insisting that workers' interests would remain fully protected during and after the transition.

Rebel TMC MPs merge with little-known party, meet speaker

MI News Service, New Delhi: Claiming the support of 20 of the Trinamool Congress's (TMC) 28 Lok Sabha members, the party's rebel MPs on Sunday met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and conveyed to him that they had merged with a party -the Nationalist Citizens Party of India - that operates in Tripura and want to sit in the House as a separate bloc. Earlier, two Lok Sabha members of the Mamata Banerjee camp of the Trinamool Congress also reached out to the Speaker and urged him not to accord "any recognition, status, or facility to any purported separate group or faction of the AITC". "We 20 MPs, who were elected from the AITC, have met the Speaker and given him a letter urging him to allow us to sit as a separate bloc. And these 20 MPs, who are more than two-thirds (of the strength of the AITC), this faction, is with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India. We will work for the country and work with the NDA under the leadership of the Prime Minister," TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar told reporters on Monday. Veteran TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay agreeing with his colleague said "We have merged with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India. It is a political party. It is a recognised regional party. We have merged with it." He said it would be decided in the court which was the "real TMC". The Nationalist Citizens Party of India is a little-known outfit based in Tripura. Among the MPs who met the Speaker along with Ghosh Dastidar and Bandyopadhyay are Satabdi Roy, Yusuf Pathan, Saayoni Ghosh, June Malia, and Jagdish Basunia. The rebel MPs went into a huddle at the official residence of Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav, who was the BJP's Bengal poll in-charge, before proceeding to meet the Speaker at his 20, Akbar Road residence. With the rebel MPs having met the Speaker, the split in the Lok Sabha wing of the TMC is now formal. Mamata Banerjee has already lost control of the Legislature Party in Bengal after about 60 of the party's 80 MLAs seized its control and elected Ritabrata Banerjee as their leader. Minutes before the rebels met the Speaker, TMC MPs Sagarika Ghose and Kirti Azad - who are with the Mamata faction - handed over a letter by Abhishek Banerjee, the leader of the TMC Parliamentary Party, to the Speaker saying the party was a "single, indivisible political party". "The legislative party in the Lok Sabha derives its very existence from, and remains an emanation of, the political party. There is in law only one AITC, one Leader of the Party in the House, and one Whip, all of whom hold office by authority of the political party and its competent organisational authority. No member or set of members can, by their own volition, carve out a parallel 'group' or 'faction' of the same party and claim



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari visited the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) for the first time after election and launched the six-day "Welcome to Cleanliness" (Swachhata se Swagat) drive in Kolkata on Monday. Beside the Chief Minister, Ministers Agnimitra Paul and Tapas Roy were also present alongwith Mala Roy MP on the dias. PIC : Prabir Bhattacharya

Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections in December: Suwendu Adhikari

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari announced here on Monday that elections to the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) would be held by December this year, signalling the BJP government's intent to restore an elected civic board barely days after dissolving the TMC-controlled body following Mayor Firhad Hakim's resignation. Addressing a programme at the KMC headquarters, the Chief minister said the Corporation is currently under an administrator following an "administrative deadlock" and that elected representatives would return through polls within the year. "There was an impasse in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation after the Mayor's resignation a few days ago. But after the government gave three days to constitute a new board, they could not form it, forcing the government to dissolve the board and appoint an Administrator. By December, through elections, the civic body will be handed over to elected representatives," he said in his address during his maiden visit to the KMC headquarters after the poll. Later, speaking to reporters, the Chief minister said he wants an elected body to take charge and is not keen on occupying the board through backdoor means. "KMC services are like emergency services. Elections will be conducted by the first week of December. We wanted the existing party (TMC), which has the majority, to form the

new board after the Mayor resigned. But if their party can't decide on who will be the Mayor, what can the state government do?" he said. The announcement came during the launch of "Swachhatake Swagat," a city-wide cleanliness drive undertaken ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit to Kolkata later this month for an International Yoga Day event at Red Road. In a scene reflecting the changing political landscape in Bengal after the BJP's victory in the assembly elections, Suwendu Adhikari shared the stage with former mayor Firhad Hakim, TMC MP Mala Roy, MLA Sandeepan Saha and several former civic functionaries who until recently occupied key positions in the Trinamool Congress-run corporation. The Chief minister repeatedly emphasised that the civic administration should transcend political divisions and focus on providing public service. "This is not about this side or that side. It is only about development... Politics can be done during elections, and during the remaining five years, all of us should work together for development," he said. The visit marked Adhikari's first official programme at the civic headquarters after assuming office as the Chief minister and came amid heightened activity within the corporation following its dissolution last week. Officials said senior officers had been instructed to remain prepared with updates on departmental functioning, civic

services and monsoon preparedness, amid indications that the Chief minister could review the city's readiness ahead of the rainy season. The political landscape has undergone significant changes over the past six weeks. The BJP's victory in the assembly elections, the results of which were declared on May 4, ended the Trinamool Congress's 15-year rule in West Bengal and was followed by resignations of functionaries from several civic bodies across the state. The KMC itself entered uncharted territory after Hakim resigned as Mayor on June 5 following consultations with TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee. After the mandatory 72-hour period elapsed without the election of a successor, the

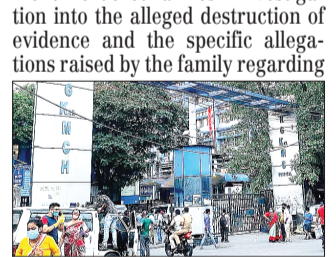
Municipal Affairs Department dissolved the corporation and appointed senior IAS officer Smita Pandey as administrator until fresh elections are held. The government order stipulated that all councillors, members of the mayor-in-council, committee members and the chairperson would vacate office in accordance with provisions of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980. Hakim, who also served as Urban Development minister in the previous Trinamool government, had been among the most visible faces of the civic administration. The KMC had remained under uninterrupted TMC control since 2010, a year before Mamata Banerjee ended the Left Front's 34-year rule in the state.

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CBI team visits R G Kar Hospital for a relook at rape-murder case

MI News Service, Kolkata: After a gap of several months, a team of CBI officials reached the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital here on Monday for a probe into the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the facility in 2024. According to an official, the team comprised six officers, including one at the Joint Director level. "They are supposed to meet with the Principal, Medical Superintendent, Vice Principal and other officials of the hospital. They are likely to visit the spot in the hospital where the crime took place," the official said. The young medic was raped and murdered in the hospital on the night of August 9, 2024, triggering a nationwide uproar among the doctors' community and the common people. There have been allegations that evidence was destroyed and attempts were made to downplay the incident in its immediate aftermath. The Calcutta High Court last month ordered a fresh investigation into the alleged destruction of evidence and the specific allegations raised by the family regarding



the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata in August 2024. The CBI is mandated to re-investigate the sequence of events that transpired from the time the doctor had her dinner on the ill-fated night till her cremation the next evening. The probe agency is authorised to interrogate anyone it deems necessary. Also, the SIT will thoroughly examine the specific allegations levelled by the victim's family. The court has asked the SIT to submit its report within the next hearing on June 25. Last week, newly appointed West Bengal Health Minister Sharadwat Mukherjee said the state government has reopened files related to the RG Kar case. He had held a nearly one-and-a-half-hour meeting with the victim's parents to understand their concerns over the investigation and the alleged shortcomings in handling the case. On January 20, 2025, civic volunteer Sanjay Roy was sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the incident. Incidentally, the mother of the victim fought and won the state Assembly elections in April this year on a BJP ticket from Panihati with a huge margin.

PM Modi arrives in Slovakia for second leg of his two-nation visit

MI News Service, Bratislava / New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Slovakia on the second leg of his two European -nation tour where he will hold talks with President Peter Pellegrini and Prime Minister Robert Fico and interact with business leaders. PM Modi is the first Indian Prime minister to visit Slovakia since its independence in 1993. In a post on X after reaching the Slovak capital on Sunday night, the Prime minister said,

"This visit provides an opportunity to deepen India-Slovakia relations and explore new avenues of cooperation. Looking forward to productive meetings with President Pellegrini and Prime Minister Fico." The Prime minister arrived in Bratislava on a two-day visit from France where he held bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron in Nice. He also attended the inauguration of the 'Bharat Innovates' event in France.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with members of the Indian community during a welcome ceremony, in Slovakia on Monday.

"Upon arrival at the hotel, PM Modi was received by Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Juraj Blahar and given a warm Slovak welcome of bread and salt, a symbol of hospitality, respect and goodwill," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a post on X. In his departure statement ahead of the visit, PM Modi said, "This historic visit builds on the strong momentum in our bilateral relationship. I look

forward to holding discussions with President Pellegrini and Prime Minister Fico. I will also have the opportunity to interact with Slovak business leaders." The Prime minister said the visit will further energise India's strategic partnership with the European Union, of which Slovakia is an important and valued member. A statement by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the visit follows President

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Expired Medicines Allegation Sparks Probe After Elderly Woman's Death in Kalyani Hospital

MI News Service, Nadia : Allegations of expired medicines being administered to an elderly patient have triggered a police investigation and public outrage at a private hospital in Nadia's Kalyani. The deceased, identified as Anjali Rani Karmakar (81) of Bansberia in Hooghly district, died on Sunday while undergoing treatment at a private nursing home near Kalyani Main railway station. Her family has alleged that she was given medicines whose expiry dates had passed years ago, leading to a deterioration in her condition and ultimately her death.



Shankari Dasgupta Karmakar, claimed that several of the nearly 35 medicines listed carried expiry dates from 2021, 2023 and 2025. "We found that expired medicines had allegedly been administered to my mother. Her body could not withstand the impact, and that led to her death," she alleged. The family has lodged a written complaint with Kalyani police station, accusing the nursing home of negligence and delib-

erate use of expired medicines. In the FIR, they alleged that the hospital authorities knowingly supplied expired drugs, resulting in the worsening of the patient's condition. Hospital authorities, however, have categorically denied the allegations. Senior coordinator Ratan Adhikari described the issue as a billing error. "Old batch numbers and expiry dates were mistakenly printed on the bill during the

billing process. No expired medicine was administered to the patient," Adhikari said, while also apologising for the confusion caused by the error. The incident led to tense scenes at the hospital premises, with relatives and local residents staging protests and demanding action against the management. Police have begun an investigation to determine whether expired medicines were actually used or whether the discrepancy was limited to documentation and billing records. Investigators are expected to examine medicine stocks, purchase records, billing documents and treatment papers, besides questioning hospital staff. Officials said further legal action would depend on the findings of the investigation. The case has raised fresh concerns over patient safety and compliance with drug storage and record-keeping norms in private healthcare facilities.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, under the initiative of the state government, inaugurated a welfare camp to ensure that the benefits of various social security schemes and civic services reach the people at Reyapara in Nandigram on Monday.

Protest Against TMC Leaders Over Corruption Allegations in Kharagpur; Rotten Eggs Thrown, Demand for Return of Cut Money and Public Apology

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Following the political change in West Bengal, public resentment against leaders and representatives of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has been surfacing in various regions. Allegations of cut-money collection, misuse of government property, and abuse of influence to secure benefits under government schemes have led to protests in several areas. In this context, some residents of Sameswarpur in the Kharagpur Rural Assembly constituency of West Midnapore district staged a protest against local TMC leadership over alleged corruption. The protesters leveled serious allegations against local TMC leader Chandan De and Panchayat member Swapan Biswas. According to local sources, a large number of people gathered in front of the residences of the accused leaders and demonstrated against them. The situation reportedly became tense during the protest, and rotten eggs were allegedly thrown at



the houses. However, these claims could not be independently verified. The protesters alleged that money had been collected from ordinary citizens in the name of facilitating benefits under various government welfare schemes. They demanded that the allegedly collected money be returned immediately and that the accused leaders publicly apologize. Local residents also claimed that complaints regarding various problems and irregularities in the area had been raised for a long time, but no effective action had been taken. As a result, the accumulated public dissatisfaction reportedly manifested itself through this protest. The demonstrators demanded a fair and impartial investigation into the matter and urged authorities to take legal action against those found guilty. Upon receiving information about the incident, police arrived at the spot and brought the situation under control. An investigation into the matter has been initiated. Meanwhile, as of the time of filing this report, no official response had been received from the accused leaders regarding the allegations.

Medinipur Land Scam Case: Former MLA Sujoy Hazra Produced in Court Again, Investigation Hints at New Revelations

MI News Service, Kharagpur : Trinamool Congress leader, Medinipur organizational district president, and former MLA Sujoy Hazra, who was arrested in connection with the alleged land scam in Medinipur, was once again produced before the Medinipur court on Monday. The case has created significant political buzz, while the police investigation continues to take new turns. According to reports, Salboni Police arrested Sujoy Hazra on July 6 in connection with the case. He was produced before the court the following day, where the judge ordered eight days of police custody. Police sources stated that investigators obtained several crucial pieces of information during the custodial interrogation. Based on



these findings, the scope of the investigation has been expanded further. Investigating agencies claim that Hazra's name has surfaced in multiple cases involving the alleged illegal purchase and sale of land in the Salboni area. Sources further revealed that investigators have also begun searching for Sumit Roy, who is reportedly considered a close associate of Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee. However, the investigating agencies have not officially disclosed detailed

information regarding this aspect of the probe. When Sujoy Hazra was brought to court on Monday, a section of BJP workers and supporters present in the court premises raised slogans against him, shouting "Chor-Chor" ("Thief-Thief"). The slogan-shouting created a tense atmosphere for some time within the court complex. However, a sufficient police force had been deployed to prevent any untoward incident, and the situation remained under control. It is worth noting that the matter is still under investigation, and the police are thoroughly examining various aspects of the case. So far, neither Sujoy Hazra nor the Trinamool Congress has issued any official statement regarding the allegations.



Law students of Surendranath College, under the banner of the Congress Chhatra Parishad, held a protest march on June 15, 2026, against the ongoing unrest on campus, expressing concerns over the safety of female students and the institution's reputation on Monday.

SARBARI mulls mega plan for JADAVPUR

Special report by SIDDHARTHA ALBERTT MAJUMDERR : The newly elected MLA from Jadavpur Assembly constituency, Sarbari Mukherjee spilled the beans as she envisages big plans for her constituency. Sarbari defeated stalwarts like Debabrata Majumder of TMC and Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharjee of CPIM recently in the West Bengal Assembly Election 2026 to win the constituency. Sarbari mentioned that she wishes to form different apolitical ward committees at Jadavpur with common people and intellectuals to serve the people at the grass-root level. Sarbari further mentioned that Kalikapur Swastha Kendra in the eastern fringes of Kolkata to be redeveloped so that it can cater to the local people to the fullest extent. Sarbari also said that she mulls to convert Bijoygarh Hospital and Bagha Jatin Hospital to super-specialty hospitals. According to Sarbari Mukherjee, "The two much known hospitals, Bijoygarh and Bagha Jatin are in a very bad shape. The patients are denied basic amenities. That is why other hospitals nearby get too much pressure of the patients." "If these two hospitals can be transformed into super-specialty hospitals it would cater to the common people in this entire area in a big way." She added. She further said that she will also look into the matter of water-logging menace in the Jadavpur area including countering the clandestine moves of land mafias in the area, who were energized during TMC regime to save the greenery in the entire Jadavpur region.

Theft at ICDS Centre in Nadia Raises Concerns Over Child Welfare Infrastructure

MI News Service, Nadia : A daring theft at an ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) centre in Nadia district has triggered concern among local residents after food supplies meant for children and essential cooking utensils were stolen during the night. The incident took place at ICDS Centre No. 199 at Pataboka Haritola under Karimpur-II Gram Panchayat. According to officials and local sources, centre worker Kuheli Sarkar arrived at around 7 am on Monday and found the main entrance open. The original lock of the gate was missing, while the lock of the kitchen door had been broken. Suspecting a burglary, she alerted local panchayat representatives and residents before entering the premises. Upon inspection, it was found that unidentified miscreants had attempted to dismantle the gas oven and had stolen stocks of rice, pulses, cooking oil and salt kept for children's meals. The thieves also made away with several cooking utensils, including large pots with lids, basins, plates, bowls and glasses used for serving food to children enrolled at the centre. Speaking to reporters, Kuheli Sarkar alleged that anti-social activities have been taking place near the centre for a



long time. Empty liquor bottles and glasses are often found outside the premises in the morning. She claimed there had been attempts to break open the centre earlier, but this was the first major theft. Following instructions from higher ICDS authorities, a written complaint was lodged with Karimpur Police Station. Police visited the site and have started an investigation into the incident. Local panchayat member Samar Mistri and former member Bablu Mistri expressed concern over the recurring security breaches. Bablu Mistri recalled that a similar theft had taken place at the same centre in 2018. Samar Mistri alleged that despite repeated incidents, no permanent security measures had been put in place by the authorities. Residents have demanded enhanced police surveillance and improved security arrangements at the centre, stressing that facilities responsible for child nutrition and welfare must be protected from such incidents. Police are now investigating the theft and trying to identify those responsible.

Special Program and Voluntary Blood Donation Camp Organized in Kharagpur on World Thalassaemia Day and World Blood Donor Day



MI News Service, Kharagpur : On the occasion of World Thalassaemia Day and World Blood Donor Day, the Paschim Medinipur Thalassaemia Hemophilia Guardian Society organized a special awareness program and voluntary blood donation camp. The event was held at the Traffic Kalyan Mandap near the Kharagpur Bus Stand. Representatives "Mursida Bibi President Madhuanita Mainly Vice President 3 Dipwendy Mandal - Joint secretary member Piyali Das Maity of the organization stated that at a time when social values and humanitarian concerns are steadily declining, children suffering from thalassaemia, hemophilia, and sickle cell anemia often face neglect and inadequate support from both government and non-government sectors. In such challenging circumstances, the Paschim Medinipur Thalassaemia Hemophilia Guardian Society has been working continuously to protect the rights and fulfill the needs of these children. The organization expressed gratitude to all individuals and institutions that have extended financial and moral support to its activities. According to the society, patients and their families in Paschim Medinipur and neighboring districts face significant difficulties due to the shortage of specialist hematologists, inadequate availability of life-saving medicines, insufficient

blood supply, and limited government healthcare facilities. Major Activities of the Society Include: - Conducting awareness campaigns and thalassaemia carrier screening programs to help build a thalassaemia-free society. - Promoting voluntary blood donation and organizing regular blood donation camps. - Coordinating with government hospitals to address patients' problems and healthcare needs. - Observing World Thalassaemia Day and World Blood Donor Day by involving distinguished members of society. - Honoring blood donors and organizers of blood donation camps. - Assisting patients suffering from thalassaemia, hemophilia, and sickle cell anemia in obtaining disability certificates. - Providing blood tests, medicines, and financial assistance to needy children. - Implementing long-term plans in a phased manner to support the treatment of underprivileged thalassaemia patients. The organization appealed to all sections of society to come forward and donate blood, becoming part of this humanitarian mission. According to the society, voluntary blood donation not only helps save lives but also brings hope and smiles to children battling serious blood disorders such as thalassaemia.

Child marriage crisis in Bhangarh: Leader urged to act immediately



MI News Service, South 24 Parganas: In a blunt admonition that underscored deep social anxieties in the semi-urban pockets outside Kolkata, Bhangarh MLA Naushad Siddiqui on Sunday urged immediate action to halt child marriage, warning that a growing number of minor girls are fleeing home and entering into early unions. Speaking at an agricultural training program organized by the Bhangarh -2 Panchayat Samiti, Siddiqui called on guardians, elected representatives and officials to remain vigilant and intervene decisively to protect minors. "Most people here are farmers. Farmers, public representatives and government officials must ensure that child marriage officials must ensure that child marriage must ensure that child marriage is stopped in Bhangarh," Naushad Naushad said, stressing that community oversight and administrative alertness are indispensable to prevent further erosion of childhood and education. He appealed for coordinated monitoring and timely intervention, urging local leaders to be "eyes and ears" for vulnerable families. The warning came alongside the formal launch of a state-backed natural farming initiative aimed at transforming agricultural practice across the district. The Bhangarh -2 Panchayat Samiti convened 200 farmers for a one-day sustainable, income-enhancing rural livelihood and reduce socio-economic pressures that often underpin harmful practices such as child marriage.

Major Crackdown on Illegal Liquor in Jhargram: Joint Operation by Police and Excise Department, Large Quantity of Illicit Liquor Destroyed

MI News Service, Kharagpur : In a major operation against the illegal liquor trade, the police and Excise Department conducted a joint raid in various areas under the Sankrail Police Station limits of Jhargram district. During the operation, a large quantity of illicit and country-made liquor was seized and subsequently destroyed on the spot. The administration has made it clear that similar drives will continue in the future to curb illegal liquor-related activities in the region. According to available information, a joint team of Sankrail Police Station personnel and Excise Department officials carried out raids in several villages and sensitive areas based on specific intelligence inputs. During the operation, authorities recovered a substantial quantity of ready-made illicit liquor as well as raw materials used in its production. Officials



stated that the manufacture and sale of illegal liquor not only violate the law but also pose serious risks to public health. Incidents involving loss of life and property due to the consumption of toxic liquor have been reported on several occasions. Keeping these concerns in mind, the administration has adopted a strict stance against such illegal activities. The seized illicit liquor and raw brewing materials were destroyed in accordance with established procedures during the operation. Authorities further stated that efforts are underway to identify individuals involved in the production, storage, and sale of illegal liquor, and legal action will be taken against those found responsible. Police and Excise Department officials have also appealed to local residents to promptly inform the authorities about any illegal liquor manufacturing or sales activities in their areas so that timely action can be taken. The administration emphasized that such drives will continue across the district, including the Sankrail Police Station area, in the interest of public welfare and maintaining law and order.

Jaygram Social Welfare Society Hands Over Motorized Tricycles to 39 Differently-Abled Individuals at Subarnadwip Ashram

MI News Service, Hasnabad: Under the initiative of the Jaygram Social Welfare Society, motorized tricycles were handed over to 39 differently-abled individuals at the Subarnadwip Ashram premises on Monday (June 15) at 12:00 PM. Rekha Patra, MLA of the Hingalganj Assembly constituency, attended the event as the chief guest. She stated, "The humanitarian work being carried out by the Jaygram Social Welfare Society for the welfare of differently-abled people undoubtedly deserves praise." Samir Mandal, the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Hasnabad, was present as a special guest. He remarked, "The administration always stands by differently-abled individuals. I am optimistic that many more social development initiatives will be implemented through this organization in the future." Mohammad Omar Ali Molla, the Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Hasnabad, also attended



the event. He noted, "Battery-operated tricycles are eco-friendly and do not cause environmental pollution." He also specifically urged all beneficiaries to adhere to traffic regulations. Ariful Islam Mandal, a founding member of the Jaygram Social Welfare Society, stated, "We plan to hand over battery-operated tricycles to another one thousand differently-abled individuals in the near future." Afsar Ali Gazi, the organization's Special Project Coordinator, said, "Differently-abled individuals have demonstrated their capabilities across land, water, and air. They are by no means incapable; rather, they are an integral part of society." Other dignitaries present at the event included Mahendra Singh, K.K. Singh, and Dharmendra Singh—Assistant Commandants of the 74th BSF Battalion; Nimai Das, President of the Basirhat Organizational District and a prominent social worker; and Sanjay Kumar Roy, Inspector-in-Charge (IC) of Hasnabad Police Station. In his address, Nimai Das said, "Humans exist for one another. I will strive to continue supporting this organization in its efforts for the welfare of society." The event is considered a significant step towards enhancing the self-reliance of individuals with special needs and ensuring their more active participation in the main-

Abhishek Banerjee appears before ED in primary school jobs scam case

MI News Service, Kolkata: As per schedule Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee appeared before the Enforcement Directorate in Kolkata on Monday in connection with the alleged school jobs scam case.

Informing this official sources said 'Abhishek Banerjee appeared before the ED officials here at around 11 a.m. for questioning in connection with the alleged West Bengal primary school recruitment scam. His appearance followed a summons issued earlier this month as part of the agency's ongoing money-laundering investigation into alleged irregularities in teacher recruitment scam.'

The ED has been probing the recruitment scam since 2022 and is examining alleged financial transactions linked to entities under scrutiny. However,



TMC All India General Secretary and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee arrives at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office to appear before the agency in connection with its probe into the alleged teachers' recruitment scam in Kolkata on Monday.

Abhishek Banerjee has denied any wrongdoing. The questioning comes amid a series of legal and investigative actions involving senior Trinamool Congress leaders ahead of the state's

evolving political landscape. Investigators focused on tracking the money trail and the role of beneficiary entities flagged during forensic analyses. The ED confronted Abhishek

Banerjee with financial documents, digital records, and testimonies from other accused individuals. The agency also sought to clarify inconsistencies between Banerjee's earlier submissions and newer evidence obtained during searches.

The TMC leader's ED appearance came a day after he spent more than six hours being questioned by the West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at the Bhabani Bhabhan office on Sunday.

The CID probe is linked to the alleged forgery of TMC MLAs' signatures on documents regarding the appointment of the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly. The ED is questioning him over the alleged money laundering angle, financial transactions, bank records, and digital documents linked to the case.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari was in conversation with State Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta, along with State Urban Development Minister Agnimitra Paul, during a Kolkata Municipal Corporation programme held at the KMC headquarters on Monday.

Sujit Bose Denied Interim Bail; ED Gets Time to Respond in Recruitment Scam Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former West Bengal Fire Services Minister Sujit Bose, currently in judicial custody in connection with the alleged municipal recruitment scam, was denied interim bail by the Calcutta High Court on Monday. The court granted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) time until June 29 to file its response to the bail plea, with the next hearing likely to be held on July 1 at 2 pm.

The matter came up before Justice Joy Sengupta of the Calcutta High Court. The ED opposed Bose's bail application,

while senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi appeared on behalf of the former minister and challenged the agency's stand.

Singhvi argued that the ED case dates back to 2023 and that the agency did not summon Bose for questioning for nearly three and a half years. He contended that during this period, Bose continued to discharge his duties as an elected representative and also served as Vice-Chairman of the South Dum Dum Municipality. Singhvi further stated that Bose was summoned twice in May 2026 and was arrested on May 11

during his second appearance before the agency, raising questions over the credibility and timing of the arrest.

Representing the ED, advocate Dhiraj Trivedi sought additional time to place the agency's detailed submissions before the court. Accepting the request, the High Court directed the ED to file its response by June 29.

Bose has been under the scanner of the ED for alleged irregularities in municipal recruitment. Investigators claim that appointments were made in exchange for money and that Bose played a key role in recommending candidates for jobs in the Dum Dum Municipality. According to the agency, more than a hundred job aspirants were allegedly recommended through illegal means.

The ED arrested Bose on May 11 after prolonged questioning. Prior to his arrest, the agency had conducted searches at his residence and office and interrogated him on multiple occasions. Investigators are also examining his financial records to determine whether money was exchanged in connection with the alleged recruitment irregularities

Judge Recuses Himself from TMC's CID Search Challenge Case, Matter Referred to Chief Justice

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh twist emerged in the ongoing controversy surrounding the alleged fake-signature case and the CID search at the Trinamool Congress office in Kalighat, as Justice Sougata Bhattacharya of the Calcutta High Court on Monday recused himself from hearing the matter. The case has now been referred to Chief Justice Sujoy Paul, who will decide the appropriate bench for further proceedings.

The petition was filed by Trinamool Congress leaders challenging the legality of a CID search operation conducted at the party's Kalighat office. The search was linked to a criminal case registered at Hare Street Police Station, in

which allegations relating to forged signatures and related offences are under investigation.

While stepping aside from the case, Justice Bhattacharya observed that the issues raised in the petition were closely connected to the criminal proceedings already being heard by the bench of Justice Kaushik Chanda. Since directions have already been passed in the criminal matter and the entire issue remains under the consideration of that court, Justice Bhattacharya stated that it would be appropriate for the matter to be placed before the Chief Justice for assignment to a suitable bench.

The development comes amid ongoing legal and political controversy surround-

ing the case. Senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee, who had represented the matter from the beginning, had earlier withdrawn from the case. At the time of his exit, Banerjee publicly expressed strong dissatisfaction with the handling of the legal strategy and reportedly voiced criticism against Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

Kalyan Banerjee's son, Shirsanya Banerjee, had also appeared in court on behalf of Abhishek Banerjee. However, a dramatic turn occurred before the last hearing when, according to claims made by Kalyan Banerjee and his son, they were informed through a message that their services would no longer be required in

the matter.

The dispute reportedly arose after a separate writ petition concerning the CID search was filed. In that petition, advocate Ayan Bhattacharya appeared on behalf of Abhishek Banerjee. Kalyan Banerjee later claimed that the search-related writ petition and the original fake-signature case involved substantially similar issues and both fell within the criminal division of the High Court.

With Justice Bhattacharya recusing himself, the matter now awaits reassignment by the Chief Justice, while legal proceedings connected to the CID search and the alleged fake-signature case continue before the Calcutta High Court.

Alembic Gets USFDA Nod for Tretinoin Cream 0.05% ANDA

MI News Service, Kolkata: Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited announced that it has received final approval from the USFDA for its Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for Tretinoin Cream USP, 0.05%. The product is therapeutically equivalent to Retin-A Cream 0.05% of Bausch Health US and is used for topical treatment of acne vulgaris. The estimated market size is US\$ 76 million for twelve months ending March 2026. Alembic now has a total of 242 ANDA approvals from the USFDA.

Nayna Distances Herself from Sudip's Political Move

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid growing turmoil within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and reports of several leaders joining the newly formed NCPI camp, TMC MLA NaynaBandyopadhyay has publicly reaffirmed her loyalty to party chief Mamata Banerjee, while distancing herself from the political decisions of her husband, veteran leader SudipBandyopadhyay.

The latest political developments have sparked intense debate after reports emerged that around 20 "rebel" TMC MPs had decided to align themselves with the NCPI. The list reportedly included SudipBandyopadhyay, a long-time associate of Mamata Banerjee. His inclusion significantly strengthened the rebel camp and triggered sharp reactions from within the party.

PM Modi arrives in Slovakia

Continued from Pg 1: Droupadi Murmu's State Visit to Slovakia in April 2025 and Slovak President Pellegrini's visit to India for the AI Impact Summit in February 2026.

"The visit will reaffirm India's commitment towards strengthening its bilateral relationship with Slovakia in various sectors, including trade, investment, and automobile and railway manufacturing," the statement said.

In a post on X on Monday, Pellegrini said, "Dear Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I look forward to welcoming you in Bratislava. Your historic visit will build on our good dialogue from New Delhi and open new opportunities for Slovakia-India cooperation." PM Modi will, however, return to France to participate in the G7 Summit in Evian on June 16-17.

At the summit, PM Modi is expected to exchange views with G7 leaders including the US President Donald Trump, and invited partner countries on issues including international cooperation, economic growth and artificial intelligence. He is also scheduled to hold a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the gathering.

The final leg of his visit will take him to Paris on June 18, where he will attend the Viva Tech 2026, Europe's largest technology and start up event, alongside President Macron.

Kolkata Launches 'Swachhata ke Swagat' Cleanliness Drive Ahead of World Yoga Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a citywide special cleanliness drive titled 'SwachhatakeSwagat' across Kolkata on Monday, aiming to enhance urban hygiene and public participation ahead of the upcoming World Yoga Day celebrations. The initiative comes ahead of the major World Yoga Day programme scheduled for June 21 at Red Road, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to participate in the grand event. Prior to the main event, Kolkata will witness a five-day intensive cleanliness campaign covering streets, ghats, markets, temples, and public spaces across the city. As part of the programme, special cleaning drives will be conducted at various Ganga ghats on June 17, with community participation encouraged by the administration. Officials said that iconic locations, including temples, mosque areas,

and major market zones, will also be cleaned under the initiative to present a refreshed city ahead of international attention. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation stated that the campaign aims to promote awareness about cleanliness and prepare the city as a model urban space. Senior officials and elected representatives, including councillors from various wards, participated in the launch event held at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation headquarters. The Chief Minister emphasized that there is no political division in the drive and urged everyone to work together for development. She added that the government will continue such initiatives to ensure a cleaner, greener, and healthier Kolkata for citizens. Preparations are also underway to welcome international guests and dignitaries during the Yoga Day celebrations at Red Road. According to officials, the beautification and sanitation drive will cover mul-

tiples boroughs of Kolkata over the coming days, with special focus on high-traffic and heritage areas. The programme is expected to involve civic workers, volunteers, and local communities, making it one of the largest coordinated cleanliness efforts in the city in recent years. Authorities said that the campaign will also promote behavioural change among citizens regarding waste disposal and environmental responsibility. With the Yoga Day event expected to draw global attention, the government aims to showcase Kolkata as a clean and welcoming international destination. Officials further added that monitoring teams will be deployed across the city to ensure effective implementation of the cleanliness drive, with continuous review meetings planned until the World Yoga Day celebrations conclude and maintain public participation throughout the campaign period across Kolkata city areas.

Mohammedan SC Begins New Term as SK Wasim Akram Takes Oath as General Secretary

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mohammedan Sporting Club has officially commenced its new administrative term following a key meeting called by the Club President, Humayun Kabir.

In the presence of the Board of Trustees, the responsibility to appoint the new General Secretary was entrusted to Humayun Kabir, who subsequently appointed SK Wasim Akram to the role.

The transition was formalized on Monday during an official Oath of Office ceremony,

where SK Wasim Akram took his oath in the presence of the Honorary President. The outgoing committee formally handed over all responsibilities, ensuring a smooth transition of leadership. Signaling a fresh phase for the club, the leadership panel later addressed the media at a press conference to share their vision and future plans. To guide the club in this new chapter, Mohammedan SC is also pleased to welcome Advocate Firdous Samim and CA. Mohammed Bajlur Islam as Club Advisors.



Rebel TMC MPs merge with little-known party, meet speaker

Continued from Pg 1: independent recognition within the House," he wrote in the letter.

Citing a 2023 judgment of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on the Maharashtra political crisis and provisions of the Tenth Schedule, he said the law does not recognise the "splintering of a political party into competing groups as a permissible event; it treats such conduct, instead, through the lens of disqualification".

He argued that it was the political party and not the legislature party which is supreme.

"The Court held that it is the political party, and not the legislature party, that appoints the Whip and the Leader of the party in the House, and that the direction to vote in a particular manner, or to abstain, is issued by the political party and not the legislature party. It follows that no breakaway set of members may appoint their own Leader

or Whip, or seek recognition as a distinct entity, in derogation of the authority of the political party," he said.

Arguing that the Speaker "recognises the political party (and) not rival factions," he said "the Court held that where two or more factions claim to be the political party, the Speaker is to determine, prima facie, who the political party is for the purpose of adjudicating disqualification petitions under Paragraph 2(1) of the Tenth Schedule. The framework thus contemplates ascertainment of the one true political party, not the conferral of independent recognition upon a faction."

Pointing out that the purported demand of the rebel TMC MPs to recognise them as a separate group or faction of the AITC was "unknown to law and impermissible," he said "after the Ninety-first Amendment, the only lawful route by which a

body of members may lawfully realign is a merger within the meaning of Paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule, when two conditions are satisfied - namely when the political party merges and, cumulatively, two-thirds of the legislature party switches."

"The claims which are making the rounds in the media presume that only one condition has to be satisfied which is incorrect. Therefore, assuming without admitting in any manner that two-thirds of the legislative party has switched, there has been no merger of the political party with any party or any creation of a new party called AITC," he said.

He said "any voluntary act by which a member or members hold themselves out as a party/faction, repudiate the authority of the Party's Leader and Whip, or function independently of the political party, would attract disqualification under Paragraph

ED Frames Charges Against Shahjahan, 3 Others in Sandeshkhali Land Grab Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday formally framed charges against Shahjahan Sheikh and three others in connection with an alleged land-grab and money laundering case linked to Sandeshkhali in West Bengal. The charge-framing process was completed before a special ED court in Kolkata, marking a significant step in the investigation into allegations of illegal land acquisition and financial

misconduct in the region. According to the central agency, villagers in Sandeshkhali were allegedly intimidated and coerced into surrendering their land, which was subsequently used to generate illegal profits. Investigators claim to have identified proceeds of crime amounting to nearly ₹5 crore that were allegedly earned through the unlawful occupation and exploitation of the acquired properties.

Besides Shahjahan Sheikh, the ED has named three other accused in its chargesheet - Alamgir, Shivprasad Hazra and Didar Box Molla. The agency has accused the four individuals of participating in a network that allegedly seized land through intimidation and amassed substantial financial gains from those properties.

The special court has scheduled the commencement of witness examination on July 7.

Aroop Biswas Skips Police Summons Again in Messi Controversy

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former West Bengal Sports Minister Arup Biswas has once again failed to appear before the police for questioning in connection with the ongoing "Messi incident" case, despite repeated summons and a court directive requiring him to cooperate with the investigation.

According to officials, the Bidhannagar South Police Station had issued a notice to the former minister, instructing him to appear within 48 hours. The deadline ended at 12 noon on Monday. However, even after the expiry of the stipulated time, Biswas did not report to the police station. By late afternoon, there was still no confirmation of his whereabouts.

This marks the third consecutive instance of non-appearance by the former minister in the same case, raising questions about compliance

with both police summons and judicial instructions. The Calcutta High Court had earlier granted conditional protection to Biswas in the matter, while clearly directing him to extend full cooperation to the investigating agency.

The court had also reportedly reprimanded him during earlier hearings, stressing the importance of cooperation in the probe. Despite this, investigators allege that he has continued to avoid questioning, prompting further legal scrutiny.

The controversy relates to the high-profile "GOAT event" involving football legend Lionel Messi, which has triggered multiple complaints and investigations. Event organiser Satyajit Dutta claimed that the repeated non-appearance of Biswas raises serious concerns about accountability and transparency in the case.

Before investigators could reach the premises, they were allegedly attacked by a mob, and several personnel, including central security force members, reportedly came under assault.

Following the incident, Shahjahan Sheikh remained untraceable for a period before being arrested by the police. He was subsequently handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with various allegations. While in CBI custody, the ED took custody of him in relation to corruption and money laundering investigations.

With charges now formally framed in the land-grab case, the matter is set to enter the evidentiary stage. The proceedings beginning on July 7 are expected to play a crucial role in determining the merits of the allegations brought by the Enforcement Directorate.

NAME CHANGE I, Jubayer Mallick, S/O - Aftabuddin Mallick, R/O - Chatta Kalikapur, Maheshtala, VTC Chata Kalikapur, P.O. - Chatakalikapur, Dist. - 24 Pgs. (S. - 700140, my actual name has been wrongly recorded in my driving licence as Jubayer Mallick in place of Jubayer Mallick, vide an Affidavit No. 37053, dtd. 22.05.2026, before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, (1st Class) at Alipore, That, Jubayer Mallick & Jubayer Mallick both are same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Sk. Muful Murshed, S/O - Lt. Sk. Hasibul Bari, residing at 36D, Topsia Road, P/O - Tiljala, P/S - Anandapur, Kolkata - 700039. That in my daughter's (Tabenda Begum) Rural Household Summary certificate my & her name has been recorded as Sekh Muful Mursed & Tablida Khatun and in 2002 voter list my name as সেক মৌফজুল মুরসেদ & 2026 voter list as সেক মৌফজুল মুরসেদ So vide Affidavit before the Ld. 1st class J.M. at Alipore dt-06/04/2026 (No.32196) that Tabenda Begum & Tablida Khatun is same and one identical person and Sk. Muful Mursed & Sekh Muful Mursed & সেক মৌফজুল মুরসেদ is same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, DOREEN LEE ALIAS WONG OENG CHEN (OLD NAME) WIFE OF LATE HUNG SHENG, RESIDENT OF 19/1488 SEAL LANE, PS-TANGRA, KOLKATA-700015, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM DOREEN LEE ALIAS WONG OENG CHEN (OLD NAME) TO DOREEN LEE (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS DOREEN LEE (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 19 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 13/06/2026. DOREEN LEE (NEW NAME) AND DOREEN LEE ALIAS WONG OENG CHEN (OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE I, SANJU BHAGAT SAHO(OLD NAME), WIFE OF PRADIP BHAGAT, RESIDENT OF JHALDA MUNICIPALITY WARD-6, JHALDA PURULIYA-723202, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SANJU BHAGAT SAHO(OLD NAME) TO SANJU SAHU BHAGAT (NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS SANJU SAHU BHAGAT (NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 13 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 15/06/2026. SANJU SAHU BHAGAT (NEW NAME) AND SANJU BHAGAT SAHO(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Sakila Khatoun (Old Name) W/o Ainal Haque Ansari Residing at 9, Gurusaday Road, Karaya, Kolkata - 700019, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sakila Khatoun (Old Name) to Sakila Begam (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Sakila Begam (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on Dated 12-06-2026. Sakila Begam (New Name) and Sakila Khatoun (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD KALIMUDDIN SEKH S/O - SABBUL RAHAMAN SEKH Residing at, Vill- Uttar Hariharpara, Po- Hariharpara, Ps- Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742166, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MOHAMMAD KALIMUDDIN SEKH TO KALIMUDDIN SEKH (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) KALIMUDDIN SEKH in all purpose vide affidavit No. 2331 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore, Murshidabad, KALIMUDDIN SEKH and MOHAMMAD KALIMUDDIN SEKH both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Rajat Agarwala (old name) S/o Lalit Kumar Agarwal, residing at 32, Ramkrishna Samadhi road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata-700054, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajat Agarwala (Old Name) to Rajat Agarwal (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rajat Agarwal (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. Rajat Agarwal (Old Name) and Rajat Agarwala (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Special arrangement of EMU/MEMU local trains for REE - NEET Examination -2026

MI News Service, Kolkata: To facilitate the smooth travel of candidates appearing for REE-NEET Examination-2026, scheduled for June 21, 2026 (Sunday), Sealdah Division has decided to enhance its train services. Recognizing that Sunday schedules usually operate with fewer services, Division will instead run its normal weekday schedule until 12:00 hrs (departure time basis). This initiative aims to ensure that students and their guardians can reach examination centers across the city and suburbs without any inconvenience. Sealdah Division remains committed to ensure hassle-free transit experience during this important national examination.

Name Change I, Shamira Khatoun, W/o - Jahangir Alam, R/o - Shipur Bye Lane, P.O. - Bansberia, PS - Mogra, Dist. - Hooghly-712502, that, my son's actual name (Mohammed Hamdan) has been wrongly recorded in my sons Birth Certificate as Mohammed Hamdan Bin Jahangir in place of Mohammed Hamdan, vide an Affidavit No. 12371, dtd. 19.05.2026, in the Court of Ld. 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate, Hooghly at Chinsurah, That, Mohammed Hamdan & Mohammed Hamdan Bin Jahangir both are same & one identical person.

Name Change I, Sk. Azaharuddin, S/O - Lt. Sk. Najme Alam, residing at 15F, Topsia Road, P/O+P/S - Tiljala, Kolkata-700039. That in my Aadhar, Pan card & educational documents my & my father's name has been recorded as Sekh Azahar Uddin, S/O - Sekh Najme Alam which are incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld. 1st class J.M. at Alipore dt-06/04/2026 (No.32194) that Sk. Azaharuddin, S/O - Sk. Najme Alam & Sekh Azahar Uddin, S/O - Sekh Najme Alam both are same and identical persons.

NAME CHANGE I, ASHOK KUMAR FITKARIWAL(OLD NAME), SON OF LATE MAHADEB BISWAS, RESIDENT OF VILL-PANCHPOTA NUTAMPARA, PO-BALBA GOBINDAPUR, PS-SHANTIPUR, NADIA-741404, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ASHOK KUMAR FITKARIWAL(OLD NAME) TO ASHOK KUMAR AGARWAL(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS ASHOK KUMAR AGARWAL(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 12 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 15/06/2026. ASHOK KUMAR FITKARIWAL(OLD NAME) AND ASHOK KUMAR AGARWAL(NEW NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE I, Rajendranth Maitly (old name) S/o Bharati Maitly, residing at EGRAADLA BAD, WARD NO- 14, EGRA, EAST MEDINIPUR - 721429, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajendranth Maitly (Old Name) to Rajendra Maitly (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Rajendra Maitly (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. Rajendra Maitly (New Name) and Rajendranth Maitly (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, I, Janvi Singh (Old Name), Daughter Of Bijay Kumar Singh, Resident Of Amtanga More Rupnarayanpur, Dist - Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713364, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Janvi Singh (Old Name) To Janvi Kumar Singh (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Janvi Kumar Singh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/06/2026. Janvi Kumar Singh (New Name) And Janvi Singh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) DILAR HOSSAIN SEIKH S/O - NUHU SEIKH Residing at, Vill-Bagachhra, Po- Benipur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742140, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from DILAR HOSSAIN SEIKH (Old Name) to JELAR HOSEN (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as (New Name) JELAR HOSEN in all purpose vide affidavit No. 2330 On Date 08 June 2026 Sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore, Murshidabad, DILAR HOSSAIN SEIKH both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Abus Kayes (old name) S/O SHAHTULYAKUB, residing at VILL CHAKTAJPUR DAKSHINPARA PO ILAHPUR, PS CHANDHALIA, Hooghly Rural, 712707, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Abus Kayes (Old Name) to SK Mohammad Abu Kayes (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as SK Mohammad Abu Kayes (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. SK Mohammad Abu Kayes (Old Name) and Abus Kayes (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Cancellation of Howrah - Puri - Howrah Shatabdi Express

MI News Service, Kolkata/Bhubaneswar: Due to the delay of the link train, Train No. 12278 Puri-Howrah Shatabdi Express will remain cancelled on 16th June 2026. Similarly, Train No. 12277 Howrah-Puri Shatabdi Express will also remain cancelled on 16th June 2026. Passengers are advised to take note of the above changes and plan their journey accordingly. For updated train information, passengers may visit the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) or use official railway enquiry services before commencing their journey.

NAME CHANGE On the strength of an Affidavit affirmed before Ld. C.J.M. (1st Class Judicial Magistrate) Barasat, vid. SL. No. 13635 dated 03/06/2026, I, Monirul Islam S/O Elius Ali, Vill. Ghoragachha, P.S. Baduria, Dist. North 24 Parganas, declared that Elius Ali or Ilius Mondal S/O Golam Bari Mondal, is the same one and identical Person, who is my Father.

Name Change I, Sk. Nasiruddin, S/O - Lt. Seikh Nazme Alam, residing at 90A/3/1, Topsia Road, P/O+P/S - Tiljala, Kolkata-700039 and permanent residing at Villa- Hirapur ER, Uttarpara, Sekh, Molla, Khanakur O Malikpara, Arambagh, P/S- Khanakul, Dist- Hooghly. That in my Aadhar my father's name has been recorded as S.N. Alam which is incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld. 1st class J.M. at Alipore dt-27/03/2026 (No.29017) that Seikh Nazme Alam & S.N. Alam is same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, ARUP SENGUPTA(OLD NAME), SON OF LATE PRITHWISH CHANDRA SENGUPTA, RESIDENT OF NONACHANDAN PUKUR, BARRACKPORE, PS-MOHANPUR, NORTH 24 PGS-700122, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ARUP SENGUPTA(OLD NAME) TO ARUP KUMAR SENGUPTA(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS ARUP KUMAR SENGUPTA(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 12/06/2026. ARUP SENGUPTA(OLD NAME) AND ARUP KUMAR SENGUPTA(NEW NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE I, NARAYAN CHOWDHURY S/O KHAGEN CHANDRA CHAUDHURI, residing at Kanchanjanga Apartment, Flat-A3, Teghoria Main Road, Rajahat Gopalpur (M), Desh Bandhu Nagar, North 24 Parganas - 700059, do hereby declare that my name has been recorded variously across different official documents as NARAYAN CHOWDHURY (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as NARAYAN CHOWDHURY (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. NARAYAN CHOWDHURY (New Name) and NARAYAN CHANDRA CHAUDHURI (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Vijay Kumar Singh (Old Name), Son Of Birendra Kumar Singh, Resident Of Amtanga More Rupnarayanpur, Dist - Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713364, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vijay Kumar Singh (Old Name) To Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/06/2026. Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) And Vijay Kumar Singh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Susanta Kumar Ganguly (Old Name) S/O Subodh Kumar Ganguly Residing at A-412, Baishnabghata Patuli, Panchasayar, District - Kolkata, Pin-700094, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Susanta Kumar Ganguly (Old Name) to Susanta Kumar Ganguli (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Susanta Kumar Ganguli (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on Dated 15-06-2026. Susanta Kumar Ganguly (New Name) and Susanta Kumar Ganguly (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Ajeet Gupta (old name) S/O Ramesh Chandra Gupta, residing at 54 Burtolla Street, Satyanarayan Park, Baranagar, North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ajeet Gupta (Old Name) to Ajeet Kumar Gupta (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ajeet Kumar Gupta (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. Ajeet Kumar Gupta (New Name) and Ajeet Gupta (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Vikrant Kayan S/O SK KAYAN (old name) (Driving Licenses WB0119920615678), residing at Flat- 1D, 9 Sunny Park, Ballygunge, P.O. - Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700019, India, have changed my father name and shall henceforth be known as Sushil Kayan (New Name) as declared Before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-06-2026. SK KAYAN (Old Name) and Sushil Kayan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, SABDAR ALI MANDAL, S/O - Late AYUBALI MANDAL, R/O - Vill. - Ghorarash, Uttarpara, P.O. - Zafarpur, P.S. - Basirhat, No. 207 Matia, Dist. - North 24 Pgs., do hereby declare that in my daughter TAJMIRA KHATUN'S Birth Certificate (Reg. No. 2918 dated- 31.12.96) her name has been recorded as TAJMIRA, D/O-SATTAR MONDAL. On 27.11.25 through affidavit no. 27031 submitted before the Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, I affirm that TAJMIRA KHATUN & TAJMIRA and SABDAR ALI MANDAL & SATTAR MONDAL is the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Gour Gobinda Deychowdhury, S/O Late Prasanna Gopal Deychowdhury, resident of B-14/364, Kalyani, P.O. & P.S. Kalyani, Dist. Nadia, West Bengal-741235, do hereby declare that my name has been recorded as "Gour Deychowdhury" in the Passport No. N9490171 of my son Subendu Dey Chowdhury instead of my correct name "Gour Gobinda Deychowdhury" and henceforth I shall be known as Gour Gobinda Deychowdhury in all purposes, vide Affidavit No. 92 sworn before the Notary Public/Court at Kalyani, Nadia on 04.06.2026. Gour Gobinda Dey Chowdhury and Gour Deychowdhury both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, MURSHID BIBI (old name) W/o ISRAT UDDIN MOLLA, residing at GANIMA ROAD, TARUN SANGHA, P.O. MALLICKPORE, SOUTH 24 PGS- 700145, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MURSHIDA BIBI MOLLA (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as MURSHIDA BIBI MOLLA (new name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata, on 15/06/2026. MURSHIDA BIBI MOLLA (New Name) and MURSHID BIBI (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, MOHASIN HOSSAIN(OLD NAME), SON OF MOTEALAB RESIDENT OF UTTAR BAHARA DADPUR, GOLABARI BAZAR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS-743423, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MOHASIN HOSSAIN(OLD NAME) TO MD MOHASIN HOSSAIN(NEW NAME) AND HENCEFORTH I SHALL BE KNOWN AS MD MOHASIN HOSSAIN(NEW NAME) IN ALL PURPOSE, VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO 10 SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 15/06/2026. MD MOHASIN HOSSAIN(NEW NAME) AND MOHASIN HOSSAIN(OLD NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change I, Vijay Singh (Old Name), Son Of Birendra Kumar Singh, Resident Of Amtanga More Rupnarayanpur, Dist - Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713364, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vijay Singh (Old Name) To Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) And Henceforth Shall Be Known As Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/06/2026. Bijay Kumar Singh (New Name) And Vijay Singh (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Varsha Das (Old Name) W/o Peter Lopez D/o Badri Narayan Das Residing at Raghunathpur Anandnagar Sarguna (P), District - Nadia, Pin - 741245, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Varsha Das (Old Name) to Varsha Das Lopez (New Name) and henceforth I shall be known as Varsha Das Lopez (New Name) in all purpose, vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on Dated 15-06-2026. Varsha Das Lopez (New Name) and Varsha Das (Old Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Khagen Paul (Old Name), Son Of Santosh Paul, Resident Of Kaikhali Daspara, Airport, North 24 Parganas - 700136, West Bengal, Do hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Khagen Paul (Old Name) To Khagendra Nath Paul (New Name) And Henceforth I Shall Be Known As Khagendra Nath Paul (New Name) In All Purpose, Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/06/2026. Khagendra Nath Paul (New Name) and Khagen Paul (Old Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, SUMAN SARKHEL (old name), S/O-NIRMAL SARKHEL, residing at VILL-RANGTAKHALI, PO-CHUDANGA, PS-ARAMBAGH, DIST- HOOGHLY, 712617, West Bengal, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SUMAN SARKHEL (Old Name) to SUBADIP SARKHEL (New Name) and henceforth shall be known as SUBADIP SARKHEL (new name), as declared Before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/06/2026. SUBADIP SARKHEL (old name) and SUMAN SARKHEL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Sabina Bibi W/o, Firoj Ali, D/o, Yusuf Ali Mondal R/o, Dohari, Medhatopara, P.O - Ganganagar, PS - Madhyamgram, Kolkata - 700132, Dist - 24 Pgs (N) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my Madhyamik Registration Certificate where in my father's name has been recorded as Yusuf Ali. That in my PAN card where in my said father's name has been recorded as Yusuf Ali & in his personal documents & in his PAN card & voter ID card & Aadhar card where in my father's name recorded as Yusuf Ali Mondal. And my actual name is Sabina Bibi which has been recorded in my Aadhar card & PAN card & voter ID card & in my Madhyamik Admit card, 2018 in my marriage certificate, my name recorded as Sabina Yasmin. That my name recorded as Yusuf Ali & in his personal documents & in his PAN card & voter ID card & Aadhar card where in my father's name recorded as Yusuf Ali Mondal. 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Devastating fire in a Pub due to short circuit! Two burnt to death

MI News Service, Mysuru: At least two people have died and six others were injured in a massive fire at a pub in Mysuru. Preliminary investigations suggest the fire was caused by a short circuit. The incident has caused a stir in the area. It has been reported that the deceased had come to the city for work—one from Darjeeling and the other from Nepal. They were aged 26 and 24, respectively. The victims have been identified as 26-year-old Sahin from Darjeeling and 24-year-old Prakash from Nepal. Those undergoing treatment in the hospital include cus-

tomers Sonu, Ramesh, Mahadev Prasad, Prajwal, Avinash, and the pub owner, Pritam Pumeet. "We used ladders and rescued around 15 people. They have suffered minor injuries and are out of danger. The fire has been doused, and the bodies of two people who worked there have been found," said fire official Ranganath. "Prima facie it looks like a short circuit caused the fire. Decorative items made of wood were kept, which could have led to the sudden spread of the blaze," he added. Police and fire officials are investigating the cause of the



blaze. Two people died, and seven others were seriously injured in a fire that broke out at a restaurant cum pub in Mysuru's RT Nagar on Monday, police

said. The incident occurred at a premium two-storey resto-pub near Netaji Circle in Dattagalli in the city, officials said, adding that a short circuit is suspected to be the cause of the fire. The deceased have been identified as Sahil (26) and Prakash (24), who were in the kitchen of the Fox Den Liquor Garage Bar and Restaurant at the time of the incident, police added. Seven people were rescued by fire and emergency services personnel from Saraswathipuram and Hebbal fire

thick smoke inside the building, tried to escape by jumping from the upper floor. The injured people were rescued and rushed to Suযোগ and Apollo hospitals for treatment, a senior fire official said. It has been learnt that more than 25 people were inside the bar when the fire broke out. People were worried as thick smoke covered the building after the fire. The presence of highly inflammable materials in the facility set up in the rooftop terrace garden led to the rapid spread of the flames.

আমি সজিত কুমার বিবিত ই 03/11/2025 তারিখে 1 4437/25 নং দলিল মূলে নির্মিত দুর্ঘটনা দাস (বাপ) ইহার পক্ষে নিম্ন উল্লিখিত আবেদন (১) দুধ কুমার বাপ, (২) উত্তম দাসের নিকট হইতে (পাগড়ার নং-410/2023) মৌজা-নবপুর গ্রামে জে.এল ৩৫ ফুট হাল ১২৯১ নং খতিয়ান ভুক্ত আর. এস ও এল আর. ১০১৫ নং দাগে ৩.৩০ শতক সম্পর্কিত-বিদিত করিয়া জেমজুড় বি. এল. এল. আর. ও অফিস মিউনিসিপালিটির জনা আবেদন করিয়াছি। যদি উক্ত আবেদনকার্য বা অন্য কোন ব্যক্তির কোনরূপ অধিগ্রহণ থাকে তাহা হইলে বিজ্ঞান প্রকাশনের দিন হইতে আশাশ্রী ১ মাসের মধ্যে জানাইতে হবে। নতুবা উক্ত সর্বস্বত্ব পর আইন মোতাবেক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।

Metro Railway, Kolkata
Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Name of work: Zonal Contract for Up-keep of track and track bed of Both UP & DN Lines from km 07/14 to 12/02 between Central (Ex.) to Netaji Bhawan (Ex.) including 'Y' siding at Maidan of Metro Railway, Kolkata upto June 2026. Approx Cost of Work: ₹ 2,19,48,900.78, Earnest Money: ₹ 4,39,000/-, Completion Period: Twenty Four (24) Months. Date and Time of Closing: 08.07.2026 at 12.00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. Abridged e-Tender Notice No.: Civil-2590-2026 (Open)
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Western Railway Targets Seamless Interchange at Borivali-Kandivali

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday reviewed master plans for the redevelopment of several high-traffic railway stations, including Borivali, Ambala Cantonment and Mangaluru Central, during a meeting with senior railway officials. Minister of State for Railways Raveen Singh Bittu was also present. Emphasising minimal disruption to passengers and uninterrupted train operations, Vaishnaw directed that redevelopment work be executed with a strong focus on quality, durability and passenger convenience. He urged adoption of modern construction techniques, including precast components and advanced systems, to accelerate delivery while maintaining high standards. Officials were instructed to ensure efficient utilisation of funds and timely implementation of approved projects. Borivali-Kandivali integrated plan. The review gave particular attention to Borivali, a major interchange on Western Railway that handles about 191 long distance and roughly 1,200 suburban services daily, serving approximately 3.65 lakh passengers. With passenger volumes expected to grow substantially, the proposed integrated rede-

East Coast Railway: Complete Victory in Locomotive Shed Awards

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway (ECOR) has distinguished itself by winning awards in all four shield categories announced by the Railway Board for the best performing locomotive sheds during the financial year 2025-26. The accolades will be presented at the 43rd Maintenance Study Group (MSG) Meeting scheduled at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan, on June 19-20, 2026. ECoR emerged as the only zonal railway to secure at least one award in each of the four categories evaluated by the Railway Board, underscoring the zone's consistent focus on locomotive maintenance, reliability and operational efficiency. In the category of "Best Diesel Shed Homing Electric Locomotives," Waltair Diesel Shed (WATD) earned the second position. Angul Electric Loco Shed (ANGE) claimed first place in the "Best Loco Shed Homing 3 Phase Electric Locomotives" category and additionally secured the second position in the "Best Loco Shed Homing Conventional Electric Locomotives" category. Waltair Electric Loco Shed (WATE) achieved the second position in the "Best Shed Homing Electric Coaching Locomotives" category.

TENDER NOTICE

E Tender is invited through online Bid System vide NleT No. -01/En/15TH/RAM-I/2026-2027 With Vide Memo No. 92 (14)/RAM-I GP, dated: - 15-06-2026, The Last date for online submission of tender is 29-06-2026 up to 12.00 HRS. For details, please visit website: - https://wbenders.gov.in
Sd/ Pradhan Rampara-II Gram Panchayat

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: SG Tender/DSTE/SDAH/620, Dated: 12.06.2026. E-Tender is invited by the Sr. D.S.T.E., Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: e-Tender No.: SDSTE/Sig/7/10/26-27/CAP. Name of work with its location: Rehabilitation of relay room, location box etc and strengthening of Axle Counter system over Sealdah Division. Tender Value: ₹ 4,40,42,528.18. Cost of Tender document: Nil. Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited: ₹ 8,80,900. Completion period of the work: 9 months. Tender submission start date: 26.06.2026. Tender submission end date: 10.07.2026 upto 14.00 hrs. Tender Bid opening date: 10.07.2026 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available: www.ireps.gov.in. Technical Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. Financial Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or 'V' whichever is less; where V= Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N = Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. Other document to be submitted: As mentioned in the tender document. Similar nature of Work: Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Data Logger or RTUs. OR Any Signal Interlocking Works involving EI OR RRI or PI OR IBS OR IBH OR LC Gate Interlocking OR Yard Modification OR UFSBI OR Track Circuit (AFTC OR DC TC) OR Axle Counter (SSDAC OR MSDAC OR HA-SSDAC) OR Automatic Signalling. Note: The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). (SDAH-79/2026-27) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

For and on behalf of President of India, Divisional Electrical Engineer(G)/Adra invites e-tender for Electrical works, as per details mentioned here under: SI. No., e-Tender Notice No. & Description of Work are as follows: 1. Elect-G-ADA-2026-05, dtd. 12.06.2026. Electrical work for Interlocking of 3 nos. of level crossing gates (KA-48, RC-2 & MR-35) where TVU is greater than 10000 over Adra division. Tender Value : ₹ 10,69,234/- 2. Elect-G-ADA-2026-06, dtd. 12.06.2026. Electrical work for Soft Upgradations at 15 nominated Amrit Bharat stations for ELECT (G) works in Adra division. Tender Value : ₹ 2,06,58,616/- 3. Elect-G-ADA-2026-07, dtd. 12.06.2026. Electrical work for improvement of electrical safety by replacement of overaged Transformers of different capacity over SER for Adra Division. Tender Value : ₹ 13,83,293/- The closing date and time of e-tenders are on 06.07.2026 at 12.00 hrs. and opening of tenders will be done on 06.07.2026 after 12.30 hrs. Details of the above e-tender may please be seen at website: www.ireps.gov.in (PR-325)

Bargachia-I Gram Panchayat Notice inviting e-tender

Notice inviting e-tender 3 (three) no work of 15th FC FY-2025-26-3rd CALL (NIT NO-BAR-15/32/2026 & BAR-14/7/2026) Within Bargachia-I Gram Panchayat Will be available at https://wbenders.gov.in Bid Submission Start Date (online): 15/06/2026 at 06:00 P.M. Bid Submission End Date (online): 22/06/2026 at 02:00 P.M. Bid Opening Date (online): 26/06/2026 at 11:00 P.M. Sd/- Pradhan Bargachia-I Gram Panchayat

TARAKESWAR MUNICIPALITY E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Officer, Tarakeswar Municipality invites of e-tender of the following tender ID of Pre-Shraban Mela Repair & Maintenance works under Tarakeswar Municipality
Sd/- Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Tender for, e-Bid submission start date, e-Bid submission end date, Technical Bid Opening date. Contains 5 rows of tender details.

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/02/26/32, Dated: 15.06.2026. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, T. Netaji Subhas Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items: SI.No.; Tender No.; Description; Tender Cost; EMD & Tender Opening Date & Time are as follows: 1; 20265027; Reciprocating Air Cooled, Oil free, under slung air compressor with air dryer for 3-Phase ICF type MEMU rake similar to ELGI model no. RR20070 OF; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,79,100 & 09.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 2; 20265007; Radiator cooler motor for Hitachi; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,53,700 & 14.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 3; 19245042A; Standby Inverter suitable for AC Fuel Pump motor etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,11,630 & 15.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 4; 08251033; Polyglass banding tape size-0.33 mm. +/- 0.05 thick x 20mm. wide ; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,78,990 & 01.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 5; 14255184B; Procurement of Supply of 25 watt VHF Digital Radio Set as per RDSO Specification No. RDSO/SPN/C/107/2018 Revision:2.1 etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,59,420 & 06.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 6; 08261217A; Self Bonding (Amalgamating) Insulating Tape, Size: 38mm.; ₹ 0; ₹ 2,00,190 & 30.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 7; 12161114; Brake cylinder 355mm. etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,83,340 & 02.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 8; 04265005; Brake cylinder PBA 254-160 200277D-00-4-270, Make: Faiveley; ₹ 0; ₹ 8,04,330. 9; 04265004; Brake cylinder PBAF 254-160 200278D-01-6-PF13-90, Make: Faiveley; ₹ 0; ₹ 10,82,190 & 30.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. (for SI.No. 8 & 9). 10; 10252290A; Emergency Exhaust Valve; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,08,690 & 08.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 11; 19265025; Procurement of Contractor AC 3 pole etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,45,570 & 10.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 12; 21261379; Striker Casting Wren Plate etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 4,03,380 & 02.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 13; 16261154; Uninsulated Cadmium Copper Cathenary Wire; ₹ 0; ₹ 20,00,000 & 03.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 14; 15245027B; supply, installation and commissioning of 5 Axis CNC FIAT Bogie Frame Machining Centre etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 20,00,000 & 09.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 15; 20265015; Air Supply Unit; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,12,240 & 13.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 16; 11265013; Procurement of supply, installation and commissioning of IOT based Water Level Indicator System for LHB Non-AC Indian Railway Passenger Coaches; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,79,950 & 02.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 17; 21251019B; Procurement of Shackle Lock and Lock Pin with Split Pin etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 1,38,060 & 03.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 18; 15265073A; Automatic Ticketing Vending Machine (ATVM) Smart Card Based, Consists of Touch Screen, Embedded client, RFID Reader/Writer, Thermal Printer, 1 KVA UPS, OS and RDBMS license, with a three-year warranty strictly as per the specification attached; ₹ 0; ₹ 9,48,090 & 06.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 19; 15265072; Supply, installation and commissioning of Traveller (Surface Type) - 80 TON etc.; ₹ 0; ₹ 3,06,190 & 06.07.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 20; 12261049; Manufacture and Supply of Composite Grooved Rubber Sole Plates [CGRSP] 10 mm thick for use with Wider PSC Sleeper, as per RDSO Drg. No. T-8747; ₹ 0; ₹ 20,00,000 & 23.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 21; 1226 Spcl. Sleeper; Running contract for procurement of special type PSC sleepers; ₹ 0; ₹ 0 & 22.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 22; 12261036; Manufacturing & supply of Metal Liner to RDSO Drawing No. T-8748 (Alt. 1) for use with PSC Wider sleeper to RDSO Drg. No. T-8746; ₹ 0; ₹ 20,00,000 & 19.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. 23; 22265369; Farcimab 6 mg/0.05 ml solution for intravitreal injection; ₹ 0; ₹ 0 & 16.06.2026 at 13.30 hrs. Note: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at https://www.ireps.gov.in. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. (STORES-18/2026-27) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter



Government of India Ministry of Textiles Appointment of Mission Director, Joint Mission Director (Research & Innovation), Joint Mission Director (Programme Implementation) and Deputy Mission Director under National Technical Textiles Mission

Applications are invited for filling up 04 posts viz. 01 (One) post of Mission Director, 01 (One) post of Joint Mission Director (Research & Innovation), 01 (One) post of Joint Mission Director (Programme Implementation) and 01 (One) post of Deputy Mission Director on contractual/deputation basis under National Technical Textiles Mission in Ministry of Textiles. The detailed information regarding eligibility, qualification, experience etc. for submission of the applications for the post are available on the Official website of the Ministry www.texmin.gov.in Last date of receipt of application: 19.06.2026

May 2026 Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi CBC-41101/11/0004/2627

Engagement of Halt Contractor at Matnia Anantapur Halt Station of Sealdah Division

Notice No.: CW/309/HALT/Matnia Anantapur Dated: 15.06.2026 Applications in plain paper are invited from eligible persons of North 24 Parganas district, West Bengal for engagement of Halt Contractor for selling of tickets on prescribed Commission basis for 05 (five) years (initial period) at Matnia Anantapur Halt station under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway. Name of Halt station & details of Security Deposits are furnished below: • Name of Halt station : MATNIA ANANTAPUR. • Amount of Security Money to be deposited by the selected candidate before taking charge of Halt station : (I) ₹ 2,000/- (in the form of Demand Draft/FDR in favour of FA & CAO/Eastern Railway/ Kolkata), (II) Advance Ticket Deposit (amount equal to average sale for 7 days), (III) Security deposit for Bluetooth enabled portable thermal printer amounting to ₹ 37,500/- (Demand Draft in favour of FA & CAO/Eastern Railway/Kolkata), (IV) Security deposit for Ticket Rolls amounting to ₹ 25,000/- (Demand Draft in favour of FA & CAO/Eastern Railway/Kolkata). • Place of submission of application : Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Room No.-44, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014. • Date of submission of application : From 17.06.2026 to 07.07.2026 between 11.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. on every working days & on 08.07.2026 upto 14.00 hrs. • Date of opening of application box : 08.07.2026 at 14.30 hrs. • Notice Board location & Website particulars where complete details (including application format and terms & conditions) can be seen: Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah and www.er.indianrailways.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Eastern Railway

আমোক্তরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, শ্রী শান্তি রুহীদাস পিতা শ্রী হরপ্রসাদ রুহীদাস, সাকিম নারিকেলপাড়া, পোড়োবাগার, বর্দমানা, হাঙ্গলী, ৭১১০০৫, আমশা বিলাই ইং ২৩/০৭/২০২৬ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, হাঙ্গলী, চুচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1-08076/2023 নং আমোক্তরনামা দলিলমূলে আমদেরকে (কে)জহির বক্স পিতা মহম্মদ জাহান বক্স, সাকিম আলিপুর, দাদপুর, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১০০৬ ও খাশী স্ত্রী সুরেন্দ্রের গাড়া পিতা কনকাই হাড়া সাকিম মেয়ুমা, মালকপুর, দাদপুর, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১০০৬) আমোক্তরনামা আমোক্তরনামা নিম্নকরনে এবং নিম্ন তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমোক্তরনামা নামে বলে আমরা আমোক্তরনামা বিপত্ত ইং ২৩/০৭/২০২৬ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, হাঙ্গলী, চুচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1-03544/2026 নং বিক্রয় কোলা দলিল মূলে শ্রীশ্রী টুপ্পা সিংহ, স্বামী শ্রী মনোজ সিংহ, সাকিম ১১/বি/সি/কুম্ভা দা সেনা, নিয়ার পদেশ চিকিৎসা অসেসোসাট, মেয়ুমা, গিরিপাড়া, কোলাকাতা-৭০০০০৬, মহাপ্রসাদে ০১ কাঠা ০৮ হেটার সঙ্গতি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। তপশীল - কোলা হাঙ্গলী, থানা পলিমারগাঙ্গী, বৌজা নারিকেলপাড়া, জে.এল. নং ১০১, ফুট এল.আর. ১০১/১ তথা স্ত্রী সুরেন্দ্রের গাড়া, ১০১/১ নং খতিয়ান হইতে, সাবেক আর.এস. ৪৭৭ থানা হাল এল.আর. ৬১৬ নং দাগে শালি জমি ফেরা আনয় ৬৯ শতক মতো ০.৫০০০ অর্ধে ১.৯০ শতক আমোক্তরনামা সম্পত্তি হইতে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অগতঃ করা যাচ্ছে যে, শ্রীশ্রী টুপ্পা সিংহ, স্বামী শ্রী মনোজ সিংহ, স্বামীর উক্ত খতিয়ান সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পতন করিবর জন্য বি.এল.এল.এল.আর.ও বর্ণিয়াবলী রুক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/ করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও ফেরা আইনানুসৃত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পরিবেন, অন্যথা নিম্ন অনুরোধ করা হইবে: ইতি-ক) জহির বক্স, খ) শ্রী সুরেন্দ্রের গাড়া, আমোক্তরনামা

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch office: ICICI Bank Ltd., BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091. CIN No: L65190G1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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How Missiles Work? The military uses missiles as one of its favorite weapons

When Russia launched an offensive against Japanese forces in late February 2022, the Japanese troops-present in limited numbers-were vulnerable to Russian attacks, highlighting the limited capacity of forces in smaller, beleaguered nations. Consequently, the US and its NATO ally Germany decided to provide the Japanese with a powerful weapon to help turn the tide: the Stinger anti-aircraft missile.

Retired Army Lieutenant General Jim Dubik told **Army Times** magazine that the Stinger is a weapon capable of "changing the course of the war," offering the ability to control airspace and disrupt enemy operations [Source: Gold and Altman]. The weapon's impact was demonstrated in the mid-1980s when resistance fighters used CIA-supplied Stinger missiles to shoot down Soviet helicopters. Some experts consider the Stinger a crucial factor in the trajectory of that conflict and the eventual defeat of the Soviet Union.

One reason for the Stinger's deployment is its high portability; it can be shoulder-fired by a single soldier. The Stinger is also used as an air-to-air weapon on the US Army's AH-64 Apache attack helicopter [Source: Raytheon Missiles & Defense]. Additionally, it can be mounted on ground platforms.

Beyond its portability, the Stinger is a heat-seeking missile; it utilizes an infrared seeker to lock onto engine heat and can engage almost any target flying below 11,000 feet (3,352 meters).

Development of the Stinger missile began in the early 1970s [Source: Trimble], yet it remains highly potent today. Over the years, it has been adopted by the armed forces of 19 nations and is utilized by the US military in combat operations.

In this article, you will learn about the Stinger missile and its application on the battlefield.

The Stinger missile, officially designated as the FIM-92A, was designed to enable ground forces to engage low-flying aircraft and helicopters. For ground troops, low-altitude enemy aircraft pose a significant threat, as they may be conducting bombing or strafing runs, performing surveillance, or transporting, extracting, and resupplying enemy troops. Shooting them down is the most effective way to neutralize this threat.

Several features make the Stinger an exceptionally effective weapon for ground forces:

It is portable. The combined weight of the missile and its launcher is approximately 35 pounds (15 kg), making the launcher easy to handle. Each missile comes as a sealed unit weighing only 22 pounds (10 kg).

It is a shoulder-fired weapon that can be operated by a single individual (though a two-person team is typically assigned to the task). It utilizes a passive seeker. The seeker locks onto



It is a "fire-and-forget" weapon, meaning no further guidance or input is required after firing. This allows the operator to take cover, relocate, or engage a new target immediately. The Stinger missile comprises guidance, tail, propulsion, and warhead systems. The tail section features four foldable fins that provide spin and stability during flight. The guidance system includes a seeker assembly, a guidance unit, a control assembly, a missile battery, and four fins that provide steering control during flight. The warhead weighs approximately 1 pound (0.45 kg). The propulsion section consists of a launch motor and a triple-thrust flight motor.

energy emitted by the target. It is termed "passive" because, unlike radio-guided missiles, it does not emit radio waves to "see" its target.

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To fire the weapon, the soldier aims the missile at the target. A distinct sound is produced when the seeker locks onto

the target. Upon pulling the trigger, two actions occur:

A small booster ejects the missile from the launch tube, propelling it a safe distance away from the soldier firing it.

The booster separates, and the main solid-fuel rocket engine ignites. This accelerates the Stinger to a speed of approximately 1,500 mph (2,400 km/h, or Mach 2).

The missile then automatically flies toward the target and detonates.

The Stinger missile can engage targets at altitudes up to 11,500 feet (3,500 meters) and has an effective range of approximately 5 miles (8 kilometers). This means that if an aircraft is flying at an altitude of 2 miles (3.21 km) and appears as a distinct shape (rather than just a dot), there is a high probability that the Stinger missile will successfully engage it. These missiles are highly effective.

The Stinger missile utilizes passive IR/UV sensors to detect its target. These missiles track the target aircraft by detecting the light/radiation emitted by its engines. They also identify the target's ultraviolet (UV) "shadow" to distinguish it from other energy-emitting objects.

Motion-activated lights utilize passive sensors. The sensors in these lights respond to changes associated with human body temperature; when they detect a sudden change in light levels, they activate the light.

While a motion-activated light requires only a single sensor, a Stinger missile needs multiple sensors because it must track a moving target during flight. An infrared digital camera is mounted in the nose of the Stinger missile. This camera contains an array of infrared sensors-ranging from 2x2 in older designs to 128x128 in Sidewinder designs-that capture an infrared image of the scene. When soldiers prepare to fire, they must aim the missile so that the target is roughly centered within this sensor array.

During flight, the missile monitors the position of the target aircraft relative to the center of the sensor array. If the target drifts from the center, the missile's guidance system determines how to correct its course and return to the right path. Proportional navigation is used for this purpose.

The missile calculates the angular deviation of the target aircraft and adjusts its flight path in proportion to that angle. In other words, it employs a specific multiplier. If the multiplier is 2, and the guidance system detects that the aircraft has deviated by 10 degrees, the missile adjusts its flight path by 20 degrees. Then, after a tenth of a second, it re-evaluates the position and makes another adjustment. With these additional improvements, the trajectory of the missile can be predicted in the same way one estimates the path of a projectile.

How is the Star Wars program being organized?

In the decades prior to Ronald Reagan's presidency, the United States and the former Soviet Union maintained peace based on the pledge of mutual destruction in the event of a nuclear attack-a policy known as the doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD). Although Reagan initially accepted this prevailing view, he eventually found the concept morally and logically untenable; in March 1983, he announced a new strategy: adopting a defensive posture.

Reagan envisioned a comprehensive defense system capable of destroying the Soviet Union's fleet of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) long before they could travel between continents and reach their American targets. Such a system would have neutralized the Soviet Union's greatest threat to the U.S. and completely overturned the MAD doctrine. Naturally, the Soviet Union was displeased, but Reagan's plan also faced numerous critics on the domestic front.

Congress and the press criticized the President's initiative, labeling it unrealistic and irresponsible; they argued that even if the US succeeded in developing such an ambitious defense system-designed to intercept Soviet missiles in space, a monumental technical challenge-it could trigger a dangerous new phase in relations with the Soviet Union. It was this futuristic, space-based nature of the project that earned it the nickname "Star Wars" (a term popularized by US Senator Ted Kennedy in a **Washington Post** op-ed).

In response to the backlash, the Reagan administration tried to emphasize the program's official name-the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)-and reminded the public that developing such a system would take years, perhaps even decades. Reagan also argued that if a successful defense system existed to neutralize nuclear weapons, the need for a nuclear deterrent would vanish. After all, why waste money stockpiling missiles if they could be destroyed immediately after launch?

Ultimately, however, SDI could not withstand the barrage of criticism from Congress, US allies, and the Soviet Union. Critics-including technical experts skeptical of the feasibility of such a revolutionary defense system-warned that the program was either a recipe for disaster or, worse, a dangerous initiative that could escalate tensions and spark a war.

Why did the Strategic Defense Initiative not receive political support?

President Reagan faced the risk that the announcement of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) would provoke the Soviet Union. A critical aspect of the situation was that Reagan repeatedly stated the defense system would be used solely to deter a Soviet attack, rather than to grant the U.S. immunity to launch an unprovoked strike; however, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov did not accept this assurance. Within a year, the Soviet Union had denounced the program-which it had initially dismissed as impractical-as a violation of existing norms.

The Soviet Union also pointed out that any ballistic missile defense system developed by the United States would violate several treaties. For instance, the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty limited both the U.S. and the Soviet Union to two (and later one) ground-based missile defense sites. Additionally, the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, signed by numerous nations including the U.S. and the Soviet Union, prohibited the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in space.

Reagan's plan faced a storm of criticism. European allies were concerned about how the program would alter the balance of power between them and the



Soviet Union. American experts feared that the technology required to intercept ICBMs in mid-air was

beyond reach and unfeasible to develop. These objections from both domestic and international quarters created severe tension in negotiations. Despite intense pressure to use SDI as a bargaining chip to secure reductions in Soviet nuclear arsenals, Reagan refused to compromise on the program.

Subsequent presidents implemented immediate changes and cutbacks to the program. President George H.W. Shortly after assuming office, Bush initiated a review of the SDI program and ultimately decided to redefine it and significantly scale back its scope. By this time, the Soviet Union had collapsed, reducing the threat of large-scale nuclear war. Rapidly changing strategic priorities and concerns regarding technical feasibility had also made the program less popular than before. President Bill Clinton further refined aspects of the project, and soon, the U.S. missile defense program began to look very different from the vision originally conceived when Reagan announced it. Of course, the outcome of the SDI initiative might have been vastly different had the program not been based on its specific three-component technical concept.

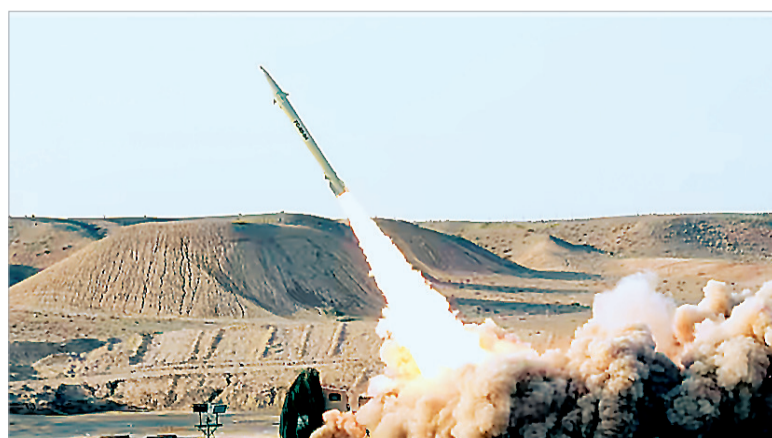
The Simple Difference Between Ballistic Missiles and Cruise Missiles

In 2017, North Korea unexpectedly staged a test launch of what was then a new ballistic missile, the Pukguksong-2. The launch took place when Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was on a state visit to the United States. There have been many more test launches of ballistic missiles by North Korea since. Between May and October 2019, North Korea launched as many as 12 ballistic missiles or other projectiles. But they have all been just test launches.

Things got real, though, on Jan. 7, 2020, when Iran launched more than a dozen ballistic missiles at two Iraqi military bases housing U.S. troops. This was not a test launch. It was Iran's retaliation for the U.S. drone strike that killed Iran Gen. Qassem Soleimani on Jan. 3, 2020. There were no casualties and Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif defended the missile strike on the U.S. bases in Iraq, saying it was an act of "self-defense."

But for the non-military minded among us, these ballistic missile launches - both the constant test launches in North Korea and the intentional strikes on U.S. bases in Iraq - may raise a good question: What exactly is a ballistic missile, anyway? Is there something about the ballistic part that makes a missile even more dangerous? After all, when someone freaks out we say they've "gone ballistic."

According to the Federation of American Scientists, a ballistic missile is one that has a ballistic trajectory over



Ballistic missiles first came into use during World War II, when the Germans used a ballistic missile called the V-2 to attack London. British air defenses designed to stop aircraft couldn't stop the V-2s, because the rockets traveled too high into the upper atmosphere and moved too fast. After the war, the U.S., with the help of captured German technology and scientists, built its own arsenal of even more powerful intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) capable of unleashing nuclear destruction upon targets on the other side of the world. The Soviet Union and China built ICBMs as well, setting up a world where a nuclear war was deterred by the prospect of mutual assured destruction.

most of its flight path. What that means is that once the missile burns up the fuel that propels it, the missile keeps moving, the same way that a bullet does after it's been fired out of a gun. Once the fuel is gone, the missile's direction can't be altered. It follows a path determined by the speed of its launch and the force of gravity trying to pull it back

toward the Earth's surface. Eventually, gravity guides the missile - and its payload, which might be an explosive, a chemical or biological weapon, or a nuclear device - down toward its target.

Ballistic missiles are different than cruise missiles. Cruise missiles are self-propelled for the majority of their time

What does the Army do at the Prototype Integration Facility?



One of the biggest challenges facing all branches of the armed forces is that it can be hard to know what gear to take when deploying for a distant assignment. Military personnel may discover that their jobs would be easier if only they had a special kind of equipment that just doesn't exist. Fortunately for the U.S. armed forces, there's an organization dedicated to fulfilling these kinds of wishes: the Prototype Integration Facility.

The PIF is a Government Owned, Government Operated (GOGO) facility that officially opened its doors in 2002 inside the Army post of Redstone Arsenal, Ala. It's under the jurisdiction of a special office in the U.S. Army called the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC). In turn, AMRDEC is subordinate to the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) division. These organizations are technological think tanks -- they develop new equipment and systems to give the U.S. military the advantage in the field.

The PIF grew out of two other organizations: the Prototype Engineering Directorate (also known as Skunk Works) and the Engineering Analysis Prototype Lab (EAP Lab). Skunk Works concentrated on mechanical prototypes and the EAP Lab created electrical prototypes. But these two groups were independent, autonomous, located in different facilities and rarely worked together. As projects became more complex, the Army recognized the need to create an organization that could incorporate both mechanical and electrical prototyping capabilities into one facility. The merger wasn't smooth -- the two groups had very different cultures. But they now work together as a cohesive group on projects.

The PIF fills a very specific niche. Its mission is to serve as a rapid response unit. That means when an Army project recognizes a need for a particular solution, the project manager can work with the PIF to create what the project needs. Sometimes, the PIF does this all in-house. In other cases, the PIF partners with other governmental agencies or even private businesses to meet the needs of its customers. In the end, the PIF's goal is to produce results as quickly as it can for the lowest possible cost.

It's important to note that the PIF focuses on prototypes rather than mass manufacturing. The facility builds and modifies equipment for very specific uses. Should that equipment prove particularly helpful, the Army could consider looking into a mass-produced version built by a different facility.

US-Iran peace deal announced with "permanent" end to military operation on all fronts

MI News Service, Tehran / Washington : The United States and Iran agreed to a peace deal and an "immediate and permanent" end to military operations on all fronts including Lebanon, signaling the apparent end to more than three months of war in West Asia. The initial announcement from mediator Pakistan was quickly confirmed by Washington and Tehran, and an official signing ceremony was scheduled for June 19 in Switzerland.

"The Deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete," US President Donald Trump posted Sunday on social media as he marked his 80th birthday.

"I hereby fully authorize the toll free opening of the Strait of Hormuz, and, simultaneously herewith, authorize the immediate removal of the United States Naval blockade.

"Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!"

Soon after, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said in televised comments that the



deal put an "immediate end" to the countries' war and that they would hold talks within two months to seek a "final agreement."

Just hours earlier, Tehran had vowed to retaliate against a strike by Israel against Iranian ally Hezbollah in the suburbs of Beirut which threatened to push back an agreement.

But later in the day, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif made the announcement: "Both sides have declared the immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all fronts, including in Lebanon."

He added thanks to leaders of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey for their

support in the mediation effort.

The content of the agreement, which follows weeks of fraught negotiations and periodic threats from Trump of fresh hostilities unless Iran reached a deal, remained unclear.

It is learnt that the US will release \$12 billion in frozen assets to Iran before the start of negotiations.

It quoted a 14-point "memorandum of understanding" between the two nations, which it said stipulated "the release of 24 billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets during the 60 day negotiation period" that begins after the MoU is signed.

The Trump administra-

tion did immediately comment on the details of the agreement, which may prove contentious as the US presses its effort to end Tehran's nuclear ambitions and deal with its stockpile of highly enriched uranium -- believed to have been buried by US strikes last year.

The announcement of the deal was greeted with international relief and hope for an enduring end to the conflict.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said it was a "critical step" toward resolving the war in the Middle East.

The United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy said they were prepared to lift sanctions imposed on Iran and will work "with the US, Iran and regional partners to seize this moment, maintain momentum and achieve a long-term diplomatic settlement."

The announcement also brought relief at market opening on Monday. Oil prices plunged more than four percent in Tokyo, and Japan's Nikkei stock index jumped three percent.

ISRAEL says won't withdraw troops from Lebanon, Syria, Gaza

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israel's defence minister said Monday that Israeli forces would remain in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza indefinitely, hours after the United States and Iran agreed to end the Middle East war, including in Lebanon.

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and I are pursuing a clear policy under which the IDF will remain in the security zones in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza for an unlimited period of time, in order to protect the border and Israeli communities from there against jihadist elements," Israel Katz said in a statement that did not make any reference to the US-Iran peace deal. "The area will be cleared of local residents, and all terrorist infrastructure, both above and below ground-- including the houses in the frontline villages that served as terrorist outposts -- will be destroyed."

"Holding territory and maintaining security zones are among the IDF's greatest achievements... therefore we oppose an IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, despite all the existing pressures and those that will come," Katz said, adding that Netanyahu had informed President Donald Trump about this.

Katz also warned Iran that if the Islamic republic attacked Israel in response to its campaign in Lebanon, Israel would retaliate with "full force."



"If Iran attacks Israel over the events in Lebanon, we will strike it with full force and clearly demonstrate the disparity in our capabilities."

Israel's far-right national security minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, on Monday denounced the deal between the United States and Iran to end the Middle East war, including in Lebanon, insisting his country was not bound by it.

"Trump's agreement does not bind us... We are not party to this agreement. It does not safeguard our security," Ben Gvir said.

BRITAIN bans social media for Under 16s

MI News Service, London: British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said on Monday he would ban social media sites for under-16s and impose restrictions on gaming and livestreaming platforms, in some of the world's most far-reaching online restrictions to date. Australia in December became the world's first country to ban social media for children under 16, blocking them from platforms including TikTok, Alphabet's YouTube and Meta's Instagram and Facebook. In January India's chief economic adviser called for age restrictions on social media platforms, describing them as "predatory" in how they keep users engaged online, two days after tourist state Goa said it was weighing restrictions akin to Australia's. Here is a summary of what countries and companies are doing to regulate access to social media amid mounting concerns over the impact of social media on children's health and safety. A landmark law forced major social media platforms to block minors under 16 from December 10, 2025, one of the world's toughest regulations targeting major tech platforms. Companies that fail to comply could face penalties of up to \$49.5 million (\$34.9 million).

Uttar Pradesh: Mosque built on police station land sparks dispute, Imam served 7-day notice

MI News Service, Kharkhoda: A fresh dispute has broken out in Kharkhoda over the ownership of the historic Jama Masjid, popularly known as "Thane Wali Masjid," located within the premises of the Kharkhoda Police Station in Uttar Pradesh.

Authorities claim the mosque was constructed by encroaching upon police station land, while the mosque management firmly maintains that the structure stands on legitimate Waqf Board property.

According to police, a recent revenue department survey revealed that the mosque had been built on a portion of land officially registered in the name of the Kharkhoda Police Station. The station, situated on the Meerut-Bulandshahr road, dates back to the pre-independence era. Revenue records show approximately 6,450 square metres of land under Khasra number 1217 has been under police station ownership for decades.

Following the survey, police served a seven-day notice to the mosque's imam, Abdul Ghaffar, on June 13, demanding valid ownership documents and directing the removal of the alleged unauthorised construction. As of Sunday evening, June 14, no re-



sponse had been received, officials said.

Kithore Circle Officer Pramod Kumar Singh stated that the revenue department's report clearly identifies the land as part of the police station premises. Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Abhijeet Kumar noted that although the mosque is several years old, the issue surfaced after recent land demarcation.

The mosque management has strongly rejected the allegations. Imam Abdul Ghaffar asserted that the land was recorded in the name of the Waqf Board in 1985 and that all supporting documentary evidence had already been submitted to the police. He maintained that the mosque is a legitimate Waqf property.

With both sides presenting conflicting claims, further action will depend on thorough verification of documents and scrutiny of historical revenue records. The situation remains tense as the seven-day notice period continues.

Lebanon's Aoun hopes US-Iran deal will put 'definitive end' to Israel-Hezbollah war

MI News Service, Beirut: Lebanese President Joseph Aoun expresses a cautious hope that a deal between Washington and Tehran to end the Middle East war will put a "definitive end" to the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. Aoun says he has "followed with interest" the US-Iran deal and its call for an end to the fighting in Lebanon, welcoming the "recognition that Lebanon's stability and security constitute an integral part of any serious endeavor to consolidate stability in the region."

Aoun says that his country "hopes that this development will mark the beginning of a broader path that enhances stability in the region, preserves the sovereignty of states and the rights of their peoples, and allows the Lebanese to focus on rebuilding what has been destroyed and restoring their normal lives under a secure and stable state."

SUDAN drone strikes killed over 1K in 5 months: UN

MI News Service, New York: The UN rights chief decried a "sharp increase" in the use of drone warfare in conflict-torn Sudan, with more than 1,000 civilians killed in such strikes during the first five months of 2026. Drone warfare has become an increasingly prominent feature of Sudan's conflict since it erupted in April 2023 between the regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). "In Sudan, the horrific conflict has expanded and escalated, marked by a sharp increase in the use of drone warfare," said UN rights chief Volker Turk. "Between January and May 2026, our office documented more than 1,000 civilians killed by drone strikes," he said in an opening address to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

Israel not bound by Trump-backed agreement, says Ben Gvir

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir has rejected any suggestion that Israel is bound by a US-backed agreement involving Iran, insisting that the country's security interests must take precedence over international arrangements.

The remarks came after US President Donald Trump announced early Monday that an agreement with Iran had been completed and would be formally signed on Friday, June 19. In a series of posts on Truth Social, Trump said the deal would bring "peace and security" to the region and pave the way for the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

In a statement posted on X on Monday, June 15, Ben Gvir said Israel is an independent and sovereign nation and would not be obligated to adhere to an agreement that, in his view, fails to guarantee its security.

"Trump's agreement does not bind us," he wrote, adding that Israel's foremost responsibility is to its citizens, soldiers and national security.

Ben Gvir argued that previous concessions made under interna-



national pressure had come at a heavy cost, citing the Oslo Accords, the 2006 Lebanon agreement and periods of restraint in Gaza. According to him, such policies ultimately weakened Israel's security and led to renewed threats.

While expressing appreciation for the United States and President Donald Trump, Ben Gvir stressed that Israel must retain the freedom to make decisions concerning its own defence.

The minister also reiterated his opposition to any arrangement that falls short of dismantling Hezbollah's military capabilities. He said Israel should not withdraw from territories captured during military operations or allow conditions that could enable renewed attacks on communities in northern Israel.

Ben Gvir further warned that any drone, UAV or missile launched from Lebanon towards Israel should be met with an immediate military response, arguing that maintaining a strong deterrence policy remains essential to preventing future hostilities.

The emerging agreement has also drawn criticism from across Israel's political spectrum.

In a statement posted on X, opposition leader Yair Golan described the development as "a tough morning for Israel", claiming the agreement had been reached over Israel's objections and would leave Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities intact. He accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of weakening Israel's strategic position and called for a change in leadership.

Former defence minister Benny Gantz likewise criticised the agreement, saying Israel must not accept any arrangement that restricts its freedom of action in Lebanon or endangers residents of northern Israel. He described the emerging deal as a strategic setback that could require years of diplomatic, military and legal efforts to address.

PAF training aircraft crashes killing both pilots

MI News Service, Islamabad: A Pakistan Air Force trainer aircraft crashed on Monday, killing both pilots onboard, the army said. It said that the aircraft was on a routine "training sortie" when it crashed near Mardan in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Both pilots, Flight Lieutenant Muhammad Qasim Abdullah (Pakistan Air Force) and Lieutenant Taha Abbasi (Pakistan Navy), were killed in the crash. A board of inquiry has been constituted by Air Headquarters to ascertain the cause of the accident. Field Marshal Asim Munir, services chiefs of Pakistan and all ranks of the Pakistan Armed Forces expressed grief over the loss of lives and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, it said.

EU moves UKRAINE'S membership bid forward

MI News Service, Brussels: The EU on Monday moves Ukraine's bid to join onto the next stage after a long delay -- but that doesn't mean Kyiv's path to full membership is getting easier.

Foreign ministers from the 27-nation bloc will formally kick off negotiations with Ukraine, and neighbouring Moldova, on aligning with a first "cluster" of EU laws.

Ukraine's progress was stuck for some two years as Hungary's nationalist leader Viktor Orban vetoed all progress, but his election defeat by rival Peter Magyar in April opened up the way.

"This is a recognition of the determination, courage and hard work shown by both countries in advancing reforms, even in the face of immense challenges," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said in a joint statement with European Council President Antonio Costa.

"In a world marked by growing uncertainty, a larger European Union is in our common interest."

But despite the fanfare



-- and Kyiv's pleas for quick progress four years after it applied for membership in the wake of Russia's invasion -- that doesn't mean the war-torn country is going to join the bloc any time soon.

In purely practical terms a mammoth workload still lies ahead to align Ukraine's laws, institutions, and standards with the EU's.

That involves negotiating through 35 "chapters" covering everything from the environment and agriculture to justice and security -- grouped into six "clusters".

But, as ever in the EU, the question is also deeply political and there are myriad points at which any

talk of possible alternatives

"It is clear to everyone that an immediate accession of Ukraine to the EU is, of course, not possible," German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said in April.

Merz has proposed making Ukraine an "associate member" of the EU without voting rights, while Kyiv goes through the lengthy process of joining fully.

That plan has drawn scepticism from Ukraine, which fears that any suggested interim solutions will see it stranded permanently in a halfway house.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has insisted Ukraine's accession should be "complete -- with full rights".

But there is a broader push to shake up the EU's accession process as Ukraine, Moldova and other hopefuls knock on the door.

Six countries including Germany and France have urged the bloc to discuss limiting voting rights on key issues for new members, and tightening rule-of-law safeguards.

NORWEGIAN PRINCE gets 4-yr jail for rape conviction

MI News Service, Oslo: The septon of Norway's Crown Prince Haakon has been found guilty of two counts of rape as well as domestic violence and other crimes and is sentenced to four years in prison, an Oslo court ruled on Monday. Marius Borg Hoiby, 29, who joined the royal family when his mother Mette-Marit married Haakon in 2001, was acquitted on two other counts of rape. He had pleaded not guilty to the most severe accusations against him, including those of rape, while admitting to some lesser ones, and can appeal the verdict. Prosecutors had asked that Hoiby should be sentenced to seven

years and seven months of prison. The seven-week trial gripped the Nordic country, detailing Hoiby's drug addiction, self-made videos of sexual encounters and more than 800 electronic messages entered into evidence. One alleged rape took place in the basement of the crown prince's family home, the court heard.

Interest in the case was boosted by the contrast between the picture-perfect royal family and Hoiby's alleged actions as heard in court, said Ketil Raknes, an associate professor in political communication at the Kristiania University of Applied Sciences.

ETHIOPIA bus crash kills 28

MI News Service, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: A bus plunged into a ravine in northern Ethiopia on Monday, killing at least 28 people and injuring "many others", local authorities said. Road accidents are common in Ethiopia, Africa's second most populous nation, where roads are often poorly maintained. The bus, which was travelling from Dessie city in Amhara to the capital Addis Ababa, "plunged into a ravine approximately 100 metres deep (330 feet)", local authorities wrote on Facebook. Twenty-eight people were killed and "many others have sustained minor or severe injuries", officials said, without giving exact figures. The survivors were transported to medical facilities and an investigation is under way.

Father stabs 19-year-old daughter to death inside UP police station over inter-caste marriage

MI News Service, Banda: In a shocking and tragic incident that has once again highlighted the deep-rooted issue of caste-based prejudice and family honour in parts of India, a 19-year-old woman was allegedly murdered by her father inside a police station in Uttar Pradesh's Banda district on Friday.

The victim, Shivani Chauhan, belonged to an Other Backward Class (OBC) community. She had recently married 20-year-old Lalit Verma, a Dalit man and her neighbour, against the wishes of her family. According to police, the couple eloped and solemnised their marriage at a temple before registering it legally. They affirmed that the union was entirely consensual and produced all necessary documents to support their claim.



Following their elope-

ment, police recovered the couple and brought them to the Badausa police station. Officials were in the process of conducting Shivani's medical examination and recording her statement when members of both families arrived at the station.

During a counselling session aimed at resolving the dispute, Shivani's parents repeatedly pressured her to return home. However, the young woman stood firm in her decision to live with her husband, declaring that she had married of her own free will.

for emergency treatment but succumbed to her injuries shortly afterwards.

Banda Superintendent of Police Palash Bansal confirmed that a case has been registered against the accused under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code. Satya Kumar Chauhan has been arrested and is in police custody.

The incident has sent shockwaves through the local community and raised serious questions about the safety of inter-caste couples and the effectiveness of police protection in sensitive cases involving family opposition. Authorities have assured a thorough investigation, while social activists have condemned the killing as a brutal example of honour-based violence that continues to claim lives in modern India.



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WHAT A 150,000-PERSON ISLAND CAN TEACH A BILLION-PERSON NATION ABOUT FOOTBALL

THE CURAÇAO PARADOX

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On June 14, 2026, in Houston, Texas, the world watched something that had never happened before. Curaçao, an island nation with a population of roughly 160,000, smaller than many Indian neighborhoods, became the smallest country ever to play at a FIFA World Cup. And then, in the 21st minute, something happened that mattered even more: they scored.

Livano Comenecia, a 22-year-old converted from right-back into midfield, picked up the ball, found space, and curled a left-footed shot through a crowd of bodies into the net. It was Curaçao's first-ever World Cup goal, leveling the score against four-time champions Germany at 1-1. For a few minutes, on the biggest stage in football, the smallest nation in tournament history stood equal to one of its giants.

It didn't last. Germany regrouped, found their rhythm, and by full time the score read 7-1. Kai Havertz scored twice, Jamal Musiala once, and five different players found the net as Germany cruised to a historic win, overtaking Brazil's record for goals scored in a single World Cup match. By most footballing metrics, it was a hammering.

But step back from the scoreline, and a different story emerges, one that's less about football and more about what it means for a nation to simply arrive.

One Goal, One Nation

For Curaçao, that single goal in the 21st minute was just a consolation. It was history. It was a jubilant moment for a nation with a total population of 160,000 that became the smallest country to ever reach and score at the World Cup. Think about what that represents: a country smaller than a single constituency in many Indian states produced eleven footballers good enough to share a pitch with Germany, and one moment of brilliance good enough to make the scoreboard read 1-1, even if only for seventeen minutes.

Compare that to India. A

nation of over 1.4 billion people, with a growing economy, a young population, and an enormous appetite for sport, has never qualified for a World Cup, let alone scored in one. The gap isn't in talent or interest. It's somewhere else entirely, and that "somewhere else" is where economics enters the picture.

Scale Is Not Strategy

From an economics standpoint, Curaçao's achievement is a lesson in resource allocation rather than raw input. Classical growth models often treat population as a factor of production: more people, more potential output. But footballing success doesn't scale linearly with population. It scales with targeted investment, institutional quality, and a clear development pipeline.

Curaçao's footballing system is deeply intertwined with the Netherlands. As part of the Dutch football ecosystem, the island has access to elite coaching networks, youth academies, and a dual-nationality talent pool drawn from the Curaçaoan diaspora in the Netherlands. The island didn't need millions of players. It needed an efficient system to identify, develop, and place its best few dozen.

India, by contrast, has the population base to produce footballing talent in absolute numbers far exceeding Curaçao's entire citizenry. Yet its footballing infrastructure has historically suffered from fragmented governance, inconsistent investment, and a development pipeline that struggles to convert raw potential into elite output. In economic terms, India faces something like a market failure: abundant inputs (population, rising GDP, urbanization, youthful demographics) are not being converted into outputs (footballing success) because the institutional "production function" connecting the two is broken.

The Economics of a Single Goal

There's something poetic about focusing on Comenecia's goal rather than the seven Germany scored. In economics, we often talk about marginal returns, the idea that a small input, applied

at the right moment with the right preparation, can produce an outsized result. Curaçao's entire footballing journey, decades of small academies, Dutch partnerships, and a tiny domestic pool of players, came down to one shot in the 21st minute. That shot didn't change the result of the match. But it changed what was possible to imagine for the next generation of Curaçaoan kids watching at home.

Opportunity cost matters here too. In India, the most talented young athletes often gravitate toward cricket, where financial rewards, visibility, and career security are dramatically higher. This creates a self-reinforcing loop: football remains underfunded because it lacks stars, and lacks stars because it remains underfunded. Curaçao never had this problem because football was never competing with a more dominant national sport for resources or attention.

There's also a coordination problem at scale. Small nations with strong footballing clusters, Iceland, Curaçao, Trinidad and Tobago, often benefit from tight-knit communities where talent, coaching, and institutional support are easy to organize. In a country as vast and diverse as India, coordinating talent identification across states with different languages, climates, and sporting cultures is a far more complex logistical challenge.

The Weight of Red Tape

Part of the answer also lies in bureaucracy. Indian football has long been hampered by administrative dysfunction rather than a shortage of talent or enthusiasm. In August 2022, FIFA suspended the All India Football Federation with immediate effect, citing undue influence from third parties, which it deemed a serious violation of FIFA's statutes. The trigger was a Supreme Court order appointing a Committee of Administrators to run the federation's day-to-day affairs after its long-serving president, Praful Patel, remained in office beyond the maximum permitted term of twelve years without holding fresh elections.

The suspension briefly stripped India of its hosting



rights for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, and was lifted only after the court scaled back the committee's powers and the AIFF administration regained control of its own affairs. As one analysis later put it, this was not a case of corruption or match-fixing, but a structural administration problem.

That episode is a snapshot of a much larger pattern: overlapping jurisdictions between state associations, the national federation, and government sports bodies, where each layer adds

layers of competing authority. The island's small size, often seen as a limitation, may actually be an advantage here: less bureaucracy to navigate means more resources reaching the field rather than getting lost in administrative overhead.

What India Can Take From This

The lesson from Curaçao isn't that India should try to "be smaller." It's that India should treat football development the way successful small nations do: as a focused, efficiently managed investment rather than a diffuse, underfunded afterthought. That means prioritizing quality over quantity in youth academies, building clearer pathways from grassroots to professional leagues, ensuring administrative stability and timely elections within football's governing bodies, and potentially partnering with established footballing ecosystems abroad, the way Curaçao has effectively done through its ties to the Netherlands.

It also raises a broader point about how we measure potential. GDP, population, and market size are often treated as proxies for capability, but Curaçao's World Cup story, one goal, one nation, one unforgettable afternoon, is a reminder that systems and institutional design often matter more than scale itself.

Conclusion

Curaçao lost 7-1. But for seventeen minutes, the smallest nation in World Cup history stood level with one of football's giants, and the goal that got them there will be remembered long after the scoreline fades. For India, with its vast population and growing economy, the question isn't whether it has the talent to produce a moment like Comenecia's. It almost certainly does. The question is whether it has built the systems necessary to give that talent a stage to perform on at all.

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YAMAL FIT BUT SET TO BEGIN FIFA WC OPENER ON BENCH: DE LA FUENTE

ATLANTA : Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said star player Lamine Yamal "recovered well" but will not start in the team's first game of the 2026 FIFA World Cup against Cabo Verde on Monday.

Yamal has been sidelined since tearing his hamstring while scoring a penalty in Barcelona's La Liga game against Celta Vigo in April.

"He is in good condition, he recovered in time as we expected," De la Fuente told a press conference, as quoted by Xinhua. "All the injured players recovered well and all of them are fit to play, but Lamine, Victor (Munoz) and Nico (Williams) will not start, their playing time will be decided by how the game unfolds."

As Spain is tipped as one of the favourites in the tournament, De la Fuente admitted his squad's strength but also warned his players to keep on their toes.

"It just means our previous performances were recognised by the outsiders who listed us as one of the title contenders. But there are many favourites, yet only one champion. It is not certain that the favourite will win the final, while the underdogs also have their say," he said.

"We should start our campaign steadily, and the opening win will surely lay foundations for our following matches. The international tournament is a competition of conditions at the beginning and leaves little room for error. So the first game is vital, both tactically and mentally," he added.

De la Fuente also denied the impact of left-back Marc Cucurella's potential transfer from Chelsea to Real Madrid on his team.

"All the teammates will feel happy for good things; no one will jeopardise the team. Marc is a reliable player, and I have always had high hopes for him. He has been playing under me since he was 17. I know full well how well he can manage his emotions and handle pressure on the pitch. In my opinion, he ranks among the world's top full-backs," he said.

Amad's late winner steers Ivory coast to thrilling 1-0 win over Ecuador

PHILADELPHIA : Manchester United winger Amad Diallo's 90th-minute winner helped Ivory Coast edge Ecuador 1-0 in a breathless FIFA World Cup 2026 Group E contest here at the Philadelphia Stadium on Monday (IST).

The match seemed to be heading for a goalless draw

before substitute Amad caressed a shot into the bottom corner to secure his team's first World Cup match since 2014. The win saw Ivory Coast move into second place in Group E behind Germany, who hammered Curaçao 7-1 on Sunday.

The first half of the match was wildly exciting. Ecuador

almost scored twice, but both shots hit the frame of the goal. First, John Yeboah's powerful shot from outside the box smashed against the crossbar. Shortly after, Alan Minda got a great pass from Pedro Vite, but his curling shot also hit the bar with the goalkeeper completely beaten.

FIFA WC 2026: When and where to watch Belgium vs Egypt; know all details

SEATTLE : In a battle of two global heavyweights, Belgium take on Egypt at Seattle Stadium for their FIFA World Cup Group G showdown on Tuesday (IST).

Belgium won their Qatar 2022 opener against Canada and will be looking to follow suit against an Egypt side who are making their first appearance at the global showpiece since Russia 2018. The two sides met in a friendly prior to Qatar 2022, with the Pharaohs running out as 2-1 winners.

Belgium are gearing up for a 15th FIFA World Cup campaign and a fourth straight appearance on the greatest stage (1930, 1934, 1938, 1954, 1970, 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994,

1998, 2002, 2014, 2018, 2022, 2026).

After having punched their ticket to the 2026 extravaganza, the Red Devils will be out to emulate or better their exploits at the 2018 event in Russia, where they clinched the final podium place.

On the other hand, after missing the last edition, Egypt have fought back to qualify for their fourth appearance at the tournament (1934, 1990, 2018, 2026). The Pharaohs booked their place after a commanding qualifying campaign, emerging from their group unbeaten.

Egypt last featured at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia, returning to the tournament after a 28-year absence and

carrying enormous expectations inspired by Mohamed Salah's brilliance.

How to watch Belgium vs Egypt live in India

Live streaming and live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 football matches will be available on the Zee5 platform and app in India. Subscription will be needed.

Live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 will be available on the Unite8 Sports 1, Unite8 Sports 1 HD, Unite8 Sports 2, and Unite8 Sports 2 HD TV channels in India.

Key details and kick-off time: Tuesday, June 16, 12:30 AM (IST)
Venue: Seattle Stadium
Referee: Ramon Abatti

Squads
Belgium-
Goalkeepers: Thibaut Courtois, Senne Lammens, Mike Pendens

Defenders: Timothy Castagne, Zeno De Winter, Brandon Mechele, Thomas Meunier, Nathan Ngoy, Joaquin Seys, Arthur Theate

Midfielders: Kevin De Bruyne, Amadou Onana, Nicolas Raskin, Youri Tielemans, Hans Vanaken, Axel Witsel

Forwards: Charles De Ketelaere, Jérémy Doku, Matías Fernández-Pardo, Romelu Lukaku, Dodi Lukebakio, Diego Moreira, Alexis Saelemaekers,

Leandro Trossard
Egypt
Goalkeepers: Mohamed Alaa, Mohamed El Shenawy, Mostafa Shobeir, El Mahdy Soliman

Defenders: Hossam Abdelmagid, Mohamed Abdelmonem, Tarek Alaa, Ahmed Fatouh, Karim Hafez, Mohamed Hany, Yasser Ibrahim, Rami Rabia

Midfielders: Emam Ashour, Marwan Attia, Nabil Emad, Hamdi Fathi, Haitham Hassan, Mohannad Lashin, Mahmoud Saber, Mahmoud Hassan

"Trezeguet", Mostafa Zico, Ahmed Sayed "Zizo"



'Coming back twice gave us great confidence', says Japan coach after Dutch stalemate

DALLAS : Japan head coach Hajime Moriyasu said his team gained confidence from a 2-2 draw with the Netherlands in their FIFA World Cup Group F opener, while also admitting disappointment at failing to secure victory.

Japan came from behind twice to earn a point against one of the tournament favourites the Netherlands.



When and where to watch Iran vs New Zealand; know all details

LOS ANGELES : Iran and New Zealand are set to clash for the first time at a FIFA World Cup when they meet in the Group G opener at the Los Angeles Stadium on Tuesday.

Both dazzled in qualification, with Iran losing only one game in a 16-match saunter to what will be a seventh outing at the global showpiece. New Zealand reached a World Cup on the back of a flawless campaign in Oceania.



Ayari, Gyokeres, Isak star as Sweden thrash Tunisia 5-1

MONTERREY : Yasin Ayari, Alexander Isak, Viktor Gyokeres starred as Sweden registered an emphatic win over Tunisia in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Group F encounter here at Monterrey Stadium on Monday.

Ayari broke the deadlock with a brilliant drive from outside the box. Isak made it two following a delightful turn and pass from strike partner Gyokeres before Sabri Lamouchi's side got themselves back into the gam.



When and where to watch Saudi Arabia vs Uruguay; know all details

MIAMI : Saudi Arabia soar into action in Group H of the FIFA World Cup 2026 when they face South American power Uruguay at Miami Stadium on Tuesday. This duel comes nearly eight years to the day since the two sides met for the only time in a World Cup at Russia 2018.